

heights to which he has already scaled in his short lifetime and will into the future. A Marine's Marine, our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family. I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert Caswell.

STAND FOR SOMETHING

Stand!  
Stand for something,  
or live for nothing at all!  
Die for something,  
or the rest of your life so crawl!  
Stand!  
Better to give up your strong arm and legs,  
then look back at all of that emptiness that  
you so gave this world, you saw!  
And so realize,  
that your life really meant nothing at all!  
Stand for something!  
So noble and so very tall!  
Better,  
to make a difference with it all!  
And so answer that most heroic of all calls!  
That call to arms!  
That call to war!  
That call to death,  
for all of our freedoms to so insure!  
Because,  
moments are all that we so have!  
To stand tall!  
To change the world!  
To go off with our flags unfurled!  
To stand for something!  
All in that blood that binds you,  
but to so answer that most noble cause!  
To stand for something,  
to where only such hearts of honor are so  
called!  
Yea Stand!  
Stand for something,  
or live for nothing at all!  
To shine,  
to make a difference with it all!  
But,  
To wear those magnificent shades of green!  
And be but only one of "The Few",  
But to be only one of The very Bold!  
To have and to hold!  
Our Nation's most precious of all Gold!  
A United States Marine!  
One of the best damn things,  
that this country has ever seen!  
As already Michael,  
in your short life as you have so convened!  
All in that fight,  
with all your might!  
As you were so magnificently seen!  
As it was on that fateful day,  
when your fine life almost went away!  
As a IED explosion,  
halfway to Heaven on that day!  
When,  
something so deep down inside of you would  
not give way!  
Because you were born to lead,  
even in your darkest days!  
As the tears ran down your most heroic face!  
Because Nicholson,  
your fine life that still had so much more to  
say!  
For you had miles to go,  
and mountains to so climb on your most he-  
roic way!  
And so many hearts to so heal,  
and to so inspire,  
lifting them all so ever higher!  
While, all of the Angels for you so prayed!  
As you Michael,  
still have such life of happiness that which  
before you so awaits!  
As you Michael may have lost your two  
strong legs and arm!  
But they'll not touch your great heart of  
amazing grace,  
that which so inside of you so beats and  
burns so very warm this very day!  
The one that which you were so born with,

that which so says Marine get up and move  
on . . . the course to stay!  
And Pity is not a town where you will ever  
stay!  
As you so teach us!  
As you so reach us!  
As you so beseech all in every way!  
With the kind of lessons about life that only  
a kid like you could say!  
As you rain mortars of hope down upon us  
all,  
all in what your fine heart has so to con-  
vey. . .  
Because, already in your short life Mi-  
chael. . .  
you've traveled higher and farther than any  
of us ever will or may!  
Because, you so Stood For Something!  
And as you Still Do, To This Very Day!  
For Something, So Noble and So Brilliant,  
and So Bright!  
Someone To So look Up To,  
whose most courageous heart brings such  
light!  
These rays!  
Marine, I could climb the highest mountain,  
and yet never would I reach where you stand  
this day!  
For only a few in heaven will so stand, as  
they!  
And if ever I had a son Michael,  
I wish he could but be half the man you are  
in every way!  
Who Stands for Something so very brilliant,  
that which most of us never may!  
All in you in what I saw,  
as our hearts to you Michael so run!  
Because in The Game of Life,  
you are a Champion in every way!  
Oh how I wish I could stand as tall as you  
this very day!  
What have you stood for, out on life's way?  
Stand!

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE  
CARMEN RIVERA-WORLEY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 18, 2012*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Judge Carmen Rivera-Worley. Judge Rivera-Worley has served as District Judge for the 16th District Court in Denton County, Texas for the past nine years.

Judge Rivera-Worley received a Bachelor's Degree from Texas A&M University in 1977. She also received a Master's Degree from Texas Tech University in 1978. In addition to those degrees, Judge Rivera-Worley proved her commitment to higher-education by earning her Jurisprudence Doctorate from the University of Texas School of Law in 1982. These numerous degrees have allowed Judge Rivera-Worley to extend her knowledge and continually serve the citizens of Denton and Val Verde counties.

Judge Rivera-Worley has extensive experience in practicing law. Before her current position as District Judge, the Honorable Rivera-Worley held several positions as an attorney in Denton County and Val Verde County. She previously served in Denton County's Criminal District Attorney's Office as the Assistant Criminal District Attorney/Chief of Civil Division from 1992–2003. Also, she served as Val Verde County Attorney from 1987–1992. Prior to that position, she was Val Verde County Assistant Attorney from 1985 to 1987.

