

IN HONOR OF GEORGE T. PAPPAS,
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HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a great man and close friend, Mr. George Theodore Pappas, Sr. Mr. Pappas passed away on September 21, 2013. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Bonaire First Baptist Church. He was interred in the historic Andersonville National Cemetery.

Mr. Pappas was born on January 25, 1936 in Washington, D.C. to the late Theodore and Constance Pappas. During the Vietnam War, Mr. Pappas proudly and honorably served his country in the United States Air Force.

Even after retiring from the Air Force, Mr. Pappas continued to serve his country loyally and devotedly. He served as Chaplain of the Disabled Veterans Association and worked tirelessly within the community to advocate and care for our Nation's veterans.

Most important to Mr. Pappas was his sturdy and enduring relationship with the Lord. He was a longtime member of Bonaire First Baptist Church.

Maya Angelou once said, "A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies." We are all so blessed that Mr. Pappas passed this way and during his life's journey did so much for so many for so long. He leaves behind a great legacy in service to all the veterans, families, and members of the community whose lives he touched.

Mr. Pappas has achieved numerous successes in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the grace of God and his loving wife, Priscilla; their children, Dorothy, Stacey, and George; grandchildren, Christina, Ryan, Cassaundra, Brendon, Austin, Alexa, Olivia, Tucker, Ella, and Lila; and sister Athena.

The race of life isn't given to the swift or to the strong, but to those who endure until the end. Mr. Pappas has run the race of life with grace and dignity and God has blessed him over his lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the more than 700,000 people of the Second Congressional District salute Mr. George Pappas for his outstanding service to his country and to his community. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest sympathies to Mr. Pappas' family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

CELEBRATING THE 14TH ANNUAL
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
ARTS SHOW

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the 14th Annual Community Mental

Health Arts Show, being held October 8–10, 2013, during Mental Illness Awareness Week.

Congress established Mental Illness Awareness Week in 1990 to educate and increase awareness about mental illness. In Tucson, Arizona, the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (CPSA) has proudly organized the Annual Community Mental Health Arts Show as part of Mental Illness Awareness Week for 14 years. The Arts Show, which is free of charge and open to the public, features the artwork of children and adults receiving behavioral health services, and individuals employed in the behavioral health system.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 50 percent of adults will experience a mental illness in their lifetime and that one in five children are living with a mental illness. In addition, 23 million Americans are facing the challenges of substance abuse. Countless findings confirm that mental health has a significant economic and societal impact. Mental health conditions are the second leading cause of workplace absenteeism, costing the U.S. economy \$79 billion annually in lost productivity. Substance abuse can spread infectious diseases such as hepatitis and HIV/AIDS. Furthermore, substance abuse has a proven link to high crime rates, increased court costs, and overcrowded prisons.

Recovery programs integrating holistic therapies are respected for creating the most meaningful and sustainable outcomes. Providing an opportunity to create and showcase visual art fosters peer support, builds confidence, and reduces the intensity of symptoms, while providing a safe and supportive environment for adults and children who are recovering from a mental illness or substance abuse issues. The Arts Show also promotes mental health education, generates awareness and helps diminish stigma.

Effective mental health treatment and prevention benefits the community as a whole. On average, every \$1 spent on taxpayer-funded substance abuse treatment yields a \$7 return in reduced costs of crime and increased, taxable employment earnings. Mental health treatment and prevention increases health and wellness, reduces medical costs, and has a positive effect on overall productivity, which benefits individuals, families and communities.

As the Regional Behavioral Health Authority for Pima County, Arizona, CPSA is dedicated to ensuring that individuals and families receive accessible, high-quality behavioral health services that are member and family driven, recovery oriented, respectful of cultural differences, and foster hope and self-determination.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mental Illness Awareness Week and the 14th Annual Community Mental Health Arts Show.

HONORING MR. WAYNE BILLIE

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer Mr. Wayne Billie my best wishes on his 66th birthday.

