

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PROCLAMATION

#### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 11, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker,

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mrs. Melody Poole Ellis has answered that call by giving of herself as an educator at Dunaire Elementary, and as a beloved daughter, mother, wife and friend; and

Whereas, Mrs. Ellis has been chosen as the 2012 Teacher of the Year, representing Dunaire Elementary school; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Mrs. Ellis is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Melody Poole Ellis for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2012 Teacher of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim April 25, 2012, as Mrs. Melody Poole Ellis Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of April, 2012.

REGARDING MAY 9, 2012  
"PRESENT" VOTE ON H.R. 4133

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 11, 2012*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support Israel, its rights as a nation, and its unequivocal right to defend itself. I fully support the provisions of this resolution aimed at strengthening Israel's defensive military capabilities. Unfortunately, this resolution also contains overly broad provisions that go well beyond support for those defensive capabilities. Specifically, I am concerned about provisions that include the terms "defensive articles" and "defensive services" and "specialized munitions," which security experts understand to include a vast array of offensive weapons, including bunker-buster bombs. The increased militarization of the Middle East could endan-

ger Israel's security and is a source of regional and global instability. While the bill enumerated ways the U.S. can lend military support to Israel, there was not an emphasis on achieving a negotiated peace with its neighbors. No amount of American military assistance will fully compensate for the lack of a productive and effective peace process. This bill was a missed opportunity for Congress to show balanced support for a comprehensive peace plan. The neglected Israeli-Palestinian peace process must be given stronger support by the United States, and this bill reflects the lack of U.S. leadership in achieving a lasting peace. Because of these flawed provisions, I voted present on H.R. 4133.

### HONORS TEMPLE EMANUEL ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 11, 2012*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many who have gathered in celebration of Temple Emanuel's 50th Anniversary. This milestone is a very special occasion, not only for the administration and members, but for the community as well.

Founded in 1962, Temple Emanuel was the vision of a group of families seeking a better quality of Jewish education for their children and an experience different from what they had found in more typical Reform congregations. Chartered by the Union of American Congregations in 1966, Temple Emanuel, under the direction of Rabbi Mark Winer, found its home on what was originally a working farm. While awaiting the construction of its sanctuary, congregants first used the barn for services and the property's home was used for the offices and as a school building.

Working with members knowledgeable in architecture, design, and finance, their Temple Emanuel's current sanctuary was completed in 1991. Rabbi Winer had introduced the concept of "services in the round," so the new sanctuary was built with movable seating to fit any occasion. Services were participatory, with animated discussion and a self published Siddur, the traditional Jewish prayer book. Rabbi Brieger, Temple Emanuel's second rabbi, continued this style of worship. A former song leader with the North American Federation of Temple Youth and codirector of the International Torah Corps, Rabbi Brieger had strong roots in the Reform movement and excellent musical skills. Under his direction, and through song and communal prayer, Temple Emanuel's congregation developed its unique style and strengthened their connection to Judaism. Temple Emanuel is currently led by Rabbi Michael Farbman who came to the congregation following Rabbi Brieger's retirement in 2009. With his dynamic guitar playing services and the creation of the Temple Emanuel

Band, whose members range from middle school to retirement age, Rabbi Farbman continues the strong musical influence of his predecessors while bringing a new joy and energy to the congregation's worship.

In addition to their religious dedication, the congregants of Temple Emanuel are also deeply concerned with their community and their work on behalf of others extends far beyond the walls of their synagogue. Their members collect and donate food to local food pantries several times a year, they have been involved with Sister City projects, and have participated in Abraham's Tent—an effort to address homelessness in which congregations volunteer to provide meals and overnight shelter to twelve homeless men for the duration of their week, alleviating overcrowding in the shelters and demonstrating support for the homeless members of our communities—since its inception. Temple Emanuel's religious school students have regular Tzedakah projects which include making gift baskets for children residing in domestic violence shelters, collecting books and school supplies for area children's programs, and raising money for animal shelters. Through all of these efforts and more, the members of Temple Emanuel have touched the lives of thousands of people in need—setting an example of service to which we should all strive.

Our houses of worship play a vital role in our communities—providing people with a place to turn to for comfort when they are most in need. In its first fifty years, there have been many who have worshiped within its halls and many who have found peace and strength in the outstretched arms of Temple Emanuel. It is with my deepest thanks and appreciation for all of their good work that I stand today to pay tribute to Temple Emanuel as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Their contributions have left an indelible mark on our community and a legacy that will live on for generations to come.

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker,

Whereas, Fifty years ago, DeKalb County, Georgia, was blessed with an educational institution that continues today to uplift and assist citizens in gaining knowledge to enhance their lives and the lives of others by investing in dreams; and

Whereas, In 1961, DeKalb Area Vocational School—now Georgia Piedmont Technical College—was founded to promote a student-centered environment for lifelong learning and development, encompassing academic and technical education for employment in a global community here in DeKalb County, Georgia, to service the citizens of DeKalb County and nearby communities; and

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Whereas, Georgia Piedmont Technical College has grown from one campus to nine campuses in DeKalb, Newton, Rockdale and Morgan counties; and

Whereas, Georgia Piedmont Technical College continues to be a resource for citizens in DeKalb County and throughout the state of Georgia by providing excellent community service, educational opportunities and stellar leadership; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia is officially honoring, recognizing and congratulating Georgia Piedmont Technical College on its 50th anniversary as an anchor in our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim April 14, 2012, as Georgia Piedmont Technical College Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 14th day of April, 2012.

IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR  
THE DEBBIE SMITH DNA BACKLOG PROGRAM

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 11, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation to Chairman WOLF and Ranking Member FATTAH for working together to ensure that the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program is adequately funded in the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2013.

