

APS has experienced exponential growth in the number of students with Autism in recent years. Between December 2007 and December 2011, the number of students with Autism receiving special education services in APS increased by 70 percent, bringing over 100 new students into our schools and classrooms. A report released by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on March 30, 2012, echoed those increases estimating that one in 88 children in the United States had been diagnosed with Autism in 2008, up from one in 150 children in 2000. As we continue to encounter these and other national and local trends, APS continues to work diligently to plan for increased student needs at all grade levels.

While budget constraints have made this work difficult, school divisions must continue to strengthen their efforts to provide educators with the training, tools, and other resources necessary to implement research-based instructional practices that effectively challenge and engage students with Autism regardless of classroom setting. APS currently forecasts a substantial increase in student needs in the upper grades, particularly related to providing support to students with Autism in the general education setting and to providing high quality post-secondary transition services. While many educational programs to serve students with Autism already exist, current educational investments focus heavily on early intervention and require expansion. Thus the prospect of a grant for a demonstration project in Arlington is extremely welcomed.

The demonstration project you propose would allow APS to collaborate and partner with families, institutions of higher learning, and educational experts to take the next critical steps to meeting our goal of challenging and engaging all students. On behalf of APS, the Arlington School Board, and the Arlington Community, we thank you for your dedication to meeting the needs of diverse learners. Your leadership and support for this critical initiative is commendable and we are proud and honored to be a partner with you in serving the community.

Sincerely,

PATRICK K. MURPHY, Ed.D.  
*Superintendent.*

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THE NORTH-SOUTH SUDAN  
CONFLICT 2012

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2012*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I chaired a hearing of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights that examined the current conflict between the Republic of the Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan and the policy options for forestalling a full-blown war that are available to the United States and the rest of the international community. As we met yesterday, the two countries move ever closer to all-out war, and some strategy to avert this eventuality must be devised soon if it is not created already. Our hearing should reveal what such a strategy is or will be.

The United States is one of the guarantors of the peace process that ended the second North-South civil war in 2005, but it is not our responsibility alone to prevent what everyone

believes would be disaster for two nations and their populations and likely for the welfare of their neighbors. The United Nations and the African Union certainly bear some responsibility for working to restore peace. However, no lasting peace will be likely if other interested parties fail to play a positive role in this crisis.

The Khartoum government is now talking about “the spirit of jihad” rising in the North. Jihad is often interpreted as a call for all true believers to help in the fight against one’s enemy. Sudan reportedly reached out to the Arab League to initiate discussions on the current crisis, and the Arab League might be able to convince Sudan’s leaders to calm down their rhetoric and help them see the negative end result of their warmongering. If Arab nations can support a workable plan to fulfill the provisions of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, CPA, that ended the second Sudan civil war, then they will have helped a nation led by people who consider themselves Arabs to create a sustainable future with peace and security.

China imports five percent of its oil from Sudan currently, and according to the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, that total could rise soon to 10 percent due to regional tensions in the Persian Gulf. Oil shipments from Sudan depend on both the southern supply and the northern pipelines. War between the two would have a significant impact on China’s ability to continue importing Sudanese oil, and as a result, Beijing has been trying to mediate the current dispute. South Sudan President Salva Kiir Mayardit has been in Beijing this week for discussions on ending the dispute between the two countries.

But while all nations must join in the effort to end the Sudan-South Sudan conflict, the difficulty of achieving a lasting peace is evident from the long history of North-South enmity, mistrust and war. During colonial times, the northerners and southerners were treated differently, and when independence finally came in 1956, the continuing estrangement of Muslim northerners and Christian and animist southerners was established.

The first civil war that began in 1955 was the result of an Arab-led government in Khartoum that broke promises of inclusion and marginalized southerners. The massacre of northerners in the South only exacerbated the growing hatred between them. After 11 years of relative peace, the second civil war broke out in 1983 when the Sudan People’s Liberation Army fought for the independence of the South. The CPA not only ended the second civil war, it set the South on the road to independence, which was finally achieved in 2011.

Unfortunately, the peace agreement which laid out the path to a sustainable peace, was never fully implemented. The genocide in Darfur distracted the international community from fulfilling the CPA, and nearly a year after South Sudan became a nation, there is no agreed-upon border, the Abyei region remains in dispute, citizenship remains in dispute for those in border areas and there is no agreement on how oil revenues are to be divided. With all these unresolved issues, significant tensions, and even some form of conflict was inevitable, especially between antagonists with a long history of mistrust.

