

Reed Elsevier for over 25 years. During his tenure, Mr. Horbaczewski has been a key participant in many of the transformative events that have built Reed Elsevier into one of the world's leading publishing and information companies. Mr. Horbaczewski played a key role in the acquisitions of LexisNexis, Matthew Bender, Variety, and other businesses that have helped to grow Reed Elsevier into a world-class company. Today, Reed Elsevier has over 30,000 employees in over 200 locations worldwide. Reed Elsevier's LexisNexis business has its roots in Ohio, with nearly 3,000 employees in the state and around 65 employees in the Seventh Congressional District where LexisNexis, a key data center, is located.

Henry Horbaczewski has been a vocal proponent for the strong protection of intellectual property rights. He is a recognized leader in the area of copyright law and has worked across business sectors to promote the strong enforcement of intellectual property rights that fuel creativity and innovation and help our country remain strong.

Mr. Horbaczewski's contributions extend beyond Reed Elsevier. He has been a strong advocate for human rights and has worked tirelessly to promote the Rule of Law around the world. Mr. Horbaczewski has made significant contributions in the area of human rights and has worked to protect basic rights for all individuals, and ensure the fair and equal enforcement of laws. In 2011, Mr. Horbaczewski was honored for his contributions in the human rights area by Humanity in Action, an international organization dedicated to promoting human rights around the world.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Horbaczewski on his many accomplishments, and thanking him for the significant contributions he has made in protecting human rights, promoting the protection of intellectual property rights, and advancing the Rule of Law around the globe.

HONORING DIANNE JACKSON

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a stalwart champion for New York's working families. After more than 27 years of service to the residents of Cooper Park Houses, Dianne Jackson is retiring. Through her decades of service, she has made countless contributions, improving not just Cooper Park Houses, but the surrounding Williamsburg community.

Throughout her nearly three decades of service, Dianne has been an unwavering voice for some of the most vulnerable members of our City. As President of the Cooper Park Resident Council, she advocated for tenants' rights on a range of issues—from fighting to ensure buildings are repaired and maintained to pushing for more green space and ensuring the local community is consulted when development decisions affect the residents.

A graduate of the Neighborhood Women's College Program at LaGuardia Community College, Dianne's career is characterized by a tireless commitment to helping others. In addition to serving as President of the Cooper

Park Resident Council, she was one of the founding members of the Center for Elimination of Violence in the Family. Today, that organization houses up to 1,000 women and children, each year, providing a helping hand to members of our community most in need of assistance.

In addition to her tireless advocacy and work in the community, Dianne overcame personal struggles, as well. A cancer survivor, she exhibited the perseverance, resolve and toughness to not only recover, but remain a driving force for positive change in Brooklyn.

Mr. Speaker, one would be hard pressed to find a better example of how one person can make a difference improving their community, city and society, overall. Dianne Jackson should be commended for her years of service. I wish her only the best for an enjoyable, well-earned retirement.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF WALTER T. MAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and in memory of Mr. Walter T. May, a former Captain with the Cleveland Police Department and president of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 8.

Walter was born on December 11, 1958 in Cleveland, Ohio to his parents, Walter "Matt" E. and Sally May. He graduated from St. Joseph High School and later attended Cleveland State University.

Walter was appointed to the Cleveland Division of Police on February 9, 1987 and served for more than 25 years. He worked as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant and was promoted to the rank of Captain in 2000. In March 2006, Walter was appointed Commander of Community Policing.

In addition to his career, he was the president of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 8 which serves its members as the labor representative for the supervisors of the Cleveland Division of Police. Walter was also an active member of the Retired Irish Police Society and Anchor Club Branch 17.

I offer my most sincere condolences to his wife, Terry; son, Jake; sister, Patty; nephew, Chris, many nieces and nephews; and his canine companion, Maggie May.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Mr. Walter T. May, who served his community with honor and dedication.

IN MEMORY OF DONALD E. GIRDLER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my most trusted advisors and one of southern Kentucky's most savvy political strategists, Donnie Girdler.

