

his M1 Rifle number: 1434919 and serial number: 919497. He remains a true patriot whose fervent prayer is that his grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be able to grow up and live in the America he has always known and fought to protect.

Humbly, I echo the words of President Ronald Reagan, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free." And humbly, I offer my sincere gratitude to Corporal Massey for his service and acts of bravery that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to all those who serve and who have served as peace officers to protect and serve our great nation. Today is the day we demonstrate our respect for the men and women and all that they do for us and our country. We especially honor those who sacrificed everything and lost their lives in the line of duty. On this day we remember all those who don a uniform signifying the protection of our country's citizens by means of defending the laws of our nation.

Since October 1, 1962 when President John F. Kennedy signed a special law, May 15 has been National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week containing May 15 has been recognized as National Police Week. This is a time when Americans are given a chance to honor the extraordinary service given year after year by our police forces. Although people sometimes forget those in uniform, we must recognize this day to understand the length these officers go to in order to do their job and serve our communities. These officers are special because they have taken the initiative to sacrifice their own safety for the safety of others. They exhibit bravery and courage every day to keep our communities safe, to preserve and protect our laws and our constitution in their line of duty. It is important they know that they have the full support of the United States Congress and the American people.

We must commemorate the dedicated law enforcement officers who serve our communities, states and country. This being said, I would like to take this opportunity to remember our own Sergeant Gary Morales, who was shot and killed in the line of duty at the age of 35 on Thursday February 28, 2013 in Fort Pierce, Florida. He was a selfless hero, like all those who have lost their lives during service. The motto of police week, "Never Alone, Never Forgotten," must be observed and remembered not only today, but every day. Sergeant Morales—you will never be forgotten.

Peace Officers Memorial Day gives us all the opportunity to thank those in our community who do so much for us. This day, as well as National Police Week, pays tribute to the local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication. This opportunity to thank those around us also allows for the coming together of communities. These observances re-

mind us all of the ongoing need to be vigilant against all forms of crime and violence. The service of these brave men and women must not go unrecognized and I would like to extend my personal thanks to all those who serve.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 527, THE RESPONSIBLE HELIUM ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP ACT

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, 2013 the House of Representatives passed H.R. 527—the Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act. During that roll call, I inadvertently voted against the bill. I rise today in support of H.R. 527.

The Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act is a common sense plan to sell helium from the Federal Helium Reserve in a responsible manner to prevent a global shortage, protect jobs and the economy, and ensure a fairer return for taxpayers. This bill provides a positive alternative to authorizing a continuation of the current program. H.R. 527 prevents an extremely small number of companies from controlling a significant segment of the U.S. economy that relies on helium.

The three phase system carefully outlined in this legislation is strongly supported by my colleagues and the administration. Additionally, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has said it can implement this legislation without a lengthy rulemaking process. Transparency and the prevention of collusion are central components of this legislation, allowing all users to know for how much the BLM helium is being sold, creating a stable price environment. This legislation and the three phase program will ensure that there remains a stable, predictable supply of helium for the U.S. economy, as well as continuing to provide taxpayers a fair return on this supply of helium.

HONORING DR. EVANGELIST
BERTHA RACKLEY WILLIAMS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, reaching the age of 85 years is a remarkable milestone; and

Whereas, Dr. Evangelist Bertha Rackley Williams was born on March 25, 1928, in Abbeville, Georgia, and is celebrating that milestone; and

Whereas, Evangelist Williams has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Evangelist Williams is celebrating her 85th Birthday with her family members, church members and friends here in Georgia on April 14, 2013, she celebrates a life of blessings; as a mother, friend, a servant and a leader; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout her life and she prays daily and is leading by example a blessed life; an advocate, faithful Evangelist of the gospel and a community leader; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her 85th birthday in Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Dr. Evangelist Bertha Rackley Williams for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all,

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 14, 2013 as Dr. Evangelist Bertha Rackley Williams Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 14th day of April, 2013.

