

ramps, and adapts vehicles for disabled drivers. As the 2002 United States EPA Energy Star Small Business award winner, Paratransit is committed to clean energy and a sustainable environment. Its Sacramento facility contains a storm water retention system. They have an expansive recycling program for all waste coolant, motor oil, transmission fluid, batteries, metals and tires. Committed to improving air quality, Paratransit joined with Hybrid Technologies in 2007 to produce the world's first full lithium-powered PT Cruisers.

Mr. Speaker, I hereby recognize and commend Paratransit for their outstanding commitment and service to our community. I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing this fine organization continued success and support as they work to provide seamless transportation options and other important services for everyone in the Sacramento Region.

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HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we lost five warriors on the battlefield of Afghanistan recently. They were 25-year-old 1st Lt. Jennifer M. Moreno; 24-year-old Pfc. Cody J. Patterson; 24-year-old Special Agent Joseph M. Peters; 25-year-old Sgt. Patrick C. Hawkins; and 19-year-old Lance Cpl. Jeremiah M. Collins, Jr.

Unfortunately, their families were given the news not only that they had lost their loved ones, but they were also told that they would not be given the \$100,000 in death benefits that they were entitled to receive within three days of the death of their loved ones.

The \$100,000 payment is being withheld from the families—two of them Army Rangers—and one Marine and the bodies of the five warriors will be returned to Dover Air Force Base today. Congress needs to act NOW to rectify this absurd and disgraceful situation.

This money helps the families by giving them an immediate source of cash to help get through the tough times surrounding the funeral of their loved ones.

The Pentagon says it has specific instructions from its budget office not to make payments for deaths that occurred after 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 30, 2013—the date of the start of the government shutdown.

Congress passed a bill last week which should have made it clear that the Pentagon had the authority to make these kinds of payments, however this Administration continues to play politics with this shutdown and has apparently directed DOD not to make these payments.

In order to make it ABUNDANTLY clear that DOD has the authority to make these payments, I thank the Speaker for quickly bringing this bill up to the floor.

It is my hope that the Senate quickly passes this bill, and the President signs it. There is no excuse that any other American hero's family is told that they will not get the death benefit they deserve.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE NEW HAVEN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many who have gathered to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the New Haven Manufacturers Association—a remarkable milestone for this outstanding organization. Their leadership, vision, and advocacy have not only served to promote and expand manufacturing opportunities in New Haven County, but have become integral to how our communities and policy makers address manufacturing needs across Connecticut.

As one of the oldest states in our great nation, Connecticut has a long and rich history. At the heart of our state's economic history is a strong manufacturing foundation. Connecticut is incredibly proud of that heritage and can boast of many firsts in manufacturing: the first cotton gin, patented by Eli Whitney; the first factory town in America, planned and established in Seymour; the first movable parts mass production in use, making clocks; the first industrial training school, established by John Holbrook in Derby; as well as the production of the first revolver, portable typewriter, sewing machine, vacuum cleaner, Poloroid camera, color television, and helicopter. Our state's manufacturing industry has and continues to be an important part of our economic success.

For one hundred years the NHMA has been a strong voice on behalf of New Haven County manufacturers—ensuring that public officials and communities understand the importance of the industry to our economy, that manufacturing employees have access to ongoing training and development resources, and that those schools and programs responsible for training the next generation of these skilled workers are able to do so with the most up-to-date technology and machinery. Over the course of my tenure in Congress I have had many opportunities to work with the NHMA as well as to visit many of their member companies to see first-hand the innovative work they are undertaking. We worked together to bring funding to Platt Regional Vocational Technical High School which financed new machinery for the school's manufacturing program and I have been proud to support their idea of the creation of manufacturing re-investment accounts which are aimed at reducing the financial burdens our smaller manufacturers face as they seek to expand their businesses.

Their dedication and good work has helped to preserve our state's rich manufacturing history, provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, issues and best practices among their members, and advocate for public policies that enhance manufacturing as a whole. Today, as they celebrate their centennial anniversary, I am proud to rise and join the many community and business leaders who have gathered in extending my heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes to the New Haven Manufacturers Association. Happy 100th Anniversary.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF FORMER MINNESOTA SENATOR ROD GRAM

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my condolences to the family and friends of former U.S. Senator Rod Grams who represented Minnesota from 1995 to 2001. He had previously been elected to the U.S. House in 1992 where he served one term. Senator Grams passed away last night at home in Crown, MN. He was 65 years old.