Donnie proudly served Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District as my field representa-

tive for nearly a quarter of a century. With sheer tenacity and courage of conviction, Donnie played a key role in orchestrating new opportunities and projects for southern and eastern Kentucky. However, it was his passion for politics that many sought during campaigns. Donnie's political insight was invaluable to local, state and federal leaders across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In fact, he became acquainted with five U.S. Presidents and assisted with presidential elections. Donnie befriended people from all walks of life and had a keen perception of character.

As a former U.S. Marine and a former Commonwealth's Detective, Donnie was a man of integrity and loyalty. He pledged his life to his country, his home region and especially his family. My wife Cynthia and I extend our deepest heartfelt sympathies to the Girdler family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a dear friend and a true patriot, the late Donnie Girdler.

IN MEMORY OF RANDY RHOADS

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of Randy Rhoads, a close personal friend to my wife Janice and me, who passed unexpectedly and way too young.

Randy was only 52, but he packed a lot of life in those years. He managed the family business, Green Acres Market in Simi Valley, California, which his parents, Dick and Brenda, bought in 1968. Randy worked there as a young teen sweeping up and doing other odd chores, and after graduating high school told his dad it was the only place he wanted to work.

Over the years, Randy's winning smile greeted thousands of customers who came in for the market's fresh meat, produce, and breads. Many of those who landed their first job at Green Acres were trained and mentored by Randy, and they became lifelong friends.

Randy believed in helping the less fortunate and was a big contributor to the MANNA Conejo Valley Food Bank and Simi Valley Care & Share Food Bank, even storing food for them at times in the grocery's refrigerator. One of the last philanthropic events he worked on was the Elton Gallegly & Friends Operation Toy Drop 2011 at Naval Base Ventura County in December. He supplied the 400 hams that went with bicycles, toys, and other food to thank military spouses and children of deployed, formerly deployed, or soon-to-be-deployed service members, who must endure long periods without a loved one.

When Randy wasn't at the store or caring for the less fortunate, he enjoyed camping, barbecuing, fishing wherever there was a stream, riding his motorcycle, playing poker, and being with his family.

Randy had a quotation hanging over his work bench at home. It read: "It doesn't matter where you go in life . . . What you do . . . Or how much you have . . . It's who you have beside you."

Those of us who had Randy beside us are very grateful to have known him and to have shared our lives with him.

Randy leaves behind his parents and Janice and my friends for more than 40 years, Dick

and Brenda; his wife, Gina; their two daughters, Ashton and Brandie; sister, Julie; Julie's children, Tisa, Rachelle, and Ryan; and hundreds of friends.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in remembering Randy Rhoads, in thanking him for his many gifts to others, and in sending our condolences to his family and friends. Godspeed, Randy.

RECOGNIZING CSM STEPHEN BLAKE

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Stephen Blake, Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command. Today CSM Blake is retiring after 30 years of service to the U.S. Army and our country.

CSM Blake has served with distinction throughout his career. He has completed multiple overseas tours including combat tours in Southwest Asia during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and a tour in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He has earned numerous awards and decorations.

During his time at ASC Headquarters at Rock Island Arsenal, CSM Blake and his wife Karen have been tremendous ambassadors for the Army to communities throughout Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. They have opened their home and generously shared their time. The Quad City region is a better place because they are in it.

Since CSM Blake arrived at Rock Island Arsenal in 2008 I have observed and admired his service to soldiers, military families, and our community. I've seen him embrace and support Gold Star Families. He has mentored community leaders including my own staff. Through his words and actions he consistently demonstrates compassion for others. He does what all of us are called to do: help each other.

Congratulations to CSM Blake and the entire Blake family. We are grateful for your service.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300–132, the national debt was \$4,801,405,175,294.28.

