

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREASURE COAST FOOD BANK

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, for the past twenty five years employees and volunteers from the Treasure Coast Food Bank have been aiding in the mission to alleviate hunger by collecting and distributing food and other essentials to local Florida residents in need. Our community has been well-served by the staff and volunteers of Treasure Coast Food Bank and they are to be commended for twenty six years of hard work and dedication in serving our community.

The Treasure Coast Food Bank is one of 14 food banks in Florida and the only food bank to serve the four county areas of Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee counties.

Led by CEO Judith A. Cruz and the dedicated staff of the Food Bank, the Treasure Coast Food Bank is a nonprofit clearinghouse that collects, stores, and distributes useable surplus food to non-profit organizations that then provide it to those in need at no cost.

Treasure Coast Food Bank is a partner with Feeding America (formerly called America's Second Harvest) the national network of more than 200 food banks. In 2011, Treasure Coast Food Bank distributed almost 8 million pounds of food within our communities.

In addition to their core mission, Treasure Coast Food Bank provides educational resources and guided tours of their headquarters to the public so our community can gain a greater understanding of what a Food Bank does, how it serves a critical role in fighting hunger on the Treasure Coast and how the public can become more involved in supporting the Food Bank and its clients.

The Treasure Coast Food Bank has enjoyed a longstanding reputation for treating all people with respect and dignity. I commend all of those who have given time and support over the last 25 years to sustain the Treasure Coast Food Bank and ensure that it can fulfill its mission. We are all proud of their success and commitment to serving our community.

Throughout the course of American history, non-profit and charitable organizations have always played a critical role helping those in need. The Treasure Coast Food Bank is a living testament to that effort. They allow each and every one of us to directly make a difference in the lives of those who have fallen on hard times and need a helpful hand. Organizations like the Treasure Coast Food Bank are often more successful, more compassionate and more personally connected than a government program.

As we enter the holiday season, this is a good time for us to think about those who may be in need and consider ways that we might support efforts like those of the Treasure Coast Food Bank.

HONORING MR. JOSEPH R. DEBRO

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Mississippian, Mr. Joseph R. Debro, who passed away on November 5, 2013, three days after his 85th birthday. Joseph Debro was a staunch advocate for workers civil rights and justice. Joseph may have had a totally different life because as a young man, he had a strong desire to serve his country in the military and, in fact, received an appointment to West Point from Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, but Joe's physical examination revealed a medical issue—Sickle Cell Anemia Trait—which precluded his appointment. That set-back did not deter Joe from moving forward and seeking new avenues to achieve his goals.

Joseph Debro was by education and training a scientist, having received his undergraduate degree in Bacteriology and his Masters degree in Biochemistry from the University of California at Berkeley. Joe held several important positions in his field after graduation—Research Assistant at UCSF, and NASA Bio-Chemical Engineer (where he worked on the Environment of the first space capsule). Joe later entered the business world, where we all felt he had found his true calling by challenging long-standing practices of discrimination and racial exclusion in trade unions and government contracting. Fighting racial injustice would be Joe's primary struggle to the end of his life. In his early days, he joined another advocate, Ray Dones, and organized over 300 Black contractors and was the co-founder of the National Association of Minority Contractors. He also founded the first minority-owned surety company in the United States—the Builders Mutual Surety Company.

Joe's work did not go unnoticed, he was appointed by then California Governor Jerry Brown to be the Director of the State of California Office of Small Business. Joe later became a co-founder of Trans Bay Engineering, a company with the signature accomplishment of renovating the long dormant Alice Arts Center, now known as the Malonga Casquelord Arts Center in Oakland.

Joseph Debro was probably the one person who was responsible for the increase of minority trainees in Northern California unions. In every contract that was awarded, Joseph tried to find ways to include women and minority-owned businesses and received numerous awards in recognition of his efforts.

Joseph served over 40 years on the board of the Housing Assistance Council, whose mission is to construct affordable housing for low-income people throughout the country. I was honored to serve on that board with Joe for over 20 years.

