

and I were close friends with the Williams children as we grew up. In a small town like Farmville, NC, everyone knows each other and my unique relationship with the Williams family has always been very special to me.

On the 19th of May, Mrs. Williams' family and friends will attend her birthday celebration. It will be a celebration of the 100 years of a lady with a strong religious faith who loves her family and community.

What Juanita Williams has given to the Town of Farmville is hard to measure, but her deeds speak for themselves: church service, Girl Scouts, Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, Meals on Wheels, and much more.

This is a lady who gives more than she receives. Thank God for Mrs. Juanita Williams and may He continue to bless her, her family and these United States.

RECOGNIZING VICE ADMIRAL
SALLY BRICE-O'HARA

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a leader for her extraordinary service in the United States Coast Guard. Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara served our nation for nearly 38 years, and on May 18, she will retire as Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard. We all owe her a debt of gratitude for her tremendous commitment to service and to our country.

As the 27th Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara not only led over 57,000 active-duty, reserve and civilian members and 30,000 Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers in executing all of the Coast Guard's maritime life-saving, law enforcement, environmental protection, ports and waterways security, and national defense operations world-wide, but she also served as the Chief Acquisition Executive responsible for guiding the Coast Guard through its critical, multi-billion dollar recapitalization program. Her leadership in driving the Service toward achieving the highest standards of professional conduct and competency, fiscal stewardship and public accountability led to the Coast Guard's first-ever qualified audit opinion, significant improvements in management of the Coast Guard's deployable specialized forces, and the implementation of numerous Service-wide aviation safety and training enhancements.

Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara's experience, foresight and commitment to serving her fellow Coast Guard men and women and the people of the United States can be seen in the many accomplishments she achieved throughout her service in the Coast Guard's most important and impactful leadership positions. As Deputy Commandant for Operations, Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara implemented vital improvements to the Service's operations and mission support execution and coordination through their modernization and stabilization programs; the most significant organizational change initiatives in the Service's history. As Commander of the Fourteenth District, Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara directed all Coast Guard operations in the Central Pacific encompassing an area of over 12 million square miles. Responsible for

protecting U.S. economic and sovereign interests in this vital region, Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara ensured the security of our exclusive economic zones, protected our natural resources, and represented U.S. interests to our international partners as the Deputy Commander for East Asia-Pacific Engagement. Her other Flag Officer assignments include Director of Reserve and Training where she developed Coast Guard-wide recruiting, training and management of over 12,000 Coast Guard Ready Reservists, and oversaw all Coast Guard training facilities; and Director of Personnel Management, where she administered Coast Guard-wide human resource and workforce development programs.

Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara has also served in numerous command positions around the country including several which have had a direct and vital impact on the residents of Southern New Jersey and my Congressional District. As commander of the Fifth Coast Guard District, she directed Coast Guard operations along the mid-Atlantic and was responsible for protecting some of our Nation's most important economic sea ports and military infrastructure. She also oversaw response to the ATHOS I oil spill, the largest oil spill ever to affect the East Coast. Her dedicated leadership helped the Delaware Bay region recover quickly and avoid a lasting negative impact on the regions economy and Bay's sensitive ecosystem. She also served as Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard's only Recruit Training Command in Cape May, New Jersey where she ably prepared recruits for service in the Coast Guard. Finally, she served as Commanding Officer of the Cape May Boat Station, where she oversaw the safety and security of South Jersey's waterways and the search and rescue of hundreds of individuals.

The conduct and leadership of Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara's has been exemplary. She has been awarded the Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, five awards of the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, six awards of the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation.

A native of Annapolis, Maryland, she graduated from Goucher College in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and received her Coast Guard commission from Officer Candidate School in 1975. She holds a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, where she was named a Littauer Fellow, and a Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College. Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara and her husband Robert O'Hara, a retired Coast Guard officer, have two adult sons, Robert and Brice.

