

Tom also chaired the board of directors of the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) of San Mateo County and is now the vice chair of its legislative committee. He sits on the board of directors of the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County (HEART) and serves on its nominating and by laws committees. Previously, he was on the board of the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance. In 2007, Tom was the chair of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Policy Advisory Committee for San Mateo County and is currently chairing its policy committee.

Tom honed his business skills during his 34-year long career at Levi Strauss & Co., where he was the president of the youthwear, men's jeans, and womenswear divisions. In addition, he served as executive vice president of new business development in which capacity he took the company private after 14 years as a public company. Tom was responsible for all information technology for Levi Strauss United States. Today, he continues his connection to Levis Strauss & Co. and serves on the Investment Committee.

Tom has lectured at some of our finest universities, including Stanford, Berkeley, UCLA and San Francisco State University, and he has been a keynote speaker at countless business conferences in the United States and abroad. He is also a frequent guest on television and radio and has been quoted in magazines such as *Fortune* and *Fast Company*. *Computerworld Magazine* named Tom one of the "Premier 100 Information Technology Leader in the U.S." in 2000.

Tom is very active in the Jewish community and volunteers his time and expertise with the Jewish Community Federation of the San Francisco Bay Area and the Jewish Home Foundation.

Originally from Portland, Oregon, Tom received his BS and MBA in Marketing from the University of California at Berkeley.

Tom and his wife, Kendra, have lived in Hillsborough 28 years. They have two children, Jeffrey and Alyssa.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Thomas Kasten who has tirelessly devoted his time and energy to the residents of Hillsborough.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF BISHOP WALTER F. SULLIVAN

#### HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 18, 2012*

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to remember and honor the life of Bishop Walter F. Sullivan, whose recent death saddens the many people whose lives he touched throughout his time as bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

Bishop Sullivan served in churches throughout Virginia since he was ordained in 1953. As the longest-serving bishop in the Richmond diocese's 192-year history, he made a lasting impact in and outside of the Catholic Church. Bishop Sullivan was an advocate for the underprivileged and welcomed people of all faiths with open arms. During his time as bishop, the diocese established various new parishes, advisory committees for the youth,

women, and minorities, homes for the elderly, and retreat centers.

Bishop Sullivan also commissioned the first public Holocaust memorial in Virginia, "Rachel Weeping for Her Children," which celebrated its 25th anniversary in April. Acts like this made Bishop Sullivan a hero and champion to many. He spent his life committed to helping others, and he will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, though we mourn the death of Bishop Walter Sullivan, we come together to pay tribute to and honor the life and work of such an important figure in our history.

#### CONGRATULATING JIM TURNER ON 40 YEARS OF RADIO HOSTING

#### HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 18, 2012*

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to recognize a gentleman who has been a mainstay in the Central Florida community for many years. After 40 years with NewsTalk WDBO as one of Central Florida's most respected and beloved news hosts, Jim Turner has announced his plan to retire.

Mr. Turner joined WDBO in 1972 and has hosted the station's morning segment since 1985. He is respected not only in the Central Florida community but throughout the country. In 2004 he was awarded by his peers in the National Association of Broadcasters the prestigious Marconi Award for Personality of the Year.

Founded in 1924 as a physics project of Rollins College, WDBO is today one of Central Florida's great news and talk radio stations. During his tenure as the morning show host, Turner headed the station's transformation from music to information and talk.

Jim Turner's daily presence on WDBO's morning talk segment will be sorely missed. We are grateful for the years he has spent talking with Central Florida, and we wish him well.

#### RECOGNIZING ROBERT J. ARNOLD ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 18, 2012*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize Mr. Robert J. Arnold, Chief Technologist, 96th Test Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, on the occasion of his retirement after 38 years distinguished public service to the United States Air Force and our great nation.

Mr. Arnold's career began in industry, performing and later managing missile, A-7, and F-8 weapons programs at numerous test and evaluation facilities. In previous positions with the Air Force, he led A-10 and F-15 weapons test programs at Edwards Air Force Base, California. During his outstanding career, he managed test and evaluation programs involving practically every type of weapon and aircraft in the Air Force inventory. He formed the

Corporate Plans Office for the Air Force Development Test Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, establishing and leading the Center's strategic planning program, institutionalizing modernization planning, and implementing a command-wide "Single-Face-to-Customer" office. Upon formation of the Air Armament Center at Eglin Air Force Base, he established the Plans and Programs Directorate for the Center and led planning for the inaugural Air Armament Summit to shape the future of air armament and joint service test and training infrastructure.

