

the Board, and said that "it is not feasible to expect the Chief Justice to devote the hours necessary to serve as a fiduciary agent." The same observation could be made of the Members of the House and Senate who serve on the Board. The IRC recommended that the Board increase the level of expertise and the number of members to ensure that the Board has sufficient time and attention to dedicate to the Smithsonian.

The Smithsonian's own governance committee identified several Board weaknesses, concluding that the Board did not receive or demand the reports necessary for competent decision-making, that the staff whom the Board depended upon for oversight inquiries did not have direct access to information, and that the inability of staff to communicate red flags "crippled" internal compliance and oversight.

Only Congress, with the concurrence of the president, can amend the Smithsonian Charter. The last change to the Board's structure occurred over 30 years ago, but it only increased the number of private citizens on the Board from six to nine.

The number of Regents, however, is not the root problem. Although the bill expands the Board from 17 to 21 members, most importantly, it brings the Board into alignment with modern public and private boards by requiring all Regents to be private citizens. The search for private funds by Smithsonian management was a major cause of the recent controversy. Faced with crippling budget problems, the Regents must be free to give new and unprecedented attention and energy to finding and helping to raise substantially more funds from private sources. The new structure envisioned by the bill will improve oversight and the capacity for fundraising from private sources. Unlike federal officials on the Board, private citizens on the Board are entirely free to assist in private fundraising. Most importantly, private citizens have sufficient expertise to serve on the Board, and are able to devote the personal time and attention necessary to fulfill the fiduciary responsibility that comes with serving such a venerable and complex institution.

The bill preserves and strengthens the traditional role of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate in selecting Board members while eliminating the self-perpetuating role of the Board in selecting private citizens for the Board. The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate will each send 12 recommendations to the President of the United States, who will select the 21 members of the Board from those recommendations.

Considering the seriousness of the findings of the Board's own governance committee and of the IRC, the changes prescribed by the bill are nothing short of necessary. The reform of the fiduciary and governance issues that have brought public criticism to this iconic American institution must begin with the indispensable step of making the Smithsonian's governance consistent with that of other institutions today. Only congressional attention can reassure the public that the controversies that recently besieged the Smithsonian will not recur. In the face of an unprecedented public controversy, Congress would be remiss if it left the Smithsonian to its own oversight and devices alone for improvement.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

HONORING MS. MARKEISHA S. ROBINSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 8, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable student, Ms. Markeisha S. Robinson.

In May 2012, Markeisha received her high school diploma as an Honor Graduate from Greenville Weston High School, in Greenville, MS. Additionally, she was crowned Miss Kappa Alpha Psi 2012–2013. During her senior year, she was afforded the opportunity to complete collegiate courses. She accepted the opportunity, worked extremely hard to not only complete the advanced level courses, but to do so with a 3.89 GPA. The fruit of her labor paid off, when she arrived at Jackson State University (JSU) with eighteen hours, being classified as a second semester freshman.

Although brief, Markeisha's tenure at JSU has been filled with challenges, successes and retrospect. She has come to appreciate the results of hard work. She joined MADDRAMA, a JSU performing arts group. The rigors of preparation and rehearsals coupled with determination and drive have proven to be her foundation.

Markeisha is a sophomore and Dean's List Scholar from Greenville, Mississippi. She is a public speaker majoring in Communicative Disorders. Upon completion of her degree, she plans to become a speech pathologist providing tips, techniques and skills to enable the speech impaired to overcome such disorders through individualized sessions at her private practice.

As a student, her strengths are dedication and determination. She is dedicated to her class work and extracurricular activities. Also, she is determined to reach her goals, graduate from college in three years, and continue her education by pursuing a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology.

Markeisha is a very optimistic person. Her favorite scripture in The Bible is "Philippians 4:13, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Markeisha S. Robinson for her determination and dedication to serving others and giving back to her community.

RECOGNIZING MR. JOHN B. CARTER JR.

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 8, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize a close friend, former classmate and fraternity brother of mine, Mr. John B. Carter Jr., on his recent retirement. On June 30, 2013, John retired as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Georgia Tech Foundation (GTF). The Georgia Tech Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation which manages the philanthropic gifts given to the Georgia Institute of Technology by alumni, corporations, foundations, staff, faculty, students, family, and friends in support of academic excellence and tradition.

John graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1970. For the past 14 years, he has led the Foundation's day-to-day operations and has been responsible for 175,000 alumni data records, accounting and financial reporting, legal issues and negotiations, administration, and Executive, Committee, Board, and Trustee relations. Prior to leading the Foundation, John served 16 years as Vice President and Executive Director of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association and served our nation for six years in the U.S. Navy. His 30 years of dedicated service to our alma mater is rare and to be commended. John's leadership has influenced many through his devotion, fortitude, and kindness, and will be set apart in the years to come. I am grateful for his example of service and for his friendship.

The Georgia Institute of Technology and the Georgia Tech Foundation are fortunate to have such dedicated and innovative alumnus professionals as John B. Carter Jr. His commitment to excellence, leadership and service is to be admired, and may it inspire others to follow in his footsteps. My sincerest wishes and congratulations to him on his retirement.

HONORING RICHARD MICHALSKI

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 8, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of my friend Richard P. Michalski. After over four decades of loyal and dedicated service, Mr. Michalski has retired from his position as General Vice President of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM).

Mr. Michalski is an example of an American success story. He began his long time association with IAM in 1968 as member of the IAM Local Lodge 1916 while working as a welder with General Electric in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He climbed the ranks and moved up to Local Lodge President.