The animosity between leaders from both sides does not bode well for peace talks or a

peace accord that will be sustainable. Both sides have taken actions that have made the situation we now face more difficult to resolve, but a false equivalency will not help us achieve a lasting peace. Whatever the international community thinks of the South’s capture of the oil junction town of Heglig, no nation will allow an antagonist to use a location as a staging ground for repeated attacks without retaliation. Sudan’s government has been brutally oppressing Darfur, and more recently has relentlessly attacked Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile states for months. We have held multiple hearings on the destruction in Sudan since last August. To equate months of vicious attacks that have killed or displaced thousands with the short-term occupation of a strategic town will neither placate the North into ending its cruelty against its own citizens nor shame the South into withdrawing from the staging ground for assaults against it.

I have met both Sudan President Omar Bashir and South Sudan President Kiir. I found President Bashir to be obstinate and uncaring about the destruction his armed forces have unleashed on his own citizens. President Kiir has been single-minded in pursuing independence over Sudanese unity since he assumed leadership of South Sudan in 2005. There have been numerous cease-fires and peace accords between the North and South over the years—none of them enduring. If we cannot devise a means of achieving a lasting peace, we may gain a brief halt in the fighting, but the war will inevitably resume at some point.

Our witnesses yesterday provided Congress an update on what is happening on the ground in Sudan and South Sudan and help us understand more fully the situation we now face.

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HONORING THE TOWN OF DUNLAY

**HON. FRANCISCO “QUICO” CANSECO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2012*

Mr. CANSECO. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to recognize and honor the extraordinary history of the town of Dunlay. Dunlay, located in West Texas, was originally established to service the Galveston, Harrisburg, and San Antonio Railroad, GH & SA RR CO, that came through Medina County in 1881. Initially named Enterprise, the town’s name was changed in 1895 to Dunlay, after railroad conductor Jerry Dunlay. The town’s primary purpose was to house railroad section crews who were responsible for a ten-mile stretch of track between Dunlay and Hondo.

During its heyday, Dunlay had a cotton gin, general store, lumber yard, restaurant, depot, grist mill, blacksmith shop, butcher shop, saloon, boarding house, school, and a Hermann Sons Hall. When the railroad left, many of the businesses in Dunlay dismantled and followed the railroad. The general store continued, as well as, a filling station and post office.

Today, Dunlay is still home to many families and new businesses. Dunlay’s history symbolizes a special time in America and I am proud to represent this town and their great people.

HONORING DR. STEVEN K.  
HUMPHREY

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2012*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Steven K. Humphrey on his upcoming retirement after serving 42 years as an educator.

Having earned his bachelor's and master's degree from Western Illinois University, Dr. Humphrey went on to receive his doctorate from Illinois State University. Over the past four decades, Dr. Humphrey has served the students of Illinois as a teacher, a building administrator, a district administrator, and as a superintendent.

In 1970, Dr. Humphrey began his career in Mt. Sterling, Illinois, at Brown County High School teaching social studies and history. Three years later, he started his administrative career as principal of Seymour High School in Payson, Illinois. For the next eleven years, Dr. Humphrey served as administrative assistant and then assistant principal of Thornridge High School in Dolton, Illinois. He became assistant superintendent of Thornton High School District 205 in 1987, where he served until 1993 when he became superintendent of Crete-Monee School District 201U. He began his current post as superintendent of DuPage High School District 88 in 2001.

Throughout his career, Dr. Humphrey has set high expectations for his students, and has championed his belief that all students can learn at high levels. He has built important partnerships between businesses and educators, and has always put students first. Of particular note, Dr. Humphrey successfully led the nine communities in District 88 to support a referendum to modernize the infrastructure and environment of District 88's Addison Trail High School and Willowbrook High School. When both high schools made the Top Schools in America list in 2008, it was a testament to his leadership. Additionally, he has served as a member of several professional and community organizations. Dr. Humphrey's service and commitment to the community has helped strengthen the Illinois school system.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in honoring Dr. Humphrey for his remarkable career and in wishing him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING LAKE TIRE  
AND AUTO ON 25 YEARS OF  
BUSINESS

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2012*

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the 25th anniversary of Lake Tire and Auto, Inc. of Tavares, Florida. For a quarter of a century, the good people of Lake Tire and Auto have provided quality tire and auto service to residents across central Florida.

Owned and operated by the father and son team of Ralph and Matt Smith, Lake Tire and Auto is the oldest family-owned business in the Golden Triangle area of Lake County. The

Smiths' dedication to their customers and community is evident not only in their commitment to superior vehicle service, but through their involvement in community organizations and activities, such as Kiwanis and the Tavares Chamber of Commerce.

