

When the American public tunes into C-SPAN, the give and take of congressional debate might make about as much sense as the floor of the New York Stock Exchange just before the closing bell. Fortunately, the House has seasoned experts—truly dedicated public servants—who keep up with the details of floor deliberation and legislation so that Members of Congress are able to cast their votes without confusion.

One of the people most responsible for ensuring that House Republicans are informed about important legislation is Speaker BOEHNER's Floor Assistant, Jay Pierson. Jay's role can perhaps be compared to that of an air traffic controller, closely monitoring the flow of floor debate and shepherding Members of Congress to their appropriate positions. While an air traffic controller may use a radar scope for guidance, Jay relies on his dog-eared copy of Jefferson's Manual of Rules and 34 years of experience.

A graduate of Westmont College in Santa Barbara, and a recipient of a Master's Degree from Long Beach University and a Doctorate from the University of Maryland, Jay arrived in the halls of Congress about the same time as the C-SPAN cameras. Dr. Pierson's congressional career began in 1978 in the office of the General Clerk. He began working in the Republican Cloakroom in 1979 for the office of House Republican Leader John J. Rhodes, R-AZ.

Over three decades he held positions of member of the House Republican Cloakroom, member of the Republican Floor Staff and Floor Assistant to the Speaker. He was Assistant Floor Manager for Speaker Gingrich, Floor Assistant for Speaker Dennis Hastert, and now Floor Assistant for Speaker JOHN BOEHNER.

For the past decade, Jay has been an invaluable resource to me during floor debate and votes and I will always value his counsel and friendship.

Mr. Speaker, as Jay prepares to transition to retirement, I join with my colleagues here in the House in wishing him the very best. Jay's wisdom and expertise will be sorely missed.

REFERRING QUAPAW TRIBE OF
OKLAHOMA TRUST CLAIMS TO
COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, the purpose of this statement is to clarify the scope of the resolution before us. It states that it encompasses Quapaw tribal and individual claims "other than the legal claims that are pending in the Court of Federal Claims on the date of enactment of this resolution."

A question arises. If one or more of those currently pending legal claims are dismissed by the Court for lack of jurisdiction, would the dismissed claim be considered "pending" for purposes of this resolution?

In my view, the answer is no. Our intention with the reference resolution is to request from the Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims a report containing findings of fact and conclusions of law concerning the nature, ex-

tent, and character of the Indian-trust related claims of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma and its tribal members for compensation. As the language of the resolution suggests, these claims may be legal or equitable in nature, and exclude only the claims that are already within the jurisdiction of the Court of Federal Claims (including the statute of limitations) and are already pending in the Court of Federal Claims on the date of enactment. If a claim is dismissed as being outside the statute of limitations or for jurisdictional reasons, in my view, it was not pending on the date of enactment.

The intent behind the resolution is to have the Court review and render a final and complete resolution of all such claims—that resolution to occur either in the pending cases under the jurisdiction already granted the Court of Federal Claims by the Indian Tucker Act or else under the terms of H. Res. 668.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT
SOUTRA

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary achievements of Marine Sergeant William Soutra, Jr in Afghanistan. Sergeant Soutra recently received the Navy Cross, the second highest honor given for valor in combat.

Sergeant Soutra is a resident of Worcester and a 2004 graduate of Worcester Vocational High School, where he played lacrosse, football, and hockey. Sergeant Soutra attended Becker College before joining the Marines in 2005.

Over a two day attack beginning on July 10, 2010, Sergeant Soutra's element leader was mortally wounded by an improvised explosive device. With his unit disoriented, Soutra, alongside his military dog Posha, immediately took charge. Sergeant Soutra, without an interpreter, physically re-positioned each Afghan commando to fire in an accurate manner before repeatedly running through enemy gunfire to lead his 10-man commando unit across 1,100 meters of open terrain, all while "relentlessly" firing his rifle. Additionally, Sergeant Soutra helped carry casualties out of the line of fire while orienting air support from jets and helicopters.

Simply, his actions went beyond the call of duty, saving the lives of Marines, Sailors, and Afghan commandos.

Too often, heroic actions of our military's elite special operations forces, like Sergeant Soutra, go unrecognized. It is simply the nature of their job to take on the most dangerous tasks, with no hope for glory or public acknowledgement.

Sgt. Soutra put his own life on the line without a second thought, not because he expected credit, but because it was the right thing to do to protect his men.

Mr. Speaker, our nation is lucky to have men like Sergeant Soutra serving us. I know that all of my colleagues, constituents, and fellow residents of Worcester will join me in offering our humble gratitude for his actions, and sincere congratulations on his recognition.

