

those veterans still living, Honor Flight provides for many their first—and perhaps only—opportunity to see the National World War II Memorial, which honors their service and sacrifice.

This Honor Flight begins at dawn when the veterans will gather at historic Fort Whiting in Mobile and travel to Mobile Regional Airport to board a chartered flight to Washington. During their time in their nation's capital, the veterans will visit the World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and other memorials.

The veterans will return to Mobile Regional Airport that evening, where some 1,000 people are expected to greet them.

Mr. Speaker, the May 9, 2012, journey of heroes from South Alabama is an appropriate time for us to pause and thank them—and all of the soldiers who fought in World War II. They collectively—and literally—saved the world. They personify the very best America has to offer, and I urge my colleagues to take a moment to pay tribute to their selfless devotion to our country and the freedoms we enjoy.

I salute each of the veterans who made the trip to Washington. May we never forget their valiant deeds and tremendous sacrifices:

Bradford Amazeen; Frank Boykin, Jr.; Henry Brady; Wesley Davis; Charles Jackson; Manley Kulman; Archie Lewis; Raymond Lovell; Travis Mitchell; Niland Mortimer; Wilson Oglesby; James O'Rear; John Osterday, Sr.; Almon Ready; Kermit Reedstrom; Dr. James Rencher; Harold Richard; Jesse Robinson; Raymond Roser; Lawrence Roubion, Jr.; John Ruffin; James Santa Cruz, Jr.; Harold Schumann; Richard Stairhime; Lloyd Stewart; William Sumrall; Harlan Taylor; Tom Ware; Robert Wheeler; Wendell Williamson; Hugh Blount; William Boone; Cecil Bosarge; John Bosco; Howard Bowman; Vercial Bray; William Brennan; Claude Broun; Johnnie Burgess; Paul Carroll, Jr.; Cordelia Catlin; Dan Coleman; Leo Crain; Miles Crutchfield; Carl Daughdrill; Dr. Conan Davis; Nathan Denmark; Kirby Evans; Almus Goins; Johnnie Grovenstein; Michael Guarino; Angelo Harris, Jr.; John Hickman, Sr.; Joseph C. Holliday; Philip Kile; Richard Lentz; Alfred Phillips; Rudolph Rolison, Sr.; John Tyson, Sr.; Thomas Brown; Frank Daniels; Lyman Daugherty; Elissa Davis, Jr.; John Folsom; Edward Haeflinger; Oliver Henderson, Jr.; Frank Holyfield; Hal Johnson; Mitford Keel; Thomas Kelly, Jr.; James Lambeth; Father George Lassett; Josephine Lassett; Donald LeDuc; Seymour Lichtenfeld; Arnold Loucks; John Magnon; Ulderico Marcucci; Moss McCarty; Raymond McCrary; Earl McDonald; Pervis McMillan; Nicolas McShea, Jr.; Robert Nodar; Edward O'Neal; Charles Parker; Kenneth Patrick; Edwin Phillips; Arthur Raines; and James Werner.

IN MEMORY OF GARY SAIN

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of a friend and an ardent advocate for Central Florida. Gary Sain passed away May 6, 2012, just hours after delivering opening remarks at the Boys and Girls Club of Central Florida's "Celebrate the Fu-

ture" fundraiser, an event for which Gary served as chairman, and which typified Gary's dedication to the people and community of Central Florida.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Pam Sain and the Sain family. Gary was a talented and enthusiastic proponent of Central Florida's future and development. Gary was personable, humble and energetic. He was refreshing to be around and optimistic for the future. He envisioned great things for Central Florida, and he worked hard to make them happen.

As CEO of Visit Orlando, Gary was instrumental in making Orlando America's number one tourist destination. With his work, Orlando became the first travel destination to host more than 50 million visitors in a calendar year, with 51.5 million people visiting Orlando in 2010.

Gary's vision for Orlando, and the legacy he leaves, will serve the Central Florida area well for years to come. His work will be carried on, but he will be sorely missed. May his example of dedication, hard work and altruistic enthusiasm lead many to follow in his steps.

CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS ON CPA AND ACCOUNTANTS

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Congressional Caucus on CPA and Accountants, I rise today to congratulate the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), on reaching the historic milestone of 125 years of service to its members and the public. Founded in 1887, the AICPA has grown into an organization with over 377,000 members in 128 countries.

