

GOLD, and commander of the USS *Pasadena* (SSN 752) and Submarine Development Squadron 12. As a flag officer he has served throughout the world, including in Iraq and Japan.

I am grateful to know Vice Admiral Van Buskirk personally while he served as the Navy's 56th Chief of Naval Personnel where he has been responsible for the planning and programming of all manpower, personnel, training, and education resources for the U.S. Navy. He astutely managed an annual operating budget of \$29 billion and has passionately led over 20,000 employees engaged in the recruiting, personnel management, training, and development of Navy personnel.

It is through the commitment and sacrifice of Americans like Vice Admiral Scott Van Buskirk that our nation is able to continue upon the path of democracy and strive for the betterment of mankind. I am proud, Mr. Speaker, as an appreciative fellow Naval Academy family, to thank him and his family for his honorable service to our Nation with the United States Navy. In the tradition of the sea services, of which my own family proudly plays a part, I wish him fair winds and following seas as he concludes a distinguished career of service to our Nation and Navy.

HONORING CARL BENNETT, A FOUNDING FATHER OF MODERN PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL AND THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Carl Bennett. I was honored to know Carl for over two decades and mourn his passing. He passed away on May 15, 2013, at the age of 97½, but his legacy will continue to inspire basketball coaches, players, and fans for generations to come.

Carl Bennett was born in Rockford, Indiana, in 1915. He began his illustrious career first by playing for Fred Zollner's Pistons softball team and later served as the head coach and general manager of the Fort Wayne Pistons professional basketball team, also owned by Zollner. Under his leadership, the Pistons were invited to leave the National Basketball League and become part of the Basketball Association of America. This meeting in Carl's Fort Wayne home led to the merger of the two leagues and, ultimately, to the modern National Basketball Association. As a result of his involvement, Carl served on the NBA's executive committee and is considered one of the founding fathers of professional basketball.

Carl's influence led to many changes in the way basketball, Indiana's favorite game, is played. He encouraged Zollner to buy a team plane, a first for a sports franchise, and his coaching of the Pistons in a 1950 win over the Minneapolis Lakers led to the introduction of the 24-second shot clock. This major change resulted in a dramatic increase in average game scores. One of Carl's foremost contributions to the game was widening the lane from six feet to twelve feet, a change that is still in effect today. He also successfully campaigned for Fred Zollner's enshrinement in the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Carl Bennett was a man of vision and determination. My condolences and well wishes go out to his wife, Mrs. Carol Popp Bennett, his children Kirk and Gary Bennett, Sandra Dodane, Catherine Popp Hoffman, their spouses, his sister Bertha Bennett Christie, his eleven grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren. His loving touch will be missed by everyone who knew him, and he will be always remembered for transforming so many lives through the wonderful sport of basketball.

HONORING LILLIAN BERKOWITZ

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lillian Berkowitz, who is celebrating her 104th birthday on July 23rd, 2013. I would like to take this opportunity to extend to her an extraordinary happy birthday and congratulations on this very special milestone.

Lillian is a passionate dancer who began her career as a beautiful stage actress and performer on Vaudeville and Broadway. She debuted at the age of 10 as an acrobatic dancer and later attended a special school for actors that allowed her to further develop her skills. After graduating high school, Lillian went straight to the Broadway stage where she starred in many famous productions featuring big names such as Milton Berle, Jack Benny and Bob Hope, to name a few. She met her late husband Maurice Berkowitz through one of her shows in the Catskills and was married some years later. She and Maurice shared many happy years together, and were blessed with two sons, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

A staunch advocate of exercise throughout her life, Lillian possesses the aerobic finesse of someone half her age. A strict exercise routine consisting of 45 minutes of walking, several resistance exercises and a healthy diet of fruits and vegetables are the secret to her longevity. In the meantime, Lillian remains passionately involved with her first love, dancing.

I join with Lillian's family and friends in wishing her continued love, happiness, and well-being for many years to come. Again, congratulations!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall vote on July 22, 2013 and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 375: "yes"; rollcall No. 376: "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MR. FRANK PUMILIA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Frank Pumilia for his lifetime of community involvement and dedication to South Florida.

