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completion of the Special Forces Qualification Course in 2006, he was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky as a Special Forces Communications Sergeant. He deployed with the Battalion Signal Detachment to Taji, Iraq from October 2007 to May 2008 in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM V. He went on to join Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha 5326, and deployed with them to Bagubah, Irag from January through July 2009 in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM VI, and conducted a Joint Combined Exchange Training (JCET) exercise to Jordan from January through March 2010. SFC Moses then deployed to Bagubah, Irag from August 2010 through March 2011 in support of Operation NEW DAWN. Following a short training cycle, he returned to Jordan for a second JCFT exercise from October through November 2011.

Most recently, SFC Moses deployed to Baghlan-e-Jadid, Afghanistan from January through February 2012 in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM XVIII. SFC Moses' military education included Airborne School, Special Forces Assessment and Selection, Survival, Escape, Resistance and Evasion Course, Special Forces Qualification Course, Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, Basic Military Mountaineering Course, and the Advanced Special Operations Techniques Course. SFC Moses' awards and decorations included the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Army Achievement Medal. His decorations included the Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Parachutist Badge.

Today, we pay our respects and honor the life of Frederic Nicolas "Nic" Moses. His dedication to his job and fellow soldiers was unquestionable and unwavering. A hero to many, the community of St. Charles, and all who have served with him, will miss him.

To his family, we offer our prayers and gratitude for providing the world a great young man who made a positive impact on not only his community, but communities around the world.

I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring the life of Nicholas Moses.

HONORING THE TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE LADY CARDINALS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the outstanding achievement of the Trinity Valley Community College Lady Cardinals as the 2012 National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA) Division I Women's Basketball Champions. This marks the 6th NJCAA Championship for the Lady Cardinals.

In a 69 to 55 victory, the Lady Cards closed out their season with a perfect 36–0 record. That kind of differential is remarkable and a true testament to the great coaching staff of Co-Head Coaches Kenya and Michael Landers, Assistant Coach Courtney Simmons, and Coaching Assistant Jeremy Bonin. Trinity Valley Community College President Dr. Glendon Forgey, faculty, staff, and students are to be commended for their continued contributions to success both on the court and in the classroom.

Team members include: ShaQuita Arnick, Jenea Barrett, Starr Breedlove, ShaKayla Caples, Taneshia Davis, Keuna Flax, Brittney Gill, Ashley Jones, Breanna Lewis, Alice Robinson, and Keiana Vines.

On behalf of the citizens of Athens and the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to be able to recognize the Lady Cardinals in the United States House of Representatives.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H. Con. Res. 112) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022:

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong support of the Congressional Black Caucus Alternative Budget for Fiscal Year 2013. The budget plan outlined by the CBC takes a direct and balanced approach to restoring America's promise, achieves fiscal responsibility and sets a priority to invest in our future.

The CBC Alternative Budget protects Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, Unemployment Insurance and other programs that are vital to the most vulnerable populations, which are in districts throughout this country.

Although our nation's economy is showing positive signs of growth, this Congress must continue to make critical investments in communities to accelerate—not stagger—our recovery.

To that end, the CBC Alternative Budget makes smart investments in education, workforce training, and transportation and infrastructure projects. These investments are necessary to ensure that America has a skilled and educated workforce that is prepared to tackle the challenges of the 2ist Century and compete with attempts to take American jobs overseas.

Specifically, the CBC Budget will:

invest an additional \$25 billion above the President's budget in Education and Job Training in FY 2013 alone;

provide an additional \$5 billion above the President's Budget request for housing programs, foreclosure assistance, and other important programs for community development;

invest an additional \$50 billion in job creating transportation and infrastructure projects in FY 2013 alone and provide \$155 billion above the President's budget over the next decade; and

increase the maximum Pell Grant award by nearly \$1,000 over the President's Fiscal Year 2013 budget request.

The CBC Budget acknowledges the deficit and pays for domestic priorities by enacting tax reform measures to raise nearly \$4 trillion in new revenue over the next decade through the Buffet Rule to ensure that millionaires and billionaires pay their fair share in taxes, and closes corporate tax loopholes and preferences for corporations that ship American jobs overseas.

