

access to critical early education. Many of my constituents rely on this crucial service to help bridge the education gap.

Education for Children with Disabilities: California will lose approximately \$62.9 million for about 760 teachers, aides, and staff who help children with disabilities.

College Aid and Work-Study Jobs: Around 9,600 fewer low income students in California, many from my district, would receive aid to help them finance the costs of college and around 3,690 fewer students will get work-study jobs that help them pay for college.

Law Enforcement and Public Safety Funds: California will lose about \$1.6 million in Justice Assistance Grants that support law enforcement, prosecution and courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, and crime victim and witness initiatives.

Violence Against Women Grants: California could lose up to \$795,000 to provide services to victims of domestic violence, resulting in up to 3,000 fewer victims being served.

Protections for Clean Air and Clean Water: California would lose about \$12.4 million to ensure clean water and air quality, as well as prevent pollution from pesticides and hazardous waste. My district relies on this essential funding to help mitigate the pollution that drifts across the United States-Mexico border.

The most egregious part of the House Republicans' dereliction of legislative duty, is that over the last several months, both Senate and House Democrats have offered fair, balanced plans to avert these damaging cuts. These proposals are built on responsible spending cuts, increased revenues, and job growth.

Yesterday, Representative CHRIS VAN HOLLEN, Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee, fought valiantly to bring a fair and balanced plan to replace the sequester to the floor. His reasonable and responsible plan would have eliminated tax loopholes and adopted the "Buffet Rule" to make sure that wealthy Americans pay their fair share.

Yet House Republicans have adamantly refused to work toward a compromise to reduce the deficit because they refuse to ask the wealthy to pay a little more by closing tax loopholes that benefit the privileged few. Republicans are blissfully content to continue to place millions of jobs at risk, threaten the health and security of middle class families, and put the safety of neighborhoods across the Nation in jeopardy.

I call on my colleagues, the House Republicans, to immediately bring legislation to the floor that would replace the sequester with a balanced plan and protect our Nation's military, working families, seniors, and children from these devastating and unwarranted cuts.

RECOGNIZING MELISSA DICESARE AS THE 2012-2013 WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Melissa Dicesare as the 2012-2013 Walton County, Florida Teach-

er of the Year. For more than thirteen years, Ms. Dicesare has been an inspiration to her students, her colleagues, and her community, and I am honored to recognize her success and myriad of achievements.

After earning a bachelor's degree in Secondary English Education and master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of West Florida, Ms. Dicesare joined the Northwest Florida school system as an English teacher at Fort Walton Beach High School for three years. Ms. Dicesare then joined Niceville Senior High School for eight years and eventually South Walton High School, where she currently serves as an English teacher and Leadership Sponsor.

Teachers are among our nation's most valuable public servants. They are responsible for helping mentor our students and for ensuring that our youth have the proper tools they need to succeed. It is unquestionable that Ms. Dicesare values the important influence and role teachers play in the lives of their students. To Ms. Dicesare, being a teacher is about being a positive force in bettering the lives of her students and always inspiring them to strive for excellence. She challenges her students to think critically. She emphasizes the importance of building a strong character with integrity and resolve, and she speaks of the importance of becoming productive members of society. Aside from her students, Ms. Dicesare mentors young aspiring teachers, and by sharing her wisdom and experience with her fellow colleagues, Ms. Dicesare improves the quality of her own classroom, as well as the entire school.

In addition to being named Walton County, Florida Teacher of the Year, Ms. Dicesare has previously earned recognition as the Okaloosa County, Florida First Year Teacher of the Year; Sallie Mae First Year Teacher Award; Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction; United States Achievement Academy Leadership Award; Beta Club Helping Hand Award; 2005 Niceville High School Outstanding Educator Award; and 2000-2008 Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Ms. Dicesare's unbridled compassion and enthusiasm exemplify the essential characteristics of a successful teacher. They are evidenced by the numerous accolades she has received, and the impact of her achievements is alive in the hearts and minds of the students who have been deeply affected by her unwavering dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Melissa Dicesare as the Walton County, Florida Teacher of the Year and thank her for her leadership and commitment to service to Northwest Florida. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Ms. Dicesare, and we wish her all the best.

RECOGNITION OF THE 2012 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RESERVE FAMILY READINESS AWARD FOR THE NAVAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT CENTER IN TUCSON, AZ

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Naval Operations Support Center in

Tucson, Arizona, which has been awarded the 2012 Department of Defense Reserve Family Readiness Award.

The Reserve Family Readiness Award was established in 2000 to recognize the dedication of our Reserve and National Guard units to their military families. Winners of the Reserve Family Readiness Award are those units deemed to have the best programs in support of military families. As we can all agree, our military families are critical to total force readiness and deserve to be a top priority.

The care and support of the military family must be a paramount endeavor, especially for a nation that has been at war for over a decade. Family readiness directly impacts force readiness and provides the critical link that enables our service members to complete the mission without having to worry about the well-being of their loved ones back home. Family support systems improve the quality of life and increase morale for those on the homefront. They educate families on military benefits and entitlements, and in times of need can respond quickly and provide assistance. In this regard, the Naval Operations Support Center in Tucson has proven its commitment to its service members and their families.

Last year, the Naval Operations Support Center in Tucson competed against 131 stellar naval commands taking top honors in the category of family readiness. It is my honor to thank them for their service to our country and congratulate them on being selected for the 2012 Department of Defense Reserve Family Readiness Award. Fleet, Family, Fitness!

HONORING BEN GILLILAND

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ben Gilliland. Ben is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Royal Rangers and earning the most prestigious award of the Gold Medal of Achievement.