Frank grew up in Brooklyn, New York, where he was an active member of many community organizations. In 1989, he relocated to Broward County, Florida, and for more than 20 years has been politically and civically involved in his local community. He has served as Chairman and Chief Examiner of the Margate Civil Service Board, as a member of the Foundation of Broward, and also as a member of the Florida Business and Professional Board.

Currently, Frank serves as the President of the Margate Democratic Club and as a board member of the Broward County Democratic Executive Committee. During his time as President, he has counseled and encouraged many of South Florida's political candidates and leaders. At the age of 92, Frank continues his role as Senior Political Advisor within the Broward County Democratic Party.

Frank has also been an important leader in addressing condominium issues in his local community. He has served as President of the Margate Association of Condominiums for many years. In this capacity, he works to help those facing foreclosure and to advance the rights of condominium owners.

It is my true honor and privilege to recognize Mr. Frank Pumilia for his continued community leadership and activism. I offer him my best wishes for continued good health and success in the years to come.

HONORING LARRY J. WILSON

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Larry Wilson of Fairmount, Indiana. He passed away on June 13, 2013, at the age of 66. Larry was an outstanding civil servant who served both Grant County and his country with integrity.

Larry Wilson began his service to our great nation in the United States Air Force, where he served as a Senior Master Sergeant for 26 years and bravely defended his country in Vietnam. After retiring from the Air Force, Larry began a second career as a detective for the Grant County Sheriff's Department, a post he held for 20 years before retiring in 1999. During his time with the Sheriff's Department, he was recognized with the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award in 1981.

However, his retirement did not mark the end of his service to our community, and he continued on to serve as a Grant County Commissioner, a Grant County Council Member and the Grant County Veteran's Affairs Service Officer. Larry worked tirelessly for the veterans of Grant County, helping them to receive the benefits and recognition they deserved. It was his work helping our nation's

men and women in uniform that Larry considered to be one of his greatest achievements.

Larry Wilson was a community leader and a patriot. I am proud that exceptional citizens and public servants, such as Larry, call my District home and am honored to recognize his life's work today. My condolences and well-wishes go out to his wife of 38 years, Linda, and to his children Laura, Jeremy, Michael and Christopher as well his grandchildren.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,126,867,888.58. We've added \$6,111,249,818,975.50 to our debt in 4 and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF AMERICA HONOR GUARD

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of the Korean War Veterans Association Honor Guard and the dedication of the leaders of Chapter 299 of the Association: Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Otis Mangrum, and Mr. Mark Tilikkala.

The Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) was founded in 1985 with the goal of organizing, promoting, and maintaining an association of individuals who served the United States during the Korean War. Mr. Mangrum, Mr. Tilikkala, and Mr. Griffith, of KWVA Chapter #299, have served as the KWVA's Honor Guard at Memorial Day and Veteran's Day commemorations in Washington, D.C. every year since 2007. Based in the Massachusetts State House, the KWVA Honor Guard of Chapter #299 has proudly performed their duties at Arlington National Cemetery and the Korean War Memorial for appreciative citizens and veterans. As we commemorate the 60th anniversary of the armistice between North and South Korea, it is essential that we recognize the selfless actions of the soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, coast guardsmen, and others who fought to secure peace for the Korean people and safeguard America's allies. Mr. Mangrum, Mr. Tilikkala, and Mr. Griffith deserve our gratitude for dedicating themselves to their fellow veterans and ensuring the nation's colors stand tall whenever we honor our service men and women.

As the years continue to pass, we must make sure that the commitment made by the veterans of the Korean War is preserved in our memories now and in the future. The commitment made by the KWVA Chapter in hon-

oring this memory sets an example for us all to follow.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to thank Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Otis Mangrum and Mr. Mark Tilikkala of KWVA Chapter #299 for their steadfast commitment to honoring veterans. I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these gentlemen for their skill, military excellence, and deportment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLORIA NEGRETE McLEOD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Mrs. NEGRETE McLEOD. Mr. Speaker, from July 8, 2013 to July 19, 2013, I was unavoidably absent from the House and missed rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote Nos. 305, "nay"; 306, "nay"; 307, "aye"; 308, "nay"; 309, "nay"; 311, "aye"; 312, "aye"; 313, "aye"; 314, "aye"; 315, "nay"; 316, "aye"; 317, "nay"; 318, "aye"; 319, "nay"; 320, "aye"; 321, "aye"; — 322, "aye"; 323, "aye"; 324, "aye"; 325, "aye"; 326, "aye"; 327, "aye"; 328, "aye"; 329, "aye"; 330, "nay"; 331, "aye"; 332, "aye"; 333, "nay"; 334, "aye"; 335, "aye"; 336, "aye"; 337, "aye"; 338, "aye"; 339, "nay."

