

legislator as Frank was. I feel this loss very personally.

I again send my most heartfelt condolences to Bonnie and to Frank's children and grandchildren. I hope they find comfort in knowing that his ideas and his legacy will live on through the many lives he saved and touched.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF LINDA AND RICHARD KERR

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Linda and Richard Kerr on their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Richard Kerr and Linda Fleming were married in Morgantown, West Virginia on June 4, 1964. They proudly raised two daughters with love and a wonderful sense of humor. They are committed to continuous learning and have a natural curiosity that they share with their four grandchildren.

Dr. Richard Kerr practiced medicine in West Virginia for over 35 years, while Mrs. Kerr served as a teacher at Morgantown High School. Dr. and Mrs. Kerr are two incredibly patriotic people who have tirelessly worked towards the improvement of our country, and our home State of West Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 1st Congressional District of West Virginia, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating my friends, Linda and Richard Kerr, on their fiftieth wedding anniversary and wishing them fifty more.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD GAINES

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor Richard Gaines, an accomplished journalist and great friend of the fishing industry who passed away unexpectedly on June 9, 2013.

I began working with Mr. Gaines when he was employed at the Gloucester Daily Times in Massachusetts as a staff writer with a reputation for thorough, effective reporting.

Through his passionate coverage of the fishing industry, he became an advocate for fishermen across the country. Elected officials, peers, and readers alike admired Mr. Gaines' ability to clearly and accurately communicate the issues facing the industry.

Mr. Gaines began his career in the 1960's as a reporter for United Press International. He went on to become editor-in-chief at the Boston Phoenix, where he was well-known as an investigative journalist and garnered national attention when the paper was named as a runner up for a Pulitzer Prize. He authored a book and worked as a political consultant before joining the Gloucester Daily Times.

Mr. Gaines regularly reported on issues directly affecting the Third District of North Carolina, and his insight into the fishing industry will be greatly missed. We have lost not only

a talented journalist, but a man of honesty and integrity and a true friend to America's fishermen. I am grateful for Mr. Gaines' service and pleased to have him recognized by the United States Congress, an honor which he truly deserves.

HONORING THE PINE BROOK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FREILINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. FREILINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pine Brook Volunteer Fire Department, located in Montville Township, New Jersey, which is celebrating its Centennial Anniversary.

In 1913, the citizens of Pine Brook, an area within Montville Township, decided to organize a Fire Department to protect their community. Using land donated by Abram A. Van Wert, the people of Pine Brook built their own firehouse, which is still in use; the only changes being the addition of overhead doors and a rear meeting room. The people also provided the funds needed to start the fire company through donations. With the location and funds in place, the Pine Brook Fire Department was able to designate bell codes and zones, and purchase their first pieces of equipment; two hand-pulled chemical fire extinguishers. Over the following eight months, the Fire Department held a number of fundraising raffles, giving away pigs, ponies, clocks, and watches. With these funds, they were able to purchase a chassis from Republic Truck with two chemical tanks, a 150-foot reel of hose, and a small chemical holder and acid receptacle. Two years later, the headlights and bumper were purchased. This served the town until 1924, when the truck was sold to Hanover, and an American-LaFrance truck was purchased in its place. Throughout these early years the Pine Brook Volunteer Fire Department provided protection to the towns of Hanover, Parsippany, and to the Township of Caldwell.

Over the coming years, the department struggled to maintain operation due to insufficient funds. The citizens were informed that, because of their lack of interest and support, the fire department would have to be turned over to the Township of Montville. This prompted the people to pledge greater support in the future, and the Fire Department has since thrived. In later years, the department successfully petitioned for a Fire Commission Board, and held elections in February 1937. By this time, demand for aid had grown, and a 750 gallon Mack pumper truck was acquired. In 1954, the department joined the North Jersey Volunteer Firemen's Association, and in the following year joined the Montville Firemen's Relief Organization. Around the same time, the population had increased to a problematic number; the water supply was unable to cope with the fires in the area, and feasible solutions were difficult to find. However, in 1955, the department was able to build a special 1,500 gallon tank truck, the only one of its kind in this area. In 1965, the department purchased a Mack Diesel Pumper, the second diesel fire truck to be delivered in the State of New Jersey. Later, in 1969 a

Hahn Pumper was purchased, and in 1972 a Telesquit Pumper was added to the fleet.

