

region last year. Mr. Ali's proactive approach to the dangers of carbon monoxide within his community helped save lives and protect vulnerable families trying to heat their homes in the winter.

By acting as a liaison between King County Public Health and the local Somali community, Mohamed ensured that safety warnings for carbon monoxide were translated for individuals who do not speak English and that the community was informed about the risks of burning fuel indoors during power outages.

In addition, Mohamed worked with volunteers at a local mosque to establish a hotline for the community to ask questions about the storm and request aid. He was also instrumental in coordinating the establishment of a nearby aid station that offered heat and hot meals. As a result of Ali's and others' efforts, King County reported zero deaths and ninety percent fewer hospitalizations than during the region's last major winter storm.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I congratulate Mohamed Ali for being honored with the Champion of Change award and recognize his service to the King County community.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT WALTER CRENSHAW, THE OLDEST LIVING TUSKEGEE AIRMAN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I salute and congratulate Sergeant Walter Crenshaw, a fellow veteran, on reaching this milestone celebrating his 104th birthday. As the oldest living Tuskegee Airman, he has lived a truly inspiring life and for that I commend him.

From Mr. Crenshaw's induction into the United States Army Air Corps in October 1942 where he ultimately attained the rank of Sergeant, until now, he has been an example of what hard-work and devotion can do. I am particularly thankful for his dedication to our country in the face of strife racism, paving the way for myself and fellow African-American and minority servicemen. Mr. Crenshaw and the Tuskegee Airmen persevered through racial, military, and political barriers to become the first African American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces, showing that there is strength in unity and support.

A leader is one who knows the way, follows that path, and shows others the course to take. Walter Crenshaw's life is a demonstration of true leadership, and as he celebrates 104 years of life may he take pride in the contributions he has made through his service.

OBAMACARE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, the Affordable Care Act is more than a website. That's the comforting assurance President Obama is giving to the American people as the con-

tinuing train wreck of the law's implementation grinds on.

Mr. Speaker, I agree with the President. The law is more than a website. Unfortunately, that means its flaws extend past the website as well. Simply put, its bad technology mixed with bad policy.

From broken websites to broken promises this law is taking on water and sinking fast, taking hardworking Americans with it.

Last Friday, I spoke with a self-employed father of two in my district who is feeling the harmful effects of the ACA head on. He received a notice in the mail that said his insurance—which he liked—was going to triple. The same plan, just hundreds more. I think he put it best when he said, "the President guaranteed, 'If you like your plan you can keep it'. Well the fact is, I can keep my plan, I just can't afford my plan now . . ."

News reports now say that over two million people will lose the health plan they currently have, even after hearing the President's promise for three years.

This is unacceptable.

That's why I am supporting legislation that actually allows people to keep their coverage under the ACA—even as the President's new regulations and mandates try and take it away.

Furthermore, I will continue in joining members from both parties in both chambers, in asking the President to delay the individual mandate of the ACA. President Obama said he would negotiate once government was fully funded and operational—now is the time for him to address bipartisan ideas for improvement that help out the American people.

HONORING BILL DAVIS

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Indiana State Representative Bill Davis. After serving House District 33 for 9 years, State Representative Davis will begin the next chapter of his career, serving the State as the Executive Director of the Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

During his time in the State legislature, Bill Davis served on the House Ways and Means Committee, where he helped craft balanced budgets that included no tax increases for Hoosiers. As a legislator, Bill Davis was committed to efficient government that used the taxpayers' money wisely. Bill served as Chairman of the Committee on Public Policy and was a leader on issues affecting Hoosier farmers and teachers.

Bill's leadership in business and government will greatly benefit Hoosiers as he serves as the Executive Director of the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. On a personal note, Bill and I served together in the Indiana General Assembly. He was a great colleague and an even better friend.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in honoring Bill Davis for his years of service in the Indiana General Assembly and in congratulating him on his next role as Executive Director of the Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE OCTOBER 31, 2013 HONOR FLIGHT OF THE QUAD CITIES

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, over 90 Iowa veterans of World War II and the Korean War will travel to our Nation's capital. For many of these veterans, tomorrow will be the first time they will see the National World War II Memorial and the Korean War Veterans Memorial that were built in their honor.

They will travel to Washington as part of an Honor Flight. These flights demonstrate that we as a State and as a country will never forget the debt we owe those who have worn our Nation's uniform.

We truly owe these heroes a debt of gratitude for their selfless service to our great Nation. On the eve of their visit, I rise to humbly thank these Iowa and American heroes for their service to our country.

Their sacrifices and determination in the face of great threats to our way of life are truly humbling and continue to inspire us today. Their generations and our country did not seek to be tested. But, when called upon to do so, they defended our Nation abroad and rebuilt our Nation here at home to make it even stronger. They rose to defend not just our Nation, but the freedoms, democracy, and values that make our country the greatest Nation on earth.

Their patriotism, service, and sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our Nation and the American people. Their legacy endures today.

I am tremendously proud to welcome the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities and Iowa's veterans of World War II and the Korean War to our Nation's capital. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our great Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF BARBARA ARO-VALLE

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Barbara Aro-Valle of Hayward, California, who recently left her position as the Executive Director for New Haven Schools Foundation. Barbara will be honored for her outstanding service to the foundation during a luncheon November 14, 2013.

Barbara was born and raised in Hayward, California, where she graduated from James Logan High School. Barbara and her husband, Richard, married in 1979 and together they have two children, Monica and Andrew.

After high school, Barbara worked for ten years as a dental assistant before taking a job at California State University Hayward (CSU-H) as the Director of Facilities Reservations and Special Events. While working full time and caring for her children, Barbara earned a bachelor's degree in human development from CSU-H, now called California State University East Bay.

