

As Commissioner Gordon put up the bat signal in the sky,
 While Archie was up in the box as he was about ready to cry!
 And Peyton said "I wish I was on the sideline!"
 "Get me a neck brace; I'm going down there this time!"
 As it was Eli's time to shine, or let his team die!
 "The mountain top, go get in, failure's not an option, can't stop"
 With the play of the game looking like their last Super Bowl fame!
 As a dynamic duo, Batman and Robin somehow combined!
 To snatch the revolution out of these Patriots' hands, one more time!
 With a 38 yard miraculous catch by Manningham . . .
 And it was a thing of beauty, a pure work of art . . .
 That kind of throw and catch that could stop someone's heart!
 With a tap dance and a catch,
 Even Gregory Hines and Raymond Berry would make proud!
 That, in NFL history will now forever sound!
 And then Bradshaw, didn't know if he should score or fall?
 With the Pats strategy to give them some time and back the ball!
 But his G-Forces carried him into the end zone . . .
 As it was now Brady's time to bring it home!
 On another key play, for the second time that day . . .
 Justin, invoked his own version of the Tuck Rule, to Pound!
 With all those hits, Brady must have wondered if?
 The G-Men had a contract on him!
 As he spent more time lying on the field, than the turf in the ground!
 And then the final play by Brady . . . "in the midnight hour"
 But (too bad) his receivers seemed to cower!
 As the ball fell to the ground, as there were tears in Bean Town . . .
 As Coach Belichick caught a bad Coughlin!
 And as Tom said: "Beli-chiek-mate!"
 Enjoy the off season Bill and Brady in Boston!
 For only another Super Bowl ring can this so help erase . . .
 But, the game is in New York next year . . .
 Where the G-Force is even greater, I hear!
 But the MVP was big E . . .
 Because in the moment of truth . . . E did not Li down!
 Showing us why he has two MVPs and Super Bowl rings now!
 In Peyton's Place, will he forgive?
 As two great families would so clash . . .
 The Mara's and Kraft's, who both stand for class!
 As they all should be so proud!
 As all the TV records that were broken . . .
 The largest crowd ever had so spoken!
 And as those World Champions walked off that field . . .
 You could feel the vibe, so very real!
 In the end the Big Blue,
 Would not be so compliant.
 For there is no way to curtail,
 The heart of a Giant.

LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark the 94th anniversary of Lithuanian independence.

Lithuania gained its independence from the Russian Empire at the end of World War I. It was the first time in three centuries that the Lithuanian people were free of the czarist regime. Their newfound liberty lasted only until 1940, when Stalinist Russian troops invaded and annexed Lithuania and the other Baltic states. The Lithuanian people suffered greatly under a brutal Soviet regime, but they never gave up their quest for freedom and self-determination. After decades of struggle, Lithuania finally gained its independence from the Soviet Union on March 11, 1990.

Freedom never came easily for the Lithuanian people. The celebration of Lithuanian independence is a reminder to all Lithuanians of their heroic struggle to obtain and maintain that freedom. Lithuanian Independence Day is a remembrance of the many years Lithuania spent under oppressive foreign rule, and of its people's struggle to be free. Americans of Lithuanian descent commemorate the anniversary of Lithuanian independence with celebrations and festivities throughout the country.

The Knights of Lithuania was organized on April 27, 1913. They believe in their members' dedication by having an appreciation of the Lithuanian language, customs, and culture, and by emphasizing the importance of their Roman Catholic beliefs. They strive to live up to their motto, "For God and Country" through cultural presentations, lectures, trips, and choral and dance groups. They are tremendous advocates of the Lithuanian people and heritage.

Mr. Speaker, the 94th anniversary of Lithuanian independence is a milestone of that nation's freedom. I commend all those of Lithuanian heritage for their dedication to their heritage, their community, and their country.

RECOGNIZING DR. SULEIMAN ALIBHAI

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, Dr. Suleiman Alibhai, an outstanding leader committed to helping people in Northern Virginia improve and preserve their sight. Dr. Alibhai is the recipient of this year's Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington's (POB) Professional Service Award.

Dr. Alibhai has spent the past 20 years providing rehabilitative services and support to individuals with low vision in the greater Washington, DC area. He began his career as Director of Low Vision Services at the Retina Group of Washington and now shares his expertise with the National Institutes of Health's National Eye Institute, the Wilmer Eye Institute at the Johns Hopkins University and in his own private practice. Without his work, many

individuals would not have access to the help they need to make the most of their sight.

