

Robinson with open arms and declare, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

I extend my deepest condolences to his mother, Ms. Lula Mae Simmons, his sister Jean Davis, and his brother, Don Ray Robinson.

RECOGNIZING THE WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (WPSBA)

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association, WPSBA for 50 years of service and dedication toward improving public education in its member districts throughout the Lower Hudson Valley of New York.

Since its founding in 1962, WPSBA has helped school board members to become education leaders in their districts and the larger region. By providing training, outreach, and resources, WPSBA has worked to enhance the effectiveness of the school board members who work so tirelessly on behalf of public school students and their schools. WPSBA has also become a forum to share information and build relationships among people and organizations dedicated to public education. By carrying out its multi-faceted mission, WPSBA has strengthened the quality of education throughout Westchester and Putnam counties.

WPSBA is a forceful advocate at the local and state levels for policies that support public education. It has also demonstrated its commitment through outreach to the public and the media, shaping the conversation to ensure that issues vital to public education are considered.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the past, current and future leaders and members of the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association for their selfless commitment to public service. We wish all those involved with WPSBA a happy 50th anniversary celebration and continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING COURTNEY KREIGHAUSER OF THE CARROLL SENIOR HIGH TRACK AND FIELD

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Courtney Kreighauser. She is a student at Carroll Senior High School who won a state championship at the University Interscholastic League's State Championship for Track and Field.

Every year, top high school athletes in Texas compete for the opportunity to advance to the UIL's State Championship. Only the extraordinary athletes that advance from the district and regional meets are qualified to continue to the state competition held in Austin, Texas. Courtney Kreighauser from Carroll Senior High won the 5A Girls 1600 race.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all of my distin-

guished colleagues to join me in congratulating Courtney Kreighauser for her state championship title in track and field.

HONORING SUNLIGHT FOUNDATION

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise, as doth the golden orb pulled across the sky each day by the chariot of Apollo, to decry an ignominy perpetuated on this Body by the captious Sunlight Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, the Sunlight Foundation says we talk dumb. How can the House of Lincoln, Jefferson and Wilbur Mills suffer such exorciation? I deem the Sunlight Foundation's findings fatuous. There has been no deliquescence of Congressional discourse.

Speak we not of life, liberty and hockey? In the words of Francois de la Rochefoucauld, who I believe was a defenseman for the original Canucks, "True eloquence consists in saying all that should be said, and that only." So true. That is why as the elected arbiter of erudition from the 5th Congressional District, I decry the Foundation's obvious schadenfreude in our dictional dystopia. Let me repeat that word again: schadenfreude, which captures the zeitgeist of this badinage.

That is not to say there have been errors in eloquence. But soft! What F-bombs from Rahm's office breaks? His monosyllabic vocabulary evoked images of the corporeal, the priapistic and the unprintable. Alas, our words may not always dance "trippingly on the tongue," as Hamlet encourages of his players in Act III of that eponymous work.

But nor do they need to. As Bertrand Russell said, "To acquire immunity to eloquence is of the utmost importance to the citizens of a democracy." And so we do our best in pursuit of that august goal. As to the Sunlight Foundation's farcical fomentations, I leave you with the thoughts of one post-modern philosopher, known for his dialectical ruminations on the salubrious effects of fermented hops and barley.

"Facts are meaningless," notes Homer Simpson. "You could use facts to prove anything that's even remotely true!"

So if the Sunlight Foundation must lampoon our verbal buffoonery, reducing us to linguistic lummoxes, remember Cecil Terwilliger's immortal retort to his brother Sideshow Bob's comment about spending four years in clown college: "I'll thank you not to refer to Princeton that way."

H.R. 5652: SEQUESTER REPLACEMENT RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2012

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 5652, the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act. The proposed cuts in this bill directly attack low and moderate-income Americans while protecting an excessive defense budget.

More than 40 percent of the cuts in this legislation come from programs that support low-income families. The bill abandons millions of Americans who rely on food assistance programs by making drastic cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Free School Lunch and Breakfast program, and Meals on Wheels. The bill slashes funding for the Social Services Block Grant Program, which provides more than 20 million children and seniors services ranging from protection from abuse to transitional housing. Simply put, H.R. 5652 disproportionately cuts assistance targeted to low- and moderate-income families and will only deepen the poverty that they experience and leave more of them hungry.

