

From his humble start as an intern in my Washington DC office to ultimately serving as my Chief of Staff, Marc has demonstrated an unparalleled work ethic, poise under pressure, tremendous intelligence, and the highest moral character. Over the past seven years he has held nearly every position on my staff and, regardless of the task at hand, always approached his duties with the utmost professionalism. Marc is truly one of the most effective, reliable and ethical people I have ever met. He is also indefatigable, as it was routine for him to be the first one into the office in the morning and the last one to leave at night.

As a member of my senior staff, Marc served as my primary policy advisor and directed the legislative staff. In addition, he was responsible for helping me with my top priority as a Member of Congress: ensuring the security of our country. In addition to all his other responsibilities, Marc served, brilliantly, as my staffer on national security issues, managing my work on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

Marc was born in Belleville, New Jersey. His parents, Andrew and Doreen Cevasco, raised him and his sister, Alison, and his two brothers, Andrew and Kevin, in Rutherford, New Jersey. He attended St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City, New Jersey and then went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Philosophy from Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland. While he worked long hours in my office, Marc made time to further advance his education, earning a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College in 2010. Marc and his wonderful wife, Jenna Grant Cevasco, were married last June and they are expecting their first child next spring.

Prior to joining my staff, Marc served in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Sacramento, California. He worked at a transitional housing agency for homeless individuals who suffered with mental illness and substance abuse. Marc has not forgotten these experiences working with the overlooked and marginalized in our society and he carried the ideals of service and social justice with him to his work on Capitol Hill.

Marc has provided indispensable leadership to my staff and has been a trusted voice of counsel to me. He has my deepest respect and greatest appreciation for all of the many contributions he has made to my office and the well-being of my constituents and our country.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to formally and forever thank Marc Cevasco for his service to me, to the House of Representatives, to his home state of New Jersey, and to his country.

RECOGNIZING MR. WILLIAM SHINN

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William Shinn as he retires after 45 years in public service to the people of Contra Costa County and the City of Concord. Bill Shinn has been known throughout the community as a man of integrity, and he has served with uncommon selflessness; we are all beneficiaries of his efforts.

Following his graduation from Mt. Diablo High School in 1959, Bill entered the United States Navy and served our country with distinction. Upon his release, he returned to Concord and joined the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff. He quickly worked his way up the ranks to Captain, managing the County Detention System and security for Superior Court judges and courthouses.

During this time, Bill earned an Associate of Arts from Diablo Valley College, a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Criminal Justice from Sacramento State University, and a Master of Business Administration from Golden Gate University. In addition, Bill is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. After 29 years serving the people of Contra Costa County in law enforcement, Bill retired his badge to continue engaging in community work.

In 2004, Bill was elected to the Concord City Council, beginning his third "career" in public service. He served on the County-wide Committee on Ending Homelessness and chaired the city's Redevelopment Agency, the East Bay Regional Communications System, the County Parole Commission and the Concord Human Relations Commission. Bill was re-elected to City Council in 2008 and continued work on issues important to his constituents. Bill also served as Vice Mayor as well as Mayor of the City of Concord.

As dedicated as Bill is to community service, he is equally devoted to his wonderful family. He and his wife, Gale, raised two daughters and now enjoy the company of their four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I invite this chamber to join me in honoring Councilman William Shinn for his life-long service to our nation, our county and our community; and to join his family, friends and colleagues in congratulating him on a highly successful career. We wish Bill the very best as he begins a well-deserved retirement.

AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 2838, THE COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2012

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the legislation before us today to authorize the activities of the United States Coast Guard.

While I am dismayed that the measure does not include broader provisions to authorize the Coast Guard's important homeland security missions, I am pleased that it provides a much-needed and long overdue refinement to the Transportation Worker Identification Credential program.

The Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program, administered by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Coast Guard, is focused on protecting the Nation's maritime transportation facilities and vessels by requiring workers who need unescorted access to secure port facilities to obtain a biometric identification card.

Currently, workers must travel to TWIC enrollment centers to enroll in the program and then make a second trip to pick up and activate their approved TWICs.

This unnecessary process of requiring workers to make two trips to enrollment centers, which may be hundreds of miles from their home or workplace, has burdened American maritime and transportation workers since the program's inception in 2007.

The measure before us streamlines the program by requiring DHS to develop a process to mail TWICs to approved applicants rather than making workers return to an enrollment center to do so.

