

American, who served in the Air Force for 24½ years. He joined the Air Force as a Security Policeman, and after a distinguished career retired as a Chief Master Sergeant.

Following his retirement, Mr. Ingraldi's enthusiasm and belief that it is our duty to honor WWII Veterans inspired him to found an Honor Flight Hub, in Southern Colorado, and he was subsequently voted President of the organization. It is through Mr. Ingraldi's passion and leadership that the Honor Flight Hub will be sponsoring its first trip to Washington, DC.

Because of Mr. Ingraldi's efforts, four WWII Veterans who without the help of the Honor Flight Hub would not have been able to come to our nation's capital, will now be able to pay respects to their fallen comrades at the national WWII Memorial.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Ingraldi for his great service to our country and its veterans. Through Mr. Ingraldi's hard work the Honor Flight Hub, in Southern Colorado, will continue to give WWII Veterans the opportunity to visit and reflect at their memorial.

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PRENATAL NONDISCRIMINATION  
ACT (PRENDA) of 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARTHA ROBY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 30, 2012*

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 3541, The Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act, of which I am a proud co-sponsor. This bill would criminalize the performance of an abortion based solely on the sex of the unborn child.

As you know, on May 31, 2012, the House of Representatives failed to approve H.R. 3541 by a vote of 168-246. I was necessarily absent from Washington on the day of this vote due to the death of a close personal friend. Had I been present, I would have proudly supported the passage of H.R. 3541.

I am unapologetically pro-life and am proud to be a member of the Pro-Life Caucus. I believe that the miracle of human life begins at the very moment of conception. I also believe that every human being, both male and female, has the inherent right to life and that this right must be protected by law.

Throughout my tenure in Congress, I will continue to do everything in my power to fight for the unborn, prevent taxpayer money from funding abortions, and to protect our democratic system from the encroachment of an all-powerful judiciary. As a woman, a wife, and a mother of two small children, I will continue to fight for the life of every child—regardless of their gender.

Mr. Speaker, I take my responsibilities as a member of this chamber seriously, and I regret ever having to miss a vote. I am pleased that my attendance record during the 112th Congress remains above 99 percent.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTONIO  
S. RESTAINO, JR.

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2012*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Antonio S. Restaino, Jr., who passed away on Sunday June 3, 2012 at the age of 78.

Mr. Restaino was born in Niagara Falls in 1934 to the late Antonio and Pasqualina Restaino, where he attended local schools until he began his service in the United States Air Force in 1951. Antonio served his country during the Korean War until his honorable discharge on November 5th, 1953.

After returning home from his service in the Air Force, Mr. Restaino married Rose M. (Morreale) Restaino in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Niagara Falls on June 11th, 1955.

Mr. Restaino began his career working at Bell Aircraft before he was hired by the City of Niagara Falls in 1958 and promoted to the position of Supervisor of Construction and Maintenance in the Sewer & Water Department. In April 1987, he was appointed Deputy Director of the Niagara Falls Convention Center, and in 1988 was assigned to the Niagara Falls Waste Water Treatment Plant as Chief of Buildings & Grounds where he served until his retirement in October 1988.

In addition to his wife of fifty years, Mr. Restaino is survived by his children, grandchildren, sisters and a large and loving extended family. But Mr. Restaino enjoyed a relationship with another extended family—the good people of the city of Niagara Falls.

Following his retirement, Mr. Restaino remained a very active and effective contributing member of his beloved hometown community. He garnered much praise for his work with local organizations and received many awards for his service, which included a 1993 award for Outstanding Service from the Niagara Falls Democratic Committee, a 2004 Diocese of Buffalo Lay Award of St. Joseph the Worker, and a 2010 Cittadini Speciali, "Special Citizen" Award from the Pine Avenue Business Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me and with members of the House to express our deepest condolences to the family of the late Antonio S. Restaino, Jr., and join with me in recognizing the many good works he performed during his long and full life. May he rest in peace, and may his family know and understand the tremendous impact that Mr. Restaino had on the city, state and country that he loved so much.

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MAX WATSON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2012*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Max Watson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Max Watson is an 11th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Max Watson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Max Watson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

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SECURE BORDER ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 30, 2012*

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am submitting the following letter exchange between myself and Chairman DAVE CAMP of the House Committee on Ways and Means.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,  
Washington, DC, June 5, 2012.

Hon. DAVE CAMP,

Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,  
Longworth House Office Building, Wash-  
ington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN CAMP, Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1299, the "Secure Border Act of 2011." I acknowledge that by forgoing action on this legislation, your Committee is not diminishing or altering its jurisdiction.

I also concur with you that forgoing action on this bill does not in any way prejudice the Committee on Ways and Means with respect to its jurisdictional prerogatives on this bill or similar legislation in the future, and I would support your effort to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this legislation. The Committee on Ways and Means is considered to be an "appropriate congressional committee" in regards to the reports required by H.R. 1299 with respect to resource allocation for staffing requirements and the level of manpower data available as all ports of entry.

I will include our letters on H.R. 1299 in the Congressional Record, and I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation. I look forward to working with the Committee on Ways and Means as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

PETER T. KING,  
Chairman.

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,  
Washington, DC, June 1, 2012.

Hon. PETER KING,

Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,  
U.S. House of Representatives, H2-176 Ford  
House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN KING. I am writing to you concerning the bill H.R. 1299, the "Secure Border Act of 2011." This legislation includes several provisions that pertain to the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways & Means with respect to Customs and Border Protection staffing requirements and commercial traffic.