Mr. Arnold's record as a leader and his ability to form partnerships at all levels of government is unsurpassed. He was hand-picked by Air Staff to serve as the Interim Deputy Director for the Defense Test Resource Management Center (DTRMC) where he orchestrated preparation of the initial DTRMC DoD Strategic Plan for test and evaluation resources.

Without his care and stewardship as Chairman of the Eglin Encroachment Committee, mission critical natural resources might never have been preserved. His leadership enhanced community partnerships in the Eglin community and throughout the State of Florida.

Mr. Arnold's contributions to range sustainment, encroachment and the test and evaluation field as a whole have saved millions, brought him national recognition and benchmarked a number of innovative processes that will stand the test of time. His talents and overall knowledge and understanding of the Air Force mission will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, it is only on rare occasions that we find men of such exceptional character as Bob Arnold. He left his indelible mark on the Air Force and the Northwest Florida community. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to Bob and his wife, Myra. My wife, Vicki, and I wish them the best for continued success.

#### IN HONOR OF DR. WILLIAM PURCELL

#### HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 18, 2012*

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true, dedicated leader in my state and in my community, Dr. William Purcell of Scotland County, North Carolina. Dr. Purcell grew up in Laurinburg, North Carolina, just south of my home town of Biscoe, North Carolina. He attended public schools in Laurinburg before graduating from Davidson College, and later, the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. After proudly serving our nation in the United States Army Medical Corps in France, during the Cold War, he returned home to North Carolina where he practiced pediatrics in Laurinburg for 36 years. During this time he also served on the Laurinburg City Council for six years, and as the Mayor of Laurinburg for 10 years. He became a member of the North Carolina Senate in 1997 and has proudly served the 25th District for seven terms before announcing his retirement this year.

If there is any indication of the impact this man has had on his community, it is the numerous awards he has received, including the

Distinguished Service Award from the University of North Carolina in 2005, for his commitment to making preventive health care a top priority. Dr. Purcell's dedication to the health of the children of North Carolina continued after his retirement as a pediatrician, making its way into the halls of the General Assembly where he served as a member of the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Chairman of the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity. To honor this commitment, ABC News Correspondent George Stephanopoulos presented him with the Nathan Davis Award, the American Medical Association's highest award for a public office. Most recently, in 2008, his fellow senators and local news correspondents voted him one of the most effective members of the North Carolina Senate.

Senator Purcell and I have been friends for quite some time now, and this has allowed me to experience first-hand his generosity and his commitment to the well-being of the people of our state. As a former educator, I understand the importance of pediatric health and wellness, and their impact on a student's ability to succeed. I sincerely thank Dr. Purcell for his tireless devotion to making our community a better place.

Mr. Speaker, it is with admiration and appreciation that I rise today to speak of the ceaseless and tireless efforts of Senator Purcell to represent the people of Anson, Richmond, Scotland, and Stanly counties, and our state as a whole. Today, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Senator Purcell for his outstanding leadership and achievements, and for a life of selfless devotion to those around him.

**HONORING REAR ADMIRAL JAMES W. LISANBY (USN RETIRED)**

**HON. ED WHITFIELD**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 18, 2012*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, to recognize (Ret.) Rear Admiral James W. Lisanby, who passed away on November 14, 2012.

Rear Admiral Lisanby, a native of Caldwell County, Kentucky, served his country and community with great integrity and honor. He rose through the ranks of the United States Navy during his 37 years to become a rear admiral and a chief engineer. He was instrumental in the development of the modern era of shipbuilding at the Ingalls shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

After spending many years of service abroad and at sea, Rear Admiral Lisanby became the Commander of Naval Ships Engineering Center, his first Flag officer assignment, where he was responsible for the design and engineering of all ships and weapons developed for the U.S. Navy. He finished his stellar Navy career as the Deputy Commander for Acquisition and Logistics in the U.S. Navy's Sea Systems Command in Washington, DC.

