

and the Interstate and International Cooperation Committees. As a member of the House, Representative Stevenson has fought tirelessly for economic justice, earning him many distinguished accolades, including: the Service to Labor Award from the Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor, the Legislative Achievement Award from Indiana University Northwest, the Legislative Award from the Indiana Library Federation, and the Legislator of the Year Award from the Indiana Association of Police Chiefs.

While his constituents will miss his dedicated leadership, I am certain that Dan will treasure the additional time he will get to spend with his beloved wife, Dawn; his children, Michelle, Lola Ann, and Dan, Jr.; and his adoring grandchildren, Erik, Karen, Austin, and Ethan.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Indiana State Representative Dan Stevenson for his dedicated life of service. Dan's tireless efforts on behalf of those he represented is worthy of our admiration, and it has been a pleasure to work with him throughout his years in office.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF REVEREND GWENDOLYN BOYD

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Gwendolyn Boyd, a community leader, humanitarian and a woman of faith, whose legacy continues to enrich the lives of the people around her. Her dedicated community service has brought professionalism and compassion to every endeavor she has so graciously undertaken. Her dedication and commitment to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the public is the reason for this recognition and celebration.

Rev. Boyd served as the 22nd National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., from 2000–2004. She accomplished many things during her time as president including the building of a home for AIDS orphans in Swaziland, establishing the Delta Computer Training Center in Lesotho and establishing the Leadership DELTA training program. Also, she established project SEE, which promotes the learning of math and science for middle school African American girls.

Rev. Boyd is the perfect example of someone who continues to make a difference, as she has never backed away from a challenge that helps her community or those in need. Her imprint can be found in such worthy initiatives as Children's Research Institute, Children's National Medical Center and Education Across the Miles. She is also responsible for the coordination of HBCU initiatives.

As the first African American to earn a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Yale University, Rev. Boyd championed issues and worked for solutions. Over the years her stature continues to grow as she is an active member on numerous boards, foundations and committees. Her admirable work is as diversified as her many interests, resulting in a positive impact on the community and greater quality of life.

Rev. Gwendolyn Boyd demonstrates in her everyday actions and words that determination is the pathway to success. She is an ordained itinerant elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She earned her Master's of Divinity degree with honors from Howard University and she serves as the Executive Minister for Church Operations at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church in Fort Washington, Maryland.

Rev. Boyd has dedicated numerous hours to developing and enriching the lives of our youth. She was nominated by President Obama and served on the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. She is an advocate for young people interested in careers in the engineering, science, and math fields. Rev. Gwendolyn Boyd is a passionate, energetic and highly motivated individual and her public speaking has inspired many.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting Reverend Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd, a distinguished ambassador for human rights, a role model for our youth and a true heroine for all of America. I salute her for a lifetime of achievement, and am both proud and honored to call her my friend. Thank you, Rev. Boyd, for all you have done, and for all you contribute to our lives.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,566,570,829,745.94. We've added \$4,939,693,780,832.86 to our debt in 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

REMEMBERING MARGARET KUCHTA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness and great respect that I take this time to remember one of Northwest Indiana's most beloved citizens, former Hobart Mayor Margaret Kuchta. Mayor Kuchta, who was very much committed to making improvements within the City of Hobart and improving the quality of life for its residents, devoted a lifetime of service to her community. Margaret was very well known throughout Northwest Indiana and will truly be missed. Margaret passed away on Thursday, February 23, 2012, but her legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of those she served.

Margaret Kuchta's service in an official capacity began when she was elected clerk-treasurer for the City of Hobart, a position she held from 1976 to 1987. Margaret then served as Hobart's first elected female mayor from 1988 to 1991. Following her tenure as mayor,

Mrs. Kuchta remained an active member of the community and later served as councilwoman for the fifth district from 1996 to 2000, as well as a member of the Hobart Township Board from 2002 to 2010. At the time of Mrs. Kuchta's election to the city council, she established her place in Hobart's history as the only person to hold all three elected offices: council member, clerk-treasurer, and mayor. Mrs. Kuchta was also a part of many other organizations and boards, dedicating her life to making a difference in the lives of others. Mrs. Kuchta is remembered as a great leader and committed volunteer, but many also recall her as a mentor and trusted political advisor.