Dr. Alibhai is also a well known author and lecturer who has given numerous presentations to eye care professionals on issues related to low vision. In addition to these endeavors, Dr. Alibhai is committed to sharing his knowledge with the public. He often speaks at educational events and makes presentations to community groups about low vision.

An active member of the community, Dr. Alibhai has served as a board member for several vision organizations, including POB, and was an examiner for the National Board of Examiners in Optometry. Dr. Alibhai is also a member of the Fairfax Hosts Lions Club District 24-A and played an instrumental role in connecting the club with POB to develop POB's Low Vision Learning Center in Alexandria, VA. Since the center opened in 2010, Dr. Alibhai and his team have helped more than 750 individuals make the most of their sight.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Virginia's 8th Congressional District, I want to extend my congratulations to Dr. Alibhai, recognizing him for his leadership, passion and most importantly, his commitment to improving the quality of life for people with low vision. We wish him continued success in his work both with POB and throughout Northern Virginia.

RECOGNIZING JUSTINA PICKARD AS THE 2012 WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA SCHOOL RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Justina Pickard as the 2012 Walton County, Florida School District Related Employee of the Year. Justina Pickard is an Instructional Aide at Maude Saunders Elementary, where she has proudly served for thirteen years.

Mrs. Pickard found her calling for teaching later in life than most. When her son began primary school, she volunteered in his classroom and fell in love with helping children. Even though Mrs. Pickard already possessed a Business Degree, her passion for teaching brought her back to school so that she could earn a degree in Early Childhood Education. Her educational background, passion for teaching, and ability to speak three languages make her among Northwest Florida's finest educators. Education is more than just teaching—it is about inspiring. Mrs. Pickard exemplifies this mantra. When she teaches, Mrs. Pickard bestows in her students that anything is attainable and through hard work, success is always within reach.

Mrs. Pickard attributes her excellence in the classroom to multiple factors with most importance accredited to her family and her church. Her dedication to the Northwest Florida Community, her family, and the First Baptist Church is certainly admirable.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Justina Pickard on her achievement and contributions in the Walton County School District. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mrs. Pickard, and we wish her all the best.

PROTECTING INVESTMENT IN OIL
SHALES THE NEXT GENERATION
OF ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY,
AND RESOURCE SECURITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3408) to set clear rules for the development of United States oil shale resources, to promote shale technology research and development, and for other purposes:

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the surface transportation bill before the House of Representatives this week and the partisan and contorted process the Republican Leadership is using to ram this bill through the House.

For as long as I have served in the House, transportation bills have always been bipartisan. That's because every one of our states confront unmet transportation needs, and infrastructure investments are critical to jobs, economic growth, and competitiveness.

But this bill throws bipartisanship out the window. Secretary of Transportation LaHood—himself a former Republican House Member from Illinois—recently said that this is, and I quote, “the most partisan transportation bill that I have ever seen.” Secretary LaHood also declared that this is “the worst transportation bill I've seen during 35 years of public service.” That's quite an indictment coming from a man who is respected on both sides of the aisle.

Some of our constituents may be watching and wondering why Speaker BOEHNER decided to take the transportation package and divide it into three separate bills. The reality is that the bill probably can't pass as a single, stand-alone piece of legislation. So the Leadership has broken the bill into pieces that will move separately through the House. Later, the clerk will be directed to sew all the pieces back into one bill and it will be deemed passed without a single member of the House voting for it.

Today we're considering the portion of the bill that opens up vast swaths of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, as well as the Eastern Gulf of Mexico and the pristine Arctic Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. The bill also approves the controversial Keystone Pipeline and there is not even a guarantee that any of the oil that it transports to the Gulf of Mexico will remain in the country to benefit Americans. What does handing out more goodies to the oil companies have to do with transportation policy? The oil industry made record profits last year. They don't need the special interest provisions contained in this bill.

Although this portion of the transportation package is not before the House today, I want to state my complete opposition to the provision of the larger package that undercuts mass transit. This provision undermines the very structure of the highway trust fund by eliminating guaranteed funding for transit and replacing it with monies from the general fund. The loss of dedicated revenue will make it impossible for public transit systems across the country to plan for long-term investments. I will

continue to strongly support efforts to correct this unnecessary and harmful attack on mass transit.

I urge defeat of the bill before the House. We need to go back to the drawing board and craft a bipartisan transportation bill.