As the ten CPAs and accountants in Congress, we each have deep personal connections to the accounting profession and profound respect for the work the AICPA does to strengthen it. As a professional organization, the AICPA supports and educates its members, but it also promotes financial literacy and education for the general public as well.

The accounting profession is about trust: trust between a CPA and a client, and trust between an auditor and the public. It is these relationships, carefully tended, that are the foundation of our economy. For 125 years, the AICPA has been hard at work building this trust by promoting the highest standards of independence, objectivity, competence, and ethics for the profession.

The AICPA's members practice in specialties across the accounting spectrum—from private practice to business and industry to education to government to consulting—but all are supported by the resources, information, and leadership provided by the Institute. The AICPA serves its members in many activities including standards, certification, peer review, education, thought leadership, and promoting the public image and professionalism of CPAs.

For over a century, the AICPA has stood as a custodian of the accounting community, protecting the integrity of the profession and promoting the competence of its members. Today, Americans are served by a cadre of well trained, objective CPAs whose analysis

and advice serves as the foundation for millions of financial and business decisions each day. These professionals are the living legacy of the AICPA's 125 years of service.

Today, as a member of AICPA, I join with my fellow CPAs and accountants to congratulate the staff, leadership, and members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants on their 125th Anniversary. Our nation is a better, stronger nation because of your work.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5326) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Chair, I rise in reluctant opposition to H.R. 5326, the Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill for FY2013.

This spending bill provides funding for essential agencies, including the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Census Bureau, Economic Development Administration, FBI, Drug Enforcement Agency, U.S. Attorneys and Marshalls, NASA, and the National Science Foundation.

I recognize that Chairman WOLF had a difficult task because of the sharply reduced allocations included in the Ryan Budget, which I opposed. The bipartisan agreement represented by the Budget Control Act of 2011 already made sharp cuts to spending levels. The decision by this Republican-led Congress to break that agreement to make even deeper cuts on the programs Americans rely on will make it very difficult to come up with a final spending agreement with the Senate. The Obama Administration has issued a Statement of Administration Policy expressing strong opposition to H.R. 5326.

This bill underfunds programs that are critical to Hawaii, including programs that support fisheries and ocean stewardship programs. It includes a \$20 million cut to the Legal Services Corporation, denying legal aid to tens of thousands in underserved communities, as well as many military families. Funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services, COPS, program in the bill is well below the administration's request. Fortunately, we were successful in passing an amendment to increase funding for COPS by \$126 million (equivalent to the FY 2012 level), but many other amendments to this bill have made it even worse. For instance, amendments were adopted that would: Prevent use of Department of Justice funds in the legal defense of the Affordable Care Act; Prohibit funding to implement the National Ocean Policy; Eliminate funding for science-based climate change education efforts that will help prepare students for careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; Prohibit funding of Census Bureau collection of detailed housing, economic, and demographic statistics.

I expect this bill will pass today. I only hope that it can be improved in conference with the Senate so I can vote for the final spending agreement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, and 223. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote Nos. 202, 205 and 214. I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 199, 200, 201, 203, 204, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, and 223.

HONORING DR. AILEEN RIOTTO SIREY FOR HER SERVICE TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN AND OUR COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with my heartfelt thanks and appreciation that I rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to pay tribute to the invaluable contributions of my good friend, Dr. Aileen Riotta Sirey. After founding and leading the National Organization of Italian American Women for more than 30 years, Aileen has decided to step down from the helm. She has led NOIAW with pride, integrity, honor and, most importantly, passion—molding it into the outstanding organization it is today.

Aileen has one of the most unique personal stories I have ever come across. After receiving both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Brooklyn College, she began teaching in Brooklyn. With the birth of her daughter, JoAnne, she left the workforce and spent the next five years as a full time mother. When she decided to go back to work, she joined Beth Israel Hospital as a community organizer and she was soon recruited by the Maternal Infant Care Project, a program within the New York City Health Department, to develop the first In-Hospital Family Planning Program. Under this program, community women were recruited, screened, and trained in peer counseling in birth control and were placed in 25 New York City Hospitals. Women talking to women about family planning—which at the time was still not commonplace—was an extraordinary effort. Aileen went on to for two consulting firms in health services and later earned her doctorate in psychology and started her own practice. For most this would seem like a lifetime's of work already completed—but not for Aileen.