HONORING VAN ZANDT COUNTY'S
165TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Van Zandt County, Texas on their 165th anniversary.

Van Zandt County was first established by the Texas legislature on March 20, 1848, when it was taken from part of Henderson County. Sabine Lake (Jordan's Saline) was the first county seat. There court was first held in a log-built courthouse during December of 1848. The county seat was later moved to Canton after Wood County was carved out of Van Zandt County in 1850. The county's namesake is Republic of Texas leader Isaac Van Zandt.

The area provides numerous opportunities for enjoying the outdoors and great East Texas food. Local attractions include Lake Tawakoni, the famous First Monday Trade Days in Canton, Salt Festival and Rodeo held in Grand Saline, Van Oil Festival, Edom Festival of the Arts, Ben Wheeler Fall Feral Hog Festival, Wills Point Bluebird Festival, Edgewood Heritage Festival, and countless other events and activities throughout the year that attract visitors from across the state and country.

It is my privilege and honor to represent the citizens of Van Zandt County in the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING TEN VETERANS FROM
OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 10 veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorials this Friday in Washington, D.C. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The veterans who fought in World War II are Francis Lake, U.S. Army; Loyal Miller, U.S. Army; Earnest Walston, U.S. Army; and Henry Hemholtz, U.S. Navy. Malcolm Grizwold, U.S. Army fought in the Korean War. The veterans who fought in the Viet Nam War are

Leroy Ellis, U.S. Army; David Gibbons, U.S. Army; Larson Kalama, U.S. Army; Janice Smith, U.S. Army; and Michael Williams, U.S. Navy.

These 10 heroes join more than 98,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, and Marines who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Michael Williams for his tireless work in organizing this group visit to Washington, D.C.

RECOGNIZING MR. JOE COX

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Joe Cox for his many years of dedication to the Los Banos Future Farmers of America (FFA) as they celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their win at the FFA Nationals Contest. His commitment to young participants of the FFA program as well as many other community activities, make Joe Cox most deserving of this honor.

Joe Cox was born in Booneville, Arkansas in 1925. During the Great Depression, his family—including his two sisters, parents and grandmother—decided to leave Arkansas. They traveled across the country for two years, camping along the way, until they made it to Reedley, California.

Once the family settled in Reedley, Joe was able to return to school. Joe's family moved around the Reedley area, wherever there was work for his father. During one year, his family moved eight times. Even though his life was at times unstable, he was inspired by his father's commitment to working hard and supporting his family. This lifestyle also sparked his devotion to his life in education and his empathy for students who had to overcome obstacles.

As Joe graduated high school and World War II ensued, Joe decided to enlist in the Navy. He was assigned to the radio operators training after just five weeks of basic training. After his education was complete, Joe volunteered to serve on submarines. Out of one hundred volunteers, Joe was chosen as one of five to attend submarine school. He was assigned to a tender ship, the U.S.S. *Orion*, and the U.S.S. *Battfish*, which patrolled off the coasts of Japan.

When the war was over and he was discharged, Joe joined his brother-in-law in the farming business. After farming for several years, Joe decided that he wanted to continue his education. He attended Reedley College and then California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly) in San Luis Obispo. Joe was in his first quarter at Cal Poly, when he was called to serve in the Korean War. After two

years, he was able to return to Cal Poly and complete his degree and teaching credential.

Joe began his teaching career as an Agriculture teacher with Los Banos High School in 1955. He went on to become the Agriculture Department Chair, which he turned into a highly respected program. In the spring of 1963, Joe coached the Los Banos High School FFA team to a first place finish at the state dairy judging contest, and then went on to win the National title in Waterloo, Iowa.

