

Corps that was instrumental in creating a fiscal and policy landscape conducive to training and equipping the nation's most elite fighting force, which has helped to ensure our Marines success on the battlefield.

He routinely turned broad guidance into action which energized the Office of Legislative Affairs and members of Congress alike. His actions allowed the Marine Corps to engage members of Congress and their staffs, directly facilitating the increased emphasis on improving congressional relationships—a cornerstone of the Commandant of the Marine Corps' strategic vision.

The Marine Corps House of Representatives Liaison Office that Staff Sergeant Aaron leaves behind is responsive, highly integrated, and favors a proactive legislative strategy. While helping to lead the House Liaison Office through the extraordinary challenges associated with two ongoing wars he concurrently ensured that a myriad of daily congressional communications, taskings and events were executed flawlessly.

During Staff Sergeant Aaron's tour as the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer, he accomplished the full spectrum of the Marine Corps' legislative mission. He exemplified the candor and knowledge that we have come to expect from the Marine Corps and he played a key role in maintaining superb relationships between the Marine Corps and the House of Representatives.

Throughout his tour, Staff Sergeant Aaron effectively responded to several thousand congressional inquiries, many of which gained national level attention. During his time on Capitol Hill, Staff Sergeant Aaron successfully planned, coordinated and escorted over 50 international and domestic congressional and staff delegations. His detailed coordination with foreign government officials, U.S. State Department, and senior military officials ensured that each delegation was conducted professionally and flawlessly. His attention to detail and anticipation of requirements allowed representatives to focus on fact-finding and gleaning new insights to make informed critical decisions to support the interests of the people of the United States. He has made lasting contributions to the House of Representatives and for that I am eternally grateful.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 135, I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor. Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote on Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 1406, requiring the GAO to report to Congress on the use of and complaints related to compensatory time allowed under the FLSA. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was also unable to cast my vote on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 1406, the Working Families Flexibility Act of 2013, rollcall No. 136. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I was also unable to cast my vote on H.R. 1406, the Working Families Flexibility Act of 2013, rollcall No. 137. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was also unable to cast my vote On Ordering the Previous Question, rollcall no 138. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was also unable to cast my vote On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 202, rollcall No. 139. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

INTRODUCTION OF SUPPORTING WORKING MOMS ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing an important piece of legislation, the Breastfeeding Promotion Act with my colleagues Ms. MOORE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. LEE, Mr. CONYERS.

The health benefits of breastfeeding, to both mother and child, are significant. Scientific studies show babies who are breastfed the first six months of life have a greatly reduced risk for acute and chronic disease, yet only ten percent of all infants in the U.S. are breastfed.

A 2001 USDA study found that if just half of the babies in the U.S. were exclusively breastfed for six months (as recommended by the United States Surgeon General), our nation would realize a savings of \$3.6 billion in health care costs for the three leading childhood illnesses alone. According to the United States Breastfeeding Committee, if we replicate that study based on current breastfeeding statistics, the savings could reach nearly \$11 billion in health care costs for all childhood illnesses in a single year.

I was so proud to partner with Senator JEFF MERKLEY (D-OR) to pass into law a provision of our bill, the Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009 (H.R. 2819, S. 1744), in comprehensive health care reform legislation signed by President Obama on March 23, 2010. The provision requires that employers provide breastfeeding employees, who are hourly workers, with "reasonable break time" and a private, non-bathroom place to express breast milk during the workday, up until the child's first birthday.

This was a great success but more work needs to be done. Our bill will further encourage and promote breastfeeding by removing common obstacles to breastfeeding and expressing milk in the workplace that many women face. This bill expands the requirement under current law for employers to provide break time to express breast milk, as well as make reasonable efforts to provide a private place for them to do so, to salaried workers in traditional work or office environments.

Public opinion and awareness of the benefits of breastfeeding continue to grow, and the momentum we've recently gained presents the perfect opportunity to build on that progress in achieving our goals.

We urge all of our colleagues to support this important legislation. The health and economic benefits of breastfeeding are overwhelming and public opinion and awareness of these benefits continue to grow. We must ensure that working moms who choose to breastfeed have the support they need to do so.

We urge all of our colleagues to support this important legislation.

