

Sections 1631 and 1632 will help maintain a strong small business presence in our defense industrial base which is essential to reducing maintenance and procurement costs as well as maintaining a strong national defense.

It is my strong belief this important legislation will help ensure that the highest level of support services are provided to the men and women who protect our freedom.

# RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY COMMEMORATING MAY 19 AS ATATURK YOUTH AND SPORTS DAY

## HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2012*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate May 19 as a significant day in the history of our friend and ally the Republic of Turkey.

In Turkey, May 19 is celebrated as the commemoration of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the Founder of the Republic of Turkey. It was on that day in 1919 when Ataturk landed in the Black Sea port of Samsun and the war of independence began. After the war, he dedicated May 19 to Turkey's youth as a reminder that their "first duty is to preserve and defend forever Turkish independence and the Turkish Republic."

He was an exceptional leader who understood that Islam and modernity are not inconsistent—an important factor to reinforce today with democratic leaders throughout the Muslim world.

Ataturk went on to build a republic based on universal values, secularism, equal rights and democracy under the rule of law—from a disintegrating Ottoman Empire. He understood that advances in women's rights, education, science and technology were crucial to his vision of creating a nation as proud members of the group of civilized nations.

His reforms inspired President John F. Kennedy who said, "The name Ataturk reminds mankind of the historical accomplishments of one of the greatest men of this century. His leadership gave inspiration to the Turkish nation, farsightedness in the understanding of the modern world, and courage and power as a military leader."

Recognizing the importance physical activity has in the health of our nations, the United States and Turkey have a shared vision of promoting the well-being of their nation's youths. Coinciding with Ataturk Youth and Sports Day, President Barack Obama has designated the month of May 2012 as National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. These celebrations promote the value of physical activity in the pursuit of a happier, healthier and more productive nation.

May is a very important month for the United States and Turkey—it's a month where we both honor the importance and health of our youth. What started on May 19, 1919 as a great leader beginning his inspirational journey to transform his people, has culminated in a yearly celebration of his vision becoming a reality. We should all learn a lesson from this man's life. A leader with motivation and determination can lay the roots for a great future.

# IN RECOGNITION OF PATTY MOZLEY

## HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2012*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Patty Mozley for her 43 years of dedicated service to the students of The Walker School in Marietta, Georgia.

Mozley moved to Marietta in 1969 and began teaching third grade at The Walker School, a position she held for 17 years. She also served as interim principal, and spent her last 26 years as an enrollment advisor.

An avid playwright, Mozley also began The Walker School's drama program, writing and directing the first script. Before her retirement, The Walker School renamed its studio theatre in Mozley's honor.

Students, parents, and communities need more educators like her. She has inspired countless lives and fostered a love for learning in her students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Mozley's outstanding accomplishments and her unwavering commitment to education.

# RECOGNIZING EDITOR CAROL STARK AND THE JOPLIN GLOBE EDITORIAL STAFF

## HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2012*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Editor Carol Stark and her staff at The Joplin Globe for their steadfast coverage of the Joplin tornado disaster.

The Joplin community was dealt a devastating blow when it was struck by a deadly tornado on May 22, 2011. During the entire aftermath of this catastrophe, Carol and her team did not waiver in providing up-to-date coverage to the Nation. Amidst the chaos that included the destruction of half of the staff's homes and the death of a fellow staffer, The Joplin Globe carried on its work and managed to get the next day's newspaper out only an hour late.

Because of her unyielding dedication and leadership during these hard times, Carol is the recipient of the Local Media Association's Editor of the Year award. The Joplin Globe also received the Jesse Laventhol Prize for Deadline News Reporting by the American Society of News Editors on April 2, 2012 in Washington, DC for its coverage of the tornado. These are noteworthy accomplishments and I am proud that they have been acknowledged for their efforts.

Mr. Speaker, Carol Stark and her team at The Joplin Globe have served both our community and our Nation well amidst times of trial and it is an honor to recognize their dedication and work.