Both as the Chairman of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee and as a grateful citizen, I am honored today to recognize the extraordinary career and distinguished service of Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank her for her and her family's sacrifices over the past 37 years, and I wish her well as she retires from the Coast Guard.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING IRAN FROM ACQUIRING A NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 568, a resolution emphasizing the importance of preventing the Government of Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon. I have long held that the United States should make every effort to stop Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon and this resolution is consistent with that belief. Allowing them to do so would needlessly create instability in the region, potentially spark a nuclear arms race, and would threaten our ally Israel. As someone who has consistently defended the security of Israel, such an outcome would be unacceptable.

I applaud President Obama for taking a strong and decisive stand on this important issue. H. Res 568 recognizes the President's March 31, 2010 statement that the "consequences of a nuclear-armed Iran are unacceptable," and I wholeheartedly agree. That being said, we should give diplomacy and tough economic sanctions every chance to succeed in dealing with Iran. As I have said in the past, the consequences of rushing to war are grave and should be made with all due consideration. I have high hopes for the talks that the international community is holding with Iran at the end of the month, and look forward to seeing the result. The whole world is indeed watching.

HONORING PASTOR J.S. HOPKINS
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM ST.
MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, June 2, 2012 Dr. J.S. Hopkins is being honored for a lifetime of devotion to the Lord and his 52 years of service as Pastor to the spiritual community of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Flint, Michigan.

Dr. Hopkins was born on December 19, 1922 in Flora, Mississippi. He accepted Christ as his personal savior and was baptized on September 19, 1937. From 1942 to 1946 he served in the armed forces of the United States and in 1946, the year he was honorably discharged, he married Miss Lureatha Outland. The couple are proud parents of seven children. It was also in 1946 that Dr. Hopkins was crowned a church deacon and shortly afterward the couple moved to Michigan and Rev. Hopkins went to work for General Motors. He retired from GM in 1978 after 30 years of dedicated service.

After moving to Flint, Dr. Hopkins joined New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, serving on the Deacon Board. In 1957, the Hopkins moved their membership to True Light Missionary Baptist Church and within a year he

was ordained as a minister. On May 9, 1960 Dr. Hopkins was called to pastor Temple Missionary Baptist Church, which later became the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church. Dr. Hopkins' inspired leadership, vision and courage has been an immense blessing to the St. Mark Family. His spiritual, civic and social responsibilities have included being President of the Baptist Ministers Fellowship Alliance of Flint; Board of Directors, Great Flint O.I.C.; Chairman, Annual Awards Committee, Concerned Pastors for Social Action; Dedicated Chairman of the C.P.S.A Courier; Founder of the Genesee County Christian Institute; Member of the Chaplaincy Advisory Council, Michigan Department of Corrections, and; Advisor to the Wolverine State Convention.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. J.S. Hopkins on his well-deserved retirement and dedication to the Flint community. His message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and service to St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church are an inspiration to us all.

PORTS AS SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATORS ACT

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, during my short time in Congress, I've worked hard to highlight the importance of our ports, not only to my district in California, but to our national economy. Ports support 13.3 million American jobs and generate \$3.15 trillion in economic activity. That is why I founded the PORTS Caucus to educate Members of Congress on the importance of ports to our national economy. As a member of the Small Businesses Committee, I also understand that economic recovery is going to be fueled by the job-creating power of our small businesses.

That is why I am introducing the "Ports as Small Business Incubators Act," which will join these two economic forces and further strengthen our economy. In 2005 alone, North American incubation programs assisted more than 27,000 companies that provided employment for more than 100,000 workers and generated annual revenues of \$17 billion. My bill creates a grant program available to Port Authorities interested in creating their own small business incubators.

The Ports as Small Business Incubators Act will allow port authorities to apply for a grant to create a small business incubator. This program will encourage port authorities to give opportunities to entrepreneurs who need them most. These newly-created small business incubators will be designed to foster small businesses owned by women, veterans, and minorities. Finally, this program will also encourage businesses that develop a crucial part of our economy: green jobs. Port authorities can work with small businesses that focus on clean energy and improved air and water quality.