Senator Grams was a Republican who fought hard for the issues he believed in and worked to find common ground on issues that concerned Minnesotans. Before entering politics Sen. Grams was a well known television newscaster in the Twin Cities. I remember watching him frequently.

While serving in the U.S. House and Senate I did not have contact with Sen. Grams, but following his time in elected office I had many interactions with him as he represented various private clients. I always found Rod Grams to be a kind and engaging man who cared deeply about Minnesota.

The public service provided by Senator Rod Grams is to be honored and respected. He was a conservative who cared about Minnesota and its people. Again, Mr. Speaker, I extend my condolences to his family, friends, and supporters.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 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 \$16,747,419,536,935.48. We've added \$6,120,542,488,022.40 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.1 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the National Day of the Republic of China. October 10 marks the beginning of the Wuchang Uprising which led to the creation of the Republic of China in 1912.

The Republic of China, or Taiwan as it is more commonly known, has worked tirelessly to become a global player both politically and economically. With a thriving economy, Taiwan already plays a critical role in the global supply chain and serves as a major innovator in the technology industry. I am proud to represent Garmin Ltd. in my district which is an

exemplary company conducting business internationally based in both Kansas and Taiwan. The Taiwanese community is a strong contributor to Kansas's 3rd Congressional district.

In light of these contributions, it is my belief that Taiwan should be included in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

Taiwan currently plays a major role in ensuring U.S. interests in the Pacific. For decades we have enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship based on trust. It is my hope that we can continue and strengthen this relationship going forward. To achieve this goal, I look forward to working with the Administration to see that a bilateral investment agreement is signed between our countries.

Lastly, as long standing allies, it is time for us as a Congress to reconsider our diplomatic relationship with Taiwan by welcoming high-level officials from Taiwan to meet with their American equivalents in Cabinet level positions.

I commend Taiwan on its National Day, and look forward to a continued partnership.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LOUIS MAGNARELLI, PH.D.

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and outstanding community member, Dr. Louis Magnarelli, whose recent passing was all too soon. Internationally recognized scientist, mentor, and friend, Lou was a remarkable man whose kind heart and passion for science touched the lives of many.

Earning his B.S. in Biology at the State University New York at Oswego, an M.S. in Biology at the University of Michigan, and his Ph.D. in Medical Entomology at Cornell University, Lou began his career at the Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station in 1975. He dedicated a lifetime to his research and his work earned him a distinguished reputation on his area of expertise, medical entomology. He began as Assistant Scientist, served as Associate Scientist, Scientist, and later Chief Scientist/State Entomologist and Vice Director. For the last nine years, Lou led the Station as its Director. His contributions to Connecticut and science were extensive and unparalleled, publishing in excess of two hundred scientific articles. His expertise was not only recognized here but internationally, particularly for his work on ticks, tick-associated diseases, serological testing for vector-borne pathogens.

His colleagues perhaps put it best when they wrote "Lou was not only our Director, he was our colleague and most of all, our friend. His door was always open, both literally and figuratively, for discussion of all matters from the scientific to the personal. His keen scientific and analytical mind was only exceeded by his desire to bring this institution's scientific knowledge and experience to the benefit of the citizens of Connecticut. He was a strong supporter of Connecticut agriculture, the state's trees and woodlands, and the green industry. Lou's wisdom and skillful stewardship as our leader will be sorely missed. Even

through his illness, his thoughts were always of the Experiment Station. All Station staff, both present and future, will take tremendous pride in honoring and continuing Dr. Magnarelli's unwavering commitment for Putting Science to Work for Society."

I would be remiss if I did not extend a personal note of thanks and appreciation to Lou for his many years of friendship and service. I often sought his guidance and expertise. Lou's joy and dedication to his work was contagious and I could always count on him for outstanding research or an update on Station's recent work. I am proud of the work that we did together and the many accomplishments that were achieved on behalf of the Station and the residents of Connecticut.