# RECOGNIZING STEVEN MOCZARY AS THE 2012 EGLIN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR

## HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2012*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Steven Moczary, the 2012 Eglin Air Force Association Teacher of the Year. Despite being new to the field of teaching, Mr. Moczary has had a substantial impact on the lives of his students. To be chosen as Teacher of the Year after only one year in the profession is evidence of Mr. Moczary's talent and work ethic. Mr. Moczary's strong background in science, engineering and aviation, as displayed by his Masters Degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and his Bachelors Degree of Science in Engineering from Texas Tech University, has helped him achieve laudable success in such a short period of time.

Before beginning his career in education, Mr. Moczary served in the United States Air Force as a B-52 Electronic Warfare Officer and Flight Safety professional. As a teacher, he has continued his dedication to aeronautical safety as the Assistant Director of Academic Support for the CHOICE Aviation Institute. In this role, he works with his alma mater, Embry Riddle, to instill in his students a love for aviation, while imparting in them the importance of safety. His hope is to encourage more students to enter the aviation field.

Mr. Moczary's courses at the CHOICE Aviation Institute are among the most invigorating, innovative, and challenging in the entire school district. His knowledge of aeronautics is coupled with a unique ability to engage his students. Mr. Moczary is also able to call on his experience serving in the United States Air Force Safety Center and his vast knowledge of the safety systems and the human interface to communicate valuable information to students about the aviation profession and the science of flight.

Mr. Moczary is described as always having a "can do" spirit that he utilizes in his inspiring attitude to motivate his students. In his position as the Assistant Director of Academic Support, Mr. Moczary counsels and speaks to students about present and future enrollment in aviation programs, often providing them with career counseling. He also reintroduced the Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) course to the CHOICE Aviation curriculum. This course teaches students about UAV technology, which can be particularly important to the Florida Panhandle after a hurricane or natural disaster to survey damage and search for missing persons. Mr. Moczary has given back to the community through a course teaching flying safety in high schools and middle schools across the Florida Panhandle.

Described as an invaluable asset to the CHOICE program, Okaloosa County schools, and Embry Riddle University, Mr. Moczary is committed to the success of each of his students. On behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Mr. Steven Moczary for his achievement and commitment to aviation education in Northwest Florida. I also commend his honorable service in the

United States Air Force. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing him all of the best.

#### HUMAN RIGHTS IN HONDURAS

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep concern about the steady deterioration of human rights in Honduras since the June 2009 coup d'état. In recent months, attacks against journalists; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) advocates; land rights activists and other vulnerable communities have increased. I want to draw particular attention to a few tragic deaths that occurred just this month: on May 1st, Santos Alberto Dominguez, a member of the Civic Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations (COPINH), was murdered. On May 8th, Erick Martinez, a well-known LGBTI activist, was found dead in a gutter. And on May 9th, Alfredo Villatoro—a popular radio show host—was kidnapped on his way to work and has not been heard from since.

These deaths come amidst numerous reports of abuses committed by Honduran security forces. And yet the vast majority of these abuses as well as Mr. Dominguez and Mr. Martinez's deaths have yet to be investigated and prosecuted. I have repeatedly requested that all U.S. assistance to Honduran police and military forces be suspended as long as Honduran authorities fail to investigate and prosecute these abuses. It is a travesty that U.S. taxpayers dollars are bolstering abusive security forces.

But while the situation in Honduras continues to deteriorate, I am encouraged by the important work of Honduran human rights organizations. These groups are on the frontlines of justice, documenting human rights abuses and offering the support and legal representation that the Honduran state fails to provide. Yet these organizations are receiving threats of sexual violence—particularly targeted at female human rights workers—and death threats without any form of effective protection from the Honduran authorities. There has also been a troubling escalation of threats against international human rights accompaniers. All of these threats must be immediately investigated, and the individuals and groups that are behind them must be brought to justice.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue to support human rights in Honduras. The people of Honduras deserve their rights. They deserve their freedoms. And they deserve peace. They have suffered too much. Justice cannot wait a moment longer.

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

SPEECH OF

### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

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:

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 5326, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2013. While there have been several amendments that have improved the bill, including the increase in COPS funding, I still cannot support the measure in its current form.

