

to the Marine Corps. Her initiative, leadership, and tireless efforts as a USMC Military Fellow and as the Operations Officer of the House Liaison Office have had a direct and lasting impact on improving the war fighting capabilities and the quality of life for Marines throughout the Marine Corps.

Throughout her time, Captain Hunter personally supervised and responded to hundreds of inquiries, many of which gained national level attention. Through her exceptional interpersonal skills and broad knowledge in a wide range of military affairs, she assisted the Director, Marine Corps Liaison Office, in gaining the Members' support and trust in critical issues. This served to provide the Marine Corps latitude and time to reach appropriate solutions in each case. Captain Hunter directly contributed to the Marine Corps' high degree of success in these matters that may not have been otherwise achieved.

Captain Hunter successfully planned, coordinated, and escorted an extensive number of international and domestic trips for high-level Congressional and Staff Delegations. These delegations often included senior leadership Representatives, such as the Chairman or Ranking Member of the major Defense Committees. These delegations visited heads of state, military commands, and deployed U.S. military personnel worldwide. Her attention to detail and anticipation of requirements allowed the Representatives and staff personnel to focus on fact-finding and learning new information to guide critical decisions to support the people of the United States. These trips led to an understanding of the successes and challenges facing our Marines that could only be gleaned from first-hand observation and face-to-face interaction.

Captain Hunter also assisted in the planning, coordination, and execution of countless events, receptions, and meetings on Capitol Hill. These events included New Member Orientation for the Freshman Congressional Class of the 112th Congress on Capitol Hill and in Williamsburg, Virginia; The House of Representative Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremonies, Multiple House Armed Services and House Democracy Partnership events, Promotion Ceremonies, Awards Ceremonies, and tours of the Capitol. She also scheduled and supported a great many office calls for the leadership of the Marine Corps to include Commandants of the Marine Corps, Assistant Commandants of the Marine Corps, and numerous other General Officers conducting business on Capitol Hill.

Through her exceptional personal efforts, Captain Hunter has contributed immeasurably to the Marine Corps' professional reputation throughout Capitol Hill. The rapport she developed with Members of the House of Representatives and the Professional Staff Members has in large part helped to ensure the strength and vitality of the Navy/Marine Corps team for years to come. Her exceptional performance as a USMC Congressional Fellow and Operations Officer of the House Liaison Office has made a lasting impact on the readiness and welfare of the Marine Corps, and as such, I thank her for her steadfast dedication to the Marines and our country.

From one Marine to another, I can unequivocally state that Captain Hunter is a testament to the Marine Corps' commitment to excellence. On behalf of my colleagues; we thank Captain Hunter and wish her the very best of luck in future endeavors.

URGING THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (FYROM) TO WORK WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROCESS WITH GREECE TO ACHIEVE LONGSTANDING UNITED STATES AND UNITED NATIONS POLICY GOALS OF RESOLVING THE NAME DISPUTE

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2012*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am reintroducing legislation urging the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) to work within the framework of the United Nations process with Greece to achieve longstanding United States and United Nations policy goals of resolving the name dispute and encourages the United States to work with its NATO allies to uphold previous NATO Summits decisions, with regard to the enlargement issue.

Negotiations are ongoing between Greece and the FYROM to resolve the name dispute. Historical and archaeological evidence shows that the ancient Macedonians were Greek. Macedonia is a Greek name that has designated the northern area of Greece for 2,500 years. In 1944, the name of the Skopje region was changed to Macedonia as part of Tito's imperialist campaign to gain control of the Greek province of Macedonia.

NATO's Heads of State and Government unanimously agreed in Bucharest (April 3, 2008) that "... within the framework of the UN, many actors have worked hard to resolve the name issue, but the Alliance has noted with regret that these talks have not produced a successful outcome. Therefore we agreed that an invitation to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia will be extended as soon as a mutually acceptable solution to the name issue has been reached. We encourage the negotiations to be resumed without delay and expect them to be concluded as soon as possible"—an agreement for which the heads of State and Government participating in the NATO Summit meetings in Strasbourg/Kehl (April 4, 2009), as well as in Lisbon (November 20, 2010) reiterated their support.

