

told that I was being awarded the 3rd highest award for valor that the nation can grant—the Silver Star.”

In honor of his service to our nation, I am proud to recognize Jerold Klein and thank him for his commitment to the South Florida community of veterans.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 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 \$17,189,547,404,790.46. We've added \$6,562,670,355,877.38 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN MEMORY OF DR. NOHAD TOULAN AND DIRICE MORONI TOULAN

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2013

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, our hearts go out to Mariam and Omar, to the extended Toulan family, to their Portland State family whose lives have been touched by the service commitment of Nohad and Dirce Moroni Toulan. Indeed, Portlanders who never knew them have benefited from their presence in our community for almost 40 years.

The Toulans were a unique power couple not just in Portland, but with influence around the world. Indeed, they were an international power couple; he from Egypt, she from Argentina. They accepted international assignments, as when he became the first planning director for the greater Cairo region.

He had been an advisor to the United Nations development program and to local and foreign governments. Most significant was his 20-month assignment directing the preparation of the comprehensive regional plan for the holy city of Mecca. They were amazing assignments for an amazing man.

It was my honor to have met him when he first arrived in Portland in 1974. I was working in the president's office at Portland State University then when he began the most critical chapter in the development of Portland State as a true urban university.

It is hard to think of all the ways the Toulans contributed to the evolution of our modest continuing education center for returning veterans to the establishment of a vital, strong, thriving university with particular expertise in urban studies.

Dr. Toulan was a renaissance man: a scholar, planner, and academic leader, a force in the community for human rights, sound foreign policy, and protecting the planet. There is a

reason his name graces the School of Planning and Public Policy at Portland State. No one contributed more to the emergence of one of the outstanding academic outposts in America dealing with planning, livability, transportation, and how we knit these elements together for a better future.

Nohad helped define the critical role that an urban university can play not just as a place of instruction, but for research and a living laboratory.

Dirce Moroni Toulan in her own right was an accomplished professional. She didn't just support Nohad through his career, but had a strong academic and professional background and was greatly influential and respected at the university. It is not by accident that her name is on the library for the College of Public Affairs.

I worked directly for two presidents and since worked with four more. Each put their imprint on the university which is still being enhanced further under the stewardship of Wim Wiewel and his wife Alice. Yet over the last 40 years, I don't think anybody has done more for the evolution of the university and its role in our community, and in the nation, and in the world.

We mourn the loss of this extraordinary couple even as we celebrate their lives. Portland State University, our community, the nation is a better place because of them.

As I reflect on the sad closing of this brilliant chapter, to focus on the academic and the professional, important as they are to lose an essential element that has become more important to me over the years, even as the formal phase of their career wound down.

They were a true interfaith couple: a Catholic priest and Muslim Iman were at their memorial last Monday. In an era of such international tension these last dozen years, which have been visited upon our community, theirs were voices of tolerance and compassion. They were vigorously opposed to discrimination, and fierce champions of outreach, of connection, of mutual respect.

For all of the many contributions that will live on in urban affairs and Portland State University, they made a vital contribution to sane foreign policy, religious tolerance, and interfaith cooperation which may not be evidenced like the name of a college or a library. Their message was there when the community needed to hear it and their example when the community needed to see it. We are richer for that gift.

IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR ROBERT WILLIAMS FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF PUBLISHING STATE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW ISSUE FOR THE RUTGERS LAW JOURNAL

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Professor Robert Williams for his immense contributions to the Rutgers Law Journal and to Rutgers School of Law—Camden.

Twenty-five years ago, state Constitutions were a relatively obscure area of legal scholarship. However, Professor Williams understood that these state Constitutions have a real impact on people's lives, sometimes more so than the Federal Constitution. Along with Professor G. Alan Tarr, he coined the term "comparative subnational constitutional law" for this field of study, and published the first State Constitutional Law issue for the Rutgers Law Journal.