Local small and family-owned businesses like this are the backbone of our economy, and I am pleased to congratulate Ralph and Matt Smith for their hard work and tireless efforts in serving their customers and their community. May their actions inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

RECOGNIZING HERB WEITZMAN

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2012*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Herb Weitzman, a Dallas-born commercial real estate professional who has been in business for over 51 years. Mr. Weitzman is 72 years old, the owner and chief executive of the Weitzman Group and Cencor Realty Services, and he shows no signs of slowing down any time soon.

Texas is widely known for its thriving economy and deeply-rooted culture. Over the past five decades, Mr. Weitzman's contributions have added considerable value to the Texas economy, and he has helped to define the dynamic culture found in cities all across Texas.

In North Texas, Mr. Weitzman established the first locations for a number of retail chains including Kentucky Fried Chicken, Toys R Us, and T.J. Maxx. Mr. Weitzman has also brought newfound prominence and economic diversity to various shopping centers throughout Texas by bringing anchor stores like Whole Foods and Krogers, among many others. In addition to the economic benefits enjoyed by many Texans through the creation of jobs, Mr. Weitzman has helped to breathe new life into a number of Texas communities.

Mr. Speaker, Herb Weitzman is a man who understands the importance of building lasting relationships with his clients. In doing so, those relationships have helped Mr. Weitzman launch a long and successful career in real estate, and has had such a keen insight in business that he has weathered the difficult times in the economy. Mr. Weitzman is a model of what it takes to lead a successful business, and I am pleased to recognize his accomplishments and integrity in commercial real estate.

HONORING HOWARD CHAPMAN  
MORRIS

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2012*

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I honor Howard Chapman Morris, a devoted public servant to the people of Giles and the Greater New River Valley, who passed away on Wednesday, April 11, 2012.

A World War II Army Veteran, the first Giles County Voter Registrar, an active member of

Christ Episcopal Church in Pearisburg, and a member of the American Legion Post in Narrows, the American Legion Post in Pembroke and the VFW Post in Narrows, Howard truly loved to serve.

He was active in the Giles County community serving as a member and past chairman of both the Giles County Board of Supervisors and the Giles County Republican Party. He was a proud member, volunteer, and past president of the Giles County Chamber of Commerce. He was named the Giles County Citizen of the Year in 2006. And, he served on the Agency On Aging Board, the New River Valley Airport Commission. Howard also spent time on the Board at the Fairview Home in Dublin, where the dining room was dedicated in his honor.

A man whose legacy and influence will be long remembered across the Greater New River Valley and throughout Southwest Virginia, Howard will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Howard's wife, Brenda; his four daughters; and all his family and friends. A husband, father, grandfather, public servant, and veteran, I am honored to pay tribute to Howard's many contributions to the community.

THE HEROISM OF JOSE DANIEL  
FERRER GARCIA

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2012*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, today, I call attention to the brutal, unjustifiable imprisonment of pro-democracy activist and member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), Jose Daniel Ferrer Garcia, who was once again arrested on April 2, 2012 and remains in prison more than three weeks later.

Ferrer was one of the seventy-five pro-democracy activists arrested during the infamous Black Spring of 2003, when Castro's thugs brutally arrested and imprisoned those who dared to speak out against oppression. Ferrer works closely with Cuba's well-known pro-democracy group, the Ladies in White, and has often documented the details of their arrests, beatings and other harassment to disseminate to the international community.

On April 2, at the time of the arrest, Ferrer's 14-year-old daughter, Martha Beatriz Ferrer Cantillo, reported that Ferrer and his wife, Belkis Cantillo, a Lady in White, were arrested in their home in Palmarito de Cauto in the province of Santiago de Cuba. Both Ferrer and Belkis were brutally beaten and removed from their house, and several of their personal items, including a picture of Laura Pollan, the courageous founder of the Ladies in White murdered by the regime, were taken by Castro's thugs. Their minor daughter was also beaten and threatened by Castro's thugs.

Ferrer remains confined in abhorrent conditions in the Versailles Police Unit prison used for violent criminals. His wife was able to visit him in prison for a few minutes on April 10, and she said that Ferrer was covered in insect bites and had become very thin. Earlier this week, Ferrer began a hunger strike to protest his imprisonment. He told his wife that, "they are killing me slowly."

Amnesty International once again listed Ferrer as a prisoner of conscience and called