This resolution urges the FYROM to work within the framework of the United Nations process with Greece to achieve longstanding United States and United Nations policy goals of resolving the name dispute and encourages the United States to work with its NATO allies to uphold previous NATO Summits decisions, with regard to the enlargement issue and extend an invitation to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as soon as a mutually acceptable solution to the name issue has been reached.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATRICIA SIEGEL

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Patricia Siegel, who has dedicated her life and

career to making child care accessible and affordable for all families. I have known Patty for over 25 years and have witnessed her passion and determination to have child care recognized as a vital component of community life. Patty was a ferocious advocate for children in the California Legislature. She was unstoppable and never hesitated to shame people into doing the right thing.

Drawing on her experience as a mother, teacher and parent-organizer, Patty began developing and delivering child care services 40 years ago. She organized the Yellow Garage Playgroup for families in the Inner Sunset District in San Francisco. In 1972, she founded Childcare Switchboard to help families elsewhere in the city find such services. Four years later she was instrumental in initiating and implementing alternative child care solutions through the passage of AB 3059 which provided funding for the Child Care Resource & Referral Programs and Alternative Payment Programs in all California counties.

In 1980, Patty was the Founding Director and Executive Director of the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network, which has grown into the most established system of child care resource and referral services in the country.

As the Executive Director of the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network, Patty shaped state and federal policy for children and families. Her work included the Child Care Initiative Project, a statewide public-private partnership to expand the supply of licensed quality child care by recruiting and training new family child care providers, with special emphasis on infants and toddlers and Spanish speaking communities. She also inspired and guided the development of Parent Voices, a grassroots parent-led effort to engage and empower parents to actively and successfully participate in the policy process.

Patty also played an essential role in the creation and implementation of TrustLine, California's registry of license-exempt caregivers.

Beyond her role at the Network, Patty served on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Child Care Development, was one of the original state commissioners for the California Children and Families First Commission (First 5), and represented California in the Children's Defense Fund state child care advocates network. She is the state advocate and liaison for the National Women's Law Center and volunteers her time and expertise with the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Patty was born in Oakland and received her B.A. in French and English from the University of California, Davis.

In 1965 she married her husband Sanford "Sandy" Siegel. They have three children, Toby, Tara and Kelsey, and three grandchildren, Declan, Caio and Oona.

In her well deserved retirement, I am certain that Patty will enjoy spending more time with her family, gardening, traveling, cooking, hiking, reading, dancing and being in the outdoors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to recognize my friend Patricia Siegel for her lasting contributions to families in California and the country and for always putting her community before herself.

HONORING LARRY GODWIN, A  
FRIEND, COMMUNITY LEADER  
AND TRUE PATRIOT

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2012*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Larry Godwin, a wonderful friend of nearly four decades.

Larry lost his most recent battle with cancer on Thursday, April 12, 2012. With his passing, his family lost someone they loved, our community lost a leader and our country lost a true patriot.

It was my good fortune to have met Larry when we were active in the Winter Park Jaycees and in other community activities nearly 40 years ago. When you met Larry Godwin, you knew you were talking to someone with purpose, determination and principle. Successful in real estate, he also made his mark in politics and never paused in his commitment to good government. As a successful entrepreneur, he was part of that special formula that allowed Larry and our nation to be successful and great.

During one of his early visits to Washington for cancer treatment, I still remember his determination to fight on and survive that most dreaded and cruel disease. I will remember his faith, his love of family and that impish grin that, if you knew Larry, was never to be forgotten. So today, along with, I know, dozens of former Winter Park Jaycee buddies, we all salute and say a fond farewell to a special friend.

Mr. Speaker, today, April 19, 2012, in honor of Larry Godwin's memory, service to our nation and final services, I have asked the Architect of the Capitol to fly an American Flag over the U.S. Capitol Building.

Finally, to his family and especially his son Robbie, I extend my very deepest sympathy. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and memory of Larry Godwin.

HONORING THE ELLIS FAMILY

**HON. REID J. RIBBLE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2012*

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the great work of the Ellis family of Rhinelander, Wisconsin, who worked to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Marshfield, Wisconsin and are the 2012 Make a Difference Day winners. Make a Difference Day is a celebration of the power of neighbors helping neighbors. Created by USA Weekend, this annual day of service mobilizes more than three million volunteers to create change in their community.