Rollcall vote Nos. 340, "nay"; 341, "aye"; 342, "aye"; 343, "nay"; 344, "aye"; 345, "nay"; 347, "nay"; 349, "nay"; 350, "nay"; 351, "nay"; 352, "aye"; 353, "nay"; 354, "aye"; 355, "aye"; 356, "aye"; 357, "nay"; 358, "nay"; 359, "nay"; 360, "aye"; 361, "nay"; 362, "aye"; 363, "nay"; 364, "nay"; 365, "nay"; 366, "aye"; 367, "aye"; 368, "nay"; 369, "nay"; 370, "nay"; 371, "aye"; 372, "aye"; 373, "aye"; 374, "nay."

INTRODUCING THE WILDLIFE VETERINARIANS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT OF 2013

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Wildlife Veterinarians Employment and Training Act of 2013. This legislation will serve as a source of job growth, promote robust public health policy, and develop affordable opportunities for individuals who are interested in becoming wildlife and zoological veterinarians.

Wildlife and zoo veterinarians are the primary source of essential health care and management for wild animals in their natural habitat and in captivity. Not only do these physicians preserve natural resources and the lives of animals, but they subsequently help protect human health by preventing, detecting and responding to exotic and dangerous diseases.

With the intensification of global interaction between humans, livestock and wildlife, the threat posed by emerging infectious diseases to humans and wildlife continues to increase. Controlling these pandemic and large-scale outbreaks of disease has become more problematic and much more pertinent of an issue.

However, the United States faces a shortage of positions for wildlife and zoo veterinarians to ensure our safety from this threat.

Following graduation, professionals practicing wildlife and zoological veterinary medicine go on to earn relatively low salaries, compared to their companions in animal medicine. Studies also show that on average, veterinarian graduates owe roughly \$130,000 in student loans. The reality of a low salary, combined with high educational debt, amidst scarce employment opportunities, discourages students from pursuing these important careers. Furthermore, due to the severe lack of practical training and formal educational programs specializing in wildlife and zoological veterinary medicine, graduates are unable to make significant contributions to the field.

My bill will directly address these issues which prevent and dissuade veterinarians from practicing wildlife and zoological medicine. It will contribute to the national job creation effort by funding new positions for wildlife and zoo veterinarians to enter upon graduation. The bill will also limit the amount of educational debt for students while providing incentives to practice wildlife and zoo veterinary medicine through the establishment of scholarships and loan repayment programs. Lastly, my legislation will advance education by helping schools develop pilot curricula around wildlife and zoo veterinary medicine and by expanding the number of practical training programs available to students.

Mr. Speaker, we have reached a point in our history when we can no longer ignore the importance of protecting wildlife, domestically and internationally. Wild animals play a very critical role in our natural resources and contribute to maintaining a balanced ecosystem. With an increasing number of endangered species, invasive non-native species, and infectious disease threats, wildlife and zoological veterinarians must be prioritized and given the resources and recognition necessary to protect both animal and human lives.

I urge my colleagues to extend a helping hand to America's veterinarians by supporting this important piece of legislation.

DOUGLAS A. MUNRO COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security's Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, I rise to support H.R. 2611, a bill to designate the new Coast Guard headquarters building as the "Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building."

Douglas A. Munro, a signalman first class of the United States Coast Guard, died heroically on Guadalcanal Island on September 27, 1942, after succeeding in his volunteer assignment to evacuate a military unit of Marines under fire from opposition forces.

Born on October 11, 1919, Munro was raised Washington State and attended the Central Washington College of Education for a year before enlisting in the United States Coast Guard in 1939. He had an outstanding record of service in the Coast Guard and was quickly promoted to signalman, first class.