

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. Rosco 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. Rosco 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.

[From the Watertown Daily Times, Nov. 23, 2012]

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

waiting in line," said Mr. Kennedy, who stepped down this fall after 19 years in the post. "I admired his spunk."

SUNY Potsdam also had cause to mourn the former congressman, and to celebrate his accomplishments. Mr. Martin's papers are held in the college archives, "so that all can remember and learn from his life's work," SUNY Potsdam President John F. Schwaller said.

Times staff writer Brian Kelly contributed to this report.

HONORING MICHAEL T. SUMIDA

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Michael T. Sumida, recent recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal.

It is an honor to join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in recognizing Mr. Michael Sumida, whose patriotic work as a Japanese interpreter provided our military with invaluable intelligence and helped bring an end to World War II. As a Japanese American living in Hawaii, Mr. Sumida courageously volunteered his talents to assist the United States military in defeating the Japanese. In the face of racism, Mr. Sumida excelled in acquiring critical enemy intelligence by questioning Japanese prisoners. During his interrogations, Mr. Sumida uncovered the location of enemy troops as well as their plans for attack. The work accomplished by American interpreters was such a valuable asset to military intelligence during World War II that President Truman credited them with ending the war two years prior to the expected end date.

Mr. Sumida currently resides in my hometown of Beavercreek, OH with his wife, Patricia Sumida. It is with great pride along with Ohio's Seventh Congressional district that I honor Michael T. Sumida for his service to our nation.

BUCK RAMBO INDUCTED INTO THE SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC ASSOCIATION'S HALL OF FAME

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, music is in the very fiber of our being, and we are proud to continually showcase the sounds that call Tennessee "home." I rise today to honor one of Tennessee's great sounds as he is inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Association's Hall of Fame.

Buck Rambo started a Gospel singing group in 1960 and quickly set the world ablaze with great harmonies. It would become The Singing Rambos and the group would release over 70

projects, making them a household name in America, Central America, the Bahamas, and Europe. Adding to their bright career, Buck led the group to television where they were central to the early beginnings of many faith-based stations. The Singing Rambos entertained troops at Strategic Air Command Bases, in Vietnam, and in several European military posts. Having hung up his travel hat, Buck now leads a life of service to his faith, his family, and his community.

The very rhythm of our culture, Gospel music lifts and carries us through our darkest moments to our brightest days. The sounds of The Singing Rambos are deeper than the notes on a page: they are hummed into our souls. I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Buck Rambo on his induction to the Southern Gospel Music Association's Hall of Fame.

SPEECH ON DETERIORATING SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST PARTICULARLY FOR RELIGIOUS MINORITIES

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a speech I recently gave on the deteriorating situation in the Middle East particularly for religious minorities. Increasing violence, targeted attacks and heightened discrimination against Christians and other religious minorities in Iraq and Egypt, combined with long-standing abuses in Afghanistan and Pakistan, are among the many reasons why I introduced H.R. 440, bipartisan legislation that would require the State Department to appoint a special envoy to advocate for religious minorities.

More than a year has passed since the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed this legislation yet, today, both this bill and its Senate companion, S. 1245 are both languishing in the Senate. This is deeply disappointing. Even more disappointing is the fact that the State Department has urged Senator JIM WEBB to oppose this bipartisan legislation and put a hold on it in the Senate.

Time is running out—both in terms of the legislative calendar for this year and in terms of the survival of these communities. Will a special envoy guarantee these communities' protection in the lands they have inhabited for centuries? No one can predict for sure. But I am certain that to do nothing is not an option—lest on the State Department's and Congress' watch we witness a Middle East empty of faith communities, foremost among them the beleaguered Christian community.

Here is the text of my recent speech:

Just one year ago my good friend, the late Chuck Colson was given [the Edwin Meese Award for Religious Liberty] award for his tireless efforts to promote religious liberty and human dignity. His prophetic voice is sorely missed during these trying times for our country. For these are indeed trying

times—times that demand men and women of faith to steel themselves for the challenges ahead. Are we prepared to do so?

I take inspiration from the German Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer who, faced with the tyranny and horror of Nazism gave his very life. And the British parliamentarian William Wilberforce, who labored for decades, against seemingly insurmountable odds, to abolish the slave trade in England—ultimately inspiring abolitionist efforts in America. These are just some of the giants on whose shoulders we stand.

Ecclesiastes 4:1 says, "I saw the tears of the oppressed, and they have no comforter; power was on the side of the oppressor." Oppression has marked the church since its birth. Consider the chilling words of Roman historian Tacitus regarding the early church:

"Besides being put to death they were made to serve as objects of amusement; they were clad in the hides of beasts and torn to death by dogs; others were crucified, others set on fire to serve to illuminate the night when daylight failed. . . ."

Are such trials reserved for the history books? Hardly. Every day, around the world, men and women of faith are imprisoned, beaten, detained, tortured and even killed. And yet such stories receive scant attention in the mainstream media—and perhaps more strikingly, are rarely spoken of from our pulpits. The book of Hebrews enjoins us to "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Do we suffer with our brethren? Have we in the West ceased to be salt and light? Has our comfort led to complacency? Consider that on our watch a historic exodus of Christians from the Middle East is underway—an exodus fueled by persecution.

A phrase not often heard outside the majority Muslim world is "First the Saturday people, then the Sunday people." The "Saturday people" are of course the Jews. Their once vibrant communities in countries throughout the region are now decimated. In 1948 there were roughly 150,000 Jews in Iraq—today less than 10 remain. In Egypt, there were once as many as 80,000 Jews and now less than 100 remain.

It appears a similar fate could befall the ancient Christian community in these same lands. Iraq's Christian population has fallen from as many as 1.4 million in 2003 to between 500,000 and 700,000. Churches have been targeted, believers kidnapped for ransom, families threatened with violence if they stay. This reality is all the more sobering considering Iraq's significance in Christendom. With the exception of Israel, the Bible contains more references to the cities, regions and nations of ancient Iraq than any other country. The patriarch Abraham came from a city in Iraq called Ur. Isaac's bride, Rebekah, came from northwest Iraq. Jacob spent 20 years in Iraq and his sons (the 12 tribes of Israel) were born in northwest Iraq. A remarkable spiritual revival as told in the book of Jonah occurred in Nineveh. The events of the book of Esther took place in Iraq as did the account of Daniel in the Lion's Den. Furthermore, many of Iraq's Christians still speak Aramaic the language of Jesus.

In Egypt with the ascent of the Muslim Brotherhood, Coptic Christians,