Throughout his life, Wayne has been a strong, dedicated leader who has made signifi-

cant contributions to the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians and the State of Florida.

As a judge of the Miccosukee tribal court, Wayne Billie led a distinguished career committed to upholding justice. Through his work to protect the Everglades, Wayne has helped to protect and preserve one of our country's national treasures for future generations.

As a tribal elder of the Miccosukee tribe, Wayne has continued to demonstrate the same love of community and commitment to public service that has defined his life.

Wayne is truly deserving of our greatest respect and admiration. Again, I offer him my best wishes on his birthday.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 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 \$16,738,183,526,697.32. We've added \$6,111,306,477,784.24 to our debt in 4 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 OAK-
LAND COUNTY CHAPTER OF
JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA
FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF
SERVICE

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the members of the Oakland County Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. as they celebrate thirty-five years of service to Southeast Michigan.

Seventy-five years ago, Jack and Jill of America was founded by Marion Stubbs Thomas, a mother and concerned member of the Philadelphia community, who organized twenty other neighborhood mothers concerned about the well-being of their youth during the Great Depression. From a small community group, the Jack and Jill organization quickly grew to ten chapters by 1946, and today there are more than 220 chapters across the United States with over 30,000 members. For the last thirty-five years, the Oakland County Chapter of Jack and Jill has been an important part of the organization's infrastructure in Michigan, providing support to at-risk children and families.

Over its three and a half decades of service, Jack and Jill's Oakland County Chapter has been a leading voice in the Greater Detroit region in the effort to promote the development of youth with a strong appreciation of good citizenship and community stewardship. Jack and Jill has achieved this goal through its support of programs that advance the virtues of social, cultural, educational, recreational and community service opportunities for youth.

Specifically, as it creates projects that fulfill vital needs in the communities of Southeast Michigan, Jack and Jill carefully crafts those projects with service roles for both youth and their parents. Through the example set by their parents, youth are instilled with a deep appreciation for the value of helping their friends and neighbors.

The programs that Jack and Jill's Oakland County chapter supports have had a profound impact on the communities of Southeast Michigan. Each year, Jack and Jill sponsors a blood drive with the American Red Cross that provides local health services organizations with a vital lifesaving resource. Jack and Jill has also brought in resources from the Jack and Jill Foundation that have enabled local Boys and Girls Clubs and the Pontiac Library to better serve their communities, as well as assist the Southfield Field Zone Leadership program and provide community prep courses for college-bound students taking the ACT exam. Additionally, Jack and Jill supports college-bound students with scholarships.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly proud to have so many outstanding community organizations like the Oakland County Chapter of Jack and Jill of America in my district, and it is with great appreciation for its ongoing commitment to creating a better future for the Greater Detroit region that I congratulate its members on thirty-five years of service.

REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I oppose this politically-manufactured government shutdown.

By shutting down the United States government, House Republicans have proven that they are willing to gamble with both the economic security of hundreds of thousands federal employees and of our nation.

A government shutdown is a serious matter, with real-world consequences.

While Social Security checks will go out to current recipients, the 180,000 people who visit a Social Security office will find that they are understaffed. Their questions will go unanswered.

The Small Business Administration's approval of loans will be put on hold indefinitely. Some 28 million American small businesses will no longer have access to federally-assisted loans or technical assistance.

This government shutdown has forced us to shut the door on the American people. The most vulnerable among us, our seniors, veterans, and our children, will suffer the most.

It is time for Republicans to put aside partisan politics and work with Democrats so that we can re-open the federal government for business and put our nation back on the road to economic prosperity.

I strongly urge the House to adopt the Senate-passed Continuing Resolution without delay.

PASS A BUDGET

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I voted to reject the Republican's short-term, piece-meal funding bills for some, but not all, of the federal government. While this effort has a superficial appeal, it is being used to prop up a terribly flawed policy that ignores the wide array of services that the federal government provides to families, to our children, to the environment, and to businesses across the country.