REMEMBERING VINCENT ROPER

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember Vincent Roper, who passed away on April 4 of natural causes at the age of 79.

For decades, Vince and his wife Roberta worked tirelessly to advance victims' rights in Prince George's County and throughout Maryland, advocating for rights and support services for crime victims and their families as they heal and seek justice.

Vince and Roberta suffered an unimaginable tragedy in 1982 when their daughter, Stephanie, was murdered. Following this tragic crime, the Roper family wasn't permitted to observe the trial and was denied the right to address the court at the sentencing. Their frustration led them to establish the Stephanie Roper Committee and Foundation, Inc., which is now known as the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center. The Center actively lobbies legislators in Annapolis and played a significant role in the passage of the Federal Crime Victims Rights Act, the Maryland Crime Victims Rights Act of 1997, and other legislation that is making a substantial difference in the lives of crime victims and their families in Maryland.

Born in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, in 1933, Vince later enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and was selected to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. A graduate of the class of 1956, he served our nation for thirty years as a naval officer and retired as a Captain. In addition to serving as the Treasurer of the Stephanie Roper Committee and Foundation, he served our community as a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Most Holy Rosary Council No. 11511, and the Naval Weather Service Association.

Prince George's County and the State of Maryland owe a great deal to Vince for his hard work and dedication to ensuring that every crime victim in Maryland is treated with the dignity and respect they deserve. I join our community in mourning his passing, and my thoughts and prayers are with Roberta and their family.

TRIBUTE TO JANET M. JOHNSON

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a dear friend of mine, Janet M. Johnson. Janet passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2013. A resident of Corona since 1968, she was a pillar of the community and will be deeply missed.

Beverly was born in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Samuel N. and Elsie C. Miller. She attended a one-room schoolhouse until the eighth grade and graduated from Huntingdon High School. In the early 1950s, she and her sister Rachel moved west to Santa Monica, California, where Janet worked as a secretary at General Electric and the University of California, Los Angeles. At a dance at the Avalon Ballroom, she met her future

husband, Glenn E. Johnson and on November 7, 1953, they were married at the Trinity Baptist Church in Santa Monica. After living in Santa Monica, Janet and Glenn relocated to La Mirada before settling in Corona in 1968.

Janet and Glenn contributed generously to many civic causes, and she always found time for her community. She was active in several organizations, including the Buena Park Lionesses, Women's Improvement Club, Red Hats Society, Republican Women, California Republican Association (CRA), Navy League, Corona Heritage Park, Croquet Club, Model A Club, Packard Club, Ford Retractable Club, Bible Study Fellowship and Joy Bible Study. Janet's faith was important to her and she attended many churches throughout southern California: First Baptist in Buena Park, Riverside Baptist Temple, Faith Baptist in Corona, Pacific Coast Church in San Clemente and finally Crossroads Church in Corona.

Janet is survived by her husband Glenn; four children: Sandra Rowe (Rick), Linda Rither (Ross), Kirk Johnson (Dolly) and Eric Johnson; four grandchildren: Jessica Scaulting (Kevin), Becky Cass (Drew), Cody Johnson and Morgan Rither; three great-grandchildren: Kassie Scaulting, Kolten Scaulting and Derik Cass; and one sister-in-law Louise Miller. She was preceded in death by her parents and four siblings: Dallas Miller, Dorothy Miller, Beulah Rose and Rachel Nagel.

On Thursday, May 9, 2013, a memorial honoring Janet's extraordinary life will be held. Janet will always be remembered for her incredible work ethic, generosity, contributions to the community and love of family. Her dedication to her family, work, and community are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Janet's family and friends; although Janet may be gone, the light and goodness she brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

HONORING GUNNERY SERGEANT LYNDON RAY SMITH'S RETIREMENT

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gunnery Sergeant Lyndon Ray Smith, who will retire after 34 years of service to our country.

While he currently serves as the first Naval Science Instructor in Kennesaw Mountain High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Corps, he has worked in many different military capacities. After joining the Marines in 1974, Smith was first assigned to the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing in New Orleans. He served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and has been assigned to military installations across the country.

Throughout his service, Smith has been awarded a Marine Aircraft Wing Marine of the Year Award, two National Recruiter of the Year awards, and several meritorious promotions.