Since this time, Professor Williams's scholarship has brought great acclaim to his discipline, and to Rutgers-Camden. The Journal has included an annual State Constitutional Law issue for the past twenty-five years, and Professor Williams has been instrumental in every one. He also serves as the associate director of the Center for State Constitutional Studies. And despite his extensive academic responsibilities, Professor Williams still serves as counsel in public interest cases, and has filed several notable Amicus briefs in recent years.

Mr. Speaker, the contributions of Professor Williams to the legal community should not go unrecognized. I join all of Rutgers Law—Camden and South Jersey in expressing our gratitude for Professor Williams as he celebrates a milestone in his commitment to the rule of law.

CONGRATULATING CAPITAL PARTNERS FOR EDUCATION (CPE) ON 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Capital Partners for Education (CPE) on 20 successful years of providing low-income youth in the national capital area with the necessary support to get to and through college.

Founded in 1993, CPE is a dynamic college preparatory program that helps motivated, low-income youth to overcome the academic and social barriers that may otherwise prevent them from attending and succeeding in the college of their choice. Through its proven combination of one-on-one mentoring, partnerships with quality schools, academic financial assistance, and a customized array of academic, career, and life skills development, CPE works to break the cycle of poverty by leveling the educational playing field for low-income students.

Since its inception, CPE has helped 99% of its graduates enroll in college and 70% to graduate on time. To meet the needs of the community and the 21st century workforce, CPE is expanding to reach more students. Currently, the organization serves 200 students and is on track to double its student body by 2016.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in thanking the staff, volunteers, donors, partner schools and organizations, students, parents, and alumni as they celebrate the 20th anniversary of CPE and its many accomplishments.

NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Family Caregiver Awareness Month. This November, let us take a moment to celebrate the 90 million family caregivers in the United States. During this month, it is important that we not only thank these selfless individuals, but that we also raise awareness and increase support for caregivers.

While some care for parents, veterans, or even children with special needs, we must recognize the important tasks that caregivers perform. Whether it is managing multiple medications, providing wound care, operating home medical equipment, family caregivers work tirelessly each day. Family caregivers provide nearly \$450 billion worth of unpaid care each year and should be recognized as the backbone of our nation's long-term care system.

More than 15 million family caregivers provide care to 5 million individuals with Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's disease rapidly increases the total number of family caregivers in this country. Overall, two out of every five adults are family caregivers. Approximately 39 percent of all American adults are considered family caregivers in some capacity, an increase from 30 percent in 2010.

There are many different types of caregivers and each deserves recognition and support. Many do not realize that they have become a family caregiver and need additional support and guidance. Others have been the primary caregiver for years and struggle with the stress of caring for a loved one. Some are part of a family care giving team and provide support from far away. Whatever role a caregiver takes, it is vital that we not only thank them but also commit to supporting their efforts. I urge my colleagues to recognize National Family Caregiver Awareness month and to support the caregivers of our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF CANADIAN
CITIZENS WHO SERVED IN THE
ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
STATES DURING THE VIETNAM
WAR

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2013

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the thousands of Canadians who selflessly served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the Vietnam War.

These Veterans swore to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and served honorably as members of our Armed Forces at a time when America faced many challenges at home and abroad.

Of the thousands of Canadian citizens who were drafted or volunteered to serve, over three thousand became naturalized U.S. citizens between 1967 and 1975. Others became citizens later, but many, with their obligation

completed, returned in obscurity to their homes in Canada. Additionally, more than one hundred Canadians lost their lives in service to our country.

Canadians who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States are deserving of the recognition they have earned—their service to this country is worthy of our highest regard.

To my fellow Vietnam Veterans, thank you for your dedicated service and sacrifice. Your devotion to the cause of freedom has not gone unnoticed.

END PERSECUTION OF BURMA'S
ROHINGYA PEOPLE AND OTHER
ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS MINORI-
TIES

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2013

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today, Representative JOE PITTS and I introduced a bipartisan resolution to protect Burma's Rohingya minority and other ethnic and religious minority groups in Burma. While Burma has begun a gradual transition from decades of military rule to a fledgling democracy, Burma's Rohingya minority has experienced a shocking rise in targeted attacks at the hands of Burma's Buddhist majority, along with increased instances of arbitrary arrests, detention, and extortion of Rohingya and other Muslim communities across the country.

