

have been transferred to their final display locations, and the facilities have been mothballed or transitioned to other programs, Ginger's work on behalf of the Space Shuttle program is complete.

Thankfully, Ginger is not leaving the space program. She will be returning to the Boeing Corporation, where she worked for her entire career prior to assuming leadership at the United Space Alliance. Hopefully, she will have some more time to pursue her hobbies as a licensed commercial pilot and hot air balloonist, as well as spend time with her family. The space industry is lucky to be able to retain her exceptional knowledge and expertise as America embarks on our next space journey. I thank her for her service to our civil space program, and look forward to more accomplishments to come in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING MR. CHARLIE HORHN FOR 20 YEARS OF INVALUABLE SERVICE RENDERED TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today recognizing one of America's most dedicated public servants and one of Mississippi's strongest advocates; my friend and Director of Field Operations, Mr. Charlie Horhn. After 20 years of public service, Charlie is retiring from the United States House of Representatives.

A native son of Holmes County, Mississippi, born July 9, 1934, Charlie is the sixth of 10 children born from the union of Mr. Tommie & Mrs. Emma Lee Horhn. Charlie, like others who grew up during one of the most trying times in American history—the Great Depression, understands the value of hard work and dedication. His professional experiences can be cataloged from days chopping cotton to rendering years of invaluable service to the United States House of Representatives.

After marrying his childhood sweetheart, the late Mrs. Willistene Levy, Charlie began work as a metal polisher at Presto Manufacturing Company. There his natural knack for leadership quickly catapulted him to the office of local union president. Thereafter, he soon became an expert in union arbitration and negotiations and assumed an active role in voter registration activities being sponsored by the A. Phillip Randolph Institute.

Upon establishment, the well-versed, political savvy, Charlie Horhn became President of the Central Mississippi chapter of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute and later journeyed to become President on the State Chapter. These opportunities ultimately gained him acclaim as a staunch politico throughout the State.

In 1990, Charlie was selected to serve as Assistant to the President of the Mississippi AFL-CIO, giving him leverage in improving employee and labor relations. His work impacted legislation and helped drive membership in the organization.

After an extensive stint in labor advocacy, Charlie became manager of my first congressional campaign for Mississippi's Second District seat during the special election in 1993.

After successfully helping me attain office, Charlie was immediately appointed as Director of Field Offices. His leadership has helped countless Mississippi residents in attaining needed assistance.

Charlie was a loving husband and is the devoted father of five. His pathway to success can be largely attributed to his steadfast devotion to and compassion for the people of the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring Mr. Charlie Horhn on 20 years of invaluable service to the United States Congress.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE MAY 21, 2013 JASPER COUNTY FREEDOM FLIGHT

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, today, over 160 Iowa veterans from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Vietnam era will travel to our nation's capital to visit the monuments that were built in their honor by a grateful nation. For many of these veterans, today will be the first time they will visit the capital and the first time that they will see their monuments.

On Sunday, they were given a warm send-off by their neighbors and friends from Newton and throughout Jasper County. They were escorted from the Newton Speedway to the send-off at Newton High School by one hundred motorcycle escorts. When the Freedom Flight arrives in Washington today, I can think of no greater honor than to be able to greet them and to personally thank Iowa's—and our nation's—heroes for their service to our country.

The Freedom Flight brings together three generations of veterans who will travel together and support one another throughout their trip. It also brings together veterans who were never given the homecoming they deserved. This trip, made possible by generous donations from Iowans, many of whom the veterans will never meet in person, demonstrates that we as a state and as a country will never forget the debt we owe those who have worn our nation's uniform. The veterans will be able to visit their monuments today because their fellow Iowans refused to let their service go unrecognized. That generosity is truly humbling and should inspire us all to continue to work each and every day on behalf of those who serve our nation.

I am tremendously proud to welcome the Jasper County Freedom Flight and Iowa's veterans of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Vietnam era to our nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS LOST IN THE LINE OF DUTY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there is an old American prayer asking the Almighty to bring "safety, honour, and welfare of thy people; that all things may be ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations." I rise today to honor the lives of those the Almighty used to bring peace, safety, and welfare.

