

again in 2005 to 2006. In 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, 3rd Infantry Division, First Sergeant Zito's leadership guided the actions of 130 soldiers whose teamwork under his stewardship received the Presidential and Meritorious Unit awards.

After returning to complete the Sergeants Major Course in 2007, now CSM Zito once again met our nation's call and deployed the 2nd Battalion, 12th Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division to Operation Iraqi Freedom. During this time, CSM Zito was responsible for designing and implementing command policies and training for an 800 member Task Force. CSM Zito successfully managed all of the Task Force's Joint Security Stations as well as partnering with two Iraqi Army Brigades, an Iraqi Police Division and the Kadamiyah Shrine Police. The lives of thousands of American and Iraqi soldiers depended on the leadership of CSM Zito.

Upon his return from foreign battlefields, CSM Zito continued to dedicate himself to the betterment of our nation by graciously allowing Congress to glean what we could from his wisdom. A remarkably small portion of the military are assigned to the unenviable task of explaining the impact on end-users of our legislative ideas. CSM Zito was among the hand-selected cadre, first as Defense Fellow to Representative John Carter and then as Legislative Liaison of the Department of the Army. During these two positions, CSM Zito was responsible for providing guidance on matters relating to military legislation as well as serving as the primary point of contact for enlisted issues. As an effective spokesman, CSM Zito strengthened the Army's relationship with our nation's lawmakers.

Over the course of his 22 years of dedicated service, CSM Zito has repeatedly demonstrated honor and dedication indicative of a great American hero. His valiant efforts both across oceans in enemy territory as well as here domestically have helped to protect and shape our nation. On behalf of the United States Congress and the American people we represent, I extend my deep appreciation to Command Sergeant Major William Zito Jr. for his service to our country. My best wishes on a happy retirement and continued success.

HONORING DR. LINDA RUSHTON
SELMAN

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Linda Rushton Selman, whose strong intellect, work ethic, and determination are being recognized through the creation of the Dr. Linda Elizabeth Rushton Selman and Jo Ann Rushton Endowed English Scholarship.

Linda hails from Magnolia, Arkansas, my hometown. She graduated first in her class at Magnolia High School. Her talents, drive and work ethic took her to Sullins College in Virginia, where she earned her Associate of Arts degree and, once again, graduated first in her class. She pursued further education at the University of Arkansas, where she was a ROTC Cadet Colonel, named an Arkansas Traveler and was voted a Razorback Beauty.

At UA, she pledged Chi Omega and earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees, with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

Throughout her life, Linda has been steadfast in her commitment to educating and teaching. She has taught at the University of Arkansas and Southern Methodist University, and has spent the majority of her career at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, where she recently began her 38th year in the university's English department. In 1983, she earned her Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas, and while teaching at SAU, she raised four children.

Linda has continued to support the University of Arkansas, with numerous gifts to Fulbright College, the Alumni Association, the graduate school and the English department. She remains active in Chi Omega and is a life member of the Arkansas Alumni Association. She has been a 27-year contributor to the Razorback Foundation and Arkansas Athletics, where she sits in the very same seats at Razorback Stadium and War Memorial Stadium as she did when she rooted for the Razorbacks over 50 years ago.

Through Linda's tenacity and vigor she has made good on the promise she made to her younger sister, Jo Ann, who passed away from a kidney infection in 1952 at the age of two. Linda, who was 11 at the time, promised her dying sister that she would live her life for both of them. Without question, she has honored that promise.

The scholarship in Linda's honor has been established by her husband, Dr. Frank Selman, in an effort to preserve Jo Ann's memory and to honor Linda. I am proud to call Frank and Linda my longtime friends.

On behalf of Arkansans and Americans everywhere, I congratulate Linda Selman for being a leader in education and for the establishment of this scholarship in her name.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY
LIFE OF EUGENE BICCARD GLICK

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Eugene (Gene) Biccard Glick of Indianapolis, Indiana. He passed away on October 2, 2013, at the age of 92. Gene was an exceptional philanthropist and businessman who served both Indianapolis and his country with integrity.

