

treated equally. Failing to preserve these constitutional protections would undermine our values of liberty and justice for all.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF JAMES W. JARRETT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of James W. Jarrett, a successful businessman, a true gentleman, and a devoted husband and father. Jim died at the age of 67 on February 22, 2012, on a long planned climb on Mount Kilimanjaro with dear friends. Always an adventurer, he died doing what he loved.

I've known and worked with Jim and his family, and in particular his wonderful daughter Tracey. It was Tracey's Down Syndrome that inspired Jim to become a powerful advocate and prodigious supporter of those with developmental disabilities.

Jim Jarrett spent 28 years working at Intel Corporation. He began as the head of Investor Relations, was the company's first Internal Public Relations Manager, and served as President of Intel China and as Intel's first Vice-President of Global Public Policy. He retired in 2008.

Jim leaves his beloved wife of 43 years, Laurie, who was to join him in Africa at the end of his climb, for further travel in Africa. He also leaves his three daughters to whom he was incredibly devoted. He gave generously of himself to them and they valued the many gifts given to them in the times he spent with them. They were equally devoted to him, and the program from his memorial service listed "60 Reasons We Love Our Dad," from Jim's 60th birthday celebration. Hearing each of his daughters speak at the service convinced every person who heard them that they could have come up with one hundred reasons easily.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest and most sincere sympathy to Laurie, Tracey, Alison, Lindsay and her husband Justin, and to the entire Jarrett family. Our community and our country have suffered the loss of a great and good man.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 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 \$15,589,407,415,161.70. We've added \$4,962,530,366,248.62 to our debt in 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

A TRIBUTE TO NANCY E. GUILLEN,
29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2012

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year during the month of March, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our Nation's most distinguished women.

Today, I pay tribute to Nancy E. Guillen of Burbank, California. Born in Guatemala City, Guatemala, Nancy, who is the youngest of four children, immigrated to the United States in 1968 at the age of six, and became a U.S. citizen in the early 1980s. Upon graduating from John Marshall High School, Nancy attended Glendale Community College.

Ms. Guillen is the CEO of True Integrity Insurance & Payroll Services in Burbank. Prior to this career, Nancy worked in the medical field for over two decades. Aside from being a dedicated career woman, Nancy has always found time to volunteer and contribute many hours of service to a variety of organizations, including Kid's Community Dental Clinic, Glendale Noon Kiwanis, Family Service Agency of Burbank, The Salvation Army of Burbank, Ascencia, and Family Promise of East San Fernando Valley, where she also serves as a Board Member. Currently, Nancy is President of the Glendale Latino Association, and helps raise scholarship funds for Glendale Community College and Glendale High School students.

In addition to volunteering countless hours at homeless shelters, supporting families and children, and volunteering for nonprofit organizations, Nancy is also an avid supporter of breast cancer awareness. As a breast cancer survivor herself, Nancy participates in cancer walks, is involved with the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life in Burbank and Fiesta of the Spanish Horse to help raise funds to cure cancer. Ms. Guillen's commitment to help women who are battling breast cancer is admirable, and she always finds time to speak with them and support them in any possible way she can.

Nancy has two children, Juan and Cindy, and a granddaughter, Natalia, who she says are the greatest blessings in her life.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Nancy E. Guillen, for her exceptional service to the community.

HONORING WOMEN'S RIGHTS
LEADER ELLIE SMEAL

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I honor Ellie Smeal, a true global leader for women and a national treasure on the Feminist Majority Foundation's 25th Anniversary. Since its founding in 1987, with Ellie's leadership, the Feminist Majority Foundation has advanced the legal, social and political equality of women, challenged the hos-

tility that women's advancement faces, and recruited and trained countless young feminists to foster future leadership of the feminist movement.