Since becoming the first Naval Science Instructor at Kennesaw Mountain High School, Gunnery Sergeant Smith has been an invaluable leader and role model for the young peo-

ple in his community. Under his leadership, his unit has been recognized nationally as a distinguished unit 11 consecutive times, and went to the U.S. Navy National Drill Championships in 2005. More importantly, Smith has directly helped develop over 2000 young adults into responsible citizens who value patriotism, community, and service to our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 11th District of Georgia and my staff, my deepest thanks to Gunnery Sergeant Smith for devoting his life to upholding the Constitution of the United States and to the protection of its citizens. I wish him a happy—and well deserved—retirement.

COMMEMORATING COLONEL CHARLES E. MCGEE FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Columbia College Alumni Association in my home state of Missouri in recognizing one of the College's most prestigious alumni. Colonel Charles McGee is among the most decorated and accomplished Air Force aviators, holding an Air Force record of 409 fighter combat missions flown in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He has also served as a former public servant to the Kansas City area. I am proud to know Colonel McGee and applaud him for his invaluable service and contributions to the Air Force, Kansas City, and to our country.

Charles E. McGee was one of the renowned Tuskegee Airmen of World War II and continued as a career officer in the United States Air Force for 30 years. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on December 7, 1919, and as a youth, Charles was a member of the Boy Scouts of America and earned the Eagle Scout award on August 9, 1940. He later served in district and regional positions in the Boy Scouts. At the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, he was recognized with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

During the Vietnam War, as a Lt. Colonel, McGee flew 172 combat missions in a McDonnell RF-4 photo-reconnaissance aircraft. After a series of other appointments both in the United States as well as in Italy and Germany, and promotion to Colonel, McGee retired on January 31, 1973. He ended his military career with an impressive 6,308 flying hours. Following his military service, Col. McGee has held many prestigious functional and honorary positions within the field of aviation.

In 1978, at the age of 58, he completed his college degree at Columbia College in Kansas City, over thirty years after his initial enrollment at the University of Illinois. Though interrupted by World War II, attaining a college degree had been a lifelong goal. I am honored to have the opportunity to congratulate Colonel McGee for this great achievement and am proud that he chose to complete his studies and continue his impressive career in the great State of Missouri.

In his civilian life, Charles served as the Director of the Kansas City downtown airport and as a member of the Aviation Advisory

Commission. For 30 years, he has been an ambassador of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., serving three times as national President and giving numerous public addresses and has received accolades including the National Aeronautical Associations "Elder Statesman of Aviation."

In 2005, Col. McGee was part of a group of former Tuskegee Airmen, who flew to Balad, Iraq, to speak to active duty airmen serving in the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, the current incarnation of the 332nd Fighter Group.

Colonel McGee has been recognized for his combat and military service with a number of awards including: Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Air Medal with 25 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Hellenic Republic World War II Commemorative Medal along with related campaign and service ribbons.

In 2007, President George Bush awarded him and the surviving Tuskegee Airmen the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor, the nation's highest civilian award, and in 2011, he was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio.

I am honored to join Columbia College in celebrating Colonel Charles McGee's accomplishments and service, from which we have all greatly benefited. I want to thank Colonel McGee for the lives he has touched and his leadership in the field of aviation, in our military, and in his community.

RECOGNIZING THE CHARTER CLASS GRADUATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the charter class of medical students at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine. The commencement ceremony and graduation of the charter class will take place on May 17, 2013, and will be an historic and celebratory moment for the UCF College of Medicine.

The planning and development of the University of Central Florida College of Medicine was brought about as one way to address the shortage of physicians in the state of Florida. In 2005, the proposal for a College of Medicine was unanimously supported by the UCF Faculty Senate, and on May 30, 2006, the UCF College of Medicine was approved and established by Governor Jeb Bush. After receiving preliminary accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), in February 2008, the College of Medicine began recruiting students for the fall 2009 term. Less than four years ago, these same students donned their white coats to symbolize the beginning of their medical training. Now, after thousands of hours of rigorous study and practice, they will embark on the next phase of this journey—residency—before hopefully returning to the state of Florida to serve their local communities.

The UCF Health Sciences Campus for the College of Medicine is located at Lake Nona's