A lifelong Hoosier and resident of Indianapolis, Gene graduated from Shortridge High School and later from Indiana University in December of 1942. He bravely served in the 179th Regiment of the 45th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army during World War II and saw action in Italy, France and Germany. While in Germany, Gene, an American Jew, helped liberate the Dachau Concentration Camp. The photographs he took provided evidence of Nazi atrocities and are part of the collection at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum located here in Washington, D.C. For his service, Gene received every European Theater ribbon awarded, in addition to the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

After his tour of duty, Gene returned to Indianapolis, working at People's Bank issuing Gl

loans. Seeing the housing shortage for returning veterans starting families, he founded the Gene B. Glick Company. Under Gene's guidance, his small company grew to become what is today one of the largest privately held real estate development firms in the nation. Gene Glick exemplified the best of the Hoosier spirit: hard work, determination and entrepreneurship.

Gene Glick was not only a dedicated soldier and a business leader, but also a philanthropist and community activist. In 1982, he and his beloved wife, Marilyn, established the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Family Foundation, one of the largest private foundations in the state of Indiana. Gene also established the Glick Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, the Glick Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, the Glick Eye Institute at the Indiana University School of Medicine, the Indianapolis Cultural Trail and the Indiana Authors Award. Gene was a tireless advocate for Indiana's Jewish community and for disadvantaged youth across the state. His generosity and humanitarian spirit touched thousands of lives in Indianapolis and beyond.

Throughout his incredible life, Gene was awarded numerous awards and honors. He was inducted into the National Housing Hall of Fame and was a Central Indiana Business Hall of Fame Laureate. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Butler University in 1989. He was recognized as a Sagamore of the Wabash—the highest award given by the Hoosier state—from Indiana governors Robert Orr (1982), Evan Bayh (1992) and Joe Kernan (2005). Gene was named an Indiana Living Legend by the Indiana Historical Society in 2002.

Gene Glick was a patriot and an irreplaceable pillar of the Indianapolis community whose legacy will continue to inspire Hoosiers for generations to come. I am proud that exceptional leaders and public servants, such as Gene, have called my District home and am honored to recognize his life's work today. My condolences and well wishes go out to his four daughters, Marianne Glick, Arlene Grande, Alice Meshbane and Lynda Schwartz, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

IN MEMORY OF JOHNNY A.
BURKES

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my friend, Mr. Johnny A. Burkes of Pleasanton, California, who passed away last Wednesday, October 23rd, at the age of 83.

During his life, Johnny was known as a family man who was dedicated to serving the community around him. He chose a career field where he felt he could make a long lasting, and positive impact: that of financial planning. For over 50 years, through his work, Johnny helped countless individuals and corporations plan for their future.

Johnny was always willing to take time out of his busy career and family life to serve his community. He was a member of several service organizations, including the Native Sons of

California, Elks Club, Rotary International, Masons, and Shriners. He also served for three years as a member of the Board of Trustees for the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation, which helps contribute to state-of-the-art healthcare in the Tri-Valley.

During his life, Johnny enjoyed hunting and sports, and he was an avid fan of the San Francisco Giants and the San Francisco 49ers. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 65 years, Maxine; his four sons: Michael, Terry, Joey, and Lane; and, his five grandchildren. Johnny will be missed by many.

MEDAL OF HONOR FOR DONALD P. SLOAT

HON. JIM BRIDENSTINE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. BRIDENSTINE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 28, 2013, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 3304, a bill to authorize and request the President of the United States to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor. I am a proud original co-sponsor of H.R. 3304.

The late Mr. Donald P. Sloat was a constituent in the First District of Oklahoma. Then-Specialist Four Donald P. Sloat served our country during the Vietnam Conflict. On January 17, 1970, then-Specialist Four Donald Sloat, a machinegunner with Company D, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 196th Light Infantry, Americal Division was killed saving the lives of three of his fellow soldiers by shielding them from a grenade blast with his own body.

For his gallantry and intrepidity, then-Secretary of Defense Robert Gates determined that Mr. Sloat's actions merited the Medal of Honor. I submit the following letter from Secretary Gates to Representative Howard P. "Buck" McKeon, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. In his letter, Secretary Gates notes that the Medal of Honor must be awarded "within three years after the date of the act justifying the award." Congress must waive the time limit before the President of the United States can award the Medal of Honor to Mr. Sloat. By passing H.R. 3304, the House of Representatives took the first step in ensuring that Mr. Sloat receives the honor he so richly deserves.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE,
1000 DEFENSE PENTAGON,

Washington, DC, January 11, 2013.

