

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT  
ROLE THAT LOCAL BROADCASTERS  
PLAY IN ALERTING  
THE PUBLIC DURING WEATHER  
EMERGENCIES

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 1, 2012*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, in recent years, unpredictable and sometimes violent weather has struck our Nation. The months of May and June are the most likely times for tornadoes to strike the great Hoosier state. Getting to safety before a tornado strikes can be the difference between life and death. Success in that effort depends on access to timely information. For this reason, I want to thank local broadcasters in the 7th District of Indiana for providing critical information during weather emergencies.

Last year, a violent storm caused the sudden collapse of the concert stage at the Indiana State Fair. This tragic incident killed seven and severely injured dozens more. It could have been much worse. Timely alerts from local broadcasters enabled Fair officials to clear the Midway minutes before the storm struck, potentially saving the lives of hundreds.

Radio and television stations are our Nation's most reliable network for distributing emergency information. When electrical lines are knocked down and Internet and mobile networks become inoperable, broadcasters are the last line of defense—transmitting public safety information over the airwaves.

Local television and radio stations play a critical role in ensuring public safety. Now is the time to expand their ability to provide emergency notifications. Increasingly, the American people have access to mobile phones. By equipping these devices to receive FM radio signals, millions of Americans could depend on their mobile phones to provide critical information in advance of a weather emergency.

As a former official with the Department of Homeland Security, I know first-hand how cell phone networks can become overloaded and inoperable during an emergency. By adopting this technology, broadcasters can provide timely information to mobile phones—enabling the American people to take shelter in advance of a weather emergency. I call upon my colleagues in Congress, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Communications Commission and the mobile phone industry to work together to expand the reach of local broadcasters in providing critical information during a weather emergency.

I want to once again thank local broadcasters in my district for their essential role in promoting public safety.

RECOGNIZING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
OF PRINCE WILLIAM  
COUNTY VOLUNTEERS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 1, 2012*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Habitat for Humanity of Prince William County Volunteers.

Habitat for Humanity seeks to eliminate poverty housing and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat invites people from all walks of life and faiths to work together in partnership to build and repair houses with families in need through our Neighborhood Revitalization Initiatives: New Construction, Home Rehabs, Home Repairs and the Habitat Restore. Home repairs consist of A Brush with Kindness, Weatherization, Critical Home Repairs and Critical Home Repairs for Veterans. None of their work is possible without the funding and time that their donors and volunteers give so generously. 490 volunteers donated more than 6,867 hours in 2011 and eleven of those volunteers individually donated more than 100 hours each.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers of Habitat for Humanity of Prince William County:

Susan Jacobs, Karen Wilkinson, Rob Major, Chris Daffan, Theresa Accoo, Christine Rowe, Kisha Sogunro-Wilson, Anita Duecater, Renee Wolfolk, John McBride, Brian Swanson, Marci Swanson, Dob McCubbin, Frank Jacquette, Sandi Stark, Mike Stark, George Braun, Matthew Watkins, Bob Gainer, Al Harris, Lynn Ashe, Razan Azzarkani, Betty Reichert, Lynn Eklund, Kristine Reyes, Justin Marohnic, Darren Fischer, Casey Brewster, Gary Wright, Elizabeth Hayde, Ashley Tyler, Cheryl Novogradac, Joseph Bolos, Scott DeGroat, Kim Morris, Teresa Blacksmith, Jennifer Miller, Rich Feickert, Chris Reilly, Timothy Grembowski, Andi Pollard, Kenneth Morilak, Jeffrey Beathard, Quinton Morris, Kudzaish Mlambo, Pam Hart, Barbara Atwell, David Wurst, Mayumi Ferrin, Matthew Whalen, Rita Ayanga, Michael Renfro, Nathanael White, Kurt Wall, Sheryl Madison, Rodney Owens, Richard Revaz, Denise A. Womack, Phyllis Hall, Polynice Paul, John Grennek, Carmen T. Courchene, Sharon Dangerfield, Isalee Jackson, Cortni Robinson, Lauren Hughes, Christina Frank, Marletha Dyer, Paul Whalen, Dara Dentham, Patrick Stolte, Maikao Yang, James Zhang, Ying Zhang, Connie Moser, Mark Luiggi, Jim Floyd, Al Ferguson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers of Habitat for Humanity of Prince William County for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to our community.

