

museum had been closed and would not have reopened had it not been for the expertise and community trust belonging to John Bailey.

Awards honoring his years of service include being voted by peers as the US Association Executive of the Year, and recipient of the Key Award, the highest honor presented to individuals in the association management profession. He was also a recipient of the prestigious Points of Light Award, which was presented to him by then President George H. W. Bush.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House as I commend John Bailey for all he has accomplished and contributed to our community. I would like to express my gratitude for his selfless service to the people of Monterey County, and indeed to our nation. I would also like to extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends and all those whose lives he touched and whose careers he encouraged during this time of grieving. The world has lost a truly good man.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Ignatowicz, Arnie Bevins, and the entire staff of the Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Facility on their outstanding work on wastewater treatment.

Covering Vernon, Ellington, Tolland, and parts of South Windsor and Manchester, the Connecticut facility is the first of its kind with a full-scale powdered activated carbon treatment and wet-air carbon regeneration system. The unique wastewater utility has maintained an outstanding performance and customer satisfaction record for over 30 years, processing wastewater from over 122 miles of sewers and seven pump stations. With 20 dedicated individuals serving 66,000 Connecticut residents, the Vernon plant team has made certain that the water discharged from this facility is excellent in quality.

Recognizing the outstanding work of the Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Facility, the New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) named the facility the Wastewater Utility of the Year for 2010. Given annually, the NEWEA's Wastewater Utility of the Year award recognizes a regional utility for exceptional management, maintenance, and performance. The award, given to a facility located within six Northeastern States, is based on marks in 18 different areas to highlight overall excellence in utility operations. Having received top marks in each of these 18 areas, the Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Facility proved to be more than deserving of this prestigious award.

Water Pollution Control Facilities like the Town of Vernon's are vital to the health of our communities and our ecosystems. Their innovative processes, forward thinking, and hardworking staff have helped to ensure that the discharged water is of the best possible quality. Mr. Ignatowicz, Mr. Bevins, and the entire Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Facility

team are a true asset to our state and our region, and I congratulate them on their exceptional work and well deserved recognition.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF EMILY SCAMMELL, WINNER OF AU- BURN'S POLITICAL SCIENCE LEADERSHIP AWARD

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend an outstanding young woman who attends Auburn University, which is located in my district in east-central Alabama. Auburn's Political Science Department recently started a new award that recognizes a student leader who excels in both the classroom and the community. It's my privilege to announce the first winner of Auburn's Political Science Leadership Award, Ms. Emily Scammell. A faculty committee selected her in recognition of her superb credentials.

Hailing from Daphne, Alabama, Emily is a junior political science major. She's minoring in hunger studies, which is part of the Universities Fighting World Hunger Initiative between the World Food Programme and Auburn University. Emily has a 3.9 Cumulative Grade Point Average and has made the dean's list for six consecutive semesters. She is a student in the Honors College at Auburn, won the Phi Kappa Phi First Year Award and is a recipient of the Spirit of Auburn Founder's Scholarship and the Academic Enrichment Scholarship.

Emily is active in student government, having served as director of honors activities and assistant director of organization programs. She is co-founder and vice president of the Campus Kitchen/Hunger Studies Group and an officer in her sorority. Emily volunteers at the East Alabama Food Bank and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Auburn. She has also worked at the Bay Area Food Bank in Theodore, Alabama, and the World Food Programme in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to Emily and thank Auburn University for producing such outstanding students and citizens.

#### IN HONOR OF JOHN MYERS

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize John Myers. Mr. Myers passed away on March 23rd. Mr. Myers was a lifelong volunteer and champion of community outreach and development in Monterey County.

John attended college at Purdue University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering in 1951. He then joined Union Carbide Corporation where he worked for the next 42 years in research and production of enriched uranium used in nuclear energy and in asbestos research.

Following his retirement in 1993 John remained busy. John served on the Board of

Trustees, and as Chairman and Office Manager at Mee Memorial Hospital from 1982 to 2012. His time on the board saw upgraded services in radiology, new and remodeled clinics, a new dialysis center and many other services expanded.