Given these difficult economic times, difficult choices must be made as to where scarce funds are to be allocated. Given the importance of the DNA Backlog Grant program to law enforcement agencies in my congressional district, I would have liked for the program to have received even more funding. But I am very pleased that the bill provides funding at the amount requested by the Administration, the sponsor of the authorizing legislation and my good friend, Congresswoman MALONEY from New York, and is more than eighty percent of the amount of funding I requested the Committee to provide.

The DNA Backlog Grant program provides funding to help reduce and eliminate the backlog of DNA evidence in state and local labs across the Nation. The "Justice For All Act" (P.L. 108-405) expanded the use of DNA technology to convict the guilty and free the innocent. In 2008, Congress again showed its overwhelming bipartisan support for this initiative by passing "The Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act" which extends this program through FY 2014.

There is an ever-present need to continue robust funding for programs such as the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program in order to make sure victims do not fall through the cracks of the system.

Women who have been raped have a right to expect police to thoroughly investigate the case and prosecute the offenders; however, many rape kits across the country are never even tested, and the perpetrators never face justice. Nowhere is this problem greater than in Los Angeles County, where there is a backlog of more than 12,000 rape kits sitting untested in storage facilities. Of those kits, 499 are attached to cases past the 10-year statute

of limitations for rape in California, meaning that even if those kits are tested, the offenders cannot be tried for their crimes.

The current fiscal crisis has already hindered efforts to eliminate the backlog, as Los Angeles city officials have been denied the funds necessary for hiring crime laboratory analysts. Continued cuts, however small, will continue a trend of neglecting this pursuit of justice, and thousands of women and their families will be denied their basic security and peace of mind.

DNA evidence is critical in sexual assault cases, and I would like to highlight one recent success story from my district in Long Beach. The alleged crime occurred in August of 2003, when a 17-year-old student was sexually assaulted by a stranger on her high school campus. The DNA collected at the scene went untested for 7 years due to the laboratory's backlog, but in 2011 Redondo Beach police arrested the attacker. The DNA match showed the chance of the DNA belonging to someone else was one in a trillion, providing nearly irrefutable proof of his guilt. I ask for unanimous consent to include in the RECORD copies of newspaper stories that discuss in greater detail the importance of robust funding for the DNA initiative to reduce the backlog in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Speaker, the DNA Initiative is an invaluable tool for law enforcement today, and it will continue to be a legislative priority of mine. That is why I am pleased that funding for this vitally important program was not reduced as so many other worthwhile programs have been. I commend my colleagues on the Committee for funding the program at the level requested by the President and those of us in this body that strongly support the program.

ZOELLICK LEAVES A LASTING  
LEGACY AT THE WORLD BANK

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 11, 2012*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today's global challenges demand global solutions. From poverty and hunger, to climate change and the financial crisis, the complexities of the 21st century require not only American leadership, but also effective global institutions. While the world continues to change at a rapid pace, the World Bank—with its wealth of experts and resources for fighting poverty—is a critical multilateral instrument for addressing these global challenges.

During his 5-year term, outgoing World Bank President Robert Zoellick has helped lead a turnaround at the World Bank and reestablished for the United States a key partner in advancing vital U.S. interests abroad. President Zoellick has placed new focus on pragmatic, common-sense solutions. He recognized that in order to meet the challenges of a changing world, the World Bank had to change along with it. In the last 5 years, the Bank has transitioned from a once rigid top-down approach to development, into a flexible, collaborative, and more democratic institution.

President Zoellick recognized a critical reality: that alleviating poverty is vital to economic recovery. Investments in global health, education, food security, and empowering

women and girls not only lift millions of people out of poverty, but create important sources for economic growth. These investments make the world a safer place to do business. Even as it responded to the global financial crisis, the World Bank under President Zoellick raised \$90 billion for the International Development Association, the Bank's fund for the world's poorest. The World Bank worked with developing countries to strengthen their social safety nets and build resilience to crisis, and invested in critical infrastructure to remove investment barriers.

At the World Bank, President Zoellick leaves behind a real, tangible legacy. His push to institute a "Freedom of Information Act" unleashes public innovation by allowing free, open access to the World Bank's trove of economic data. This unprecedented step has ushered in a new era of accountability and transparency. President Zoellick created the Climate Investment Funds, which have already leveraged nearly \$50 billion for practical investments in energy efficiency, technology development, and combating deforestation. These remarkable contributions will continue long after President Zoellick leaves the World Bank next month.

As co-chair of the bipartisan Caucus for Congressional-World Bank Dialogue, I look forward to working with the World Bank to continue the progress achieved during President Zoellick's tenure.

Dr. Jim Yong Kim, the World Bank's next president, should give Congress—a major investor in the World Bank—confidence that an American with a proven track record of success will be advancing this shared vision for global development. Dr. Kim's significant contributions to global health, his commitment to partnerships on the ground in developing countries, and his proven management skills will make him an effective leader of this vital multilateral institution.

Together, we can build on the innovation, accountability, and effectiveness that President Zoellick has brought to the World Bank during his successful 5-year term.

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, we are saddened by the death of Mr. Robert Lee Smith because our lives have been touched by the life of this one man; and Whereas, Mr. Robert Lee Smith's work is present in our community and his church, Hillcrest Church of Christ; being a deacon, Bible School instructor, bus driver and singer; and

Whereas, this highly effective motivator utilized his skills to aid in the growth and development of his church; and

Whereas, he gave of himself, his time and talent as he served his family, friends and community, and

Whereas, Mr. Robert Lee Smith was a husband, a son, a father, a friend and a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this