THE OCCASION OF PHILLIP  
THOMPSON'S RETIREMENT AS  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF  
SEIU LOCAL 517M

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 1, 2012*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Phil Thompson, the Executive Vice President of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 517M on the occasion of his retirement. For over 30 years, Phil has been an important leader in the SEIU, working to ensure that the rights of workers are respected.

True to the form of a leader and advocate, Phil is passionate about fighting for the rights of those he represents, whether it was his constituents when he was Shiawassee County

Commissioner or the Michigan public employees he works for every day in his current role. It is no surprise, given his spirit for serving and protecting others, that prior to his time with Local 517M, Phil had been planning to go to law school. Instead, as often happens to those with the drive to serve, Phil fulfilled his passion as a voice protecting the rights of others. Having arrived at Local 517M in April 1981 as a staff representative, Phil quickly ascended to become the branch's Executive Director in 1986.

What was originally supposed to be only a part-time job quickly became Phil's central work. As a leader for the SEIU in Michigan, Phil took it upon himself to represent the members of Local 517M at every collective bargaining session since he became Director in 1986. Phil strongly believes that communication between the unions and their members and unions and their communities is essential to ensuring that all workers have their rights protected. Phil has strived to keep his members connected to their local through strengthening member services.

Like so many who are thrust into positions of leadership by their peers, Phil has never forgotten his brothers and sisters who put him there. He strongly believes that it has been an honor to work with so many talented and dedicated union and staff members.

In recognition of his exceptional leadership skills and his effectiveness, Phil's peers have consistently given him increased responsibilities that extend beyond Local 517M. He has been elected to SEIU's International Executive Board three times between 2000 and 2008, where he is finishing up his current term as Vice President. Between 2002 and 2010 he served as President of Michigan's SEIU State Council and currently serves as its Treasurer. Phil is constantly sought to be a voice for professionals in State government, by news agencies and was recently awarded the 2012 Michigan Labor Press Award for his contributions which have supported the growth of the labor movement.

Mr. Speaker, Phil has spent his life working to strengthen the labor movement, which in Michigan and around the world has secured and protected important rights for all workers. His dedication and passion have benefited so many and I know that his colleagues and fellow SEIU members will surely miss him, his insights and his experience. I know that as a voice for fairness, even in retirement, he will continue to fight for the rights of workers and I wish him many happy and productive years to come.

REPRESENTATIVE KIND FLOOR  
AMENDMENT 78 (RULES AMENDMENT 145) TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT  
(H.R. 4310)

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 1, 2012*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the amendment to waive the time limitation for awarding Lt. Alonzo Cushing the Medal of Honor.

A Wisconsin native, Lt. Cushing, on the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg, commanded

110 men and six cannons positioned on Cemetery Ridge, where they received the full force of Pickett's Charge. Despite the death of all of his officers and receiving multiple gunshot wounds, Lt. Cushing refused to withdraw from battle and was killed by Confederate fire. In February 2010, Secretary of the Army John McHugh recommended the approval of the nation's highest honor for Lt. Cushing.

Lt. Cushing's actions in the Battle of Gettysburg were so inspiring that a book detailing his life, *Cushing of Gettysburg*, was written in 1998.

I would like to give special thanks to Margaret Zerwekh and the city of Delafield for their tireless advocacy to ensure Lt. Cushing receives the honor he deserves. I encourage my colleagues to support this amendment and honor a true American hero.

HONORING THE CITY OF  
PRINCETON, INDIANA

**HON. LARRY BUCSHON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 1, 2012*

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Princeton, Indiana, located within my district. Princeton was recently named, one of two, Stellar Communities by the Lt. Governor's office in Indiana. The Stellar Community award, created in 2011, is specific to city revitalization projects.

The program is a partnership between multiple state agencies to help fund community renovation projects, and is the latest example of a state balancing a budget, without raising a penny in taxes—all while reaping the benefits of a surplus.

The downtown Courthouse Square in Princeton will be upgraded with new sidewalks, curbs, landscaping, and signage. The housing market will receive a much needed shot in the arm too. New loft condominiums and senior housing cottages are included in the plan.

Tourism will improve as well with restoration to old historic Courthouse Square building facades, and groundbreaking construction of a Bicentennial Plaza will only increase the foot traffic in the downtown area.

We've seen government grants work for several other Main Street projects across the country, and for the second year in a row, I'm honored that a city in my district will receive the chance to improve the quality of life for local residents. Lastly, I want to congratulate the Mayor of Princeton, Bob Hurst, for his excellent work on promoting a friendly economic environment in Indiana's 8th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION VOLUNTEERS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 1, 2012*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Prince William County Historic Preservation Volunteers.