Rich Michalski has dedicated his life to promoting workers as he served in various positions with the IAM. In 1992, he became IAM's Director of Legislative and Political Action Department. It was in this position that he served as a champion of the rights of working men and women by advocating for their concerns with Members of Congress and relentlessly pursuing their interests in Congress.

Mr. Michalski's became a member of IAM's Executive Board in 2006 where he served as the General Vice President and continued to fight for the advancement of workers across the United States.

I want to extend my warmest and most sincere thanks to Rich for his lifelong devotion to American Labor. Thank you for your friendship and your counsel. Truly the great cause of our time is to help protect the American Dream for working men and women who built this nation. I am proud to have joined with Rich in the cause. Rich's long and illustrious career from humble beginnings as a welder to the leadership of one of the world's great unions will not be forgotten and I congratulate him and wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

IN HONOR OF U.S. ARMY
SERGEANT JAVIER SANCHEZ, JR.

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 8, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of U.S. Army Sergeant Javier Sanchez, Jr., 28, of Greenfield, California, who died when an improvised explosive device hit his vehicle on a combat patrol on June 23, 2013 in Sar Rowzah, Afghanistan.

Javier was a graduate of the Greenfield High School and joined the Army in August 2006 serving in Baumholder, Germany, Fort Irwin, California and most recently in Fort Drum, New York. Javier was an infantryman and had previously deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2007 to 2008 with 1–6 Infantry of the 1st Armored Division. In his current assignment Javier was with the Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team based at Fort Drum, New York.

He is a hero to his family, the city of Greenfield, the State of California, and the people of the United States and we express our deepest gratitude for his service to our country. As his uncle most recently stated, “He always had this ‘country first’ attitude and I think that’s what made him sign up.” In the face of war, this is the truest definition of courage and character, an example that all soldiers should strive emulate. His selfless act is one that will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire House, I would like to extend the nation’s deepest sympathies to Javier’s wife Cassandra Sanchez, his mother Margarita Sanchez, and his father Javier Sanchez, Sr. Sergeant Javier Sanchez, Jr. served his nation honorably, and sacrificed his life. He is an American hero.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 8, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I was unfortunately unable to cast votes on Monday, July 8, 2013 due to inclement weather that prevented me from making it to Washington, DC.

THE INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO NAME THE U.S. COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 8, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing a bill, at the request of the U.S. Coast Guard, to direct the General Services Administration to name the new U.S. Coast Guard headquarters, on the St. Elizabeths West Campus, the “Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building.” Signalman First Class Douglas Albert Munro is the U.S. Coast Guard’s only Medal of Honor recipient. Signalman First Class Munro died heroically on Point Cruz, Guadalcanal after succeeding

in his assignment, for which he had volunteered, to evacuate a detachment of Marines that had been overwhelmed by the enemy.

On September 27, 1942, after making preliminary plans for the evacuation of nearly 500 beleaguered Marines from Point Cruz, Guadalcanal, Signalman First Class Munro, under attack by enemy machineguns on the island, led five small boats toward the shore. As he closed onto the beach, he signaled the other boats to land. Then, in order to draw the enemy’s fire from a western attack and protect the boat heavily loaded with the Marines, he placed his boat as a shield between the beachhead and the enemy. When the evacuation was nearly completed, Signalman First Class Munro was killed by enemy fire. Due to his outstanding leadership and willingness to sacrifice his own life, Signalman First Class Munro and his fellow members of the U.S. Coast Guard undoubtedly saved the lives of many service men that otherwise would have been killed in the line of duty.

Signalman First Class Munro was educated at South Cle Elum Grade School in Washington state, and graduated from Cle Elum High School in 1937. He attended Central Washington College of Education for a year and left to enlist in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1939. He had an outstanding record as an enlisted man and was promoted rapidly through the various ratings to a Signalman First Class. In addition to being a Medal of Honor recipient, Signalman First Class Munro was also posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal, and was eligible for the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

The new U.S. Coast Guard headquarters building, which I propose to be named for Signalman First Class Douglas A. Munro, will be 1.1 million square feet and will house up to 3,700 U.S. Coast Guard employees. The U.S. Coast Guard headquarters building represents the first phase of the eventual consolidation of 4.5 million square feet of office space scattered around the National Capital Region to the West Campus of the old St. Elizabeths Hospital, located in the Anacostia neighborhood of Washington, D.C. The Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation construction project marks the first time the federal government will locate a federal agency east of the Anacostia River.

I believe that Signalman First Class Douglas A. Munro’s outstanding service to his country and his unique status as the only member of the U.S. Coast Guard to earn the Medal of Honor ensure that it is particularly fitting to name the new U.S. Coast Guard headquarters the “Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 8, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen personal reasons, on June 28, 2013 I was not present to vote on final passage of H.R. 2231—the “Offshore Energy and Jobs Act.” If present I would have voted “nay.”

Domestic energy production is thriving under the Obama Administration’s “all of the

above” energy strategy. In 2012, American oil production reached the highest level in two decades, and natural gas production reached an all-time high while U.S. oil imports fell to the lowest level in nearly 20 years. Our current energy policies are leading to U.S. energy independence and reducing our reliance on Middle East oil. I am committed to promoting safe and responsible domestic oil and gas development, but H.R. 2231 is an irresponsible plan to expand offshore drilling without proper environmental protections and considerations.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 10

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance

To hold hearings to examine stopping fraudulent robocall scams, focusing on if more can be done.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine repealing the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) and the path forward, focusing on a view from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 815, to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine lessons learned from the Boston Marathon bombings, focusing on preparing for and responding to the attack.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Gregory Howard Woods, to be United States District Judge for the