Judge Rivera-Worley also played an active role in numerous professional associations.

These include the Denton County Bar Association and The Texas State Bar Association, particularly in the following sections: Construction Law Section, Government Lawyer Section, and Labor and Employment Section. In addition, she held many positions in the Texas District and County Attorney's Association. In the Texas District and County Attorney's Association, she was a member of the Board of Directors, the Long Range Planning Committee for Publications, the Editorial Board, and the Legislative Committee. Also, she served as the Chair of the Civil Committee of the Association, and was also a member of the Governor's Prosecution Advisory Committee on Punishment Standards Commission, and was a speaker at conferences on local government and purchasing for the Texas Association of Counties and Texas Purchasing Association.

Beyond her professional experience, Judge Rivera-Worley has proven her commitment to the community by working with civic organizations and charities in the region. She is currently an associate of the Denton Independent School District's Bond Progress Committee and of the Denton Christian Preschool Board of Directors and Nominations Committee. Judge Rivera-Worley has also devoted her time to the Trinity United Methodist Church by being a member of the Board of Trustees and of the Council on Ministries. She was also the Chair of the Youth Ministries Committee for the church.

Even with her already outstanding track record of leading her community, Judge Rivera-Worley found the time to serve as a member of the Minority Access Committee at Ann's Haven Hospice. She also played a significant role in the Denton Chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens, and was also named Trustee of the Sarah E. Worley Educational Foundation Trust.

Judge Rivera-Worley is a very active member in her community and has a true passion for helping others. As she retires, she will leave a legacy of excellence in the 16th District Court of Denton County and will not be forgotten. I am pleased to recognize Judge Rivera-Worley and am privileged to represent Denton County in the U.S. House of Representatives.

IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING  
EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION BENEFITS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 18, 2012*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, although our economy is gradually improving after one of the worst economic crises in our Nation's history, the economic crisis remains a daily reality for 12 million unemployed workers and for the millions of Americans experiencing record levels of food insecurity, poverty, and foreclosure.

Unemployment benefits are a critical lifeline for our citizens and our economy, keeping 2.3 million Americans (including over 600,000 children) from falling into poverty in 2011, reducing the poverty rate for families by 40 percent in 2011, and generating \$1.52 in economic activity for every \$1 in economic compensation. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office

estimates that extending these benefits another year will create 300,000 much-needed jobs.

Now is not the time to cut unemployment; millions of Americans rely on unemployment assistance to survive. In my home state of Illinois during 2012, approximately 320,000 people relied on regular unemployment benefits and almost 140,000 additional Illinoisans depended on emergency unemployment. As Illinois and our nation continue to struggle out of this recession, failure to extend this critical lifeline will impose incredible hardship on approximately two million Americans. Failure to extend this critical lifeline means that—in addition to 90,000 Illinoisans who will abruptly lose benefits on December 29th—an additional 2,800 Illinoisans will lose benefits each week in 2013 if Republicans insist on slashing federal emergency assistance.

Our nation continues to experience historic levels of long-term unemployment. Most unemployed Americans no longer receive unemployment insurance benefits, reflecting the crisis that exists for the millions of Americans who have exhausted their benefits and still cannot find work. Indeed, over 40.8 percent of all unemployed workers, more than 5 million people, have been out of work for more than 6 months. These Americans lost their jobs through no fault of their own, they tirelessly try to find work when the jobs are few and far between, and they struggle to cover basic food, housing, and transportation costs for their families on an average of \$290 a week, a pittance which typically replaces only half of the average family's expenses.

Now is not the time to cut unemployment; our economy needs federal unemployment benefits to support its growth. In addition to cruelly stripping millions of Americans of vital assistance just days after Christmas, a Republican failure to continue unemployment benefits would devastate our fragile recovery. Moody's economist, Mark Zandi, estimates that slashing emergency benefits this year will reduce economic growth in 2013 by \$58 billion. Cutting unemployment benefits for two million people will take a tremendous toll on businesses as well as families. Even with the creation of millions of new private-sector jobs and improvements in the ratio of unemployed workers to job openings, jobs remain hard to get. There are 4 million fewer jobs in the economy now than at the beginning of the recession. Further, there are still 3.4 unemployed workers for each available job, worse than at any point during the 2001 recession and dramatically higher than the 1.8 people per job at the outset of the recession in December 2007.