Among John's many other notable positions held was as member of the King City Planning Commission and the King City Council. John served as Mayor of King City from 1992 to 2004, the longest-running mayor in the city's history. As Mayor, he also served as vice chair of the Monterey County Mayor's Association and on the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District Board. He was also a member of the Bay Area chapter of the League of California Cities.

John and his wife of 35 years served on the Hospice Trees of Life committee as well as for the first Valley Heritage Days in King City. He was also an active member and director of Monterey County Agricultural and Rural Life Museum.

Mr. Speaker, I have no doubt that John Myers' life and legacy will continue to thrive because of his longstanding work for his community. I would like to extend my sympathy to his family and friends in this their time of mourning.

#### CELEBRATING THE INAUGURATION OF DR. ROBERT K. MCMAHAN AS THE SEVENTH PRESIDENT OF KETTERING UNIVERSITY

#### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Robert K. McMahan on the occasion of his inauguration on April 20 as Kettering University's seventh President.

Since its founding in 1919, Kettering University in my hometown of Flint, Michigan has been pioneering technology and preparing students to become innovators and leaders. It is the country's premier engineering, science and business university dedicated to co-op education. It is a national leader in preparing entrepreneurs and is ranked among the nation's finest specialty schools.

Dr. McMahan is the ideal person to be leading Kettering as it charts a path from its storied legacy of technical leadership to its entrepreneurial spirit today. As Kettering University celebrates its history and marches confidently toward an exciting future, it will do so with an enormously gifted new President who is an innovative thinker with a broad range of academic, business, management and government experiences. Robert K. McMahan has explored the foundations of the universe as a groundbreaking researcher. He has been a leader in academics, an advisor to high government officials and as a private sector entrepreneur has created initiatives that have driven innovation and technology.

Prior to his arrival at Kettering, Dr. McMahan was the Founding Dean of the Kimmel School and Professor of Engineering at Western Carolina University; the Kimmel School is Western's College of Engineering and Technology. Before his tenure at the Kimmel School, Dr. McMahan was the Senior Advisor to the Governor of North Carolina for

Science and Technology, and the Executive Director of the North Carolina Board of Science and Technology. In this role he also acted as a Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Commerce, the General Assembly, and the Economic Development Board.

Prior to his work with the Governor, he was a Senior Technology Strategist and Venture Capitalist for In-Q-Tel, a private venture capital organization funded by the CIA, where he was responsible for developing a technology investment strategy for the intelligence community, and then deriving, molding, and structuring individual investments and technologies within the portfolio in response to it.

Before joining In-Q-Tel, he was Executive Vice President of Engineering and R&D for GretagMacbeth, LLC, where he was responsible for the company's worldwide research, engineering, and product development activities and for the creation and operation of the company's Advanced Technology Laboratories in the Research Triangle Park.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Robert K. McMahan as he prepares to share his vision for Kettering University's future on the occasion of his inauguration as its President.

#### HONORING JOHN S. CHASE

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. John S. Chase, a renowned architect, entrepreneur, and father. Mr. Chase passed away at the age of 87.

Mr. Chase was a man of many firsts. Just two days after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the University of Texas must desegregate its graduate and professional schools, Mr. Chase enrolled to become one of UT's first black students. In his passionate pursuit to become an architect, Mr. Chase endured hate mail and heightened discrimination, and had to be shadowed by federal marshals in order to ensure his safety.

After graduating, Mr. Chase became the first African American licensed to practice architecture in the state of Texas. Unfortunately, his struggles with racism persisted, and white firms refused to hire him. Not easily discouraged, Mr. Chase overcame these obstacles by moving to Houston and opening his own firm. There, Mr. Chase went on to build homes, churches, schools, and public buildings that have left a lasting legacy throughout Houston.

Mr. Chase was diverse in his skills, and in addition to his career he was devoted to his community. In 1980, Jimmy Carter appointed Mr. Chase to serve on the United States Commission on Fine Arts, where Mr. Chase contributed to the design and aesthetics of federal interests as the first African American to serve on the Commission. Mr. Chase also made notable contributions toward expanding the educational resources for the University of Texas, including his work on the Martin Luther King Humanities Center and the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Building.

