

launched a rocket under the guise of sending a "weather satellite" into outer space. Fortunately, the three-stage missile failed within two minutes and crashed into the sea, a setback for the North Korean military but a moment of relief for that country's peace-loving neighbors.

While this missile test was a failure—so spectacular a failure that even the propaganda arm of North Korea's government admitted it—that does not mean that any next such test will also fail. This launch was another slap in the face to the United States by a regime that has repeatedly violated agreements we have made in good faith. The Obama Administration has yet again attempted to negotiate with a terrorist regime that uses every negotiation opportunity to buy time to develop its nuclear program. Meanwhile, thousands of North Koreans are starving.

In the most recent "Leap Day Agreement" entered into with the United States, Pyongyang agreed to suspend major elements of its nuclear program and refrain from any long-range missile launches. We, in turn, would provide another 240,000 tons of nutritional assistance. Now we have once again provided the regime with food which they reportedly sell for hard currency in order to continue to prop up their military programs. North Korea yet again chooses to violate violates its part of the deal.

I have read reports that estimated the cost of the failed rocket launch at \$850 million. The same report said that the cost of the launch cost would have been enough money to buy 2.5 million tons of corn and 1.4 million tons of rice—or enough for the North Korean Government to feed millions of its starving people. This to me is criminal behavior. This launch was a gesture of contempt for the efforts of the United States, the Republic of Korea, and our other partners in Northeast Asia who have been working to prevent nuclear proliferation on the Korean peninsula and to dampen North Korea's belligerence.

We must remain vigilant not only in preventing missile tests but also in preventing North Korea's further attempts to develop nuclear weapons.

For more than six decades, it has been the policy of the U.S. government to promote peace, stability, and security in Northeast Asia and in the Korean Peninsula.

South of the Demilitarized Zone, these efforts have seen tremendous and unparalleled success. Since the armistice ended the Korean War in 1953, our ally South Korea has grown economically and matured politically. Korea is now a model democracy, one of the most successful in East Asia, and it shares with the United States the values of liberal governance, free enterprise, and regional security.

By contrast, North Korea is ruled by a family dynasty that disdains those values and seeks to undermine them.

South Korea now has the 11th-largest economy in the world. It is the seventh-largest trading partner with the United States. Over the past six decades, Americans have fought side-by-side with our allies from the Republic of Korea not only in the Korean War, but also in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Over two million Americans of Korean descent live in our country, raising families, building businesses, and contributing to their communities. Thousands of South Korean students are enrolled in American colleges and

universities. Many Korean tourists and business travelers visit the United States each year.

The bonds between the United States and Korea are strong and long-lasting, dating back to the 1882 Treaty of Amity and Commerce—130 years ago.

We have no ill wishes for the people of North Korea, whose government does not represent them. That 1882 friendship treaty was made with all of Korea and we look forward to the day when all Koreans and all Americans may participate fully in amity and commerce.

Sadly, the belligerent nature of the North Korean regime has postponed that bright day.

For that reason, in this time of tension in Northeast Asia, I urge my colleagues to condemn, unequivocally, North Korea's programs to develop both nuclear bombs and long-range missiles. We must insist that these projects be ended in the interest of peace and stability.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
MR. EARL NOLAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mr. Earl Nolan, an active member of and asset to the Northeast Ohio community.

Born on December 15, 1931, Earl served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and had been a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for over 30 years as a General Mechanic performing repair work on the post office buildings and mailboxes in the Cleveland District. The U.S. Postal Service provided him training at the University of Oklahoma where he earned a technician certificate in heating, ventilating and air conditioning. Earl was a longtime member of the Cleveland Ward 19 Democratic Club. He also volunteered for over 20 years with the Cleveland Police Auxiliary to help keep his West Park neighborhood safe for all fellow residents.

I offer my condolences to his beloved wife, the late Joanne (Pease); loving children Janet (Ray) Sirbaugh, Kathy A., and the late Carolyn J. Nolan; grandchildren Courtney and Tim; siblings Clarence, the late Agnes Matei, Robert and Raymond; as well as his many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the life of Mr. Earl Nolan.

LOANTAKA CHAPTER OF NA-
TIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF
THE REVOLUTION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Loantaka Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the Revolution, organized in the Borough of Madison, Morris County, New Jersey and the Parsippany Chapters of the National Society Daughters of the Revolution, organized in the Township of

Parsippany-Troy Hills, Morris County, New Jersey as they celebrate their 85th and 100th anniversary respectively.

