

ILSA to rescind otherwise valid contracts for economic reasons, an unintended consequence of the act and its intent. The law now needs a technical fix to distinguish condominium sales from other types of land sales and to recognize the unique conditions under which these units are sold in today's market.

I fully support the consumer protections that were enacted through ILSA, and this proposed legislation does nothing to affect those protections. But I also believe that we need to make distinctions for condominiums in order to allow the condominium development industry to rebound from the recession. The bill would only exempt condominiums from ILSA's registration requirements but will maintain the consumer protections to ensure consumers still have the right to rescind contracts in cases of fraud. Developers would, of course, still be required to comply with state laws that require specific disclosures.

As we recover in this still fragile economy, we want to encourage, not discourage, buyers and sellers to enter into real estate deals responsibly.

That is why this bill is important to ensure development and the return of an important industry in our country, residential condominium sales. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING MONTICELLO MIDDLE
SCHOOL

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding achievement of the Monticello Middle School in Monticello, Illinois, a town of 5,500 people located in my district.

Monticello Middle School has been recognized as one of only 103 institutions throughout the country as a School to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform in 2013.

The National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform is an alliance of over 60 educators, researchers, national associations, and officers of professional organizations and foundations.

The Schools to Watch program dates back to 1999 when the Forum selected its first schools.

There are numerous criteria which schools on this distinguished list must meet.

Among them, all students are expected to meet high academic standards, teachers use a variety of methods to assess and monitor student progress, the faculty and master schedule provide time to meet rigorous academic standards, and teachers know what each student has learned and still needs to learn.

This dedication to success is why I am proud to stand up and recognize the Monticello Middle School. Go Sages.

HONORING THE GRADUATION OF
JOSHUA OLIN WILLIAMS FROM
THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ACADEMY

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Joshua Olin Williams as a member of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2013.

Joshua graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a degree in English and a minor in Russian, and he received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force on May 29th.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Joshua's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation. The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed. The challenge for this young man will be to retain as much as possible, pass what he learns to others, and live life for every moment.

South Mississippi is proud of Joshua and his accomplishments, and we look forward to his continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but also the entire nation, as a United States Air Force officer.

As Joshua embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Air Force Academy. I would like to send Joshua my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

PANCREATIC CANCER

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share my concerns about the future of an essential cancer research program which suffered dreadful cuts from sequestration.

As you know, our country made great strides in overall cancer research efforts, but we must do more. There is a long way yet to go in the pancreatic cancer battle in particular. There is still no way to detect the disease early, or to treat it effectively after diagnosis. Pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer where less than ten percent of those affected live for five years, and this is heartbreaking.

Last year, Congress passed the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act, a bipartisan bill which I was proud to support. In doing so, we tasked the National Cancer Institute with the responsibility of developing a strategy for fighting pancreatic and other deadly cancers. The Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act will support new research programs and will help find diagnostic tools and more effective treatments for pancreatic cancer and similar diseases.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, none of that progress will be realized without protecting the resources which allow the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute to

accomplish this law's life-saving goals. With sequestration in effect, the NIH has already lost \$1.55 billion in funding necessary for grant programs and other projects.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to protect these resources. We must come together to fight one of our greatest health challenges, and finding a positive, sustainable solution to sequestration. Too many people, too many families are praying and expecting a solution. Sequestration must come to an end. We must come together, and we must end this terrible reality now.

IN HONOR OF MARINO BERTINI

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Marino Bertini on his 80th birthday. Mr. Bertini began his career working at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. After a ten month stint at the hospital, he spent the remainder of his career as a medic aboard the USS Randolph. While in the Navy, Mr. Bertini traversed the globe, visiting Europe, North Africa, Turkey, India, Madagascar, Zanzibar, Cuba, and Hong Kong. Over the course of his service he dealt with a variety of injuries and assisted in saving many lives.

In addition to his service to his country, Mr. Bertini is a loving family man. He married the love of his life, Sylva, and the couple have three wonderful daughters: Lisa, Vanessa, and Sonya. Mr. Bertini has always given them unwavering love, support, and dedication. Mr. Bertini is proud of his Italian heritage, a trait he showcases through his penchant for storytelling and his love of history.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the first district of New Jersey, I would like to thank Mr. Bertini for his service and wish him the very best on his 80th birthday. Happy Birthday, Marino.

THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF
TRANSBOUNDARY HYDROCARBON
AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZATION
ACT (HR 1613) AND THE OFF-
SHORE ENERGY AND JOBS ACT
(HR 2231)

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, while I support the responsible development of our nation's resources, this week's legislation prioritizes drilling over protecting investors, improving rig safety, respecting coastal communities and conducting appropriate environmental review. For these reasons, I will be voting no and encouraging my colleagues do the same.

The Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act (HR 1613) provides specific authorization for the recently negotiated U.S.-Mexico transboundary agreement and establishes standards for all future offshore oil and gas agreements with potential foreign partners like Canada, Russia, the Bahamas and Bermuda. If

HR 1613 were a clean bill, it would be completely non-controversial. Instead, HR 1613 also proposes to waive a provision of the Dodd-Frank Act requiring disclosure of otherwise secret payments made to foreign governments in connection with oil and gas development. Repealing this right-to-know protection is harmful to investors and has no place in this otherwise non-controversial legislation.