The Congress should instead take up a clean CR to fund our government, rather than holding it hostage to healthcare laws enacted three years ago and now going into effect—freeing families from insidious practices such as lifetime limits on health insurance coverage, providing coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions, expanding coverage for children, and ensuring that all insurance policies cover basic, critical services.

I urge my colleagues to pass a clean funding bill and reject this cynical ploy.

RECOGNIZING MYKE REID ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION (APWU)

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Myke Reid on the occasion of his recent retirement from the American Postal Workers Union (APWU).

Since 2004, Mr. Reid served as Legislative and Political Director of the American Postal Workers Union, advocating on behalf of our nation's postal service. In addition to serving as Legislative Director, Mr. Reid held various roles with the APWU and played an integral role in passing important legislation, including the Family & Medical Leave Act and reform of the Hatch Act.

Myke Reid began his career with the United States Postal Service in 1976 as a clerk in Norfolk, VA. From the beginning, Mr. Reid was an active member of the Norfolk local union, serving as newsletter editor, steward and local business agent. Mr. Reid's dedication and passion for legislative reform won the admiration of his fellow union members, and he quickly rose to the position of state legislative director and state president.

In 1984, Mr. Reid came to our nation's capital to work on a legislative campaign to protect Social Security. In 1985, he was appointed as a Special Assistant to then-President Moe Biller, and continued in that role until 1992, when he was selected to fill the newly created position of Assistant Legislative Director for the APWU. In 2004, he was elected to serve as APWU's Legislative and Political Director.

Mr. Reid worked tirelessly on behalf of our nation's postal workers to advocate for decent pay and benefits, safe working conditions, and respect and dignity on the job. Mr. Reid also

played an essential role in passing reforms to the Federal Employees Retirement System Act, the Spouse Equity Act, the Postal Employees Safety Enhancement Act, and the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act. The enthusiasm that Mr. Reid brought to his work has earned him respect throughout the halls of Congress and with APWU members. He has truly set the bar high for those who follow in his footsteps.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Myke Reid on this occasion and in commending him for his service and his work to represent the interests of America's Postal Workers and working families across the nation.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF RANKIN RANCH

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw to the attention of the House of Representatives the 150th anniversary of the Rankin Ranch located at the end of California's southern Sierras in northeastern Kern County. This quiet "old west" community in the little mountain valley of Walker Basin is home to the historic 31,000 acre Rankin Cattle and Guest Ranch now under the operation of the 4th, 5th and 6th generation of the Rankin family.

The Quarter Circle U Rankin Ranch was founded by Walker Rankin in 1863. Walker married Lavinia Estelle Lightner in 1868, laying the foundation for the family that has made cattle their family passion for generations. The ranch has evolved with the nation, serving as a stage stop for the overland mail route in the 1870s.

The years have brought times of triumph and times of tragedy, including a car accident that claimed the life of Walker and Lavinia's son and daughter in law in 1929. Similarly in 1954, after the sudden death of third generation, Leroy Rankin, at age of forty-two, his wife Helen ultimately decided to continue her husband's lifetime work and was thrust into the family business. But her new perspective would prove useful to the business, when in 1965, Helen decided to diversify by adding a guest ranch to her cattle operation.

Today, Bill and Glenda Rankin and their children, and their grandchildren all live on the ranch, and run both the cattle and guest ranch businesses.

I am proud to recognize the Rankin Ranch and the six generations of Rankins that have worked to ensure the survival of one of California's oldest and largest family owned ranches. Like thousands of other guests at Rankin Ranch, I have fond memories of the beauty of the countryside and great respect for the hard work and dedication of the Rankin family. Since 1863 they have been superb stewards of this magnificent land and gracious hosts for a public anxious to experience life on a ranch.

Congratulations on the 150th Anniversary of Rankin Ranch—a true American treasure.