On average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty every 57 hours. Since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791, more than 19,000 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice.

There are those souls, Mr. Speaker, whose lights guide the way even after they are dimmed. During National Police Week, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring those law enforcement officers lost in the line of duty. We join their families, friends, and communities in offering our condolences and prayers that the memory of those lost be cherished.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF DANA EICHERT

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Incorporated Executive Director Dana Eichert, who has faithfully and compassionately served senior citizens and people of all ages in need of social services in her community for nearly three decades.

Mrs. Eichert's distinguished career serving residents of the Boyertown area started in August 1985 when she became the Under 60's Case Manager at Boyertown Multi-Service, Incorporated. She took on additional responsibilities, worked tirelessly to improve the broad range of services delivered to individuals and constantly strived to strengthen relationships between the agency and the Boyertown community.

Mrs. Eichert became Executive Director of the agency in 1997. One of her major achievements in that role involved leading the effort to raise funds, construct and open a new building, providing modern office space for the agency's staff, and more importantly, a new home for the Center at Spring Street, which is a pleasant location where people 55 and older gather to socialize, make new friends, enjoy meals, and participate in a variety of activities. Mrs. Eichert's outstanding leadership and dedication have earned the respect of the agency's staff, volunteers and Board of Directors, who have lauded her for creating an atmosphere where everyone feels as if they are part of one big family.

The Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Incorporated Board of Directors, staff, volunteers

and others from the community celebrated Mrs. Eichert's extraordinary service and wished her well in retirement during an open house on Saturday, May 18, 2013.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the exemplary service and unwavering commitment to helping seniors and others in need that Dana Eichert has demonstrated during her nearly 28-year tenure with Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Incorporated.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
VERNA BAILEY

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Verna Bailey, an exemplary public school principal who worked with distinction for decades in the district I am honored to represent. Since 1974, Verna has dedicated herself to the students, parents, and faculty of the Beaverton School District. Originally from Mississippi, Verna moved to the Pacific Northwest 40 years ago and promptly fell in love with Oregon and its residents. She earned a Master's Degree in Education at Lewis and Clark College, and she worked in several Beaverton schools during her exceptional career.

Verna Bailey is the daughter of a civil rights advocate, and the first African-American woman to attend and graduate from Ole' Miss. Her story is one of courage and bravery. Although many of us supported the civil rights movements of the 1950s and 1960s, Verna personally confronted hatred and prejudice on a daily basis, and she fought to earn what all of our students rightly deserve—a quality education. Verna Bailey stepped up to be one of the first so others behind her could follow her path. She showed the integrity and determination that solidified her place in our complicated American history.

Verna's past should and will be honored, but it is her 39-year history with the Beaverton School District that is her legacy. As an educator and administrator, Verna Bailey earned considerable praise and recognition. She contributed to the development of thousands of students, including my own children, who saw and respected her as a leader. It is my honor to congratulate Verna Bailey on her retirement and to thank her for a remarkable career and for her decades of dedication to our youth and our community. Her leadership, enthusiasm, and compassion will not be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I support passage of H.R. 258, the Stolen Valor Act of 2013 and H.R. 1073, the Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act of 2013. I was not present during votes in the House of Representatives on May 20, 2013 at the time these two bills came to the floor for a vote but would have voted in favor of their passage.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 45, REPEAL OF PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, the GOP needs to reorder its priorities. The American people want us to focus on jobs and strengthening our economy, instead of relitigating the past. Today is the 37th time the majority has taken up repealing patient protections for the American people. This is a very bad idea.

Since January 2011, the House has been in session and held votes on only 281 days. Forty-three of those days have been spent on repealing the Affordable Care Act alone. That's 15 percent of the American people's time spent solely on failed attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

For the party that's seeking to cut their way to prosperity, consider this: based on the cost per day to run Congress, the Congressional Research Service calculated that the time spent attempting to repeal the health law has come with a \$52.4 million price tag for taxpayers. This money could restore the estimated \$41 million cut under sequestration to Meals on Wheels nutrition programs across the country. Or it could pay for nearly 7,000 children to participate in the Head Start program for a year.