H.R. 5652 cuts the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) and restricts any unused funds for deficit reduction. Though initially flawed, my efforts and those of my colleagues to improve HAMP have helped to make it an essential response to the foreclosure crisis. Rather than completely eliminate it, as H.R. 5652 would do, the program should continue to be revamped to better serve the needs of the American people.

This legislation includes provisions to require that all current and future federal workers pay an additional 5 percentage points of their salary toward their federal pensions. This cut in benefits would result in an annuity that is worth approximately 40% less than is the case under existing laws. Federal workers have already endured pay freezes and large programmatic budget cuts. Congress should not be playing politics with the pensions of the thousands of hard-working federal employees that are dedicating their lives to public service.

In addition, H.R. 5652 weakens Americans' protections in the event of another financial crisis like the one that started our current recession. The bill prevents the FDIC from intervening to slow the chain reaction of investment bank failures that happens when one of the firms begins to fail, bringing the others with it because they are so closely tied together. The bill also eliminates the ability of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to fine law-breaking financial entities under its jurisdiction.

The premise behind this legislation is that we should go back on the agreement that was reached and codified in the Budget Control Act by preserving a massively bloated Defense Department with funding from Americans of greatest need. I strongly oppose this bill.

CONGRATULATING BRADY OF GREENSBORO ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, family-owned businesses provide the structure at the core of every great community. As a result, it is necessary to recognize and celebrate the growth and success of these companies. The citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina would like to recognize Brady of Greensboro on its 50th anniversary as a North Carolina business.

Brady was started by its current chairman, Don Brady, in 1962, with only four other associates and a station wagon. The original company goal was the sale of HVAC commercial equipment. Today, Brady works to design integrated comfort systems for a broad array of North Carolina industries that exceed expectations of quality, reliability and efficiency. The Brady mission has evolved to helping building owners and asset managers maximize their energy resources by providing a complete suite of cost effective, integrated energy solutions to achieve significant overall cost savings, a goal which not only affects these industries, but our economy and the state, as well.

What began as a small sales operation in Greensboro, Brady now employs more than 300 North Carolinians in offices and stores across the state. Brady values its employees as the backbone of its business, providing extensive training for personal growth and development, creating a skilled work force in our state.

This year, Brady was also honored with the mid-sized "North Carolina Family Business of the Year" award from Wake Forest University. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we would like to recognize and celebrate this leading local business on its 50th year of operation. We wish Brady more success and growth in the years to come.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WALWORTH-SEELY LIBRARY

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Walworth-Seely Public Library, as it celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Located in Wayne County, New York, the original site of the Walworth-Seely Public Library was purchased from Bessie Seely, the daughter of a tinsmith who sold her father's shop to the Walworth Chamber of Commerce for one dollar under the condition that the space was used for educational purposes. The Walworth Town Board unanimously decided that there was a need for a library.

The Walworth-Seely Public Library officially opened its doors in 1962. It quickly grew to require an expansion to the existing building in 1970 and in 1992 the library moved to a new facility to accommodate continued growth.

Fifty years from its inception, the Walworth-Seely Public Library still serves a vital role in the community by allowing free access to books and bringing the community together.

It is important that we give special recognition to our libraries, as they welcome all members of the community to share and enjoy the many benefits of reading, as well as educate and inspire our future leaders of tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Walworth-Seely Public Library as they celebrate 50 years of service to the community by supporting free access to knowledge and information.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, and 258. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote Nos. 256 and 257. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote Nos. 253, 254, 255 and 258.

TRIBUTE TO TOKYO RAIDER WILLIAM FARROW

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in a Memorial Day recognition of the incredible heroism and sacrifice of Tokyo Raider William Farrow, The Lexington County Chronicle on May 24, 2012, published the following article by Ron Shelton on behalf of the South Carolina Historic Aviation Foundation.

[From the Lexington Chronicle, May 24, 2012]
MEMORIAL DAY RECALLS COURAGE AND LEGACY OF GAMECOCK AND TOKYO RAIDER WILLIAM FARROW

(By Ron Shelton)

Heeding philosopher Edmund Burke's oft-repeated quotation "For evil to flourish, all that is needed is for good men to nothing", Rich Lashley does plenty.