The \$4 trillion in revenue raised from millionaires paying their fair share will allow us to pay for an extension of tax cuts for hard working, middle class Americans—providing them with more money to feed their families, pay their bills, send their kids to school and fill up their gas tanks.

The budget would open an enormous hole in our country's social safety net by largely shifting healthcare costs to seniors on Medicare, while at the same time giving millionaires and billionaires a free pass by giving the rich an average tax cut of \$150,000.

In California alone, 5,252,371 seniors would be forced onto vouchers when they retire—a system that has been shown to be a substandard version of Medicare.

The GOP budget will force seniors to pay higher premiums in order to access the same benefits they would receive under the current system. For a typical 67 year-old senior, the Ryan budget could increase out-of-pocket health care costs by \$5,900.

The GOP budget would decimate our primary assistance to the poor by cutting \$3.3 trillion from needed programs like Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

In fact, a report conducted by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities found that 62 percent of proposed cuts in the Ryan budget plan come from programs that assist low-income individuals. This is the Republican vision: to balance the budget on the backs of the seniors and the poor.

The Ryan budget once again fails the test of balance, fairness, and shared responsibility. It takes a slash and burn approach to the budget, rather than going line by line to carefully examine where cuts and new sources of revenue should be implemented.

The Ryan budget plan would weaken job growth. The Economic Policy Institute found that if we were to follow Chairman RYAN's proposal, 1.3 million jobs would be lost in 2013 and 2.8 million jobs would be lost in 2014.

Mr. Chair, the CBC Alternative Budget has a better way. We understand that our current economic situation calls for a balanced and responsible approach that protects our fragile recovery and invests in our future.

For these reasons, Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for the CBC Alternative Budget.

IN TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A. BRINER

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Robert A. Briner, who is retiring this week as Chief of the Ventura County, California, District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation.

Chief Briner has more than 31 years of experience in law enforcement, 22 of them with the District Attorney's Office. He began as a front-line investigator and was promoted through the ranks of the Bureau, culminating in his appointment as Chief of the Bureau of Investigation in February of 2007, where he manages 48 peace officers and 20 civilian employees.

As he rose through the Bureau, Chief Briner served as Supervising Senior District Attorney Investigator and Deputy Chief Investigator before his appointment as Chief of the Bureau of Investigation. During his tenure with the Bureau, he has served in the Sexual Assault/ Family Protection Unit, Special Investigations/ Criminal Intelligence Unit, Political Corruption Unit, Major Crimes Unit, Supervisor of the Welfare Fraud Unit, Supervisor of the Major Crimes Unit, and Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division.

Chief Briner is an active member of the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. He also regularly attends meetings of the Ventura County Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee and chairs the Chiefs' Committee of the California District Attorney Investigators' Association. He holds an associate of science degree in administration of justice and a bachelor of arts degree in leadership. Chief Briner also has attended formal training from the State of California Department of Justice in supervision, management, and executive development.

Outside the office, Chief Briner enjoys lecturing on the topic of leadership, and most recently addressed the Young Leaders of Santa Maria. One of his greatest gifts is mentoring and encouraging young people, from little leaguers on the baseball field, to young college students at local universities, to newly hired investigators.

He also enjoys motorcycle riding, fishing, adventures in his motor home, playing golf with his son, Tyson, playing softball, and spending time with family and friends.

The Chief and his wife, Gail, will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in July. Chief Briner is an avid Dodger baseball fan and he and Gail often follow the team to spring training and attend many season games. He also enjoys photography and taking in nature.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in thanking Chief Briner for his lifetime of public service and in wishing him good health and many years of continued happiness with his family.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. BYUNG WOOK YOON AND NATIONAL KO-REAN AMERICAN DAY

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, March 29, 2012

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Korean American Day, I would like to recognize the 109th anniversary of the first Korean immigrants to arrive in the United States and the achievements of the Korean-American responsible for bringing both this day and the importance of the contributions of Korean-Americans to light, Dr. Byung Wook Yoon.

In 2003, Dr. Yoon, then President of the Southern California Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration to the United States, began the campaign to establish a national Korean American Day. In 2004, when Dr. Yoon became president of the Korean-American Foundation, he formed the National Committee of Korean American Day. Under his leadership in 2005, the committee claimed victory when the U.S. Senate (S. 283) and U.S. House of Representatives (H.R. 487) passed resolutions supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day and establishing an annual celebration recognizing the many contributions of Americans of Korean descent to the life and cultural fabric of the United States.

