

to more achievements from him in the years to come, and to our continued work creating a better future for our State of Michigan and our Nation.

REP. MORAN GUANTANAMO  
AMENDMENT TO HOMELAND SECURITY

SPEECH OF

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole Hours on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Chair, yesterday I inadvertently voted NO on the Moran amendment (roll call 200) to H.R. 2217. I support the Moran amendment that would strike section (2) and insert "was transferred to the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by the Department of Defense, after December 31, 2005." I am a strong supporter of President Obama's commitment to close the prison camp at Guantánamo and halt all pending military commission trials. The infamous Guantanamo prison facility has made a mockery of America's commitment to the rule of law, due process, and the rejection of torture as an acceptable interrogation technique. I will continue to work with my colleagues to repeal unnecessary restrictions on detainees and remove congressionally mandated bans which have made the facility harder to close. Closing Guantanamo would send an important message around the world that the days of detaining persons indefinitely without charge or due process are over. I look forward to the day when we can finally shut the doors on this prison. I support the Moran amendment (roll call 200) and stand ready to support efforts to close Guantanamo.

TRIBUTE TO PUEBLO VETERANS  
RITUAL TEAM

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team of Pueblo, Colorado. Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team, founded in 1984, is a Veteran Service Organization dedicated to providing military honors to veterans.

As one of the oldest Veterans Ritual Teams in the country, the Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team assists over two hundred of our nation's service families every year. The group is comprised of former service men and women who continue to serve the community by providing military funeral services for many of the area's fallen heroes. Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team supports disabled veterans, widows, and orphans of deceased veterans by comforting the families after the loss, entertaining service members while in the hospital, and providing any other assistance needed. Through their

continual service in the community they have an immense impact as public ambassadors for veterans and the Armed Forces.

The community of Pueblo, as the Home of Heroes, is in debt to the Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team for their service in supporting the veteran community. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team for their devotion to honoring America's heroes as well as their service to our nation.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND EDWARD  
ARTHUR STERLING'S COMMIT-  
MENT AND SERVICE TO THE  
GREATER TACOMA AREA OF  
WASHINGTON STATE

**HON. DEREK KILMER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Reverend Edward Arthur Sterling for his faithful and tireless service as a member of the United States Army and to his community. His work has touched many lives throughout the South Puget Sound Region of Washington State.

Fr. Sterling joined the United States Army after he graduated from college in 1942. After 12 years of continuous active duty service, he began his studies at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest. Upon completion, Fr. Sterling was ordained June 16, 1958 and served a local Texas Congregation for a number of years.

Fr. Sterling returned to the Army and continued his service to God and fellow soldiers. He dedicated an additional 16 years of service to the Army as a chaplain—serving throughout the world, including Germany, Vietnam and Korea. Fr. Sterling provided comfort, spiritual guidance and solace to soldiers in the most trying conditions. After a 28 years of active duty military service, Lieutenant Colonel Sterling retired.

Mr. Speaker, Fr. Sterling continued his life of service by dedicating himself to civilian pursuits and civic contributions in Tacoma, Washington.

Since his retirement, Fr. Sterling has served in several congregations throughout South Puget Sound. Since 1986, he has been an Associate Priest at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Tacoma; where he is a spiritual counselor, teacher, and friend to many.

In 2008, he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Surrounded by family, friends, and community members, letters of appreciation from several local and national elected officials were read aloud. The grand occasion included a service led by two Bishops from the Dioceses of Olympia.

As I close, I can say with absolute confidence that our community is a better place thank to the selfless service of people like Reverend Edward Arthur Sterling. He has dedicated his life to serve God and country. I am pleased to recognize that extraordinary service today in the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, during roll-call No. 195 on the Polis Amendment to H.R. 2217—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014, the vote was incorrectly recorded as "yes." I intended to vote "no."

OZARK BEACH DAM 100 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Connell Insurance, the 2013 recipient of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce's W. Curtis Strube Small Business Award.