The Feminist Majority Foundation received its name after a Newsweek/Gallup public opinion poll revealed that the majority of women in the United States self-identified as feminists. With the belief that feminist men and women are the majority, the organization has been on the forefront of the women's movement, championing women's equality, reproductive health, and non-violence. The Feminist Majority Foundation has achieved many triumphs that benefit women in the United States at the local, state and federal level and abroad: ballot initiatives to repeal state-wide abortion bans, recruiting an unprecedented number of women to run for elected office, resulting in 1992 being the Year of the Woman, and amending the 1991 Civil Rights Act to award monetary damages to women who win sexual harassment lawsuits in court. The Feminist Majority Foundation is the sole publisher of Ms., a feminist publication dedicated to covering issues impacting women around the world.

For more than two decades, Ellie Smeal, the President and Founder of the Feminist Majority Foundation, has fought for equality for women. She has held pivotal roles in nationwide and state efforts to achieve women's rights legislation and key court cases to advance women's rights. A gifted strategist and organizer, Ellie was the first to identify and highlight the "gender gap" and the differences in the ways men and women vote.

While President of the National Organization for Women, Ellie led the fight to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment through the largest grassroots effort in the modern women's rights movement. She continues to work tirelessly towards ensuring that men and women are granted equal rights by the United States Constitution. Last week, we celebrated the 40th anniversary of Congress's passage of the ERA and Ellie was front and center, staunchly affirming the need for the ERA.

A tireless advocate of women's reproductive rights, she developed a program to train clinic defenders in nonviolent clinic defense and fought a 12 year battle to allow American women access to mifepristone. Her organizing abilities have brought together all segments of the women's movement, including young feminist leaders. Ellie has been critical in recruiting the next generation of female leaders through her creation of the Choices Campus Leadership Program, which has produced nationwide campus based feminist groups.

Under Ellie, the Feminist Majority has focused on increasing the ranks of feminists running for office and has achieved numerous key legislative victories for women: the Violence Against Women Act, Pregnancy Discrimination Act, Civil Rights Restoration Act and many state and federal campaigns. Through her global advocacy, Ellie and the Feminist Majority called worldwide attention to the Taliban's treatment of women and prevented the United States and the United Nations from officially recognizing the Taliban government.

Having worked with Ellie on the ERA and so many other initiatives, I can personally attest that there is no one more determined and dedicated to advancing women's equality than Ellie Smeal. In Ellie, the women's movement has a tireless advocate and through her leadership of the Feminist Majority, women are

closer to achieving political, social and economic equality. We are all fortunate to have witnessed and benefitted from Ellie's passionate commitment and determination. I am proud to have worked with Ellie and to call her my dear friend. In appreciation for her all she has accomplished, I am proud to congratulate her on the 25th Anniversary of the Feminist Majority Foundation and look forward to continuing our work to achieve equality for women.

INTRODUCING THE JUSTICE FOR WARDS COVE WORKERS ACT

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act" in order to correct a grave injustice against thousands of Asian American workers that took place over a quarter century ago. In the 1970s, workers of Filipino, Samoan, Chinese, Japanese and Native American descent traveled north during the summer to work in the fish canneries in Alaska. Management at the Wards Cove Packing Company treated these migrant workers differently from white workers. They were forced to eat in separate dining halls, sleep in separate bunkhouses, and were unable to rise to top-paying positions in the company.

In 1973, two Seattle Filipino labor activists named Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes led several class-action lawsuits on behalf of these Asian American and Native American cannery workers alleging discrimination in the workplace. In 1989, the Supreme Court ruled against the Wards Cove workers, in *Wards Cove Packing Co. v. Atonio*, which became a major impetus for the civil rights community to reverse the tide against employee rights. The result was the Civil Rights Act of 1991, which became the most comprehensive civil rights legislation signed into law since the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

However, what most civil rights communities forgot was that in the final hours before passage of the Civil Rights Act, a highly unusual and narrow amendment was inserted by two Senators from Alaska that exempted the Wards Cove workers from the expansive protections against workplace discrimination outlined in the Civil Rights Act. They feared that the Civil Rights Act could be applied retroactively to the workers.