When I began my public career I had few resources and minimal chances of success. Margaret did not care, and her encouragement, tireless effort, and strong public support in the face of great opposition is one reason I am able to address you today as a Member of Congress.

The kindness Margaret showed to me as a friend is illustrative of her caring heart and lifetime of devotion to improving the lives of others; sometimes very privately for one individual or family, sometimes very publicly for many, but always selflessly. Each of us, our community, and our nation, are enriched because Margaret Kuchta walked among us.

Margaret is survived by her beloved sons: Robert, Richard, and Michael. She also leaves behind seven beautiful grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and many other dear friends and family.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in remembering the great life of Mrs. Margaret Kuchta. Her dedication to the people of her community and the city of Hobart is inspirational and most worthy of our admiration and Northwest Indiana will forever be grateful for all that she has done.

TRIBUTE TO REV. GEORGE ST. ANGELO

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Rev. George St. Angelo, a resident of the state of Illinois, who dedicated his life to being a civil rights and social justice advocate.

In 1955, St. Angelo was the first chaplain at North Central College where he encouraged discussion of social justice issues by inviting a variety of important speakers to the college's campus. These speakers included "Freedom Ride" organizer and Committee on Racial Equality founder James Farmer, Morehouse College President Benjamin Mays, and St. Angelo's good friend Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Despite local opposition, two weeks after the first historic voting rights march that ended in the "Bloody Sunday" beating of citizens in Alabama, St. Angelo took a group of students from the suburban Chicago college to participate in the third Selma to Montgomery voting rights march, which ended at the state capitol with Dr. King's "How Long, Not Long" speech.

I have profound respect for St. Angelo's devotion to the civil rights movement. He dedicated his life to service and remained personally involved in promoting intercultural understanding until his death.

Thank you, Rev. George St. Angelo, for remaining steadfast in the fight for voter equality in this country. The people of Michigan, and all of those who you helped and fought for, will always remember your kindness, courage, and dedication to this just cause.

CELEBRATING THE GIRL SCOUTS
OF AMERICA 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Girl Scouts of America on reaching your 100th Anniversary. This is truly a great organization that is dedicated to enriching the lives of girls across the globe. For over a century, the Girl Scouts have promoted strong and successful girls and helped them along the way to becoming proud and prominent women.

New Hampshire is proud to have the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains teach our young ladies new and varied skills from archery and camping, to engineering and banking. With the well rounded merit badge system and great role models, many of these girls discover and explore techniques they would otherwise miss. Our communities have been immeasurably impacted by the good deeds the scouts do while earning badges and working toward the highest achievement of the Gold Award, and I commend them for their great success and the influence they have had on the public.

I congratulate the Girl Scouts of America for their continued dedication and leadership to the girls of our nation and the Granite State. I wish you all the best for continued success in the future.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to honor Women's History Month and its 2012 theme: Women's Education and Empowerment. Recently, President Barack Obama once again called upon Americans to observe Women's History Month and to celebrate the many contributions and accomplishments of American women throughout our nation's history. During this month, we are also reminded of the many struggles women have faced in search of equality.

