

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christopher Morgan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE  
LEAGUE OF SAN MATEO COUNTY

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Service League of San Mateo County which for a half-century has provided services and created hope for thousands of county jail inmates and their families. The compassionate volunteers and staff work tirelessly to make certain inmates and former inmates have access to programs, services and support networks they need to re-enter the community as contributing citizens and responsible family members.

Every day the Service League helps individuals who have lost their way get a step closer to productive lives and benefits our entire community by reducing criminal activity and recidivism. I am privileged to be a member of the Advisory Board of this great organization.

Under the outstanding leadership of executive director Mike Nevin, the Service League continues to offer a broad range of programs covering humanitarian, educational, substance abuse, recovery, spiritual and personal growth services. While some of the needs of inmates may seem obvious, such as contact with attorneys, probation officers and employers, the Service League also the less obvious needs. The "Jury Trial Clothes" program, for example, levels the playing field for inmates who are unable to afford clothing suitable for court appearances, jail procedures, or facility programs. The Service League solicits donations and dresses inmates for trial. "Inmate Orientations" are held twice weekly to provide information to newly-jailed individuals about the correctional process and facility programs, such as AA, NA, and church services. "Outreach to Families" of inmates provides friendly support, referral, advocacy and emergency assistance. The County Office of Education offers GED tutoring and testing at some facilities and the Service League supports this effort by training volunteers to tutor inmates one on one.

The Service League also operates six Hope Houses, two residential homes for women, two transitional homes for women and two transitional homes for men. Those facilities truly live up to their name! Karen Francone-Hart, director of the Service League, started the first six-bed Hope House in 1990. Thinking back to that time, Karen reflects that "each day, each step reminded me of nurturing a new infant."

Hope Houses provide a 180-day residential treatment program for women who are involved in the criminal justice program. These women are prepared to become responsible, productive and independent members of the community while living in a safe, nurturing and clean environment. After completing the 180-day treatment program, the women are allowed to move into a transitional living program—Hope House II—as long as they stay employed or are attending school. The suc-

cess of this program speaks for itself: 85% of the women who complete the program are reunited with their children, 70% remain clean, sober and crime free and 60% become gainfully employed.

Diane Joiner is one of the women who found her path through Hope House. While she was in jail, she participated in the "Hope Inside" program, a group led by the Hope House staff. When she was released, she sought residential treatment at a Hope House. She graduated from the 180-day program and is now happily employed by Goodwill Industries where she received a promotion shortly after being hired. Diane was given a second chance, regained her life and is now a proud, productive member of our community.

Mr. Speaker, the volunteers and staff of the Service League of San Mateo County recognize the humanity in every single member of our society. I ask this body to rise with me to honor their passion to build a better tomorrow for all of us.

COMMEMORATING THE UNVEILING  
OF STONE MARKER ACKNOWLEDGING  
THE ROLE OF ENSLAVED AFRICAN AMERICANS  
IN CONSTRUCTING THE CAPITOL  
OF THE UNITED STATES

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, today we honor enslaved African Americans with the unveiling of this great stone and marker once quarried by them for The Capitol of the United States. This dedicated marker will serve as a reminder to all who enter The Capitol of the hands and hearts that built this great place that fosters democracy at the highest level.

I include a poem penned in honor of those enslaved African Americans by Albert Caswell. The poem is entitled,

AND FROM THESE HANDS

And . . .  
And from these hands . . .  
As now so stands  
A Temple to Liberty so very grand  
One of Freedom, for every child, woman, and man  
From these hands  
For out of their blood, sweat, and tears  
As upon this Hill as now so appears  
Is but a shrine to democracy so very clear  
From these hands  
Whether Captain Pointer, pointing the way  
Guiding those ships,  
As upon them this most sacred marble and stone so lay  
Or at the very top,  
How poignant, Reid so helped Freedom to keep watch  
Now both night and day  
So listen so closely here,  
As to heart speaks so clear  
Of what it took to build this great temple here  
And To Be Free  
Much effort and sacrifice indeed  
And as you enter your heart skips a beat  
Into the great Rotunda at night, as like a prayer  
Can you but not feel their very souls in there?  
All because these fine men, who once so per-severed

Oh how ironic as was this fate  
That this Temple of Freedom,  
Was so once built by slaves!  
From . . . These . . . Hands . . . which gave!  
As their souls are so now etched everywhere  
But look at what they so made

As generations have so come to pass  
And new hands in this temple have labored  
steadfast

All in our nation's struggle to so ask  
The ones, who have so fought against hatred  
so clear

Trying to vanquish discrimination year after year

Can you but not feel Martin's tears?  
And today, if they could all be here  
Would they but not so shed a tear?  
All at what they so see here

So say a prayer, and all of these  
Who but with their hands and hearts,  
And souls so built this great Temple of Liberty

The ones who so placed this great stone  
All in that fight  
All in Freedom's home,  
So one day we could all be here  
Free

So on this day  
This marker of remembrance we now place  
All for what they so taught us,  
So gave

As we see their great efforts all etched into this stone

They made

Like quarried stone, Freedom too does not come so easy!

