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THANKING RODRIC J. MYERS FOR  
HIS SERVICE TO THE U.S. HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2013*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire House of Representatives, today I pay tribute to Mr. Rodric J. Myers, Director of House Garages and Parking Security with the Sergeant at Arms. Rod has served this institution with distinction for over 40 years, as an officer with U.S. Capitol Police and with the Office of the Sergeant at Arms. On June 14, 2013, Mr. Myers will retire from the House of Representatives. His capable guidance, trusted mentorship, and steady leadership have been invaluable assets not only to his staff and colleagues, but to every Congressional office.

A native of Indianapolis, Indiana, Rod Myers joined the U.S. Capitol Police in June 1972. He began as a uniform patrol officer eventually working his way to an Administrative Specialist for the Capitol Division. Rod was responsible for nearly 100 officers, the daily roster assignment of those officers, all while still working active policing assignments outside of his administrative duties. His 29 years of service were marked by a remarkable attention to detail, devotion to the institution, and professionalism of the highest order.

During Rod's tenure with the U.S. Capitol Police he had the distinct honor of working ten Presidential Inaugurations, 40 State of the Union addresses, and countless special events in between. Over the years, he met numerous dignitaries and heads of state, but as a loyal Dallas Cowboys fan, those meetings paled in comparison to greeting the Super Bowl Champions. As the U.S. Capitol Police administrative specialist, he knew this assignment needed his personal attention.

On July 9, 2001, Rod was appointed Director of House Garages and Parking Security with the Sergeant-at-Arms. Over the last 11 years, he has worked tirelessly to strengthen parking procedures to enhance the safety and security of Members and staff Coordinating with the U.S. Capitol Police and the Office of the Attending Physician, Rod created comprehensive on-going training programs for all Garages and Parking Security staff, ensuring the House is prepared for any eventuality. His involvement in continuity and contingency planning with the Sergeant at Arms has been invaluable. He worked closely with the Committee on House Administration over the years, and will be sorely missed by our Members and Staff.

Rod Myers' deep and profound commitment to this institution is second to none. From the tragedy of September 11, to the anthrax scare, to an unprecedented earthquake, his gentle nature projected a sense of calm and assurance to all who encountered him. His leadership by example and ability to motivate are benchmarks in a long and distinguished career.

Please join me in commending the outstanding service of Mr. Rodric J. Myers, to the Congress of the United States and congratulating him on his retirement. We wish you well in all your future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING THE BICENTEN-  
NIAL CELEBRATION OF THE  
TOWN OF GATES, NEW YORK

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2013*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the bicentennial celebration for the Western New York town of Gates, New York, which is appropriately known as "a community for all people."

Incorporated on April 1, 1813, the Town of Gates, New York was named in honor of American Revolutionary General Horatio Gates. The Town was one of the very first in Monroe County, New York, when in the year 1821 the New York State Legislature approved creating a new county named after the 5th President of the United States.

Today the Town of Gates, New York is comprised of over 28,400 residents and remains the geographic center of Monroe County. It is also the proud home and nationwide headquarters of Wegmans' Food Markets. As well, the Town hosts the Greater Rochester International Airport, Rochester Tech Park and other essential businesses which positively impact the economic vitality of Monroe County, the Greater Rochester area and the State of New York.

A most notable former resident of the Town of Gates is the revered leader of the American Women's Suffragist movement, the incomparable Miss Susan B. Anthony. History records that in the year 1845, she and her family first resided in the Town of Gates upon their arrival in the Rochester area and that their Gates farmhouse actually became a meeting place for anti-slavery activists, including Frederick Douglass.

Among notable living Americans who were born, raised and educated in Gates, New York is famed rock vocalist and songwriter, Lou Gramm, who is recognized around the world for his monumental contributions to the American and global music industries.

Today it is my esteemed honor and great privilege to recognize in front of this august body, the Town of Gates, New York and its government and residents, as we joyfully commemorate the 200th anniversary of its establishment.

It is from small towns like Gates where the American Dream was defined. Whether it is a parade through the town square on Memorial Day, the crack of the bat at local ball fields, or the crackle and boom of fireworks on the Fourth of July, towns like Gates imbue our nation with the richness of American life that we hold dear.

So I rise today to commemorate all that Gates, New York has contributed to American life, to congratulate the people of Gates on achieving such a milestone, and to wish this special New York town the fortune and providence to celebrate 200 years more.

HONORING PARKER WRIGLEY

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Parker Wrigley. Parker 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 1394, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Parker has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Parker has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 34 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Parker has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Parker raised funds for the purchase and installation of a monument sign for Hobby Hill Park in Gladstone, Missouri, in addition to providing landscaping and painting improvements to the park.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2013*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 183. I had to return to Georgia due to the death of a longtime friend, and to attend the wake/funeral.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

EQUAL PAY ACT

**HON. JOYCE BEATTY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2013*

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Equal Pay Act and to call for the passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act.

On June 10, our nation celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act.

Yet, women still earn on average only 77 cents for every dollar earned by men. In Columbus, Ohio women are paid only 81 cents for every dollar paid to men.