Hon. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing in response to requests from Senator Tom Coburn and Representative John Sullivan for award of the Medal of Honor (MoH) to then-Specialist Four (SP4) Donald P. Sloat under the provisions of title 10, U.S.C., section 1130, of "Consideration of proposals for decorations not previously submitted in timely fashion: procedures for review."

I reviewed the proposal for award of the MoH to then-SP4 Sloat for saving the lives of

three of his fellow soldiers by shielding them from a grenade blast with his own body on January 17, 1970, during the Vietnam conflict. After giving the nomination careful consideration, I believe then-SP4 Sloat's actions merit award of the MoH. However, title 10, U.S.C., section 3744, requires that the MoH be awarded "within three years after the date of the act justifying the award." Therefore, a statutory time waiver to title 10, U.S.C., section 3744, is required before the President of the United States may, if he so chooses, award the MoH to then-SP4 Sloat.

The final award authority for the MoH rests solely with the President of the United States. My favorable determination in no way presumes what the President's decision might be.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. A similar letter is being sent to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, Senator Tom Coburn, and Representative John Sullivan.

Sincerely,

ROBERT M. GATES,
Secretary of Defense.

DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION RELATING TO DEBT LIMIT INCREASE

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.J. Res. 99.

My Republican colleagues can't help themselves. It wasn't enough that they nearly caused a global economic meltdown by forcing the government to close and stonewalling an increase in the debt limit earlier this month. Now they want to do it all over again by revoking the President's authority to raise the debt limit, which Congress granted him in a bipartisan manner. Republicans in the House aren't just welshing on that compromise, but they're also signaling their intention to take the country over the brink again, all to score political points.

This is a farcical exercise and one undeserving of this body's consideration. I would hope that early October's nightmare taught us a lesson or two, but it appears that some of my colleagues haven't learned a thing. All of this boils down to a simple question: Do you support preventing a catastrophic worldwide economic calamity that will decimate the lives of your constituents? If so, then vote down H.J. Res. 99.

RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS OF HILLSBORO VFW POST 9094

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the members of Hillsboro VFW Post 9094 for their patriotism and volunteerism.

This week, Post 9094 celebrates their 75th anniversary, which is a testament to the lasting commitment these veterans have to help-

ing fellow veterans and non-veterans in Highland County.

The Korean War Memorial is inscribed "Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met."

In conflicts around the globe, the members of VFW Post 9094 answered this call.

Southern Ohio and our nation are eternally grateful to them for their service, and deeply grateful that these dedicated veterans continue to answer the call to support and protect all veterans and families in need in Highland County, as Post 9094 has now done for 75 years.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE EXPANSION LIMITATION ACT OF 2013

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss my bill, the National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Limitation Act of 2013, which requires that any expansion of a national wildlife refuge be approved by Congress. Currently, there is little Congressional oversight of the Federal Government's ability to arbitrarily designate land as biologically necessary for increasing a public land management unit. While I'm a firm believer in ensuring our environment is flourishing with wildlife, this is not the path to follow. Washington purchasing up private lands will have long term consequences.

Mr. Speaker, by introducing this bill, I hope to prevent the Federal Government from creating instability in economically depressed rural regions by drawing arbitrary acquisition boundaries around private land and creating hundreds of disconnected, protected refuge areas. Aggressively creating islands of "hold-out parcel" farmland surrounded by environmentally protected refuge lands has shown to be disruptive to economically important rural industries. Whether by regulation or the Federal Government passively forcing out landowners by excessive regulation and poor refuge maintenance, the private landowners lose.

My district is a prime example of the Federal Government's unwanted advances. In the Eighth District of Tennessee, the Fish & Wildlife Service is attempting to purchase 120,000 additional acres of land, which equates to over 1,000 privately owned parcels along 49 miles of the Mississippi River and 106 miles of the Hatchie River. This land grab is on top of the existing 27,947 acres already purchased and protected by the federal government. Even more alarming, the Fish & Wildlife Service has not even completed purchasing lands within the existing refuge designation.

This expansion equates to the largest refuge east of the Mississippi, impacting our crop production, tax base, freedom of land use, and people's way of life. At a time of government shut downs, sequestration, fiscal cliffs, debt debates, and legislative stalemates, rapid expansion projects seem extremely short sighted. Under-funded, under-maintained refuges lead to a loss of realistic recreational use, productive farm land, and tax revenue for county rolls across the country.