Connell Insurance is a full service, independent insurance agency that was founded by Pat Connell in 1971. The launch of Connell Insurance came after Pat saw his father, Bob, lose his successful houseboat manufacturing business to a fire in the late sixties. This disaster took an even worse turn with the insurance difficulties that occurred after the fire. With this tragedy in mind and being an entrepreneur by nature, as well as family tradition, Pat launched Connell Insurance Inc. to serve his community.

Throughout the years, Connell Insurance garnered a reputation for excellence in serving the rapid growth of the hospitality industry in Branson. The growth of Branson was equally matched by the agency itself. It was this growth that spurred Pat's brother, Tim, to join the agency in 1987. In 1995, Connell Insurance became even more of a family affair when Pat's son, Chad, joined the family business.

Connell Insurance is recognized within Southwest Missouri for its focus on community, its unique service offerings, and its philosophy of being a trusted partner and advisor to its clients. The agency's forward-thinking enabled it to be among one of the first agencies to go "paperless," completing the transition nearly a decade ago. In fact, the agency is currently the only Ozarks Greenscore certified insurance agency in Southwest Missouri.

Connell Insurance is the 2013 recipient of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce W. Curtis Strube Small Business Award. The W. Curtis Strube Small Business Award celebrates the importance of small business in the Springfield community and highlights the unique entrepreneurial spirit that flourishes here.

I am honored to recognize Connell Insurance and their 31 employees, and want to take this opportunity to acknowledge their hard work, innovation, business philosophy, and contributions to our community.

On a personal note I would like to mention that not only is Pat a great businessman, he and his wife Patty were even better next door neighbors to my Mom and Dad for several years.

COMMEMORATING THE GRAND  
OPENING OF THE MILAN '54 HOO-  
SIERS MUSEUM

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the grand opening of the new Milan '54 Hoosiers Museum in Milan, Indiana. On a cold March night in 1954, the Milan High School boy's basketball team captured the state boy's basketball title, defeating an opponent from a school roughly ten times its size. In doing so, this tiny school secured its place in Hoosier sports history. The movie Hoosiers shared their story with the world thirty-four years later and captured the imagination of a nation.

The museum in Milan will be an asset for the community and honor the memories of its coaches and players. The Milan Indians proved that heart matters more than size and that hard work, determination, and perseverance can overcome seemingly insurmountable odds. They achieved greatness that should serve as an example for us all. I am proud to represent Milan in Congress and share the inspirational story that brings pride to all Hoosiers.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "BILL"  
HAMILTON

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a loyal South Carolina State University bulldog, who dedicated his entire career to his alma mater. Mr. William "Bill" Hamilton is retiring after forty years of service as the SC State Sports Information Director, and his presence and leadership will be sorely missed.

Bill Hamilton was born in Baltimore, Maryland, but grew up in Chesterfield, South Carolina. There he attended public schools and graduated from the former Gary High School.

As an African American growing up in the deep South just as integration was beginning to take hold, Bill chose to attend South Carolina's only publicly supported historically black college. He graduated from South Carolina State College (SCSU) in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature. He went on to earn a Master of Education degree from SC State in 1979, and did further study at New York University.

Just two months after his 1973 graduation, Bill joined SC State as its first full-time sports information director. He holds the distinction of being the only person to hold that position in the history of the college.

Bill has earned numerous professional and civic awards during a long and distinguished career. Most recently he received the 2013 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Lifetime Achievement Award. He has also been the recipient of CoSIDA's Bob Kenworthy Community Service Award (1998), the CoSIDA 25-Year Service Award (1998), the CoSIDA Trailblazer Award (2005) and the CoSIDA Arch Ward Award (2009).

Other awards include the All-American Football Foundation Scoop Hudgins Outstanding SID Award (2005), the BCSIDA Cal Jacox-Champ Clark Outstanding SID Award (1989), and the Herm Helms Media Excellence Award (2012).