Joe continued to take summer classes to further his knowledge in the education field. He earned a master's degree in education from Cal Poly in 1957. Then in 1981, he earned his doctoral degree in education from the University of Southern California. Joe shifted his career into administration when he took the role of Assistant Principal at Los Banos High School in 1963 and Principal in 1969. One of Joe's assignments was to focus on adult education, which eventually led him to a position at the new Merced College Los Banos campus to run the evening programs. In 1982, he took the position of Principal at the junior high in Los Banos where he stayed until his retirement in 1988.

During his retirement, Joe has done more than many people do in a lifetime. He served for 12 years on the Los Banos Unified School Board. In addition, he served as President of the Los Banos Golden Agers, District Governor in Rotary, Chair of the California Seniors Legislature and most recently National President of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II. The City of Los Banos recently acknowledged his longtime service to the community by inducting him into the Los Banos High History-Society Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize the leadership and commitment Mr. Cox has shown to Los Banos and the Future Farmers of America. He personifies a man of principle and integrity. Joe Cox is a role model for all of us, and it is with great pride that I recognize him for everything he does for our community.

HAZLETON PATROLMAN ERNESTO "NESTY" VALENTE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Hazleton, Pennsylvania Patrolman Ernesto "Nesty" Valente, who passed away on May 15, 1938, while serving in the line of duty.

Mr. Valente met his untimely death while escorting an automobile carrying John Sotack, age 8, through the congested city business district to the hospital. While attempting to ensure quick passage of the automobile through the intersection at Broad and Wyoming streets, Mr. Valente was propelled from the running board of the vehicle when the driver applied the brakes. Despite the best efforts of his fellow patrolman and medical professionals, he perished shortly after at the State Hospital.

At the time of his death, Mr. Valente was one of the oldest members of the Hazleton Police Department in the line of service, having been appointed on April 21, 1921. He was

considered to be an outstanding traffic officer and served the city of Hazleton with distinction. A husband and father of two daughters, Mr. Valente was also appointed as a member of the Lodge No. 18, Fraternal Order of Police and a member of the Most Precious Blood Church.

Mr. Speaker, for his dedication and sacrifice to keep the citizens of Hazleton, Pennsylvania safe, I commend Patrolman Ernesto "Nesty" Valente.

CONGRATULATING SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), Chapter 78, it is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I congratulate Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Merrillville, Indiana, as its members celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the parish. Father Ted Poteres, along with Parish Council President JoAnn Massow and the congregation, will commemorate this momentous milestone with a celebratory reception on Saturday, May 18, 2013, at the Saints Constantine and Helen Cultural Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Northwest Indiana is especially grateful for the unshakable faith, boundless wisdom, and exemplary service of Father Poteres, a truly outstanding religious leader. I also wish to acknowledge the presence of His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos and all the other committed religious leaders who have joined in this celebration.

The founding of Saints Constantine and Helen began when a group of immigrants joined together with the goal of preserving Greek culture and religious tradition for the many Greek families that were moving into the Northwest Indiana region. In 1913, the first worship services were held in a rented store building in Gary, Indiana, making Saints Constantine and Helen the first Greek church in the City of Gary. The name was chosen to signify the importance of Saint Constantine, the Roman emperor who, during the fourth century, permitted the freedom of practicing Christianity, as well as Saint Helen, Saint Constantine's mother, in their fight for the sustenance of their religious beliefs and Greek heritage. The church continued to gain support, and as a result of the congregation's dedicated and unwavering efforts, on Easter Sunday of 1919, Saints Constantine and Helen opened their first church building in Gary.

The church has continually been blessed with extraordinary religious leaders, none more exemplary than Father Ted. And we all recall the appointment of Father Evagoras Constantinides as pastor of Saints Helen and Constantine in 1969. Under his leadership, the Hellenic Cultural Center and the Saints Constantine and Helen Cathedral were constructed in Merrillville, Indiana. Father Ev served as pastor for 26 years and was held in the highest regard by church leaders internationally, by his congregation, and by the entire Northwest Indiana community. Father