Unfortunately, however, this bill fails to fully address a number of maritime security provisions that passed in the House this Congress.

Nevertheless, on balance I support the legislation before us today and in particular the provision to streamline the TWIC process for American workers.

I urge Members to give it their support.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent and missed roll call votes during the week of December 3, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes, 614, 615, 617, 618, 619 and "no" on rollcall vote 616.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CAROLYN FOSTER TO FAIR WISCONSIN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carolyn Foster for her service to Fair Wisconsin, and by extension, all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Wisconsinites.

Fair Wisconsin is the statewide advocacy organization for LGBT individuals and families. Its mission is to advance, achieve, and protect equality for all LGBT citizens of Wisconsin. Ms. Foster joined the Fair Wisconsin staff in 2009 as the organization's accountant, at a challenging time for the organization.

She has ably assisted the organization in bringing order, stability, and consistency to its financial recordkeeping, policies, and procedures, which has made a critical difference in the overall management of the organization. She has been key to good financial management and stewardship of the organization's resources.

In the face of dealing with a terminal illness, Ms. Foster brings a strong sense of responsibility and an incredible work ethic to her work, as well as a quick wit and warm regard for her co-workers. The boards of directors and the staff of Fair Wisconsin are in awe of her tenacity, her dedication, and conscientiousness, and her strong and positive spirit. She is an invaluable and deeply valued member of the Fair Wisconsin team.

As a founder of Fair Wisconsin, I wish to extend my deep appreciation to Carolyn Foster for her service to the organization and the cause of equality for LGBT Wisconsinites. I wish her all the best.

CONGRATULATING MOBILE'S UMS-WRIGHT FOR CAPTURING 4-A FOOTBALL TITLE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mobile's UMS-Wright Preparatory School for a hard-fought season and a tremendous victory to capture the Alabama High School Athletic Association's (AHSAA) 4-A football championship.

On December 7, 2012, the UMS-Wright Bulldogs (13–2) defeated the Oneonta Redskins (14–1) by a resounding 42 to 14 margin.

Reaching the pinnacle of gridiron achievement is familiar territory for the Bulldogs. UMS-Wright has appeared in the AHSAA state championship game on seven different occasions, winning six ('87, '01, '02, '05, '08, '12).

UMS-Wright has more division 4-A state titles than any other school in Alabama and Head Coach and Athletic Director Terry Curtis shares the AHSAA record for most state title victories held by a single coach at five. Over his 13-year tenure, Coach Curtis has amassed a record of 155 and 38.

The 2012 UMS-Wright seniors had never been to the Super 6 championship game. With four years having passed since the last trip, this trip also marked the first time for any at the school, coaches included, to have the opportunity to play on the home field of the Auburn Tigers. The Super 6 was previously held at Birmingham's Legion Field, but, like the celebrated college Iron Bowl, the game venue now rotates between Tuscaloosa's Bryant-Denny and Auburn's Jordan-Hare stadium. What a truly amazing experience it must be for these young men to play on the same field they often watch in awe on any given fall football Saturday.

The championship game was a thrilling contest that ultimately proved the superiority of the Bulldogs over the top-ranked Redskins. Seconds before the half, UMS-Wright Safety Sam Pettway forced a fumble on the Bulldog three yard line that resulted in a touchback. A touchdown would have evened the game at 21. In the third quarter, after a couple of stalled drives by both squads and coming on 3rd and 32, QB Gunner Roach completed a 33 yard strike to T.J. Dixon in the back of the end zone, making the score 28 to 14. Dixon finished the day with five catches for 86 yards and a touchdown. Sophomore RB Troy Dixon was named Class 5A MVP. He ran for 232 yards on 23 carries and scored three times. UMS-Wright stopped Oneonta twice on fourth down, recovered three fumbles and picked off a pair of passes.