Government leaders have a responsibility to protect Americans and our country, especially during times of national crisis. Failure to continue unemployment benefits will harm our economic recovery and disproportionately harm groups of Americans who already are hardest hit by the economic crisis—including older Americans, low-income Americans, Americans from racial and ethnic minority groups, and Americans without a high school diploma. Congress must quickly act to support our citizens and our economic recovery by continuing emergency unemployment benefits.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. LOUIS LYNN

### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 18, 2012*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a South Carolina entrepreneur and leading landscape designer, Dr. Louis Lynn, a recent recipient of the U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency's 2012 Ronald H. Brown Leadership Award. The Award recognizes exceptional leaders who have made great strides in creating diversity in the public or private sector. Dr. Lynn is a tremendous small business leader in South Carolina, and I am proud to call him a friend.

Dr. Lynn is a native of Lamar, South Carolina. His childhood in a rural area prompted his love of nature, and he spent his youth participating in the 4-H club and selling produce. He also came from a family of entrepreneurs—his grandfather was a shop owner and his father, Lawton, ran a butcher plant. His father was an influential figure in his life, who taught him to take a sense of pride in hard work, and the elder Lynn was even once named South Carolina Father of the Year.

In 1964, Louis Lynn entered the second freshman class to integrate Clemson University. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Horticulture from Clemson, and went on to earn a PhD in Horticulture from the University of Maryland. Early in his career, Dr. Lynn was a research scientist. His work at Monsanto led to the development of Roundup® herbicide. But he was called to more hands-on horticultural work.

In 1985, Dr. Lynn established ENVIRO Ag Science, Inc., which has become the largest African-American-owned landscape business in South Carolina. As the company has grown, it has added offices in Atlanta and Tucker, Georgia and now employs 85 full-time people. ENVIRO Ag Science, Inc. was recently named one of the 25 Fastest Growing Companies in South Carolina. His business began as a small residential landscaping business, but today is recognized for very high-profile projects including the landscaping of the Columbia Convention Center, the University of South Carolina Colonial Center, and BMW Manufacturing. Other clients include Ft. Jackson, Shaw Air Force Base, Fort Gordon and the Savannah River Nuclear site. As a SBA HUBZone Certified contractor, his firm is currently under contract with the Department of Defense for repair and renovation services on historic buildings at Fort Benning, Georgia and Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Dr. Lynn is a man of great faith. He feels called to give back to the community. In 1988, he was elected to the Clemson Board of Trustees, and is serving his seventh four-year term. He has also served on the boards of the BB&T Bank, South Carolina Workforce Investment, the State Chamber of Commerce, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, the Palmetto Agribusiness Council, the Midlands Business Leadership Council, the State Museum Foundation, the South Carolina Horticulture Society and the South Carolina Commission of Higher Education.

Dr. Lynn and his wife, Audrey, are the parents of three adult children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Louis Lynn on receiving the prestigious Ronald H. Brown Leadership Award. He has made extraordinary contributions as an entrepreneur, a community leader, and a man of faith. I can think of no one more deserving of this honor.

#### HONORING FLORIDA'S 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ACADEMY BOARD MEMBERS

### HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 18, 2012*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to members of my 7th Congressional District of Florida United States Service Academy Board Members. These are wonderful Americans who have provided voluntary service to assist in the nomination and selection of young men and women who will attend our nation's military academies. Each of these individuals has faithfully worked to help our country choose the very best of our youth to train for leadership positions in our military branches. The United States Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps each owe these board members special thanks and recognition for their years of work and efforts.

They have not only interviewed hundreds of students applying to the academies, but also provided invaluable counseling and support in their important life and career choices.

On behalf of all the people of the 7th Congressional District I salute and honor LTC James T. Marino (Ret.) of St. Johns, Mr. Derek Hankerson of St. Augustine, Dr. Dan Kelso of St. Augustine, Col. Douglass Wood (Ret.) of Palm Coast, Mr. Dan Quiggle of Ponte Vedra Beach, Col. Frank Farmer, Jr. (Ret.) of Ormond Beach, Col. Charles Early, Jr. (Ret.) of DeLand, Mrs. Mary Ann Welsh of Ormond Beach, Mr. Dan Hughes USMC (Ret.) of Palm Coast, Capt. Bill Knehans, DC, USN (Ret.) of Ormond Beach, LTC Al Peterson (Ret.) of Welaka and Mr. Tony Papandrea of Palm Coast.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking the Military Service Academy Board Members of Florida's 7th Congressional District.

#### HONORING FORMER SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN

### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 18, 2012*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, George McGovern was a leader in the battle to end hunger—here in the United States and around the world. His recent passing should remind all of us of the need to continue his fight. Hunger is a political condition. We have the food and know-how to end it—what we're missing is the political will. As a tribute to Senator McGovern, let's all help create that political will.

Mr. Speaker, I submit a number of tributes to the great man.