HONORING DWIGHT E. RADCLIFF

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Dwight E. Radcliff on the celebration of his retirement and for his outstanding years of service to Pickaway County and the State of Ohio.

It is an honor to congratulate Sheriff Radcliff on this momentous occasion as the longest-serving sheriff in the United States of America. Serving as the Pickaway County Sheriff since 1965, Sheriff Radcliff has been committed to the citizens of Pickaway County by protecting life and property, preventing and solving crime and responding to all requests for assistance.

Following in his father's footsteps, Dwight became the second Radcliff to become the Sheriff of Pickaway County and the family name has held the office for 78 of the last 82 years. Over the past several decades, Radcliff has had both trying and memorable moments—from living in the county jail with his family to apprehending the rarest of criminals. Because of his great dedication and reputation for law enforcement, Pickaway County is often referred to as "Putaway Pickaway" by local and statewide residents.

On November 6, 2012 his son Robert was elected sheriff and will become the third generation of Radcliff's to hold this office. Dwight is married to Betty his wife of 59 years and is the father of three and grandfather to eight grandchildren, and great-grandfather to two great-grandchildren.

Thus, I join the citizens of the 7th Congressional District in congratulating and honoring Sheriff Dwight E. Radcliff for his many years of dedication and exemplary service to Pickaway County and the state of Ohio, and to extend best wishes to him and his family for much success in the future.

THE MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR
CLARIFICATION ACT

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Mortgage Originator Clarification Act to clarify the definition of the term mortgage originator in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

I support responsible lending policies and consumer protections throughout the home buying process to provide the best products and transparency for consumers. However, the Dodd-Frank Act was hastily put together and crammed through Congress. Unintended consequences of regulations prescribed in the Dodd-Frank Act, if implemented without specific consideration of manufactured housing, could eliminate housing finance options for families seeking to purchase affordable manufactured homes.

Multiple definitions and standards for mortgage origination, such as those in Section 1401 of Dodd-Frank and the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing (SAFE) Act, are confusing to the manufactured housing industry, consumers interested in buying

manufactured homes, and regulators. In addition, the definition outlined in the Dodd-Frank Act may create unintended regulatory and compliance risks. The current definition of mortgage originator is based on traditional mortgage market roles and does not consider the unique lending model of the manufactured housing market.

I'm introducing the Mortgage Originator Clarification Act to provide clarity in the residential mortgage market with a clear and consistent standard recognizing the unique activities of the manufactured home sales process. This bill will further clarify the definition of mortgage originator so that manufactured homes will remain an available housing option for Americans across the nation.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
ROSCOE BARTLETT AND THE
HONORABLE DON MANZULLO
FOR THEIR YEARS OF PUBLIC
SERVICE

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to two of my Republican colleagues who were elected in 1992. It has been my honor to serve with both ROSCOE BARTLETT and DON MANZULLO for the past two decades. I am pleased today, to recognize their outstanding service to our nation. ROSCOE BARTLETT has represented Maryland's 6th District and DON MANZULLO Illinois's 16th District.

These two classmates have distinguished records of service. ROSCOE earned his PHD in physiology from The University of Maryland and spent 20 years as a scientist and engineer for the military and NASA. He has 20 patents, 19 of which are held by the U.S. Government for his inventions of life support equipment used by military pilots, astronauts, search and rescue personnel, and firefighters. He has served on the Armed Services Committee since his first year in Congress and he became chairman of the panel's Air and Land Forces Subcommittee for this 112th Congress.

DON has served as Chairman of the Small Business Committee and long championed the cause of America's chief economic generator, our nation's small businesses. He also chaired the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific for this 112th Congress. Before being elected, DON was an attorney and the owner of his own small law firm.

During our service together history should record that upon assuming the majority in Congress in 1995, these two individuals helped bring about remarkable achievements for our country. They helped craft plans that balanced our federal budget from 1997 to 2002 and reformed welfare. They aided our nation in the aftermath of September 11, 2001.

Not only have we been fortunate to have their leadership in Congress they have both, in their family life, set examples for the American People. By their side ROSCOE's wife Ellen and DON's wife Freda have always aided their husband's efforts and supported their Congressional Districts. ROSCOE has ten children, 18 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. DON's children are Neil, Noel, and Katie.

As these two friends and most accomplished members of Congress depart, I know that my colleagues wish them well and God Speed.

IN MEMORIAL OF CONGRESSMAN
DAVID O'BRIEN MARTIN OF NEW
YORK

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, my colleague from Kentucky, Mr. ROGERS, and I share the sad news of the passing of our colleague, David O'Brien Martin, originally of Canton, New York, who died with his wife Dana by his side on November 20 at his home in Hedgesville, West Virginia, at the age of 68.