Mr. Speaker, I am greatly saddened to hear of Mr. Chase's passing, and my thoughts are with those family members who are grieving his loss. We must honor his bravery for facing

overwhelming adversity during a time of such uncertainty and racial strife. While there is little comfort in mourning a loved one, I hope his family can take solace in the lasting legacy he has left behind. Mr. Chase's many structures will serve to remind us of his personal triumphs.

#### IN HONOR OF MARIKO "MOLLIE" SUMIDA

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Mariko "Mollie" Sumida. Mollie passed away on March 5th. Mollie was a great woman and personal friend. She played an instrumental role in teaching me cross-cultural sensitivity. She and her husband, Yukio were also close family friends of my mom and dad, the late Janet Haskins Farr and Senator Frederick Sharon Farr.

Mollie and her family moved to the Monterey Peninsula when she was 12 years old. She attended Monterey High School, where she met her future husband, Yukio Sumida.

During World War II, Mollie was interned in Poston, Arizona while her husband served overseas with the highly decorated 442nd Infantry Division. Following the war, they returned to Monterey, where their daughter Ann and son Ray were born.

In 1952, Mollie opened the Cypress Garden Nursery, where she worked until retiring at the age of 80. During this time she became very active in civic as well as business organizations including the Monterey History and Art Association, Gateway Center, and the California Association of Nurserymen.

I fondly remember the many things Mollie taught me in life, including how to speak a few Japanese words and, most everlastingly, how to be a gardener. I will sorely miss her.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House when I recognize the contributions of her remarkable life. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to her family and friends during their time of grieving.

#### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

#### HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, it's been 910 days and eight extensions since SAFETEA-LU expired. Today we find ourselves kicking the can once again as we take up extension number nine because this House Majority has failed to act.

Thankfully the Senate did act. Two weeks ago, Democratic and Republican Senators overwhelmingly voted, by a bipartisan majority of 74-22, to generate jobs, repair our roads and bridges, invest in our infrastructure, and strengthen our economy. Meanwhile, this body under Republican leadership has yet to put forward a credible highway reauthorization that puts Americans back to work.

MAP-21, the surface transportation authorization bill, passed by the Senate is by far the biggest jobs legislation Congress will consider this year.

It is imperative that the House of Representatives join the Senate in passing this bipartisan bill and send it to the President before the March 31st expiration of highway program funding or risk devastating job losses across the nation.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 14 will save 1.8 million jobs and creates up to 1 million more jobs.

The bill also provides consistency for states and maintains current funding levels for highways and public transportation, consolidates and streamlines highway programs, and establishes a national freight program. This national freight program will provide over \$2 billion dollars to upgrade our nation's goods movement system. That equates to \$336 million to the state of California alone over two years for freight infrastructure upgrades. These funds are critical to areas like my district where over 40 percent of our country's imports arrive each year via the Port of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

In addition, the bill would authorize another \$1 billion dollars in fiscal year 2013 for Projects of National and Regional Significance. In previous years, the Projects of National and Regional Significance provided funding to several projects that provide economic benefits by making it easier to move goods.

Madam Speaker, these two programs and this bill are essential for our country to remain competitive globally.

H.R. 14 also improves safety, and institutes performance measures and improves accountability for transportation infrastructure investments.

Now is the time for swift action by the House action on the bipartisan Senate bill that will save or create 132,000 transportation jobs and 45,000 transit jobs in my home state of California.

Transportation has long been a bipartisan issue—and the Senate continued this tradition. The House should follow suit and put America back to work by passing H.R. 14.

I encourage my colleagues to stop kicking the can down the road—start creating jobs—and defeat this extension.

#### RECOGNIZING ADVENTURE THEATRE'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Adventure Theatre in Glen Echo, Maryland on 60 years of excellence. Founded in 1951, Adventure Theatre is the longest-running children's theatre in the Washington, DC metropolitan region and is a treasure of our community. I am honored to have it located in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District.

Adventure Theatre reaches more than 65,000 individuals annually, with its award-winning performances based on classic and popular children's stories and with theater classes, workshops and community engagement programs. Through these intimate and