By passing this bill, we will ensure that our entrepreneurs are given the chance to succeed. This program will nurture our new businesses and provide a much-needed boost to our recovering economy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall Vote No. 208 on the evening of May 7, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall Vote No. 208—Quayle (AZ) Amendment: "no."

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

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

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. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise to oppose H.R. 5326, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year 2013.

This bill violates the bipartisan agreement Congress struck with the President last August when we enacted the Budget Control Act of 2012. That legislation created a framework to reduce the deficit by two trillion dollars. It provided balanced spending caps that reduced the nation's deficit while protecting our national priorities and the fragile economic recovery. The House Republican Leadership decided to ignore this agreement months after it was enacted by demanding an additional \$19 billion in cuts in this bill and other appropriations bills. This bill is \$1.6 billion less than the fiscal year 2012 Commerce, Justice, Science bill and about \$731 million less than the Senate's version. These unnecessary cuts reduce our investments in key areas like law enforcement, access to justice for the poor, scientific research, efforts to protect of environment and funding for our space program.

These cuts are unnecessary and force Members of Congress to make decisions to cut one necessary program at the expense of another critical program. For example, the original bill funds the Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Grants Program (COPS) at \$217 million less than the level requested by the Administration. An amendment was adopted to increase funding for the COPS grants to current level, but it took critical funding from NASA. If the Republican leaders would have abided by the Budget Control Act agreement, we would have been able to fund critical COPS grants and NASA. Maryland's economy depends on money to keep cops on the street and fund NASA facilities like the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD.

I also strongly oppose the inadequate funding levels for the Legal Services Corporation,

which is the single largest funder of civil legal aid for low-income Americans. The bill funds the Legal Services Corporation at level that is \$74 million below the President's request. The Obama Administration stated that tens of thousands of low-income Americans, including many military families and veterans, would be denied assistance with civil legal problems if these cuts are adopted. This would prevent them from receiving fair treatment in the courts. Our justice system should be open to everyone, not just those who can afford representation.

I also strongly object to the plethora of ideological policy riders added to the bill to hamstring the Obama Administration's efforts to reduce border violence, protect the environment and uphold civil rights protected under the U.S. Constitution. The bill prevents federal law enforcement's ability to investigate and curb gun trafficking along U.S. Mexican border. The bill prevents the Administration from continuing efforts to prevent overfishing and protecting our oceans and wildlife. The bill prevents the Department of Justice from challenging state voter suppression laws, state immigration laws that potentially violate the U.S. Constitution, and the ability for the federal government to offer federal benefits to legally married same-sex couples.

I hope my colleagues will join me in opposing this harmful legislation. I will monitor the progress of this bill in the Senate and conference. I am hopeful that future changes and improvements will give me a chance to vote on a more acceptable alternative.

CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS KIM YOUNG HWAN, YU JAE GIL, KANG SHIN SAM, AND LEE SANG YONG

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, today I want to bring attention to the cases of four human rights activists who have dedicated themselves to pro-democracy efforts in North Korea. Kim Young Hwan, Yu Jae Gil, Kang Shin Sam, and Lee Sang Yong reportedly were arrested in Dalian, in Communist China, and remain imprisoned by Communist China's Ministry of State Security in the Liaoning Province, near the border with North Korea.

These human rights activists are in serious danger. Many fear that Kim in particular, once a North Korean regime insider who has become one of the most outspoken advocates for freedom and human rights for the North Korean people, has been subjected to harsh interrogation and even torture by Chinese state security or North Korean security thugs. Even while living in South Korea, he often suffered harassment and intimidation for his activism and work on NKnet by pro-North Korean sympathizers. As the Daily NK reported on May 16, 2012, if Kim was transported to the Sino-North Korean border to be interrogated by North Korean agents, "then what is the difference between throwing a piece of meat to a dog and handing Kim to the North Korean National Security Agency, whose men come and go from Dandong as if it were their own house?"