All signs indicate that the Rohingya and other Muslim communities in Burma remain at extreme risk to further forms of persecution and violence. My colleagues and I therefore introduce this resolution to call for an end to the persecution of Burma's Rohingya minority and the protection of all ethnic and religious minority groups in Burma.

I urge my colleagues to join us on this resolution calling for an end to the persecution of the Rohingya people and the protection of Burma's ethnic and religious minorities.

IRS AND THE TEA PARTY

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2013

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

MANASSAS TEA PARTY,
Virginia.

On behalf of the Manassas Tea Party and the disaffected constituents that you represent, we wish to remind you of the angst, as well as the damage that we experienced in our quest for non-profit status for our organization, an organization dedicated to preserving Constitutional principles.

The process began on May 14th, 2010 and concluded on December 4th, 2012—more than a two year wait. As our status remained in flux and with the IRS's threatening and unwarranted behavior, our community impact weakened. We found it difficult to keep people engaged, members became uncomfortable participating, our organization became paralyzed, membership numbers declined, and our fundraising suffered.

The IRS is truly an intimidating force. In their multiple requests for information pertaining to group and individual politics, postings on social networks, and contributor affiliations, we felt threatened and bullied. Their language and tone intimated that anything short of full cooperation and disclosure in all aspects of the IRS demands would be reviewed under the threat of perjury. The IRS even informed us that our private responses would be made public.

Our experience represents a shameful example of government harassment and abuse, and an orchestrated attempt to disenfranchise citizens of The United States of their Constitutional rights. Intrusions such as these are not just 'Tea Party' issues. For when government abuses its power and authority, it should sound an alarm for all Americans.

You gentlemen, have been charged with guarding our liberty. What will you do to right this gross injustice?

Respectfully,

THE MANASSAS TEA PARTY.

OKC TEA PARTY AND PATRIOTS

IN ACTION ASSOCIATION,

Oklahoma.

PATRIOTS EDUCATING CONCERNED

AMERICANS NOW (PECAN),

California.

In early 2010 we formed Patriots Educating Concerned Americans Now as a 501c3 non-profit. PECAN provided a support network for a dozen patriot groups in Northern CA and while waiting for the official IRS approval we operated as a 501c3 non-profit. It became clear, however, that most donors wanted proof of our official non-profit status. An accountant volunteered his time to create and manage our non-profit but his generosity was repaid with hundreds of unpaid work hours because our group was targeted by the IRS.

Our largest group in Redding had 500 people attending every Monday night through the 2010 election but donations from the group just covered the cost of the meeting room. There was no way to raise enough money to bring teachers, speakers, trainers and other organizations like Wounded Warrior Project to our rural area. Lack of significant fundraising has suppressed outreach to build supporters, disseminate information and get out the vote. The IRS has essentially limited us to word of mouth rather than the growing and thriving non-profit we have been poised to be for the past three and a half years.

Individuals and businesses have been concerned about targeting by the government since the tea party began. The actions of the IRS have confirmed their worst fears. This has translated into lower attendance at meetings and events while destroying our ability to raise funds; donors fear IRS harassment. The actions of the IRS have suppressed voter education from Sacramento to the Oregon border in not one but TWO elections!

BOARD OF
DIRECTORS PECAN.

ROANE COUNTY TEA PARTY,

Tennessee.

The Roane County Tea Party was originally loosely formed on April 10th, 2009 and formally organized in October of 2009. On January of 2010 we started the paperwork to apply to the IRS for 501(c)(4) status and submitted the paperwork on March 20th, 2010. We heard nothing from the IRS (even though we kept calling every month) until January of 2012 when a letter came from the IRS requesting additional information.

This information was quite extensive and, at that time, we believed it was quite intrusive but we worked on it (eight of us) for