The Committee recognizes the importance of H.R. 1299 and the need to move expeditiously. Therefore, the Committee is willing to forego action on the bill with the understanding that by doing so, the Committee is

not in any way prejudiced with respect to its jurisdictional prerogatives or the appointment of conferees on this or similar legislation.

In addition, I ask that the Ways & Means Committee be included within the definition of "appropriate congressional committee" so that it will receive the report required in subsections 2(e)(1) and (2) of the bill with respect to resource allocation for staffing requirements as well as the report on the level of manpower data available at all ports of entry.

I would appreciate your response to this letter, confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 1299, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Sincerely,

DAVE CAMP,  
Chairman,  
Committee on Ways and Means.

Enclosures.

#### TRIBUTE TO MILITARY FAMILIES

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2012*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on May 30 *The Times and Democrat* of Orangeburg, SC, published a thoughtful tribute to military families. As chairman of the Military Personnel subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee, but more importantly as the grateful dad of four sons currently serving in our military I appreciate the message.

#### NEEDS OF MILITARY FAMILIES MUST NOT BE OVERLOOKED

With Monday's Memorial Day gathering at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, the United States officially begins its observance of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, paying tribute to the 3 million men and women who served during one of the most challenging missions this country has ever faced.

As we remember the military personnel who fell in Vietnam and those who lived to return home, we should also remember the families of our servicemen and women, the challenges they face and the courage they display.

Stressors confronting military families were identified in the 2012 Blue Star Families Military Family Lifestyle Survey released earlier this month.

"The families of America's men and women in uniform are the backbone of the United States military," U.S. Senator Richard Burr, R-N.C., said at a joint session of the Senate and House Military Family caucuses when the Survey results were presented.

"They provide the support that our servicemen and women rely upon as they serve in the finest armed forces in the world, and the more information we have about their unique situations, the better equipped we will be to accurately target assistance and support for them. This survey will help us identify and provide the kind of support they need and deserve."

The survey, which details the challenges faced by military families after more than a decade of continuous war, and the way families and service members are coping, found that among the key concerns are: pay/benefits, with specific emphasis on changes to retirement benefits; the effects of deployment on children; military spouse employment;

and issues surrounding post-traumatic stress, combat stress and traumatic brain injury.

The survey found that 62 percent of respondents who felt their service member had exhibited signs of post-traumatic stress, regardless of any official diagnosis, said the person did not seek treatment, demonstrating there is still much to be done to help service members and their families "cope with the invisible wounds of war."

Frequent separation, the subsequent predeployment and reintegration processes and the issues surrounding frequent relocation place added pressures on military families—those of National Guard and Reserve service members as well as active duty—who also have to deal with the same issues as other families, including balancing work and family, parenting, education and maintaining healthy relationships

According to the survey, since September 11, 2001, more than 2 million service members have been deployed, with a large percentage of those serving multiple deployments—some as many as five tours of duty.

That is a huge period of time for families to have to be apart, representing many missed birthdays, holidays, graduations and other major milestones in the lives of families.

The survey also noted that although service members themselves are surviving head trauma and other catastrophic injuries their predecessors did not because of the vast improvements in medical technology, "those injuries, both physical and non-physical, have an impact on the family unit and are additional and substantial stressors upon a small segment of the population as well as the agencies and community organizations designed to support them."

We must never forget the sacrifices our military families make—the worries, the fears, the loneliness they endure—while their loved ones serve and protect this nation across the globe.

"Often, when discussing our nation's armed forces, we tend to focus primarily on our brave service members who put themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms we cherish," U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop, D-GA, said when the Blue Star Families survey results were presented. "However, we cannot forget that the families they leave behind sacrifice just as much as our heroes who deploy on missions for our country. These families are impacted in countless ways—seen and unseen—and we have an obligation to do right by them. The Blue Star Families survey will serve as an informative guide on what we can do as a nation to ensure that our troops, veterans and their families have the support they need."

The full survey report is available at <http://bluestarfam.org/2012survey>.

#### NANCY RODRIGUEZ

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2012*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nancy Rodriguez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Nancy Rodriguez is a 12th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nancy Rodriguez is exemplary of the type of achieve-

ment that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nancy Rodriguez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

#### HONORING THE WOODBURY ROTARY PARK MEMORIAL WALKWAY

### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2012*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Woodbury Rotary Park's Memorial Walkway in Woodbury, NJ. This memorial is a special tribute to the unsung heroes who assisted the American war effort in both times of war and peace.

Construction of the walkway would not have been possible without the extraordinary efforts of The Rotary Club's Herbert A. Budd, Jr. A member since 1959 and two-time president of the organization, Mr. Budd raised \$20,000 for the memorial's creation. Mr. Budd's hard work was aided by the contributions of those in the community whom I proudly recognize as playing a critical role in the memorial's construction.

This memorial, featuring an engraved recognition of all who served, reminds us all that "Some gave all, all gave some." This monument serves to honor those who worked behind the scenes to give us a strong foundation upon which our forces relied.

Mr. Speaker, the Rotary Club, particularly Mr. Budd, and the surrounding community should be applauded for their efforts and commitment in building this memorial. This memorial represents the crucial role of the American people who have gone unannounced in serving America's forces. I encourage all of my constituents to visit this memorial and peacefully reflect upon such invaluable service.

#### CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2012*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month. The area I represent, the 17th District in New York, which comprises areas of the Bronx, Westchester, and Rockland Counties, is home to a significant Caribbean American population that contributes to our State through local businesses, community development and its rich diversity. It has been an honor to learn about the various countries in the Caribbean from where these families come, to experience their cultures, and to observe as they participate fully in all aspects of American society.

My support for Caribbean Americans extends well past the boundaries of my district.