The Ellis family has made a substantial impact on their community by collecting aluminum cans for the local Ronald McDonald House. Rick and Kela Ellis were heartbroken when they lost 2-year-old daughter Ashley to brain cancer in 1989. But within a year they'd found a way to honor her memory: by recycling aluminum cans to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Marshfield, Wisconsin, their "home" while Ashley was hospitalized.

Since giving their Cans for Cancer collection a "huge boost" by tying it to Make a Difference Day in 1998, the Ellises have recycled 6,000 pounds of aluminum, raising more than \$2,500.

I want to congratulate the Ellis family for this honor and thank them for their service to our community.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION  
EXTENSION ACT OF 2012, PART II

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2012*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4348) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, and for other purposes:

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, our Nation's ports are critical drivers for local economies and I am disturbed by the chronic underfunding of maintenance activities to allow for their maximum efficiency. The Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund was set up to address this growing concern and I continue to support the full expenditure of those funds for this purpose.

In my part of the country, thousand foot Lakers carry the iron ore, limestone, coal, and sand that support the manufacturing industries, which employ thousands of hard working Americans. Without efficient, reliable shipping through ports like Toledo, Cleveland, Sandusky, and Lorain, those plants could not afford to do business in the United States.

These ships are also carrying millions of tons of grain and other food commodities that make dinner affordable for our working families, and they are helping American farmers reach other countries, helping to balance our trade deficit. Thriving ports make this all possible.

And shipping itself directly supports nearly 50,000 jobs in the Great Lakes region alone. Nationally, that number is much higher.

Unfortunately, American shipping is at risk. Huge backlogs in dredging maintenance are causing ships to operate at reduced capacity or overlook some ports where navigation has become impossible.

Insufficient maintenance is undermining our national competitiveness. While the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund collects critical revenue to keep our ports and waterways open, only half those funds are currently spent. Those critical dollars should be fully expended for their intended purpose, keeping our ports open for business.

I am a cosponsor of the RAMP Act and rise in support of the Boustany Amendment. I hope to continue working with Representative BOUSTANY and other colleagues as we move towards a final bill to ensure that this critical issue of Harbor Maintenance is included.

RECOGNIZING THE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE AT FORT CHAMBLY

**HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2012*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the annual International Memorial Service at Fort Chamblay.

This memorial serves as a tribute to our fallen heroes who fought bravely during the American Revolutionary War, particularly those who weathered disease and below freezing temperatures to fight off the British on the U.S. and Canadian border.

The annual memorial service honors the courageous efforts these individuals demonstrated in their struggle for America's independence. Their service inspired generations of Americans to sacrifice for their country, in order to preserve and protect many of the liberties we enjoy today.

With gratitude, we acknowledge the legacies of our fallen heroes with great reverence and appreciation. I commend the Saranac Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, along with various associated organizations and dignitaries for keeping the valiant struggle of these individuals in the memories of community members.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER  
DOUGLAS

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Peter Douglas on the occasion of his retirement on October 31, 2011 as Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission for 26 years.

Mr. Douglas' great legacy is the lack of something—the lack of development on the spectacular 1,100 miles of California coastline. For over four decades he has worked to guarantee public access to the coast and to keep coastal bluffs pristine.

Mr. Douglas is the third executive director, appointed in 1985 after having served as the Coastal Commission's Chief Deputy Director for seven years. Before joining the commission, he worked as a legislative aide to Assemblyman Alan Sieroty of Beverly Hills. In that capacity he co-authored Proposition 20 in 1972 which created the Coastal Commission. He went to work for the Assembly Natural Resource Committee and the Select Committee on Coastal Protection where he co-drafted the California Coastal Act which was made permanent by the legislature in 1976. The law gives priority to public recreation over private development and gives the commission authority to enforce the law. Mr. Douglas deserves credit for turning a start-up panel into one of the country's most powerful land-use authorities.

Thanks to his work, millions of Californians and visitors are able to enjoy one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world. Had it not been for Mr. Douglas, Hearst Ranch would be a golf resort, Monterey Bay would be lined by