TRIBUTE TO JORIE DANIELS
STEADMAN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a constituent who was a faithful supporter, and tremendous neighbor, and a fantastic elementary school teacher to two of my three daughters. Mrs. Jorie Daniels Steadman passed away on December 4, 2011, but her remarkable spirit lives on in all those whose lives she touched including my own.

Jorie Daniels Steadman was a South Carolina native; the daughter of the late Joe and Louckriser Daniels. She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Columbia, South Carolina and attended Benedict College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education, with a minor in Music. She completed a Master's degree in Education from Indiana University. She was awarded a cosmetology teaching certificate from Florida A&M University. Additional studies were conducted at the University of South Carolina and Columbia College.

She began her 40-year teaching career at Crossroads Elementary. She also taught at Florence C. Benson, Hand Middle School, and W.G. Sanders Middle School in Columbia, South Carolina, where she taught my two youngest daughters, Jennifer and Angela. She also inspired students at Lemon Elementary School, in Marietta, Georgia; Washington High School, Atlanta, GA; and Butler School, Barnwell, South Carolina. After retirement, she guided young minds at V.V. Reid School.

Ms. Steadman became a licensed cosmetologist in 1952. She perfected her craft in several salons before opening Jorie's Beauty Salon in 1959. Jorie had hundreds of clients from professional women to pre-school children. Her appointment book was always full and she never turned customers away. Jorie also shared her talents in the cosmetology industry by writing a weekly column, Beauty Tips, in the Palmetto Times to inspire and motivate young women to be beautiful on the inside and the outside.

She was a political activist in the Greenview neighborhood we shared. She served on the House District 73 Development Council, the Farrow Terrace-Farrow Hills Community Organization, and the Greenview Senior Citizens Club. She also was a precinct worker at my home precinct at Greenview Park. Her other memberships included the North Columbia Civic Club, the Eau Claire Community Council, the Booker T. Washington Alumni Club, the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus Associate, the American Association of University Women, the National Education Association, the South Carolina Education Association, the Richland County Education Association, and the Richland County Education Association-Retired.

After retirement, Jorie devoted time to her alma mater. She was a member of the Bene-

dict College Alumni Club #2, the Benedict College National Alumni Club, the Benedict College Booster Club, and served as the past president of the Benedict College Parent Advisory Council. She could often be found at Benedict College football games encouraging alumni to support her beloved school “where the golden sunshine falls.”

She was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Baptist Church and was actively involved in the Gethsemane Baptist Association Women's Auxiliary and Young People's Christian Assembly. Jorie served as the past president of the Trustee Wives Ministry, past president of Senior Missionary Society, and past president and secretary of the Jubilee Choir. As an accomplished musician, Jorie also served as organist and choir director in churches throughout the Midlands. She offered faithful service at Zion Benevolent Baptist, Veighle Chapel Baptist Church, Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, Second Nazareth Baptist Church, and Antioch Baptist Church.

In 1969, she married to Lee Vince Steadman, with whom she shared 42 years of marriage. The couple had three children: LaVerne Steadman, Melita Steadman Williams, and Lee Vince Steadman, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Jorie Daniels Steadman. This ordinary citizen did extraordinary things that impacted so many people in her community. She was an extraordinary example of how one person can make a tremendous difference through their service to others. Jorie will be sorely missed, but her legacy lives on in each of those whose lives she affected in a positive way.

HONORING DAVE WOOD: INDUCTEE
TO THE CATTLE FEEDERS HALL
OF FAME

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Dave Wood for being inducted into the Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame. Dave has been a pioneer and true leader for the Cattle Industry for the past 40 years. It is fitting that a man who has dedicated his whole life to bettering an industry be recognized by his peers.

Dave has worked for Harris Ranch since he graduated from Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo in 1970. Originally hired on as a feedyard pen rider, Dave quickly worked his way up to the feedyard manager and then the company's chief operating officer. In 1989, Dave was named chairman of beef operations for Harris Farms and has held that position ever since.

During his time with the company, Dave has helped to build Harris Feed Company into the largest feeder on the West Coast and the 16th largest in the Nation. Annually they finish about 250,000 head of cattle, with a one-time capacity of 120,000 head. Under Dave's leadership, the company has taken great pride in its animal welfare. Harris Feed Company has invested in the installation of shade structures and automated sprinkler systems to control dust and to help keep the cattle cool.

Maintaining his unwavering devotion to excellence, Dave worked to ensure that Harris