Today, it is \$15,236,288,061,558.65. We've added \$10,434,882,886,264.37 dollars to our debt in 16 years. This is \$10 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

GOVERNOR BILL JANKLOW

HON. KRISTI L. NOEM

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mrs. NOEM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the passing of Governor Bill Janklow, who served the state of South Dakota with great dedication and resolve. His persistence and ambition to achieve great things for South Dakota were truly one of a kind. My family's thoughts and prayers go out to Mary Dean and the rest of Governor Janklow's family during this difficult time. He was a passionate advocate for our State and will be missed.

Because I will be attending his funeral service today, I will not be present for the vote on H.J. Res. 98, which states the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit. If present, I would have voted "yes" in favor of the resolution.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR. DONALD L. FERFOLIA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor of the memory of Mr. Donald Louis Ferfolia, a man who was dedicated to his family and the Catholic Church.

Mr. Ferfolia was born on February 11, 1929 to his parents, Louis and Theresa Ferfolia. He was a licensed embalmer for 61 years and eventually became the president and chief executive officer of Ferfolia Funeral Homes.

Mr. Ferfolia was a dedicated member of the Catholic Church. He was a member of St. Wenceslas Church until its closing when he became a parishioner at St. Basil the Great Catholic Church in Brecksville. He was a member, and at one time the president, of the Maple Heights Catholic Club. Donald was also a founding member of the Callistian Guild, "an organization dedicated to the fundamental principle that the poorest of God's children are entitled to be buried with dignity."

I offer my condolences to his wife of 61 years, Alice; children, Donald B. Sr. (Margaret), Donna (the late C. Richard III) Mark L. Sr. (Christine) and Mary (Jeffrey A. Sr.); grandchildren, Donald B. Jr. (Dawn), Maureen, Joseph (Leanne), Allyson, Michelle (Michael), Megan, Colleen, Jeffrey (Erin), Kristin, Brian (fiancee, Anne), Meredith, Mark Jr., Rachael, Alex, Amy, Jeffrey Jr., Christina, Susan, Richard and Paige; great-grandchildren Ryan, Lauren, Donna, Caroline, Isadora and Julia; brother-in-law of Robert (Donna), Elaine and the late Carol Bandsuh (the late Richard).

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Mr. Donald L. Ferfolia. His contributions to Northeast Ohio and the Catholic community will be missed.

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE E. MCCARRON

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Mr. BRADY, our Ranking Member, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Katherine E. McCarron who is leaving the House to take a position with the Federal Trade Commission. Ms. McCarron served in the Office of the General Counsel for nearly 4 years as an Assistant Counsel. We will miss her.

Ms. McCarron provided frequent and invaluable legal advice and representation to the Committee on House Administration, as well as to Members, officers and other committees of the House more generally. Our staff came to rely on her expertise and guidance, particularly in connection with their internal oversight activities. Over the years, Ms. McCarron played a significant role in safeguarding the legal and institutional interests of the House of Representatives.

Ms. McCarron served the House with great distinction, and we know she will serve the Federal Trade Commission with that same level of distinction. On behalf of the Committee on House Administration, we thank Ms. McCarron for her devoted service, and extend to her our very best wishes for her continued success.

REMEMBERING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is important that we remember the contributions of the Tuskegee Airmen in protecting our freedom and way of life during World War II. These heroic World War II veterans just recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of their first training session on July 19, 1941. It is important that we constantly remind ourselves of the sacrifices of veterans in pursuit of our liberty.

The Tuskegee Airmen were not only heroes but pioneers, becoming the first African Americans to pilot and instruct others on how to fly combat aircraft. Though only approximately 140 Tuskegee pilots remain, it is essential we celebrate their accomplishments as a realization of the American Dream that inspired millions of African Americans, as Congress did in 1998 by establishing Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site in Tuskegee, Alabama.

The Tuskegee Airmen fought courageously for their country at a time when they were denied vital freedoms and liberties at home. They endured segregation and hostility from the local community, and especially stringent standards meant to exclude as many of them as possible from the piloting program. When they finally reached combat, they fought in segregated units, but still managed to distinguish themselves—engaging in over 200 bomber escort missions, damaging or destroying 409 German aircraft, and sunk a battleship