The dedicated Historic Preservation Volunteers are an essential part of the Historic Preservation Division. They are part of an endless effort to preserve and enhance the historical and natural resources of Prince William County. They bring these resources alive for citizens with special programs events and daily efforts to maintain and beautify our historic sites. They graciously sacrifice their personal time to volunteer as docents, garden volunteers, education volunteers, research and collection volunteers, restoration volunteers, and special event volunteers.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers following Prince William County Historic Preservation Volunteers:

Morgan Breeden, Kay Breeden, Daniel Breeden, John F. Wolfe, Belinda Brummel, Jennifer Andreani, Wren Hubbell, Jill Hubbell, Ed Moore, Susan Moore, Tom Costa, Suzanne Costa, Carolyn Hartman, Comfort Uanserme, Chris McConnell, Bernie McConnell, John Nuzum, Avery A. Born, Rex D. Born, Sue Born, JoAnn Craft, Jim Craft, Wayne Hutzell, Paul Penrod, James D. Owens, Paige Gibbons, Emmanuel Dabney, Christine Jaworski, Lionel Raymond, Curtis Hoagland, Jay Greevy, Jim Pearson, John DePue, James Ivancic, Tom McGinlay, Mike Miller, Jacques Siegel, Kathryn Barrows, Brenda Caricofe, Nerine Clemenzi, Elaine Davis, George Erhart, Becky Hornyak, Kelly Hunsaker, Phyllis Ingram, Bryan Lewis, Belinda Lewis, Jeff Loeffler, Sandy Melson, Janice Overman, John Overman, Jacque Rowberry, Ginny Sanderson-Brown, Rosemary Schatz, Andy Schatz, Linda Walls, Lin Weeks.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Prince William County Historic Preservation Volunteers for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to our community.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION  
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5743) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I commend Chairman ROGERS and Ranking Member RUPERSBERGER for continuing their tradition for the third straight year of reporting a bipartisan Intelligence Authorization bill. H.R. 5743, the Intelligence Authorization Act, comes to the floor today after having passed the Intelligence Committee by a unanimous 19-0 vote.

The bill allocates resources to critical national security programs including those that detect, prevent, and disrupt potential terrorist attacks against the American people. The bill enhances counter terrorism efforts against al Qaeda and its global affiliates; increases oversight of the spending at intelligence agencies and supports global initiatives to address emerging threats to our national security.

The measure provides funding to the Central Intelligence Agency, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency and other agencies, for operations, personnel and equipment. Though much of the funding is classified, each dollar is intended to address the funding needs of this country's clandestine services.

The valiant American men and woman who toil anonymously in the shadows of the intelligence world deserve our full support for their dedicated service. The funding authorized by this bill will help ensure they have the resources they need to do their job.

HONORING VINCE GILL

**HON. STEVE STIVERS**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 1, 2012*

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the courageous actions of Hilliard resident and 2011 graduate of Hilliard Davidson High School, Vince Gill. On May 27, 2012, Vince rescued a drowning man in New York's Genesee River.

I ask that all Members of Congress join me and the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District in thanking Vince Gill for his brave actions. Despite the grave risk to his own life, he selflessly rose to the occasion when he dove into the river and swam almost a pool's length to save the life of 26-year-old Abdulma Alhari, of Rochester, NY. For his heroism, the New York State Park Police will nominate Vince for a well-deserved civilian lifesaving award.

I extend my sincere thanks to Vince Gill for his heroism. While to some he may be an ordinary young man, his extraordinary act is exactly what makes me so proud to represent the everyday heroes of the Central Ohio area.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MR.  
WILLIAM "BILL" SANDERSON

**HON. JOHN CAMPBELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 1, 2012*

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Bill Sanderson, a constituent of California's 48th Congressional District and a noble servant to our country. Mr. Sanderson will retire this month from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County's Board of Directors, where he's dedicated nearly two decades of service to underprivileged youth in local communities. Mr. Sanderson has built a distinguished career in business, most recently serving as Chief Financial Officer at Golden State Foods, President of the Supply Chain Services Group at Golden State Foods, and Director of Financial Planning & Analysis at W.R. Grace Restaurant Group. In addition, he continues to be an influential and respected member of the Business Growth Alliance.

While his commitment to growing businesses and creating jobs in our community is worthy of praise, I am most proud of Mr. Sanderson's selflessness and eagerness to help others in need. As a board member at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County, Mr. Sanderson led by example as he devoted