One of Joe's longest running and most passionate struggles to right a wrong was the lawsuit he initiated against the Oakland Raiders for receiving a loan of \$465 million from the City of Oakland that was never repaid.

After retirement, Joe continued to be active in his community and began writing for several community newspapers (including the San Francisco Bayview, a national black newspaper; the East Bay Express, and the Oakland Post). Joe was a member of the Oakland

Kiwanis club, serving on the scholarship committee.

Joe is survived by his wife of 63 years, Anita, who was his strongest supporter along with his three sons, Keith, Karl and Kraig.

Joe will be truly missed by all who knew him.

COMMEMORATING FLORENCE COUNTY DEPUTY JOSEPH ANTWINE

**HON. TOM RICE**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is with much sadness that I rise today to commemorate Florence County Deputy Joseph Antwine. Last week, the Florence County Sheriff's Department and South Carolina's Seventh District lost a young and upcoming deputy in the line of duty.

Joseph Antwine of Lake City, South Carolina, was responding to a fellow deputy's call for immediate assistance when his car crashed. A recent Citadel graduate, Deputy Antwine earned his degree in criminal justice. At the Citadel, his leadership and loyal service to the Corps of Cadets was recognized when he was presented with the Col. Joseph E. Perkins Honor Committee Award.

Deputy Antwine was a dependable young man, dedicated to his work and protecting our community. Even at his young age, he has been a role model to many and a model of public service.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends and the Florence County Sheriff's Department.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDISON CRICKET CLUB

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Edison Cricket Club. The organization continues to serve as an outstanding social and athletic club in Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Since its establishment, the Edison Cricket Club has provided an outlet for the community to be active and enjoy the sport of cricket. Its members have worked tirelessly to promote the sport, which has helped the club grow. The club's home ground is based at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Edison. In addition to club-sponsored events, including its annual awards celebration, its members also participate in community service and charitable events. It has also worked with the Edison School Board to host a summer camp for local children.

The club is currently comprised of three teams and competes in four leagues: the Cricket League of New Jersey; the Millennium Cricket League; the New Jersey State Cricket and Umpire's Association; and the New Jersey Softball Cricket League. The Edison Cricket Club joined the Cricket League of New Jersey

in 2004 and is currently one of 48 clubs in the league. After joining, the Edison Cricket Club quickly moved into Conference A of that league and in 2010 earned 2nd place in the conference final.

The club is currently led by its president, Atul Huckoo. It has an Advisory Board consisting of public officials and representatives of media outlets, organizations, and others.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating the Edison Cricket Club on its 10th anniversary.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

##### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 2, 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 \$17,217,151,645,105.86. We've added \$6,590,274,596,192.78 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.

#### CONGRATULATING KATHY TUELL FOR HER ANGEL IN ADOPTION DESIGNATION

##### HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 2, 2013*

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a woman whose commitment to improving the lives of children in the Florida Keys is only eclipsed by her success in doing so. In her eighteen years as President and CEO of the Florida Keys Children's Shelter, Kathy Tuell has served the needs of hundreds of children still without a family to call their own. These efforts proved fruitful during her participation in the federal workgroup that established basic standards for programs funded under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act.

It is my pleasure to congratulate Ms. Tuell for her recognition as one of this year's Angels in Adoption by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

I commend Ms. Tuell for her accomplishments and service, as she serves as an exemplar citizen and advocate of the less fortunate.

#### NO WORDS—THANKING AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES THIS THANKSGIVING

##### HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 2, 2013*

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the selfless sacrifice and service of The Armed Forces and their families to our Nation on this Thanksgiving Day. Across this Nation many families will be separated by War

and Death on this Thanksgiving. Remember all of them, as you sit down with your families and say a prayer of Thanks to them all. I submit this tribute penned in honor of them "No Words" by Albert Carey Caswell.

#### NO WORDS

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

No words!

No words of thanks can express!

On this Thanksgiving day,

what we so owe to America's Best!

And no words of thanks can ever repay the debt!

That we owe,

for what you so gave without regret!

And no words can erase,

all of the pain and heartache that you've faced!

And no words can so mend,

the loss of your loved ones, and your best friends!