The Loantaka-Parsippany Chapter resulted from the merger of the Parsippany and Loantaka DAR chapters in 1992. The Parsippany Chapter was organized on October 14, 1912 with Ruth E. Tichenor Fairchild as Organizing Regent and the Loantaka Chapter was organized in 1927 with Jane Wilson Graham Ridley as Organizing Regent. Today, members continue to promote the awareness of our rich history.

Throughout their history, both the Loantaka and Parsippany Chapters have demonstrated a marked commitment to the Morris area. In the past, the Loantaka Chapter has supported efforts to make Jockey Hollow a national historical park and participated in the celebration of the National Parks bicentennial in 1972.

Similarly, the Parsippany Chapter has demonstrated its commitment by sponsoring Memorial Day Services at the Parsippany Presbyterian Church Cemetery where 84 Revolutionary War soldiers are buried.

The Loantaka-Parsippany Chapter prides itself on working to preserve buildings and landmarks that are of historical significance, and on supporting the National Society's scholarships, approved schools, and Native American endeavors.

The Daughters of the Revolution persistently furthers its mission of education as well as the preservation of history by sponsoring activities such as Good Citizens, a program which recognizes and awards scholarships to high school seniors exemplifying the ideals of good citizenship, and by joining with other patriotic, heritage, and historical organizations in providing educational opportunities to local citizens and schoolchildren.

The Loantaka and Parsippany chapters have also enriched the community by providing philanthropic services such as supporting schools for children with special needs, providing service to patients in Veterans' Hospitals, and offering financial aid for American Indian students. Through their steadfast dedication to addressing the educational and social needs of the community while preserving the culture and history of the Morris area, the Loantaka-Parsippany chapter has proved itself to be a pillar of our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Loantaka and Parsippany Chapters of the National Society Daughters of the Revolution as they celebrate their 85th and 100th anniversaries.

RECOGNITION OF COMMANDER
BOB DOUGLAS OF THE NEWARK,
CALIFORNIA POLICE DEPART-
MENT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Commander Bob Douglas. Commander Douglas retired from the City of Newark, California's Police Department, on April 12, 2012, after serving over 30 years in law enforcement with over 28 years as a member of the Newark Police Department. He was a

distinguished police officer and was recognized by his peers as the Police Officer of the Year in 1991 and 1998.

Commander Douglas began his career in law enforcement with the Town of Los Gatos as a Police Cadet. He was promoted to the position of Community Service Officer in 1981. He was hired as police officer by the Newark Police Department on November 16, 1983. During his time as an officer, Commander Douglas served as a Field Training Officer, Property Crimes/Fraud Detective, Reserve Officer Coordinator, Citizen Police Academy Instructor, PR-24 Baton Instructor, and Defensive Tactics Instructor.

Commander Douglas was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on February 25, 2001. As a Sergeant, he was assigned to the Patrol Division and served two terms as the Detective Sergeant. For two years, he was in charge of the Newark Police Department's Field Training Program for new officers. Commander Douglas received the Winter 2002 Police Department Employee of the Quarter Award and was City of Newark Pride Awardee in 2006.

On August 26, he graduated from the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute. Commander Douglas was promoted to Police Lieutenant on November 1, 2008 and served in that capacity as the Administrative Lieutenant. On January 1, 2009, the Lieutenant position was reclassified to the rank of Police Commander. As the Administrative Lieutenant and Commander, he has been in charge of the Training Division, Internal Affairs, Property/Evidence, Red Light Photo Enforcement, as well as serving as the Newark Police Department's Public Information Officer.

Commander Douglas received the Chiefs Challenge Coin of Special Recognition for his outstanding work, loyalty to the organization, and tireless efforts in the development and promotion of the department's mission, vision, and values.

I join Commander Douglas' colleagues and the community in thanking him for his exemplary service and commitment, and wish him well on his retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE
MARY HARNEY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Honorable Mary Harney, a former dignitary in Ireland, who will be visiting Cleveland, Ohio on St. Patrick's Day.

Ms. Harney was born in Ballinasloe, County Galway in 1953. She attended Trinity College, Dublin where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Modern Studies. During her college career, Ms. Harney became the first female auditor of the College Historical Society. After graduating, she worked as a mathematics and economics teacher at Castleknock College in Dublin for a year.