While her children attended school in the New Haven Unified School District, Barbara became actively involved as a parent volunteer in the band and color guard programs. In 2002, Barbara was elected to the New Haven School Board. During her time on the board, Barbara assisted in hiring a new school superintendent and successfully negotiated a three-year contract with the school's teachers union.

Five years later, in 2007, Barbara accepted a position as Executive Director of the New Haven Schools Foundation. Barbara has been integral to the foundation's evolution, starting from the very beginning.

Under her direction, the foundation has expanded its scholarship program, reinstated the Annual Scholarship Luncheon, and planned the annual casino night gala. Additionally, she helped bring indispensable funds to support grant programs. These programs allowed the school district to ward off significant cuts to co-curricular programs in recent years.

I thank Barbara for her unparalleled dedication to the New Haven Schools Foundation, which has assisted students, teachers, and the community as a whole. I wish Barbara the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO SALADO MAYOR DANNEY McCORT

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the committed public service of Salado Mayor Danney McCort. This proud native Texan is not afraid to roll up his sleeves to improve his community.

Salado is a picturesque, historic village on Salado Creek just east of Interstate Highway 35 between Waco and Austin in southern Bell County. The clear, bubbling springs of the creek, which made it a favorite camping ground for Indians thousands of years before Spanish explorers arrived in Texas, have had much to do with the development of the area. The town is the proud home to the Stagecoach Inn, the oldest continuously running hotel in Texas.

Growing up on a farm cultivated a work ethic in Danney that has served him well both professionally and personally. His career as a builder and engineer with the Veterans Administration, along with his love of home repair and do-it-yourself projects, fostered in Danney a can-do spirit that is a reflection of the Salado Community.

Mayor since 2012, Danney's worked to annex the 1-35 corridor, obtain a sewer system for downtown Salado, and foster music and culture in his thriving city. Along with his engineering knowledge, he knows firsthand the importance of water to Texas communities, farms, and livestock.

Salado deserves great leadership and Mayor Danney McCort is delivering. I look forward to continuing my longstanding and productive relationship with him.

HONORING ANTONIO MACIAS

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Antonio Macias, a World War II veteran and an exceptional El Pasoan. Listening to the story of Antonio and other World War II veterans reminds me why we call theirs the "greatest generation."

In 1943, while still a United States resident, Mr. Macias volunteered for the Second World War. He served in Pacific Theatre in Okinawa as a U.S. Navy Sailor and completed his service as a "Motor Machinist's Mate Third Class." As the war ended, he was honorably discharged in 1945. After completing his service, Mr. Macias returned home to El Paso, Texas, where he worked as a rancher, a sheet metal worker, and at the local Phelps Dodge Refinery for 33 years. He retired in 1978 and became the owner of a small business specializing in landscaping. Now, at the age of 95, Mr. Macias continues to reside in El Paso with his wife of over 65 years and is a tireless advocate for improving services for El Paso's many veterans. Mr. Macias is an exceptional asset to the community, and as one of my staffers put it "he is an inspiration to El Paso."

Like so many other individuals from his generation, Mr. Macias put his life on the line for his country. We are grateful for his service and appreciate that he continues to be a vital part of the El Paso community. Thank you, Antonio Macias, for making El Paso, Texas, and the nation proud.

CENTENNIAL OF FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY AT CASE WESTERN

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Kelvin Smith Library at Case Western Reserve University, which celebrates this year 100 years of service as a congressionally-designated Federal Depository Library. As one of the Nation's more than 1,200 Federal Depository Libraries, Case Western Reserve serves students, faculty, and the constituents of Ohio's 11th Congressional District with free access to the publications of all three branches of government.

In its 100 years as a Federal Depository Library, Case Western Reserve has made government information available in a variety of formats, from ink on paper to the latest digital technologies. In the mid-1990s, Case Western Reserve was one of a handful of libraries nationally which pioneered making online government information freely available through a partnership between the Government Printing Office, which administers the Federal Depository Library Program, and the Cleveland Free Net. The University Libraries have maintained an outstanding retrospective collection of government publications, and have provided countless hours of expert assistance to researchers.

Throughout its 100 year history as a Federal Depository Library, Case Western Reserve

has been recognized by the Government Printing Office for providing outstanding expert service to its primary clientele and to the residents of my Congressional district. I would like to recognize the library staff and Associate Provost and University Librarian Arnold Hirshon as they mark the 100th anniversary of depository designation. I wish them much success as they enter their second century of Keeping America Informed.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 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 \$17,081,509,219,228.50. We've added \$6,454,632,170,315.42 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.4 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING RICHARD W. "DICK" ABBEY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Richard W. "Dick" Abbey, who, along with his law partners at Abbey, Weitzenberg, Warren & Emery, is a recipient of the Sonoma County Bar Association's 2013 Career of Distinction Award. This is the highest honor presented by the Association and it is, indeed, well deserved.

Mr. Abbey has been a member of the law firm of Abbey, Weitzenberg, Warren & Emery since 1973. Over the course of those 40 years, he has specialized in real estate, commercial and corporate law as well as in financial institution litigation and transactions. In recent years he has focused on representing businesses within the wine industry.

As a mediator, he has successfully achieved a number of simple and multi-party mediations that have involved a wide range of business and real estate matters.

Mr. Abbey has consistently been recognized as a Northern California Super Lawyer. Super Lawyers is a rating service that selects outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process is multi-phased and includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations.

Mr. Abbey has also been a member of the County Bar Association for 40 years and served a term as president of the organization. He has also been a Professor of Law at Empire College of Law in Santa Rosa, a member of both the State Bar of California and the American Bar Association, President and Member of the Board of the Sonoma County Family YMCA and a Member of the Board of the Redwood Empire Food Bank.