And no words can ever describe,

all of the worry and heartache that you've lived with inside!

And no words can ever repay,

all of you whose eyes and arms and legs so gave!

And no words of thanks and gratitude can so rise!

High enough,

to thank all of you whose loved ones died!

And no words can ever heal,

all of the pain of which you now feel!

And no one can explain,

to all of those children . . .

that their mommy and daddy aren't coming home again!

And no words can so repay,

all of those Doctors . . .

Nurses, Medics, Corpsman, who helped re-build your lives . . .

and from death you so saved!

For no words can so express,

our Nation's gratitude on This Thanksgiving to America's Best!

And no words can so bring back,

all of those Husbands and Wives,

Sons and Daughters . . .

Brothers and Sisters,

whose courage did not so lack!

And no words can ever repay,

all of you, America's Heroes on This Thanksgiving Day!

But Thanks!

To all of those in hospitals who now so lay!

And no words can not so stop all of those tears,

around Thanksgiving dinners,

for all of those who could not be here!

But Thank You!

Thank You!

Thank You This Thanksgiving Day!

A prayer for all of you upon bended knee we now so pray!

Because no words can thank you enough on this Thanksgiving Day,

Amen!

#### CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATUE OF FREEDOM

##### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 2, 2013*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Statue of Freedom, which sits atop the dome of the U.S. Capitol, and Philip Reid, the Afri-

can American enslaved laborer who made significant contributions in the casting of the bronze figure. Originally named Freedom Triumphant in War and Peace, Reid was the only known slave to work on the colossal figure that stands at 19½ feet and weighs approximately 15,000 pounds.

Philip Reid was born a slave in Charleston, South Carolina around 1820, and was purchased during his youth by Clark Mills, who quickly recognized Reid's skills in ironworks. The first major project Mills and Reid worked on was the Andrew Jackson statue in Lafayette Square in 1852. The success of the Jackson statue made Mill's foundry the top candidate for the Statue of Freedom project. In 1859, the plaster model was being showcased outside the Capitol waiting to be disassembled for casting at the foundry. However, the Italian sculptor who assembled the five main sections of the plaster model in Washington refused to reveal how to separate the figure and demanded a pay raise. Facing a dire situation, Philip Reid stepped up and figured out that by using a pulley and tackle to pull the ring atop the model, the seams of the sections would be revealed. His dedication to see the Statue of Freedom complete pushed him to work straight through July 1, 1860, to May 16, 1861. Mr. Reid worked weeks without a break, only receiving pay on Sundays, which was given as a rest day for enslaved laborers. On Sundays, he received a pay of \$1.25 and went on to work for 33 Sundays, receiving \$41.25.

Philip Reid finally received his freedom on April 16, 1862, through the D.C. Compensated Emancipation Act, which ended slavery in the District of Columbia. Reid eventually went on to marry, start a business and become a highly respected member of the Free Black Society of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Philip Reid for his tireless effort as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Statue of Freedom on December 2, 2013. As Americans, it is crucial that we honor and commemorate this 150th anniversary of the Statue of Freedom. The completion of the statue on December 2, 1863, not only signified an era of newly minted freedom for the thousands of former enslaved African Americans, but it now stands as powerful symbol for freedom around the world.

Edward Savoy left the State Department, with a wealth of knowledge and the admiration of many in the United States and abroad. On his final day of work, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt sent his limousine to pick up Edward Augustine Savoy from the diplomatic entrance of the State Department to chauffeur him to the White House to be thanked for his service and congratulated on his retirement in a private meeting with the president. Edward Savoy was so revered that less than a year after his death, a U.S. Liberty Ship named for him was launched, the SS *Edward A. Savoy*. Liberty Ships were named for deceased prominent Americans, among them were 17 named for African-Americans when the Army and Navy were still racially segregated.

Edward Savoy was also revered in his private life. He was a great family man, raising four successful children alone after his wife died. Edward was an early leader in District of Columbia organizations active in seeking justice. Among the many organizations in which he was active were The Oldest Inhabitants Association (Colored) of The District of Columbia