The remarkable dedication and strength of influential women from not only the United States but from around the world has shaped today's current state of freedom and equality for every woman. They have played an irreplaceable role in changing our country for the better. In our nation's history, we have fine examples of courageous women who, in the face of tremendous opposition, have paved the way to success, freedom, and equality. We are reminded of women like Elizabeth Cady Stanton,

a leading figure in the Women's Rights Movement, Susan B. Anthony, the great leader who helped introduce women's suffrage in the United States, and Sojourner Truth, the women's rights activist and abolitionist who would not be silenced because of her race or gender. These exceptional women paved the way for great leaders such as Jeanette Rankin, the peaceful Montana native who would become the first woman to serve in the United States Congress, and Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

These pioneering figures, as well as many other brave women throughout the United States and beyond, have brought to light the struggle for human rights. Throughout history in America, women have faced enormous obstacles with regard to educational opportunities. Although it was once an unimaginable statistic, in American colleges and universities today, women outnumber men in overall enrollment. Reflecting upon the 2012 Women's History Month theme, Women's Education and Empowerment, it is fitting that we pay tribute to all of the great leaders in the movement to ensure that the opportunity to learn is an opportunity for all. If these individuals had not stood up for what is right, many of the great advances brought about by women in the fields of medicine, business, law, and science, to name a few, would never have become realities. Today, thanks to the outstanding examples that have been set for them in the past, many proud women are empowered to continue their fight.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join in celebrating Women's History Month and to recognize the tremendous contributions women have made to improve the lives of generations to follow. In search of equality, these brave women have carried on to create an influential legacy unlike any other. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in remembering the countless women that have persevered and those who continue to do so today. They are worthy of the highest praise. We will continue to move forward in our nation and our world due to their dreams of, and struggles for, equality and freedom for women everywhere.

HONORING MAXINE KORTUM
DURNEY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Maxine Kortum Durney, who passed away on January 24, 2012, at her home in Petaluma, California. Durney was a lifelong naturalist, a leader in the Sonoma County conservation movement, and a tireless advocate for the unique natural environment that makes our region such a special place to live.

Durney was born in Santa Cruz in 1921 and raised in Petaluma, a community to which she returned regularly even after her family and career took her elsewhere across Northern California. After studying at Santa Rosa Junior College and UC Berkeley, Durney became a librarian at Petaluma Public Library. She later worked in libraries in Red Bluff, Fremont, and

Santa Rosa, where she developed her passion for local history, and public service, and the preservation of our natural heritage.

In 1972, Durney was recruited by her brother, Dr. Bill Kortum, into an active role in the campaign for California's Proposition 20. The successful Proposition led to the establishment of the California Coastal Commission and a landmark change in our approach to conservation and development in threatened public spaces. Durney's work was vital in the hard-fought victory, and in ushering in a new era for environmentalism in California.

Durney brought the same attention to her work locally, where she was instrumental in cleaning up creeks and watersheds, and in engaging the public to better appreciate and care for our shared resources. In her role on the board of the Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District, Durney also demonstrated a collaborative approach to environmental stewardship. She understood that everyone has a stake in sustainable water and land management, and she made a particular effort to share that message with Sonoma County youth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing a woman who has made immense contributions to our environment. Maxine Kortum Durney's legacy lives on in the revitalized watersheds and wild California coastline that will be treasured by generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF
TOBY AND DIANNE MILLER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 50th wedding anniversary of Toby and Dianne Miller. This event will take place on March 13th.

Toby and Dianne were married in Buchanan, Georgia on March 13, 1962, and have three children, Hugh Dudley Miller, II, Alesia Miller Sherrow and Patrick Dean Miller. They have also been blessed with eight grandchildren.

Toby and Dianne first met on at Sunday afternoon at a local restaurant in Anniston, Alabama, The Goal Post. Toby attended school in Oxford and Dianne attended Anniston High.

In 1970, Toby and Dianne established Miller Funeral Home. In 1972, Congressman Bill Nichols selected Toby to be Oxford's Outstanding Young Man of the Year.

Toby also organized the Oxford Rescue Squad which operated out of the funeral home. It is the only independently owned and operated funeral home in Calhoun County. In 2010, Miller Funeral Home was awarded Calhoun County's Sustaining Business Award. Dianne Miller operated Miller Florist which was founded in 1983.

I salute this lovely couple on the 50th year of their life together and join their friends and family in honoring them on this special occasion.