Congratulations to Head Coach Terry Curtis, Assistant Coaches Brett Boutwell, Brandon Dean, Richard Ellisor, Gerald Jones, and Jim Sudeiha, and to the Bulldogs, Troy Dixon, Tyrone Dixon, Charles Phillips, George Williams, Kendrick Perine, Richard Pipkins, Sam Pettway, Christian Pearsall, Bobby Guthans, Tanner Allen, Robert Beard, Douglas Barber,

Easton Russ, Gunner Roach, John Watts, Gordan Stimpson, D'andre Smith, Allen Ladd, Jack White, Timothy Shaw, Jaylon Jones, Hunter Lanier, Champ White, Johnathan Thornton, Jawon McDowell, Benjamin Radcliff, Henry Vanhaneghan, John Pipes, Dex Harvey, Cutter Stimpson, Kemper Sarrett, Thomas Harmon, Walker Chandler, Thomas Taylor, Tucker Powell, Christopher Majure, Kyle Pugh, Cory Fillingim, Nelson Lyons, Christopher Quinnely, Forbes Sirmon, Kahlil Traywick, Bobby Weinacker, Landon Powell, Christian Hollinghead, Brett Patterson, Glen Barlow, Charles Roush, Andrew Howell, Tyler Guesnard, Gus Addison, Jacob Hurdle, Jack Blankenship, Thomas Iturbe, John Mostellar, Garrett Hollinghead, Charlie Hon, Timothy Squires, Blakely Addison, Hayden Williams, Will Baynes, Andrew Bradley, Ethan Jones, Marvin Mostellar, Emerson Majure, Trenton Fowler, Breland Meador, and Chauncey Callier.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHARON A. BARKELOO

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Sharon A. Barkeloo upon her retirement.

Sharon has provided outstanding professional service as a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure staff since 1999, serving each of the past four Chairmen in a bipartisan manner.

During this time, her expertise in budget issues has been instrumental to achieving the Committee's goals, especially with regard to the budgetary treatment of the transportation trust funds. In addition to her Full Committee assignments, Sharon also served on the Subcommittee on Aviation staff during my chairmanship of that Subcommittee, assisting in the development of the nation's legislative response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, as well as other aviation legislation. Sharon is one of the most talented and knowledgeable people in the United States when it comes to navigating the complicated and cumbersome federal transportation budgeting processes. I know I speak for several of my colleagues when I say that we will miss her expertise, her guidance, her counsel and her smiling face.

Prior to her tenure with the Committee, Sharon also served for eight years in the Office of Management and Budget's Transportation Branch, and four years with the Department of Justice Budget Staff.

I thank Sharon for her assistance to me and our Committee, her commitment to good government, and her professional work over the past 25 years. I know her parents, Ed and Mary Ellen Barkeloo, are very proud of Sharon, as are we all, and I wish her every future success as she retires from Federal service and returns to her home State of Ohio.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. WALLACE LEINWAND

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Wallace Leinwand, of Elizabethtown, North Carolina, for his commitment and service to his community. Mr. Leinwand was a public servant, community businessman, devoted family man and a dear friend to me and my family. Mr. Leinwand passed away on December 6, 2012, and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Mr. Leinwand was born in Branchtown, South Carolina, but moved to Elizabethtown, North Carolina at the age of 13. He served in the United States Air Force from 1943–1946, when he was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. He then returned to Elizabethtown to aid his father in running the family business, Leinwand's, which he would in turn come to own, and which is now the oldest continuous business in Elizabethtown after 77 years in operation.

Yet, Mr. Leinwand served as more than just a business owner to the people of Bladen County. Driven by love for his community and its people, he served as Mayor Pro-Tempore, and later, Mayor of Elizabethtown, President of Elizabethtown Rotary Club and Elizabethtown Jaycees, Chairman of the East Bladen High School Advisory Council, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Wachovia Bank. His contributions to these and numerous other civic organizations demonstrate his lifelong pride in his community.

Mr. Leinwand was also an avid supporter of Bladen County athletics. In addition to his work as a founding organizer of the Elizabethtown Little League, he was also a chief booster for the athletics programs of Elizabethtown High School, Bladen Central High School, East Bladen High School, and middle school sports.

Mr. Speaker, may we never forget the goodness, humility, service, and character that defined the life of Wallace Leinwand. His record of community and civic service will long be a legacy that will benefit all of the citizens of Elizabethtown and Bladen County. I know that his personal friendship with my father and their work together in the North Carolina Jaycees established a relationship with his family that has continued to bless my family now for three generations, and I'm sure will continue into the future. In fact, his son, Ricky Leinwand, who now runs the family business and serves on the Town Council of Elizabethtown, has continued his father's legacy of a very special friendship with my family.

May God continue to bless Mr. Leinwand's beloved wife, Shirley, all of his loved ones, the work he did, and the greatness that he inspired within all who knew him.