One of Aileen's greatest professional interests has been the effects of culture on values, attitudes, and behaviors. It was because of

this interest that, more than 30 years ago, Aileen gathered a small group of Italian American women in her Upper West Side apartment. That meeting and their desire to assist other Italian American women and develop a nationwide network of women sharing a common ancestry sparked the formation of the National Organization of Italian American Women. Through their commitment to this effort, NOIAW members have developed a very successful scholarship and mentoring program and also offer a variety of educational and social programs. Today, NOIAW has a strong membership and is well-known as a resource for other Italian American women pursuing their own educational and professional aspirations. Throughout our nation's history, Italian Americans have played a pivotal role in the success and progress of America. The myriad of invaluable contributions that those of Italian ancestry have made to this nation are immeasurable. NOIAW celebrates these contributions and our rich ethnic history—it is Aileen's lasting legacy to our country and to all Italian-American families.

I have had the distinct pleasure to work with Aileen on a variety of projects over the years. She is an extraordinary resource and her positive energy and enthusiasm is contagious. She instills an inspiration in others that does not quickly fade. I consider myself fortunate to call her my friend and would be remiss if I did not extend a special note of thanks to her for her many years of special friendship and support.

More than anything else, Aileen's greatest pride is in her family. I am proud to join her husband, Charles, her daughter and son-in-law, JoAnne and Sol, and her granddaughters, Emma and Maia, as well as all of those who have gathered this evening in extending my very best wishes to Aileen Riotta Sirey as she celebrates her retirement. She has set an extraordinary example of service and dedication—it is a bar to which we should all strive.

WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize this year's "Women Who Make a Difference" being honored by the YWCA in my home of Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Since 1954, the YWCA of Bucks County has worked to empower women and provide a wide range of educational programs to the disadvantaged and vulnerable populations in our community.

After accepting nominations from the community, the YWCA has chosen the following women to receive this year's honors: Anne Clark, Yolando D'Arcangelo, Jeryl DeGideo, Susan Eckert, Mynetta Edwards, Kim Everett, Kathy Feldcamp, L.J. Herman, Jo Klienmann-Wood, Jacqueline Garnett Neal, Sally Pollock, and Kathleen Rosso-Gana.

All of these women have made a big difference in my Congressional District. Their overall empathy for others has helped our neighbors fight life threatening diseases and overcome physical challenges. Their enthusiasm for learning has inspired our youth, and their sense of duty has compelled them to assist total strangers in crisis, sometimes putting their own lives at risk.

The hard work and dedication that these women have shown has made Bucks County a better place for all of us. Thanks again to the YWCA and all of this year's honorees.

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Ms. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, as a Nation, we pride ourselves on the support we give our men and women in uniform.

So much so, that over the last ten years, "Support the Troops" has become a rallying cry that cuts through all social and political difference.

This month is Military Appreciation Month, and today I rise to thank the men and women serving in our military in Kansas and around the world.

This week, as the House attempts to block the gutting of our defense department, I think it is important to remember that the first priority of the Federal Government is to protect us and there are brave men and women across the globe who deserve our support.

So from Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, Forbes Field, and other military installation across Kansas's Second District and indeed the world, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the men and women of our armed services. Your service makes my service possible.

ACLU RECOGNIZES SHARON KISSEL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I enter this statement on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU. The ACLU is a non-partisan organization with more than 500,000 members, 53 state and local affiliations, and countless additional activists and supporters, dedicated to the principles of equality and justice as set forth in the U.S. Constitution and in our laws protecting individual rights. The ACLU asked me to enter the following statement into the RECORD recognizing Sharon Kissel, a DC resident who serves as Legislative Librarian for the organization.

On the 15th anniversary of Sharon Kissel's tenure with the American Civil Liberties Union Washington Legislative Office, her colleagues and many friends would like to honor her tremendous work over the past two decades on many of our nation's most pressing civil rights and civil liberties issues. In her role as the Legislative Librarian, Sharon is one of the unsung heroines in the ACLU's efforts to achieve equal justice, freedom, and fairness for all. Over the past 15 years, Sharon's work has been critical to a wide range of issues, including the ACLU's advancement of the Fair Sentencing Act, the Violence Against Women Act, and the ACLU's national security advocacy.

Sharon has been a key participant in some of the most important civil liberties and civil and human rights campaigns over the past 15