Hamilton was inducted into the CoSIDA Hall of Fame in 2009. He is also enshrined in the MEAC Hall of Fame (2009), the SCSU Physical Education Hall of Fame (2011) and the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame (2002).

In addition, he was named Staff Employee of the Year at SC State in 1999 and also inducted into the Quarter Century Club. He was selected as a NAFEO (National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education) Distinguished Alumnus (2006), and appeared as a Stellar Alumnus on the SC State National Alumni Association's 2010 calendar. He is a Life Member of the Greater Orangeburg Alumni Chapter of SCSU.

A member of a number of professional and civic organizations, Hamilton is actively involved in the sports industry and his community. He is a longtime pollster for the Sheridan Broadcasting Network (SBN) and The Sports Network, and served on the NCAA Final Four Media Coordination Committee nine years (1999–2007). He is the former chairman of the Orangeburg Attention Homes, Inc., a former board member and local chapter president of the Alston Wilkes Society, and currently a board member of the SC State Employees Association and president of the Orangeburg Chapter of SCSEA.

In addition, he is a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and was named the fraternity's "Kappa Man of the Year" in 2000.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bill Hamilton for his 40 years of distinguished service as South Carolina State University's Sports Information Director. His commitment to his alma mater and his profession are exemplary, and his contributions are incalculable. His retirement is well-deserved and I wish him all the best in this new phase of his life.

RECOGNIZING THE 109TH BIRTH-  
DAY OF MR. ROOSEVELT LEE,  
SR. OF KOSCIUSKO, MS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Roosevelt Lee, Sr. of Kosciusko, MS as a father, husband and agricultural entrepreneur in recognition of his 109th birthday. Born October 23, 1902 to Mr. Tom Lee and Mrs. Mary Young Lee, Roosevelt is the eldest and last surviving of nine siblings, all of which he helped his father care for. Mr. Lee is the father of eighteen (18) children, grandfather to sixty (60) grandchildren, and great-grandfather to more than fifty (50) great-grandchildren.

During a period when educational resources for African Americans were scarce, Mr. Lee managed to receive a third grade education which was offered out of a local church in Kosciusko, where he is a native. At a very young age Mr. Lee committed his time and talent to working to help support his family; he worked as a farmer, mechanic, and raiser of cattle and other livestock.

He is a devoted Christian and passionate steward of the Lord. He was a member of the Mount Ollie Missionary Baptist Church in Kosciusko, MS for 67 years where he actively served as Sunday school superintendent, treasurer, head deacon, treasurer, and trustee. Currently, he is a member of the Bell Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Clarksdale and has been for the past eight years.

Mr. Lee is a member of the Sir Knight Masons of Clarksdale, MS. He has selflessly devoted his time to helping other local farmers maintain and repair their farming equipment and vehicles. Mr. Lee's work ethic and commitment to providing for his family has allowed his family to keep its farm for 81 years. He was a producer of cotton, corn, soybeans and a number of other crops.

In October of 2007, Mayor Henry Epsy of Clarksdale, Mississippi, declared October 27th as Roosevelt Lee, Sr. Day. At the seasoned age of 109, Mr. Lee does not suffer from commonly prominent illnesses such as high blood pressure, cholesterol, heart issues or diabetes. He enjoys boxing, wrestling, and he has a passion for the game of checkers. He has frequented many U.S. cities such as Chicago, St. Louis, California, Atlanta and a host of other U.S. cities and states.

Mr. Lee truly believes that his commitment to Christ has sustained him throughout his life. He believes that if you serve the Lord and do the right thing, regardless of what the next person does, God will bless you. He is a true example of the wondrous works of the Lord and what it means to be a provider for your family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating a true champion of life, Mr. Roosevelt Lee, Sr., for his tenacity and zealous work as a farmer, father and fine American.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, due to a death in the family, I was unable to cast the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote 161, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 162, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 163, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 164, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 165, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 166, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 167, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 168, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 169, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 170, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 171, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 172, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 173, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 174, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 175, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 176, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 177, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 178, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 179, I would have voted "yea."