Aside from spearheading the campaign to establish Korean American Day, Dr. Yoon has accomplished a great deal in his lifetime. He is the recipient of the Presidential Award from the Republic of Korea, the Grand Award for World Korean Day from the World Korean Interchange and Cooperation Association, and the Grand Award for Korean American Day from the Korean-American Foundation. Dr. Yoon was also selected as one of the one hundred honorable Korean-American History Museum.

All his life, Dr. Yoon has demonstrated his leadership and dedication to the Korean-American community through his support of nonprofit and service organizations. For example, he is responsible for community oriented service projects such as Korean-American Respect for the Environment, KARE, and has served as the Honorary National Chairman of the Korean-American Foundation USA. He has also served three times as Chairman of the Korean Institute of Southern California.

On behalf of all of my colleagues within the U.S. House of Representatives I would like to honor Dr. Byung Wook Yoon for his outstanding work in raising awareness to the many contributions Korean-Americans have made in every facet of American society. In honor of Dr. Yoon's work, I introduced H.Res. 599. The resolution honors him for his outstanding service on behalf of the Korean American community. The resolution reads:

Whereas on January 13, 2012, the Korean American community in the United States celebrated Korean American Day initiated by Dr. Yoon.

Whereas this year marks the 109th anniversary of the first Korean immigrants to arrive in the United States.

Whereas in 2003, Dr. Yoon, then President of the Southern California Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration to the United States, began the campaign to establish a national Korean American Day.

Whereas in 2003, the Korean American Foundation was founded as the successor of the Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration with the goals of fostering pride in Korean cultural heritage and traditions as well as establishing Korean American Day.

Whereas in 2004, Dr. Yoon became president of the Korean American Foundation, forming the National Committee of Korean American Day, successfully campaigning for the passage of legislation recognizing Korean American Day on the Federal, State, and local levels.

Whereas on October 20, 2005, the U.S. Senate passed S. Res. 283, "Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of Korean American Day'.'

Whereas on December 13, 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H. Res. 487 "Supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day", recognizing the many contributions of Americans of Korean descent to the life and cultural fabric of the United States.

Whereas Dr. Yoon is the recipient of the Presidential Award from the Republic of Korea.

Whereas Dr. Yoon received the first Grand Award for World Korean Day from the World Korean Interchange and Cooperation Association.

Whereas Dr. Yoon was honored with the first Grand Award for Korean American Day from the Korean American Foundation.

Whereas Dr. Yoon was selected as one of a group of 100 honorable Korean immigrants to the United States by the Korean American History Museum.

History Museum. Whereas Dr. Yoon obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political and Diplomacy Science from Korea University and a Master of Arts in Journalism and Communication from Brigham Young University.

Whereas Dr. Yoon received honorary doctorates from Yuin University and the World Mission University.

Whereas Dr. Yoon's professional career has included serving as a correspondent to the United States for the Seoul Kyunghyang Daily Newspaper as well as a Founding Director of Business and Trade for Wilshire State Bank in Los Angeles, California, and has also served three times as Chairman of the Korean Institute of Southern California.

Whereas Dr. Yoon authored the "Korean American Legacies: Challenges and Responses", a source of inspiration for current and future generations of Korean Americans.

Whereas over many years, Dr. Yoon has demonstrated his leadership and dedication to the Korean American community through his work and support of numerous nonprofit and service organizations, including creating KARE (Korean American Respect for the Environment), and serving as the Honorary National Chairman of the Korean American Foundation USA.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the House of Representatives honors Byung Wook Yoon for his outstanding work raising awareness and recognition of the contributions Korean Americans have made in every facet of United States society.

HONORING TRAVIS LANG

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Travis Lang of the Kirksville High School Wrestling team for winning the Class 2 Missouri State Wrestling Championship in the 182-pound weight class.

Mr. Lang and his coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and for bringing home the state title in the Class 2 182-pound weight class to his school and community. This is his third state title.

I ask that you join me in recognizing Mr. Lang for a job well done!

RECOGNIZING THE DUNN'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Joe Bob and Rose Lynne