Now, consider the benefits the American people have enjoyed since the Affordable Care Act became law: children no longer face discrimination due to pre-existing conditions; students and young adults are gaining coverage through their parents' plans; Medicare is stronger, and seniors are paying less for prescription drugs and getting better treatment at lower cost; Americans no longer face lifetime limits; families are receiving rebates from insurance companies; and women have access to a wide range of free preventive services.

Since the law was enacted in March 2010, over 800,000 jobs have been created in the health care industry. So when the GOP says the Affordable Care Act is "killing jobs," it's flat out wrong.

Repealing the Affordable Care Act would leave millions of Americans without vital patient protections and has cost the American people precious time and money. We should instead vote for legislation to create jobs, expand our economy, and strengthen the middle class.

PENNSYLVANIA CLASSICAL GUITARIST, JAY STEVESKEY, PERFORMS THE WORKS OF A SPANISH COMPOSER AND MEXICAN COMPOSERS AT TWO RECENT VENUES

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, with a resemblance to Sir Paul McCartney, the persona

of a John Denver, and the soul of guitarist John Williams, local classical guitarist Jay Steveskey is a study in contradictions—engaging yet nonchalant, ready-to-do-battle yet laid back, fanciful yet down-to-earth, personable yet aloof, worldly yet parochial, busy yet relaxed. At a recent concert at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Scranton in which he shared the stage with the well-heeled flutist Ed Wargo, Jay Steveskey performed a special guitar solo of Francisco Tarrega's "Recuerdos de la Alhambra." Translated as "Memories of Alhambra," a famous palace in Granada, Spain, the romantic-era piece is by far Tarrega's most famous work and is considered a study in the art of the tremolo.

Steveskey's rendering of this work was both touching and gripping with tremolos as heartfelt and bittersweet as a lovesick teenager. The rise and fall of the melodic line was produced fine and evenly to the point of exquisite perfection. His technique was masterful in the tradition of Segovia, who considered this piece to be one of his personal favorites of the solo guitar repertoire. Both Tarrega and Segovia must have been smiling down upon Steveskey with this elegant and finely impressionistic performance. Two weeks later, Steveskey was superbly at it once again, engagingly performing the music this time of Mexican composers at a special Cinco de Mayo concert at the Dietrich Theater in Tunkhannock. A study of sorts in Mexican folk music, the program began with a Mexican piece by Agustin Lara about the Spanish city of Granada and ended with Five Sketches of Mexico by Julio Cesar Oliva. In between was the music of Manuel Ponce and Ernesto Garcia de Leon. Steveskey's musicality had the ring of authenticity and was quite dolce at various times throughout the program. The "Seis Preludios Cortos" written by Manuel Ponce at the end of his life for the children of a fellow composer was brooding and urgent as if the composer had a longing for Death. The "Sonatina Meridional" also by Manuel Ponce was the last piece written for his old friend, Andres Segovia, to whom he dedicated much of his career. The contemporary sketches of Mexico by Oliva were part of a set of twenty such impressionistic sketches with Steveskey performing two sets of five, for Cinco de Mayo. In keeping with the Cinco de Mayo theme of the program, Steveskey also performed the modernistic "Cinco Bosquejos" by Ernesto Garcia de Leon. Other brief pieces by Ponce such as "Estrellita," "Scherzino Mexicano," and "La Pajarera" rounded out the charmed performance.

Steveskey's nuanced sound was so honest and pure and full of lyricism that it could bring a grown hombre to tears. His overall performance was quite strong and very straightforward yet strewn with subtle touches here and there. His encore after the all-Mexican program was a well-known Mexican tune called "Maria Elena." As the words to the poetic song "Granada" go: "Granada, land of my dreams, mine becomes a gypsy song when I sing to you," Jay Steveskey has managed to capture the wayward and sensual soul of the Spanish-speaking people.