One program that is particularly hard hit by this bill and is important for many of my constituents, and citizens across the country, is the Legal Services Corporation. The Legal Services Corporation is the largest funder of civil legal aid for low-income Americans, and makes aid available to some 60 million people nationwide. Once again, the Republican majority is proposing to cut millions of dollars from its budget, and leave thousands of the poorest among us underserved just when they need help the most.

The mission of the Legal Services Corporation is to provide at-risk citizens like the elderly, veterans, and single mothers with legal assistance when they need help from a trained lawyer or paralegal. The people we are talking about helping are mothers trying to protect their children from an abusive spouse; senior citizens trying to prevent their homes from being foreclosed on; and veterans trying to secure the benefits they are entitled to.

The economic downturn and the collapse of the housing market left many of our families in greater need of legal aid than ever before. We must make sure that access to well-trained legal assistance is not only available to wealthy Americans who can pay for it out of pocket, but also to the least among us.

In Connecticut, the cuts to funding will probably mean another round of layoffs in addition to the cuts the program was already forced to make last year. This will again decrease the number of trained staff available to handle calls when citizens who are confused and intimidated by the legal system reach out for help. Millions of dollars in additional cuts will mean that tens of thousands of calls from people seeking advice will go unanswered, and thousands of ongoing cases will remain unresolved.

Mr. Chair, for this reason, and for several others, I have decided that I cannot support this bill in its current form and hope that through negotiations we are able to find some way of rolling back these destructive cuts to a successful, longstanding program that benefits millions of our fellow Americans.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO U.S. ARMY COLONEL CHANDLER C. (SKIP) SHERRELL

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor U.S. Army Colonel Chandler C. (Skip) Sherrell who is retiring after 26 years of service to our nation as an Army Aviation Officer. During his distinguished career, COL Sherrell served the nation in peace and war in

numerous positions of steadily increasing responsibility. COL Sherrell has led soldiers in combat, trained soldiers for war, and served as an advisor and assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS), the Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA), and as a DoD Fellow to the United States Congress. He has served his Nation in Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Bosnia, Germany, and Korea, as well as in demanding assignments in the United States. His decorations for his service include awards for valor. He is an outstanding Army aviator, leader, and soldier, and he is deserving of our recognition.

COL Skip Sherrell concluded an outstanding career by serving for two years as the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Aviation & Missile Life Cycle Management Command (AMCOM). He brought a wealth of expertise in aviation operations to the AMCOM Command Group. Prior to joining AMCOM, COL Sherrell performed one of the most demanding and critical assignments of his career, serving as the Commander of Task Force (TF) 49. TF 49 was the Army's designation for a composite Aviation Brigade, formed from many units to perform combat operations in Iraq. In twelve months of intensive flying in multiple locations across Iraq, COL Sherrell led TF 49 to complete mission success with an impressive safety record—an outstanding achievement.

COL Sherrell served in a role that few Army officers experience: working as the Deputy Legislative Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS). Serving as a liaison to Congress as the personal representative of the CJCS is an important position, but more importantly, he also served as a soldier's advocate on Capitol Hill for equipment modernization and improved systems and protection.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in honoring COL Chandler C. (Skip) Sherrell's exceptional service, dedication and devotion to duty, leadership, and professional competency. He exemplifies the fine tradition of military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Department of the Army, and the United States of America. May he know that his nation is greatly appreciative of his dedication, and wishes him the best in all his future endeavors.

#### JUANITA WILLIAMS—100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, two years ago I had the privilege to be on the House floor to bring tribute to a wonderful woman, Mrs. Juanita Worsley Williams, to acknowledge and celebrate her 98th birthday. I come again today to honor this lady on her 100th birthday on May 18, 2012.

Obviously, Mr. Speaker, there are many, many older Americans to celebrate, but this lady is special to me because she was with her husband, Dr. Williams, when he delivered me 69 years ago.

My father, the late Congressman Walter Jones, Sr., and my mother were very close with Mrs. Williams and her husband. My sister