Equal pay is not simply a women's issue—it's a family issue.

Families increasingly rely on women's wages to make ends meet, and with less take-home pay women have less for the everyday needs of their families.

90,527 households in the Columbus metro area are headed by women. Eliminating the wage gap would provide much-needed income to women whose salaries are of critical importance to them and their families.

When women succeed, so does our economy.

RECOGNIZING DAVID J.  
STEINBERG

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2013*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dr. David J. Steinberg for a long and very distinguished career in higher education. It is my honor to recognize my former employer and one of Long Island's most respected leaders on the occasion of his retirement as president of Long Island University.

Over the course of his life and career, David has possessed all the attributes of a strong leader and set a shining example for all those he has taught and guided. He is a brilliant and gifted administrator who has achieved tremendous success and enjoys an impeccable reputation in the higher education community and across New York.

David began to make his mark when he started teaching in the history department of the University of Michigan, where he soon became a full professor. Before coming to LIU, he served as vice president and university secretary of Brandeis University.

An accomplished scholar, David has written several books and articles about Southeast Asia. He became an expert in the history of the Philippines and was a member of the international observer team that monitored the presidential elections in which Corazon Aquino defeated Ferdinand Marcos.

David spent a year at Columbia University on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, and he holds three degrees from Harvard University, where he earned his undergraduate degree, and completed his M.A. in East Asian studies and a Ph.D. in history.

In 1985, David was chosen to lead LIU. I was fortunate to be the provost and chief executive officer of the university's Southampton Campus while he was president. It was my privilege to work under him and learn to appreciate that at the core of David's vision was the goal of expanding access and affordability for students in the pursuit of a quality private education.

Since 2009, David has increased institutional student financial aid from \$65 million to more than \$100 million, and he expanded LIU into one of the largest and most comprehensive private universities in the United States, with six campuses and three overseas centers. In addition, LIU's endowment increased from \$4.8 million to nearly \$80 million, and enrollment expanded from 19,000 to 24,000 students.

David's vision has also enabled LIU maintain its competitive edge as a leader in the use of technology in education through LIU Online and LIU Global; the launch of programs in emerging fields like forensic science, genetic counseling, mobile GIS, homeland security management and environmental sustainability; and the realization of a groundbreaking cloud computing initiative, which included the largest iPad deployment in American higher education.

Perhaps most important is David's emphasis on the value of community service as an integral component of LIU's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for the university's neighbors on Long Island. Students attending

LIU Post alone volunteer 27,500 hours devoted to the community each year through local initiatives involving health and wellness; providing resources for individuals and families dealing with autism, aphasia, and post-traumatic stress syndrome; and offering instruction in literacy and life skills. In fact, both of LIU's residential campuses were named to President Obama's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Additionally, David's leadership forged LIU's long tradition of complementing its educational mission with cultural and artistic endeavors by offering world-class performances and arts programs at the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, which is located at LIU Post in Brookville. He has indeed nurtured a culture of access and excellence that has transformed the lives of countless students and in the process made an indelible impression on the educational and cultural landscape of New York for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I have no doubt that David will embrace his retirement with his usual enthusiasm and energy. On behalf of New York's first congressional district, I wish him all the health and happiness throughout a long retirement with his wife, Joan, his two sons, Noah and Jonah, and his grandchildren.

#### HONORING SEAN BAKER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sean Baker. Sean 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 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Sean has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Sean has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Sean has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,778,336,691.59. We've added \$6,111,901,787,778.51 to our debt in 4 and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### IN MEMORY OF SHARON O'KEEFE EVANS

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2013*

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Sharon O'Keefe Evans. Sharon was an inspirational woman who touched many lives throughout her 56 years. She passed after a brief, yet courageous battle with cancer.

Sharon grew up in the Chicago suburbs and relocated to central Florida to pursue career opportunities. Before moving to Florida, she attended the University of Illinois, Champaign. After graduating in 1974, she became an accomplished advertising executive serving in a variety of senior positions with leading national advertising agencies such as J. Walter Thompson and Foot, Cone & Belding. After relocating to Florida she held account management positions with some of our state's leading advertising firms, including Fry, Hammond, Barr and PP+K. She was an avid golfer, enjoying the many beautiful courses our state has to offer. During her illness, Sharon was treated at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, a national leader in cancer research and treatment.

Sharon is survived by her parents, William O'Keefe and Gay Japinga of Evanston, Illinois, and her husband, Doug Evans, of Valrico, Florida. As a senior executive with Source Interlink Media, Doug is a leading voice in the motorsports and automotive industry, publishing magazines such as 'Hot Rod' and 'Motor Trend,' which I have read for many years. As a fellow automotive enthusiast, I count him as a friend and offer my heartfelt condolences to him and his family for this great loss.

Sharon's final days were spent with Doug courageously by her side. It is with sadness that we pay tribute to Sharon's life. This is yet another reminder of the need to redouble our efforts to find a cure for cancer so that institutions like Moffitt Cancer Center can successfully treat those, like Sharon, so that their days are no longer cut short by this disease.

#### HONORING THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA MEN'S GOLF TEAM

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2013*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 2013 University of Alabama Men's Golf