

Forecast Conference and Psychologists Meeting the Needs of the Business Community and National Health Care Reform, at the San Fernando Valley Psychological Association.

Gail and her husband of twenty years, Barry Gordon, live in Pasadena and have two children and one grandchild.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly remarkable woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Dr. Gail Schaper-Gordon.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 15, 2013, I was unable to be in Washington and missed rollcall votes No. 103 "To amend title 31, United States Code, to make improvements in the Government Accountability Office," No. 104 "To prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, and for other purposes," and No. 105 "To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all three bills.

IN HONOR OF LYNDON STATE COLLEGE

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, today, Vermonters across the state are donning the green and gold in honor of our own Lyndon State College. The Vermont State Legislature proclaimed Green and Gold Day in celebration of all this college means to our state: to the thousands of students who have gone there to learn and earn a degree, to the regional economy that depends on its graduates and its ideas, to the Lyndonville community that is enriched by its college neighbor. Lyndon State College, and its sister schools in the Vermont State College system, provide a lifeblood to our state and deserve this day of recognition and celebration.

Lyndon State is found on a hilltop in the small town of Lyndon in the heart of the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. For over one hundred years, this college has symbolized the aspirations of Vermonters who believe that higher education is a means to better their lives. In fact, Lyndon State College is a leader in serving first generation students in this most rural area of our state.

This college delivers for Vermont: 90% of Lyndon State College graduates are employed or continuing their education at graduate school within six months of graduation. Its business incubator program is responsible for job creation and new businesses in the region.

The Northeast Kingdom is deeply rooted in tradition and community, and in the coming years economic development will bring significant changes to the entire area. We will depend on Lyndon State to be a key player in these changes. But we will also depend on Lyndon State to continue to help Vermont uphold all that is key to the Kingdom: the value of community, the environment, and lifelong learning.

Congratulations to Lyndon State College on the upcoming inaugural of its 15th president, Dr. Joseph Bertolino, and on the completion of another successful academic year. We join you in celebrating the Green and the Gold, and look forward to many years of your continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on the evening of Monday, April 15, 2013, I joined Bishop Thomas Paprocki and Father Alan Hunter to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation of my daughter and her classmates from St. Mary's Parish in Taylorville, St. Rita's Parish in Kincaid, and Holy Trinity Parish in Stonington, Illinois.

Had I been present in Washington DC on Monday April 15, 2013, my votes would have been as follows:

For rollcall No. 103, on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 1162, the Government Accountability Office Improvement Act, which confirms that the GAO has the authority to go to court to force departments to hand over records, as well as generally assures that the GAO has the proper tools to monitor agencies, I would have voted "yes."

For rollcall No. 104 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 882, the Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2013, which states that it is the policy of the United States that no government contracts or grants should be awarded to individuals or companies with seriously delinquent federal tax debts, I would have voted "yes."

For rollcall No. 105 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 249, the Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act, which prohibits any person who has a serious delinquent tax debt from serving on an executive agency, working for the U.S. Postal Service, the Postal Regulatory Commission, and an employing authority in the legislative branch, I would have voted "yes."

It is an honor to serve the people of the 13th Congressional District of Illinois.

A TRIBUTE TO CINDY CLEGHORN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding

women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize Cindy Cleghorn of Tujunga, California, whose involvement in the Sunland-Tujunga community is truly remarkable.

Cindy began her volunteer career early. As a young girl in La Crescenta, California, she went door-to-door raising funds for the March of Dimes, and was a member of several organizations that promoted leadership development, including Job's Daughters, Eastern Star and Camp Fire Girls. This involvement gave her not only experience in giving back to her community, but also fostered her business and entrepreneurial skills.

In 1982, Ms. Cleghorn founded her company, C&M Printing, in Glendale, a small business that provides personalized service for nonprofits, businesses and organizations with their printing, copying and mailing needs, serving the greater Los Angeles area. She has been a leader in many business organizations, including the California Association of Business Printers, serving as President, the National Association of Women Business Owners-Los Angeles Chapter, where she received the Member of the Year Award in 1993, the Kiwanis Club of Glendale, where she served as Vice President, and Women Impacting Public Policy. In 1995, Cindy received the distinct honor of being elected to serve on the White House Conference on Small Business.

Cindy became active in the Sunland-Tujunga community when she moved her business to Tujunga. She helped to organize the certification of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, an advisory body to the city of Los Angeles, served as a member of the Board of Directors, served as President and Secretary and is currently serving as Vice President of Outreach. In addition, Ms. Cleghorn spearheaded the restoration of a business area in Tujunga which is now designated as Historic Olde Towne Tujunga. Selected by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Cindy served as a City Commissioner on the Neighborhood Council Review Commission. Currently, she is on the executive committee of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils where she works with nearly 100 neighborhood councils in Los Angeles as Chair of the Congress of Neighborhoods, and the Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce, where she is President.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly remarkable woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Cindy Cleghorn.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL CHEERLEADING SAFETY MONTH

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize that March was National Cheerleading Safety Month. I would like to commend the leadership efforts of Varsity Brands, which is located in Memphis, Tennessee, in promoting safety in cheerleading. Varsity Brands employs 300 people in the Memphis area, and 5,000 people across the country.

I would also like to commend Varsity Brand's support for USA Cheer, the United States All Star Federation (USASF), and the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators (AACCA). Through the CheerSafe initiative led by these organizations, the safety of more than 3 million cheerleaders is improved.

CheerSafe members work to ensure that every cheerleading team is trained under the direction of a knowledgeable coach. Members also ensure that every cheerleading team follows the established safety rules and has an emergency plan in place. To this end, the CheerSafe coalition provides training to more than 4,500 coaches and instructors each year.