Following retirement for the Navy, Rear Admiral Lisanby started his own consulting firm, Naval Services International, Inc., and became the first American elected President of the International Professional Engineering and Naval Architects Society, IPEN. He also

served on numerous boards, including those of the United Services Life Insurance Company and the Sioux Manufacturing Company of Devil's Lake, ND, and he also served as the Chairman of the Board of Technology Financing, Inc., part of the BMT Group of International Companies.

Not only was he successful in serving his country, and in business, but he had a very impressive academic record. A U.S. Naval Academy graduate, he earned a Professional Engineers Degree (PE) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and an advanced Management Degree from the Harvard Business School (PMD).

Rear Admiral Lisanby and his wife of 61 years, Gladys, retired to Arlington, Virginia and Pascagoula, Mississippi until Hurricane Katrina destroyed their beachfront home. At that time, the Lisanbys returned to Kentucky, and Caldwell County.

After returning to Kentucky, the Lisanbys became very active in the community, particularly in their support of the arts. They became members of the Endowment Circle of the Princeton Art Guild, where its Lisanby Courtyard honors Lisanby's mother, a lifelong artist and arts supporter.

Rear Admiral Lisanby was also an active member of Ogden Memorial United Methodist Church in Princeton, a Rotarian and a Paul Harris Fellow.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his brother, Charles, two daughters, Elizabeth Ann Lisanby and Dr. Sarah Hollingsworth Lisanby, and their families.

The people of Caldwell County, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and this great Nation were greatly served by Rear Admiral Lisanby, and he will be truly missed.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 18, 2012*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, December 17, 2012, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 627, "yea."  
On rollcall No. 628, "yea."

**HONORING THE LIFE OF VICTORIA LEIGH SOTO**

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 18, 2012*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to join the Stratford and Sandy Hook communities as they remember Victoria Leigh Soto who was so tragically taken from us last Friday. Only 27 years old, Victoria was a first-grade teacher at Sandy Hook Elementary School where she lost her life protecting her students. Room 10 lost its teacher and we lost an exceptional young woman.

A lifelong resident of Stratford, Connecticut, Victoria graduated from Stratford High School in 2003 and earned a degree with high honors

in Education and History from Eastern Connecticut State University. She was currently working to complete her Master's Degree at Southern Connecticut State University. She was a student teacher at Brewster Elementary School in Durham, Connecticut and in her fifth year as a first-grade teacher at Sandy Hook Elementary School, Victoria was fulfilling the dream she had had since she was just three years old. Teaching was her passion and it showed. Her students adored her—the many pictures inscribed with "I Love Miss Soto" that adorned her desk a testament to the impact she had on the children she was charged to care for and educate each day.

Victoria was equally as passionate about her family. In one of her Facebook postings she wrote of her life, "In my spare time, I love spending time with my black lab, Roxie. I love spending time with my brothers, my sisters, and cousins." Family and friends have described her as a role model—not only to them but to everyone she met.

As the event at Sandy Hook Elementary School unfolded, Victoria quickly hid her young students in closets and cabinets. When the gunman came into her classroom Victoria told him that her students were not in the class but in the gym. He turned the gun on her and she was lost to us. Her students would later be found by first responders, huddled together in the closets and cabinets. She saved each of their lives while sacrificing her own. Victoria was a hero in every sense of the word.

The tragic event that occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary School and all of those we lost that day will never be erased from our minds. Though there are no words that can ease her families suffering, I hope that they can take some small comfort in the knowledge that Victoria will always be remembered as a hero. My thoughts and prayers are with her parents, Carlos and Donna, as well as her siblings, Jillian, Carlee, and Carlos Matthew, and extended family as they say goodbye to their angel. Victoria Leigh Soto was an extraordinary young woman and will long serve as an inspiration to us all.

**IN HONOR OF CORPORAL MICHAEL P. NICHOLSON'S SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY**

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 18, 2012*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of one of Florida's brightest sons, Corporal Michael, P. Nicholson of The United States Marine Corps, Echo Company. On July 6, 2011 in an IED blast Corporal Nicholson was almost mortally wounded when he lost his legs and part of his left arm and numerous other injuries. His personal decorations include The Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon and numerous other service awards. Michael was 2nd Platoon Mortar Chief and Assistant Patrol Leader. This strong young man from Tampa has been through hell and back and with much more to overcome he has been a shining example to all, and makes you proud to say you're an American. The Tampa Bay community honors his service to our great country. What Michael "Stands For," is magnificent, and few of us will ever reach the