Ben has taken an active part with the Royal Rangers through his church, Blue Springs Assembly in Blue Springs, Missouri. The Royal Rangers provide young men the character development and leadership formation needed to thrive in today's world. Attaining the Gold Medal of Achievement demonstrates Ben's dedication and commitment to the Royal Rangers. I am sure that Ben will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ben Gilliland for his accomplishments with the Royal Rangers and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Medal of Achievement.

HONORING STEVEN AND DENISE
BUTZ

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my constituents, Steven and Denise Butz of Greensburg, Indiana.

Steve and Denise were married and actively involved in their church and community. As members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, they served on the St. Mary's Festival and Christ Renews His Parish Committees. Steve was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a coach with youth wrestlers; Denise participated in the local Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. On a personal note, I have fond memories playing alongside Steve on the Greensburg High School football team.

Steve and Denise will forever be remembered as devoted parents to their two sons and life-long friends of their community. I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to keep their sons Blake and Brandon, along with the entire extended Butz family, in your thoughts and prayers.

DANGERS OF SEQUESTER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, throughout my twenty years representing Middle and Southwest Georgia in Congress, I have always done my dead level best to work with all of my colleagues, across the aisle to find reasonable solutions for the nation's issues.

Today, I come before Congress to appeal to reason. Without a doubt, the across-the-board spending cuts we call sequester will undermine our economy and hurt job creation. My district, home to Fort Benning in Columbus, the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, the area outside of Robins Air Force Base, and thousands of service members, veterans, families, and supporting businesses cannot sustain the cuts proposed by Sequestration.

Furthermore, schools and teachers, law enforcement and crime prevention, public health and Head Start will be negatively impacted. The Second Congressional District of Georgia relies on these funds, as do many of your districts. Mr. Speaker, I ask for a balanced proposal.

We may be in the 11th hour, but we must act. We owe it to our constituents, we owe it to our districts, and we owe it to our nation.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL
WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM
COMMISSION ACT OF 2013**

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Na-

tional Women's History Museum Commission Act of 2013. I am proud to be joined in this effort by my friends and colleagues Congresswoman MARSHA BLACKBURN, Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, as well as by Senator SUSAN COLLINS.

This bill, with a Senate companion sponsored by Senator COLLINS, creates a commission to review the feasibility and cost for building a National Women's History Museum (NWHM) on the National Mall.

This commission will be bipartisan, consisting of an eight member body comprised of two members appointed by the Senate Majority Leader, two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two members appointed by the Minority Speaker of the Senate, and two members appointed by the House of Representatives Minority Leader. The appointees are required to demonstrate proficient knowledge and commitment to the research and study of women's history.

Most importantly, this fiscally responsible bill will not use any taxpayer dollars. The NWHM commission will be entirely financed through private funds.

Women's history is largely missing from textbooks, memorials, museum exhibits and many other venues. Today, more than half a century after she changed our nation's history, Congress is honoring civil rights leader Rosa Parks with a statue in the U.S. Capitol. This is an extraordinary achievement that we should build on. Of the over 200 statues in the Capitol, there are currently only 13 statues depicting women.

Across the country, less than 5 percent of the 2,400 national historic landmarks chronicle women's achievements and according to a survey of 18 history textbooks, only 10% were dedicated to women.

The museums and memorials in our Nation's Capital reflect our country's values. Though we have museums dedicated to other important people and subjects such as flight, postage stamps, and law enforcement, we do not have a museum contributed to women's history.

Despite being half of our population, women's deep and lasting impacts have taken a backseat to the hundreds of years of written and available narrative focusing on men. It is time that women are honored for their many contributions that are the very fabric of our country. This bill would be the first step in achieving that goal.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the women that built this nation by cosponsoring the National Women's History Museum Commission Act.

**COMMENDING BOB ANDRADE FOR
SERVICE AT PAWTUCKET CREDIT
UNION**

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to recognize Robert P. Andrade, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Pawtucket Credit Union in my home state of Rhode Island. Bob has had a long and distinguished career in public service, and I want to thank him for his continuing commit-

ment to causes that have helped the people of Rhode Island build wealth and economic stability.

Mr. Andrade first distinguished himself as a legislative advocate for the credit unions of Rhode Island working diligently to ensure that the members of credit unions receive outstanding financial service. He has served in many capacities at the Credit Union Association of Rhode Island including Board Chairman, Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman, Bylaw and Resolutions Committee Chairman, and Marketing Committee Chairman. Through his efforts to provide service to credit unions with unique and forward looking programs, he has earned national recognition.

Through this leadership, Rhode Island credit unions joined a ground breaking cooperative with their colleagues in New England that allows pooling of resources while maintaining autonomy. During his tenure, the Credit Union Association of Rhode Island has also provided almost \$600,000 to support the Special Olympics of Rhode Island as a distinguished corporate sponsor. Mr. Andrade has been and continues to be committed to the conviction that the credit union community must invest in the future by staying engaged at every level of the legislative process to ensure a dynamic operating environment with flexibility for change and modernization.

Mr. Speaker, throughout his career, Mr. Andrade has eloquently voiced his belief that credit unions make it possible for all Americans to lead better, happier and more productive lives. Today, I salute his advocacy work and his charitable efforts, and I wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

HONORING JACK PATRICK CORGAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jack Patrick Corgan. Jack is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jack has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jack has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 35 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jack has led his troop as the assistant patrol leader, quartermaster and patrol leader while also becoming a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Jack has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jack constructed shelving and organized the commercial kitchen of The Farmer's House in Weston, Missouri, an organization where many adults with developmental disabilities are employed. Jack made the kitchen more friendly for these workers, including the additional shelving and labeling the kitchen in Braille, in simple text and with pictures.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jack Patrick Corgan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.