Louis Magnarelli's presence, both at the Station and in the scientific community, will be deeply missed. He worked tirelessly for the people of Connecticut, our communities and the environment. He was an extraordinary individual whose passion for science, exceptional leadership, and compassion for others will long serve as an inspiration to others—that is his lasting legacy. I join so many others in extending my deepest sympathies to his wife, Sharon, family, friends, and colleagues as they mourn his loss.

"CHANGE THE MASCOT" CAMPAIGN

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I was honored to participate in a symposium led by the Oneida Indian Nation in support of the "Change the Mascot" campaign. The discussion gave voice to many serious concerns with the continued use of the disparaging slur "Redskins" as the name of Washington's National Football League (NFL) team. I commend and congratulate Ray Halbritter of the Oneida Indian Nation for his leadership and the tremendous effort put forth by his community to raise national awareness of this issue. Below are my remarks from the symposium for the Congressional record:

Good morning. It is my honor to be here today to support the "Change the Mascot" campaign. The "Change the Mascot" campaign is advancing a national dialogue, which is important for Native Americans and all Americans to have.

There are more than 5 million Native Americans in the U.S. They are our neighbors and friends—children, elders, moms and dads, men and women—who care about their culture, their communities, and their country.

Native Americans are not mascots or caricatures to be exploited for profit—not by the NFL or any professional sports team owner. They should never be stereotyped in a dehumanizing, degrading, or demeaning manner.

In the year 2013, for the NFL and a team owner to be so driven by profit that this clearly racist mascot continues to be promoted and defended is truly outrageous. But it has not gone unnoticed. That is why we are here today as part of the "Change the Mascot" campaign. And change is coming.

Let me quote from the September 13, 2013 editorial by the Washington Post: "We hope,

too, that Mr. Snyder finally understands that the team's name . . . is a racial slur of Native Americans so offensive that it should no longer be tolerated." They go on to say: "Mr. Snyder should be prepared for the controversy never to end."

There is no dignity or respect in the exploitation perpetrated for profit by the NFL and Dan Snyder's football business. They are promoting a racist slur that must change. And, this campaign is going to keep advancing until that name is changed.

It is my honor to represent Native American families in my Congressional District and throughout Minnesota. In Minnesota, we have eleven Sioux and Ojibwe Nations that have a long and very proud history of contributing to the strength, diversity, and success of our State. In one month—on November 7th—my team, the Minnesota Vikings, will host Washington's football team. That night I am sure the "Change the Mascot" campaign will have a big presence in the Twin Cities. I look forward to welcoming you, Ray!

I want to recognize one colleague who is not here today, but has been the leading voice in Congress on this issue—Delegate ENI FALEOMAVEGA who represents American Samoa. He is the author of legislation that would end federal trademark protection for the term "Redskin". I am proud to be a co-sponsor, along with Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON. And this issue isn't going away.

The hired PR folks, who are now defending Mr. Snyder's football team, cite outdated polls of Native Americans and talk about history and tradition. It's all rubbish and corporate spin to keep the profits flowing.

Mr. Snyder, change the mascot. End this ugly history and tradition of your team's racist slur and pick a new mascot that offends no one—hurts no one—dehumanizes no one.

It's time to put dignity and respect for Native people ahead of your profits.

COMMEMORATING DOUBLE TEN DAY, TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues that this Thursday, October 10 is Double Ten Day, Taiwan's national day. I hope they will join me in congratulating the people of Taiwan on this momentous occasion.

Our great friend in Asia, Taiwan, will be celebrating its 102nd anniversary on October 10. Also known as Double Ten Day since it falls on the 10th day of the 10th month, this is Taiwan's National Day and is revered and celebrated in the same fashion as we do the Fourth of July here in America.

Taiwan is today a multi-party democracy with a strong economy that is working to ease tensions with Mainland China, while preserving both its political existence and its vibrant national life. This Double Ten Day marks the 102nd anniversary of China's Wuchang Uprising, a significant development in the Xinhai Revolution. This occasion is especially important given Taiwan's aspirations to participate in the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Taiwan has been a great friend and partner of the United States, and I have no doubt that