In addition, AACCA and USA Cheer have partnered to distribute concussion information to coaches of over 400,000 cheerleaders. There are currently more than 20,000 coaches across the United States who have completed the AACCA Risk Management course and are in good standing. Through these efforts, the risk of participation in cheerleading has decreased since 2006 and the risk of serious injury is now lower than in many other school sports.

USA Cheer is the national governing body for sport cheering. It exists to help grow and develop interest and participation throughout the United States. The program is designed to promote safety education, while representing the United States in international competitions.

USASF's mission is to support and enrich the lives of All Star athletes and members. It provides consistent rules, strives for a safe environment, drives competitive excellence, and promotes a positive image for the sport.

AACCA was created to form a structured platform for cheerleading safety. The first set of standard safety rules were published in 1988 and the first Cheerleading Safety Manual in 1990.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join in recognizing the combined efforts of Varsity Brands, USA Cheer, the United States All Star Federation for Cheer and Dance Teams, and the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators to prevent injuries and increase safety in cheerleader performance.

HONORING DR. SANGTAE KIM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Dr. Sangtae Kim, distinguished professor of mechanical and chemical engineering at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Dr. Kim was recently awarded the 2013 Ho-Am Engineering Prize from South Korea, the highest engineering research award issued by that nation. Dr. Kim, a Korean-American, was born in Seoul, South Korea, and his family immigrated to Canada when he was seven years-old.

While on leave from Purdue, Dr. Kim is a visiting professor of chemical engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he also previously served on the faculty as professor and department chair.

He is the founder and chairman of Pro WD Sciences Inc., a Wisconsin drug-discovery and drug-development company.

Dr. Kim came to Purdue in 2003 from Eli Lilly and Co. in Indianapolis, where he was the Lilly Research Laboratories' Vice President and Information Officer in research and development. Prior to this, Dr. Kim also served in leadership positions at Pfizer Inc. and Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Research.

In addition, Dr. Kim served as inaugural director of the National Science Foundation's Shared Cyber-infrastructure Division from 2004–2005 and has led research projects funded by the National Science Foundation and the Office of Naval Research. Dr. Kim's research has included work in mathematical and computational methods for "microhydrodynamics," including a book on the subject published in 1991.

I ask the 6th Congressional District and entire State of Indiana to join me in congratulating Dr. Kim for this great achievement.

COMPLEX TAX CODE PLACES BURDEN ON FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, this week, American citizens and businesses across the country will be surprised by the amount of their annual tax bill.

This surprise is a direct result of a staggering 4 million-word tax code filled with confusing deductions and loopholes that make it difficult to understand and file tax returns.

The basic fact is that the tax code is overly complex and out of date. It places an enormous burden on families and businesses and needs to be reformed and simplified.

Families and businesses paying taxes throughout the year should not be burdened each April by an additional round of time-consuming and expensive tax filing headaches.

Americans deserve better.

A TRIBUTE TO CECI DOMINGUEZ

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the outstanding contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an exceptional woman, Ceci Dominguez. A resident of Elysian Valley for 41 years, Ms. Dominguez has been an advocate for clean air and creating green areas in our community. She has helped not only plan, but also establish the Jardin Del Rio Community Garden, the Marsh Street Park, and the Marsh Skate Park.

Currently, Ceci serves as President of the Elysian Valley Seniors, and serves on the boards of the Sotomayor Learning Academies ArtLab School Site Governing Council, and the Cornerstone Theater Company, where she received the Community Visionary Award. She

also serves as the President of the Park Advisory Board at the Elysian Valley Recreation Center, where she co-organized the Health and Holiday Fair in 2010 and the first Mammogram Social for women in 2011, where health services were provided free of charge to the public. She is also involved with community organizations such as the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, Friends of the Los Angeles River, and Elysian Valley Girl Scouts of America.

Previously, Ceci served as a Board Member of the Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council. She also co-founded the NorthEast Residents for Clean Air in 2011. Along with her late husband, Rey Dominguez, Ceci raised two wonderful children, Laura and Rey, and is the proud grandmother of Ricky.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly extraordinary woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Ceci Dominguez.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL STEVEN M. DOTSON

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Lieutenant Colonel Steven M. Dotson. Lt. Col. Dotson will be retiring from active duty service in the United States Marine Corps after almost 28 years on September 30, 2013.

Lt. Col. Dotson's roots are in the Eighth District of Tennessee, as he was raised in the town of Sharon. He enlisted in the Marines on October 5th, 1985, in Union City, Tennessee. Currently, Lt. Col. Dotson serves as a Strategic Mobility Officer for the Marine Corps Installations & Logistics Department.

Lt. Col. Dotson proudly represents the United States, and I am proud to represent him as a Member of Congress. As we reflect on the career of this exemplary public servant, I express appreciation for his distinguished and selfless service on behalf of a grateful nation. It is his sacrifice, along with the sacrifices of those in uniform around the world, which helps to keep our Nation strong and secure.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LT. COL. DON C. FAITH

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and respect an American hero. Today, the Korean War Medal of Honor winner from Washington, Indiana, Lt. Col. Don Faith, was finally put to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

Forced to assume command of a small U.S. Army task force, due to his superior being killed in combat, Lt. Col. Faith put together a plan. Renowned as "Task Force Faith," Lt. Col. Faith was responsible for maintaining a more defensible position.

Grossly outnumbered and surrounded by Chinese People's Volunteer Forces, Lt. Col. Faith continued to rally his troops, and personally led an assault on a CPVF position. Lt.