Only through such blood, sweat, and tears can this all be!

In our lives, what have we made  
From . . . these . . . hands . . .

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, during final consideration of H.R. 347, the Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act of 2011, I inadvertently voted "nay" on rollcall vote 73 when I intended to vote "aye". I would like the record to reflect that I support the bill, which creates sensible penalties for knowingly breaching the security of locations such as the White House and its grounds.

IN RECOGNITION OF RICK WYKOFF

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Foster City Councilmember Rick Wykoff for his decades of public service on the occasion of his retirement on December 5, 2011. He served on the City Council for the last ten years and was city manager from 1977–1994.

I have known Rick for over 30 years and have witnessed his dedication to, and passion for, our community. He thrived in the many positions he has held over the years throughout California.

Foster City is extraordinarily fortunate that Rick offered his experience as city manager, his wisdom and talent to the city council for

the last decade. On his watch, the council oversaw multiple public and private development projects, among them the building of City Hall, the Teen Centre Vibe, the North Peninsula Jewish Community Center, the redevelopment of Miramar and Marlin Cove and the redevelopment of the Gilead Science Campus, the Pilgrim/Triton and Chess/Hatch projects. Everyone in Foster City has benefitted from Rick's outstanding work.

Rick was born in Sacramento. He earned his Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Public Administration from San Diego State University and the University of Southern California respectively.

Before attending college, Rick worked as a beach life guard for the United States Coast Guard from 1960–64. While attending San Diego State University, he became an administrative intern in Oceanside in San Diego County in February 1968. That was clearly where he caught the public service bug. The same year Rick became the administrative assistant to the city manager of Yorba Linda in Orange County where he stayed for two years. From 1970–73, he was assistant manager and administrative assistant in Buena Park, Orange County, until he became the manager for this city of 62,000 residents.

In 1977 Rick moved north to the San Francisco Peninsula to assume his position as city manager of Foster City. He successfully dealt with past political and administrative turmoil and put in place a professional team that managed the needs of the city. Rick also served as manager of the Estero Municipal Improvement District and as executive director to the Redevelopment Agency.

From 1994–95, he served as interim public works director of South San Francisco where he oversaw a freeway interchange and railroad grade separation. He returned to the department in 1997 as a special Projects coordinator. The same year he became interim director of Community Redevelopment in Morgan Hill and acting public works director in Daly City. During his time in Daly City, Mother Nature presented Rick with a special challenge: an "El Nino" that year with heavy rains, wind and mudslides made his work overseeing streets and storm drains no picnic, but of course he saw the city through this most difficult of times.

From 1999–2000, Rick served as interim public works director in San Bruno. He was deeply involved in the negotiations regarding the BART station and the extension of underground lines through the city.

Rick has also served on the boards of directors of numerous organizations including the Industrial Emergency Council, the ABAG Plan Corp., the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency and the San Mateo County Advance Life Support Joint Powers Authority. Additionally he has 30 years of experience as a volunteer fire fighter.

Rick married his wife Judie 48 years ago and they raised two children, Carey and Dennis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to honor the work of Rick Wykoff, my friend and an extraordinary public servant who has improved the lives of tens of thousands of Californians.

## HONORING THE LOS ANGELES SELECTS HOCKEY PEEWEE AAA TEAM

### HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the members of the Los Angeles Selects Hockey Peewee AAA team for winning the prestigious Peewee World Championship Tournament in Quebec on February 19, 2012. In the 53-year history of the tournament, this accomplishment marks the first time that a California team has won the event at the highest level of competition.

The L.A. Selects defeated the Vancouver North Shore Hockey Club in the championship game tournament by a score of 4–2 in hockey's equivalent of the Little League World Series. The Selects defeated teams from Russia, Slovakia, Detroit and Canada on their way to the title.