The retired psychiatrist, who for 25 years served at the University of South Carolina's health center, believes the Ultimate Sacrifice made by Tokyo Raider William Farrow, pilot of Plane 16, can inspire others today as it has him for many years. He "talks up" Farrow to any who will listen.

South Carolinian William Farrow, one of three Tokyo Raiders executed by the Japanese military, had been a USC Civil Engineering student only a few short years before his untimely death. Lashley views the psychological discipline and moral courage Farrow summoned in the face of his demise as models contemporaries can apply.

"His legacy is as fresh today as it was seven decades ago. Farrow left behind a personal creed that could be taken up by any one of us," said Lashley, who volunteers at The Cooperative Ministry's C.A.R. program. "Over the years, as I have learned more and more about Farrow, I feel this Memorial Day, during the 70th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid, is an appropriate time to be taught by his lessons on life."

Lashley, a lover of history, was well aware of Columbia's ties to the famed Tokyo Raiders who 70 years ago rained bombs on Japanese industrial sites in retaliation for that nation's Pearl Harbor attack December 7, 1941.

"At first I knew only vaguely that one of the Raiders studied at USC. The more I learned, the more fascinated I became—that a kid so young would have had Christian principles, and exemplified them so courageously. Memorial Day is an opportunity to reflect on how we might handle such a life threat. Surely, we all have wondered if we could survive what POWs endure, all the while praying to be spared," said Lashley, a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Clipping articles, reading voraciously and making notes, drafting documents over

many years, Lashley now is well aware Farrow wrote letter of comfort home to his family in Darlington, reminding them of his abiding faith, even when he knew he was to be executed.

While a student at USC, Farrow developed a personal creed as manifestation of his spiritual searching and growth. In Fall 1939 he was selected by the Civil Aeronautics Authority for air training. He interrupted his studies the next year to enlist at Fort Jackson, completed flight training at Kelly Field, TX, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant in July 1941. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, only months later, plunged America into a war the nation had been determined to sit out.

Farrow's fate was not set yet. The sixteenth plane he piloted was not supposed to be included in the Raiders' surprise attack on Japanese industrial sites. According to Ron Shelton, vice president of South Carolina Historic Aviation Foundation (SCHA), that plane was to be held in reserve.

"At the last minute, Doolittle made the decision to use every plane available. With inadequate fuel supply to land in friendly Chinese territory, because the Mitchell bombers had to launch from the deck of the USS Hornet prematurely—and from a greater distance from the target than planned—after being discovered by a Japanese picket boat, Farrow's aircraft went down," said Shelton, science curator emeritus, South Carolina State Museum. "Farrow and two other airmen were ultimately executed by the Japanese."

After his execution his mother found the creed, written while at USC, in a trunk the teen had brought home from college. Of the tenets, this one has been pulled out and repeated most often:

Fear not for the future—build on each day as though the future for me is a certainty. If I die tomorrow, that is too bad, but I will have done today's work.

Farrow's poignant words were leaked out into the public and swept the nation, through publication in various media. As a Blue Star Mother, Mrs. Farrow was asked to address the nation and read the creed on the Blue Network, and her message was called Mother Courageous.

American president Franklin D. Roosevelt learned of it, and praised it as an example to the nation; calling it An American Creed for Victory Nationwide, newspapers as well as church bulletins published it.

On January 27, 1943 USC President J. Rion McKissick used Farrow's creed instead of his own words in his farewell message to the winter graduating class. When McKissick requested that all members of the graduating class who were entering service to rise, nearly every man rose to his feet.

Farrow's Creed—as applicable, purposeful today as it was 70 years ago.

1. Stay in glowing health—take a good, fast one-hour workout each day.

2. Search our current, past, and future topics on aviation.

3. Work hard on each day's lessons—shoot for an "A".

4. Stay close to God—do His will, obey His commandments. He is my friend and protector. Believe in Him—trust in His ways—not in my own confused understanding of the universe.

5. Do not waste energy or time in fruitless pursuits—learn to act from honest fundamental motives—simplicity in life leads to the fullest living. Order my life—in order, there is achievement, in aimlessness, there is retrogression.

6. Fear nothing—be it insanity, sickness, failure—always be upright—look the world in the eye.

7. Keep my mind always clean—allow no evil thoughts to destroy me. My mind is my