Representative Martin is survived by his children, Victoria (Duskas), Kelly (Bridges) and Julia (Bassett); two grandchildren, Jacqueline Victoria and William O'Brien; a stepson Michael McGee, a stepdaughter Kimberly Travis and, shared with his wife, eleven grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Congressman Martin, who was a commissioned officer in the Marine Corps and served in Vietnam, will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery on January 4, 2013.

We had the honor of being elected to Congress with Dave in 1980 as part of the Reagan wave. He served on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and on the Armed Services Committee, where he was the senior Republican on the Military Installations Subcommittee and vice chair of the Morale, Welfare and Recreational Panel.

Dave O'B. Martin will be remembered for his indelible footprint on the North Country, where his efforts led to the revitalization of Fort Drum and the reactivation of the Army's storied light infantry division, the 10th Mountain Division. It has been reported that his efforts led to an influx of over \$1.3 billion to the local economy to construct the post.

We also submit for the record an article by The Watertown Daily Times further noting his service to the North Country and the nation.

Dave O'B. Martin served with us for six terms before electing to retire.

Dave enjoyed history, particularly related to the Civil War. He will be remembered for his friendly demeanor and storytelling ability.

We offer our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to Dana and his family.

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MARTIN, FORMER NORTH COUNTRY
CONGRESSMAN, DIES AT 68

(By Roger Dupuis)

David O'Brien Martin's roots in the north country ran deep. His legacy may run deeper still.

The former Republican congressman, who represented the north country from 1981 to 1993, died Tuesday night at his home in Hedgesville, W.Va. He was remembered by friends and colleagues for his commitment to serving the region, perhaps best exemplified by his efforts to bring the 10th Mountain Division to Fort Drum in the 1980s.

"For those of us in the north country, his work truly changed our lives," said Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh—who,

like Mr. Martin, formerly represented the region in Congress.

Mr. Martin, 68, was with his family and under hospice care when he died, said Steven M. Cary of O'Leary Funeral Service in Canton. The cause of death was not disclosed.

Services are scheduled for next week in West Virginia, followed by calling hours Dec. 3 at O'Leary, 5821 Route 11, Mr. Cary said. Mass will be said Dec. 4 at St. Mary's-Catholic Church, 66 Court St., Canton. Burial plans were not finalized as of Thursday evening, he said.

Mr. Martin served in Vietnam, and was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, he resumed his studies upon returning to civilian life. He earned a law degree from Albany Law School in 1973, the same year he was elected to the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators.

Following three years in county government, Mr. Martin rose quickly, serving in the state Assembly from 1977 until the end of 1980, the year he was elected to the first of six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.

It was just four years later, at the Watertown American Legion post, that Mr. Martin broke the news that the storied light infantry division would be reactivated in Northern New York.

"His incredible effort to revitalize Fort Drum and bring the 10th Mountain Division to our doorstep brought renewed sense of vitality and purpose to the region," Mr. McHugh said Wednesday.

More than \$1.3 billion was spent on construction on the post from 1985 to 1993, during Mr. Martin's tenure in Washington, according to a 2006 Times article.

"He probably did more for the north country than anyone has," said former Republican state Sen. H. Douglas Barclay, Pulaski. "It's a sad day for the north country. He was a great guy, a great friend and a wonderful public servant, both in the Assembly and in Congress."

While in Congress, Mr. Martin was a member of the Committee on Armed Services for 10 years, serving as senior Republican member of the Military Installations Subcommittee and vice chairman of the Morale, Welfare and Recreational Panel, overseeing military commissaries, exchanges and related activities. He also served on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

While Mr. Martin's commitment to the nation and the region loom large, so do the contributions he and his family made to St. Lawrence County. His father, Edson A. Martin, donated the land for SUNY Canton in the early 1960s. The younger Mr. Martin's longtime advocacy was honored by the college in 2006 with an honorary doctorate of laws.

"Congressman Martin was a wonderful supporter of SUNY Canton and the north country," Interim SUNY Canton President Carli C. Schiffner said Wednesday. "He assisted the college in many ways throughout his career, and he dedicated much of his life to furthering the development of Fort Drum, our schools and our communities."

There was life after Congress for Mr. Martin. After deciding not to run in 1992, Mr. Martin became a professor at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., and later an executive with soft-drink trade groups. He founded a government affairs, consulting and marketing firm in 2000.

It was in that role that then-SUNY Canton president Joseph L. Kennedy observed Mr. Martin's clout and camaraderie first hand during a visit to Washington.

"He was just known by everybody. He could walk us through security without