In 1977, at the age of 24, Ms. Harney was appointed to Seanad Éireann (Irish Senate) by the Taoiseach (Prime Minister). At the time of her appointment, she was the youngest person to ever be a member of the Seanad. Following several years of dedicated service, Ms. Harney was elected to the Teachta Dála (Irish

Parliament) in the 1981. She served continuously until her retirement in 2011. During her service in the Teachta Dála, Ms. Harney served as Tánaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) from 1997 through 2006. She also served as Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for seven years and as Minister for Health and Children from 2004 until 2011. Ms. Harney was also the Leader of the Progressive Democrats between 1993 and 2006 and again in 2007 and 2008.

Throughout her career, Ms. Harney has been recognized for her dedicated service to the Republic of Ireland. She was named the Irish Independent Woman of the Year in 1996 and Irish Tatler Woman of the Year in 2005.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in welcoming the Honorable Mary Harney to the City of Cleveland on St. Patrick's Day.

BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA, ONE OF
THE 20 BEST SMALL TOWNS IN
AMERICA

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, our Nation's premiere collection of American culture, the Smithsonian Institution has spoken. My hometown of Beckley, West Virginia, is among the Smithsonian's list of "The 20 Best Small Towns in America."

The master curators of our national trends, tastes, tragedies and triumph scoured one of our broad Republic's basic foundations, our small towns, to identify those that best celebrate culture, often those that celebrate their own culture and share it with the world.

The forthcoming article in the May 2012 edition of Smithsonian Magazine highlights a few of the Beckley area's many institutions, including the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine, our Arts center, Tamarack, and the venerable Theater West Virginia. They reflect a hardworking, talented, inspiring, sharing, genuine people who would do anything and everything within their power to help their neighbor. The faith, hope and abundant charity within the hearts of the community is a hallmark we cherish. These cultural icons attract visitors across many cultures as well as our own school kids and families, all who are eager to learn and enjoy.

The Smithsonian quest was prompted by the premise that our "big cities" and "grand institutions" do not have a monopoly on our Nation's creative juices. I wholeheartedly agree. I would only add to the authors' survey, that partnerships as well as individuals—can constitute a virtual wellspring of cultural opportunity.

I know, firsthand, that partnerships on all levels of government and from all corners of the private sector have mixed and matched manpower, material and money to share the magic and majesty of our mountain heritage and living to all who pass our way.

These public sector commitments to local arts, theater and culture are long term investments of precious taxpayer dollars. They are among the fundamental building blocks of a regional economy. They are among the pillars that support an elevated quality of life for everyone. I know that my hometown is not unique in this respect and hope that my col-

leagues will keep this in mind as we debate the great needs of our nation.

I salute everyone involved in Beckley's, Raleigh County's and the great State of West Virginia's progress and in this most deserved distinction.

I say to my colleagues, it's worth a visit real soon.

I commend the Smithsonian, affectionately known at the nation's attic, for recognizing the best of our small cities, where the country's front porches have much to offer.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I was unexpectedly unable to make votes on April 17, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following way: "no" on rollcall vote No. 154; "no" on rollcall vote No. 155; "yes" on rollcall vote No. 156; "yes" on rollcall vote No. 157; "no" on rollcall vote No. 158; "no" on rollcall vote No. 159; "no" on rollcall vote No. 160; "yes" on rollcall vote No. 161; "yes" on rollcall vote No. 162; "no" on rollcall vote No. 163; "yes" on rollcall vote No. 164.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF KEVIN
O'DONNELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Kevin O'Donnell.

Kevin O'Donnell was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1925 and attended West High School and Kenyon College before joining the U.S. Navy Supply Corps during World War II. After returning home from the war, he attended Harvard University and established himself as a businessman, working for SIFCO and Booz, Allen, Hamilton.

In 1966, he made a life-changing decision after spotting a story in a local paper about a man serving in the Peace Corps. He applied and accepted an assignment to head the Peace Corps' office in South Korea. As the Country Director in South Korea, he was charged with establishing educational programs. After four years in that post, he moved to the Peace Corps headquarters in Washington, D.C. and quickly rose up the ranks, finally becoming Director of the Peace Corps in 1971. O'Donnell was instrumental in successfully opposing Congressional efforts to slash funding for the Peace Corps. His daughter Megan and granddaughter Allison would continue his legacy, volunteering with the Peace Corps in Nepal and Honduras, respectively.

After 6 years with the Peace Corps he returned to Lakewood, Ohio and to SIFCO, serving as the company's CEO. O'Donnell was recognized several times for his dedication to public service, receiving honorary doctorates from Kenyon College, Ohio Wesleyan, and Pusan National University in Korea.

Kevin O'Donnell is survived by his children Kevin, Susan, Michael, John, Maura, Megan