The Senators' amendment was inserted in Section 402(b) of the Civil Rights Act, and its sole target was the Wards Cove workers. To date, the Wards Cove workers remain the only people who have been denied the rights promulgated by the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

Mr. Speaker, while my bill cannot retroactively alter the Supreme Court's ruling or grant retroactive rights for the Wards Cove workers, it does remove Section 402(b) of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 as a symbolic measure to right the wrong.

This is a legislative fight that I started in 1991, when I first introduced this bill. Every time I introduced this bill, it received bipartisan support but was never voted on the House floor. In 1993, then-President Bill Clinton wrote a letter of support for my bill, stating, "It is

contrary to all of our ideas to exclude any American from the protection of our civil-rights laws."

Too often, the struggles of Asian American and other ethnic minorities do not get the attention they deserve by policymakers and law enforcement officials. The savage beating and murder of Danny Vega, a Filipino-American resident of South Seattle, last November is one of many examples of the discrimination that minorities continue to face.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Wards Cove workers by supporting this bill.

AARON CORMIER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Aaron Cormier for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Aaron Cormier is a 12th grader at Standley Lake High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Aaron Cormier is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Aaron Cormier for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

HONORING HOUSE PARLIAMEN- TARIAN JOHN SULLIVAN UPON HIS RETIREMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a man I have come to know and respect during my service in the Congress, the House Parliamentarian John V. Sullivan, on the occasion of his retirement.

John Sullivan has served the House for 25 years, starting at the House Armed Services Committee and then moving to the Office of the Parliamentarian. The last eight years he has held the position of House Parliamentarian.

Prior to his work in the House, Sullivan served in the Air Force. I would be remiss, Mr. Speaker, if I did not also mention that Sullivan is a Hoosier. He grew up in Northwest Indiana, graduating from Munster High School and after attending the Air Force Academy, returning home to earn his law degree from the Indiana University School of Law.

Indiana can take justifiable pride in John Sullivan and his service to the Congress and our nation.

The job of the House Parliamentarian requires integrity, intellect, good judgment and the ability to think quickly on your feet. The House Chamber can be a pressure-cooker at times, especially during votes on major pieces of legislation or at times of heated partisan rancor.

One of those times was the night of August 2, 2007, when a vote on the Republican motion to recommit the Agriculture Appropriations bill went awry. John Sullivan was on the House floor that night advising the Speaker pro tem, and he exhibited the type of courage and professionalism that the rest of us can only aspire to in such a difficult situation.

After that night, a select committee was appointed to investigate what happened during the vote, and I was appointed ranking member for the investigation. I got to know Sullivan very well during the course of the investigation, and I appreciated his honesty, candor and full participation in the investigation. From our many conversations and what we learned as a committee, it was clear to me that Sullivan could not be more dedicated to the House as an institution or his job as a non-partisan provider of carefully considered analysis and advice. The House was fortunate to have his professional judgment on that night and all of the many other days and nights he has spent on the rostrum advising Speakers pro tem and Members of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, the House will miss John Sullivan. We wish him the best in his retirement and trust that he will enjoy spending more time with his wife, Nancy Sands Sullivan, and three children Michael, Margaret and Matthew. We thank them for sharing Sullivan with the House these many years, and again, Mr. Speaker, we thank John Sullivan for his service and wish him well in his retirement.

SUPPORTING GOVERNOR ED RENDELL'S REMARKS REGARD- ING CAMP LIBERTY

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I am disturbed by recent press reports attacking former Pennsylvania Governor, Ed Rendell for taking a stand in support of the residents of Camp Ashraf as well as Iran's main opposition movement, the MEK.

Mr. Rendell is not alone, and he is backed by several dozen senior former U.S. Government officials who have taken the same position because they feel that position actually serves the national security interests of our country. Some 21 senior officials from past administrations, whose job it was to keep this country safe, agreed with Mr. Rendell when they filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals-DC Circuit in February in support of delisting the MEK. Among the former officials were a CIA Director, a FBI Director, an Attorney General of the United States, a Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a State Department coordinator for counter-terrorism, and a Marine Corps Commandant.

Governor Rendell spoke at an event in the Cannon Caucus Room on February 3, 2012 and eloquently made the case for why the MEK should have been delisted long ago.