The so-called Offshore Energy and Jobs Act (HR 2231) would seek to open huge swaths of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts to drilling—including waters off my home state of Maryland—as well as a number of sensitive areas in Alaska. It would do this without implementing any key safety reforms recommended by the bipartisan BP Oil Spill Commission and without proper environmental review. Furthermore, it would do so at a time when domestic oil production is at a 20 year high, domestic gas production is at an all time high, and the oil and gas industry is already sitting on 30 million acres of offshore leases containing an estimated 17.9 billion barrels of oil and 49.7 trillion cubic feet of natural gas it is not yet producing. Rather than focusing on a real “all of the above” strategy that strengthens our energy security through diversifying our energy mix with more clean, homegrown renewables, HR 2231 reverts to the same reckless “drill, baby, drill” approach to energy policy that has already been summarily rejected by the Senate and is certain to be rejected again.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT
MAJOR JOHN K. GILSTRAP

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Sergeant Major John K. Gilstrap, who is retiring from his service to the United States Marine Corps on October 1, 2013.

For three decades, SgtMaj Gilstrap faithfully served this country in various capacities, rising to the highest enlisted rank of Sergeant Major. He began his Marine Corps career entering basic training in September 1983 at Parris Island, South Carolina. From there he went on to serve at Camp Pendleton, and Okinawa with his Marine Attack Helicopter Squadron. SgtMaj Gilstrap then participated in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Operation Sea Angel, and Operation Restore Hope.

In the spring of 1996, then a Staff Sergeant, Gilstrap had the distinct honor of personally building and shaping young men into harden Marine warriors as a Drill Instructor and Senior Drill Instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. In the Marine Corps, there are few honors higher than being a Drill Instructor, having the responsibility of training the next generation of Marines to defend this great nation—Gilstrap did this with great honor.

In May 2001, SgtMaj Gilstrap reported to 1st Battalion, 11th Marines and its during this time that I had the distinct honor as a new Marine Lieutenant to serve with him overseas. While with 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, SgtMaj Gilstrap deployed to Iraq where he held the billet of Battery 1stSgt for Battery A and Headquarters Battery. At this time, he was also promoted to his current rank of SgtMaj.

While serving in Iraq, SgtMaj Gilstrap was awarded the Purple Heart when his vehicle was hit by an IED. Other decorations SgtMaj Gilstrap has received include the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, the Air Medal with 1st Strike Flight Award, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star and combat Distinguishing Device, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

SgtMaj Gilstrap currently serves as the Senior Advisor to the Chief Operating Officer at the Marine and Family Programs Division at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia. Throughout his career, SgtMaj Gilstrap has displayed the very traits and principles that are the core of the Marine Corps. Thank you for you and your family's devoted service to this country.

I am honored to share in the celebration of SgtMaj Gilstrap's military career, recognizing both his extraordinary leadership and his distinguished military service. *Semper Fil*

IN HONOR OF AITKIN BUCKLER

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of a Kentucky native, Aitkin Buckler, who will be the first inductee to the Bath County Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Mr. Buckler was a lifelong tobacco and beef cattle farmer in Bath County, and was an agriculture leader in the community. He served as President and Vice President of the Bath County Farm Bureau Board, as well as President of the Bath County Cattleman's Board, and was an active member of both organizations for over 20 years. Additionally, Mr. Buckler volunteered on the Bath County Soil Conservation Board for 20 years while serving as vice-chair for seven years. Mr. Buckler recently passed away, but his contributions to Bath County remain.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in expressing our condolences to Mr. Buckler's family for their loss, but also join them in the celebration of a life well lived. I would also like to extend my personal gratitude to Mr. Buckler for all that he did to better our community and our Commonwealth.

HONORING THE REVEREND MOSES
L. HARVILL AS HE CELEBRATES
HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many family, friends, community leaders, and congregants of Cross Street AME Zion Church in Middletown, Connecticut as they gather to celebrate the 60th birthday of and pay tribute to Reverend Moses L. Harvill. Marking six decades of life and faith, this is certainly a remarkable milestone!

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Pastor Harvill attended Alabama A&M University re-

ceiving his undergraduate, degree in business management and later attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he received his MBA in Human Resources. Almost a decade later, he was called to a different mission. When he decided to pursue the ministry, Pastor Harvill attended Yale University's Divinity School where he earned a Master of Divinity in Parish Ministry.

Pastor Harvill began his ministry at Middletown's Cross Street AME twenty years ago and it has been under his guidance and through his leadership that the Church has grown in every way—spiritually, numerically, and economically. Envisioning a Church where people would not only turn to for comfort but that could serve the community as well. In 2007 construction was complete on what can only be described as a stunning facility with a beautiful sanctuary as well as space to accommodate the more than forty ministries offered at the Church as well as serve as a gathering and meeting space for other community organizations.

Always inspired by his faith, Pastor Harvill's deep commitment to the community extends far beyond his spiritual work within the Cross Street congregation. He is the founder and co-president of Home Ownership Providing Empowerment (HOME), a program that assists families in becoming first-time homeowners; chair of the City of Middletown Jones Fund, where he has been instrumental in raising and distributing funds to area residents in need; and he was actively involved in the organization and development of the Amazing Grace Food Pantry, an effort which continues today to meet the needs of the hungry. Pastor Harvill also hold a deep concern for education which is why he organized and developed Back to School Day, a program that provides school supplies and accessories to more than three hundred families in the Middletown community.

As a religious leader, advocate, and friend, Pastor Harvill have touched the lives of thousands—helping to shape public policy and improving the quality of life for those most in need. Through all of his good work he has inspired others to join in his efforts—instilling hope and promise in those who had long since lost their way. His spiritual guidance has nourished the souls of many and his compassion has encouraged others to give more of themselves through civic service, Pastor Harvill has left an indelible mark on our community and I am proud to stand today to join his wife, Eledia, and all of those gathered in wishing him a very happy 60th birthday and extending my very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness. Happy Birthday!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE MONMOUTH
MUSEUM

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Monmouth Museum as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year. Founded in 1963 as a “Museum of Ideas,” The Monmouth Museum continues to bring art, culture and vitality to the community it serves.