Over 100 teams comprised of 12- and 13-year old hockey players and representing 14 countries competed in the event. Over 10,000 people watched the championship game that took place in the Quebec Colisee, home of the former NHL Quebec Nordiques. Many NHL stars, such as Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux, played in this tournament as youngsters. Since 1960, the Quebec tournament is the pinnacle of hockey competition where nearly 200,000 hockey fans attend the twelve-day event.

The L.A. Selects Peewee AAA Championship Roster included constituents from my district as well as a number of other high caliber players from the surrounding area: Cooper Haar (Huntington Beach), Jordan Bonner (Huntington Beach), Brett Rudy (Huntington Beach), Dexter Russo (Laguna Beach), Cayla Barnes (Corona), Jacob McGrew (Orange), Jack St. Ivany (Manhattan Beach), Vanya Lodnia (Anaheim), Cole Guttman (Northridge), Brandon McDonald (Valencia), Rhett Bruckner (Las Vegas), Brannon McManus (Upland), Nikolai Gruzdev (Valencia), Jesse Lycan (Escondido), Lukas Uhler (Upland).

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I submit the following article, from Youth1.com about the team and the tournament.

LA SELECTS WIN QUEBEC INTERNATIONAL PEEWEE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

(By Dan Lio)

The No. 5 LA Selects rebounded from their opening game loss to win five straight games en route to capturing the tournament title at the 53rd Annual Quebec International Peewee Hockey Tournament, a tournament that lasted over a week long.

In their opening game on Monday, the Selects gave up a 3rd period lead, falling 3–2 to the St. Louis Blues. After the loss, their offense was in full force in their next game last Wednesday as they defeated Bratislava 14–0. In the win the Selects received hat tricks from three different players, including Jake McGrew, Cole Guttman and Vanya Lodnia. Also scoring in the win were Cayla Barnes, Brannon McManus, Jesse Lycan, Lukas Uhler and Brett Rudy. The Selects were back in action the following day to take on No. 4 ranked Compuware. In a well-played game by both team the Selects defeated Compuware 3–2 behind two goals from McManus and one from Guttman. Picking up the win inbetween the pipes was Rhett

Bruckner. The Selects blew out Russia Forward in their next game, defeating them 8–1. Offensively, McManus led the way with four goals and one assist, while Guttman pitched in with two goals and an assist. Both Jake McGrew and Cooper Haar also found the back of the net in the win, while goalie Brandon McDonald picked up his second win of the tournament.

The Selects battled the Whitby Wildcats in their next game, with the winner advancing to the championship game. It was all Selects from the get go as they eventually took home the 6–2 win. In the win they received goals from six different players, including McGrew, Lodnia, Guttman, Haar, Lycan and Jordan Bonner.

In the championship game the Selects took on the previously undefeated North Shore Winter Club. In a total team effort, the Selects were able to double up North Shore, taking home the 4–2 victory to win the championship. Brannon McManus and Vanya Lodnia each had two goals and an assist in the win, while Jake McGrew and Cayla Barnes each pitched in with an assist. Playing phenomenal in net was Rhett Bruckner as he picked up his third straight win.

Congratulations to all members of the team, including coaches Shawn Pitcher, Greg Chinarian, Andrew Cohen, Igor Nikulin, Barry McManus and players Brandon McDonald, Rhett Bruckner, Jack St. Ivany, Jake McGrew, Vanya Lodnia, Dexter Russo, Cole Guttman, Jordan Bonner, Cayla Barnes, Brannon McManus, Cooper Haar, Nikolai Gruzdev, Jesse Lycan, Lukas Uhler and Brett Rudy.

## CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3630, MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

### HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2012

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, on February 24, 2012, Rep. FRED UPTON, the Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, inserted into the record a section-by-section discussion of the spectrum provisions in H.R. 3630, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. This is a one-sided and after-the-fact attempt to influence interpretation of the Act by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and reviewing courts. Although there are a number of inaccuracies in the section-by-section analysis, Rep. UPTON's commentary on section 6404, which adds a new paragraph 17 to section 309(j) of the Communications Act addressing participation in auctions, is particularly egregious.

Rep. UPTON made two unsuccessful attempts prior to the passage of this legislation to have the conferees adopt his views on the consensus language in section 6404. First, on February 15, 2012, Rep. UPTON's staff proposed that language be inserted into the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Conference Committee stating that a "full spectrum of bidders" must be allowed to buy spectrum in incentive auctions. The conferees rejected this suggested language. In particular, it did not reflect the provision in the final bill that preserved the authority of the FCC to adopt rules that protect competition in any market, such as by requiring carriers that win licenses at auction to divest spectrum.