Since 1963, the substantial growth has transformed Pine Brook from a rural community to an area diverse with industrial, commercial, and residential properties, all of which are served by the Pine Brook Volunteer Fire Department. This increase caused the department to build another fire station on Konner Avenue, which was dedicated and placed into service in June 1969. The Township of Montville, recognizing the growth, expanded the water system with the installation of water mains and hydrants throughout the township in 1970. Later in 1975, plans for a new, larger headquarters on Bloomfield Avenue next to the existing firehouse began. Two years later, the department was able to operate out of the new station. With the increases in demand over the coming years, they added a Rescue and Salvage truck, a ladder truck, as well as other pumper trucks to their fleet. With the enactment of the Uniform Fire Code in 1986 by the State of New Jersey, Montville Township established three separate Local Enforcing Agencies, with the Pine Brook Fire Prevention Bureau serving under District #3 LEA. To meet the new inspection and code requirements, the Pine Brook LEA hired a part time Fire Official and Fire Inspector.

Today, the Pine Brook Volunteer Fire Department has remained an important part of community, and adapted to its ever-changing needs. The department has kept up to date with its rigs, equipment, and radio devices, as well as with volunteer training in fire safety and techniques. Due to the efforts of the Pine Brook Volunteer Fire Department, a Fire Prevention Bureau ordinance was introduced to the Township. Additionally, during Fire Prevention Week, firefighters have visited schools and educated children on fire safety for the past 29 years. After one hundred years, the Pine Brook Volunteer Fire Department continues its proud tradition of service, while maintaining a high level of professionalism and readiness for any emergencies that may arise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Pine Brook Fire Department as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, June 1st marked the beginning of the 2013 Atlantic hurricane season. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has once again predicted an "active or extremely active" hurricane season this year, with the potential for 13 to 20 named storms, of which 7 to 11 could become hurricanes. In fact, less than two weeks into hurricane season, we've already seen our first named storm, Tropical Storm Andrea. As the Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security's Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, I rise today to urge citizens in hurricane prone areas to take steps to prepare themselves and their families.

This is also a good time for citizens not in areas susceptible to hurricanes to consider the

threats to their areas; be it from tornadoes, earthquakes, flooding, or other severe weather. Many of the steps necessary to prepare for hurricanes are the same for other hazards. I urge all Americans to develop a disaster plan; assemble an emergency kit, including medications, important documents, and food and water; and become familiar with the evacuation routes and emergency management officials in their areas.

Unsure of what to do to get prepared? There are resources online that can help. In my home state of Indiana, Hoosiers can visit the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's "Get Prepared" site at www.in.gov/dhs/getprepared.htm. Information is also available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.fema.gov. The Department of Homeland Security's Ready program has useful information on ways to get prepared at www.ready.gov. Through this site resources are also available for kids, businesses, and non-English speakers in 12 languages. Information on ways to plan and prepare is also available from the American Red Cross through its "Be Red Cross Ready" module at www.arcbrcr.org.

Severe weather can occur at any time, with little notice. Super Storm Sandy, the tornadoes in Oklahoma, and the recent flooding in my congressional district are proof of the devastation that disasters can have on our nation. The time to prepare is now. Taking some simple steps to prepare yourself, and your family, can make all the difference when disaster strikes.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORIC MARKER DEDICATION FOR CUSSETA INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the upcoming Historic Marker dedication ceremony for Cusseta Industrial High School in Cusseta, Georgia. The grounds of this historic edifice will be dedicated Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

The dedication ceremony will serve as tribute to the preservative efforts of dedicated alumni, the Chattahoochee County Historic Preservation Society, and members of the community who saw fit to treasure this jewel of American history.

Beginning in 1912, a beacon of light was shone on the education of African-American students when philanthropist Julius Rosenwald worked with Booker T. Washington and other African-American educators at the Tuskegee Institute to build a number of black schools in the racially segregated rural South. Known as the Rosenwald Fund, these endeavors supported the construction of approximately 5,000 schools in fifteen states—242 of which are located in Georgia.

With the support of the Rosenwald Trust Fund, the neighboring African-American community, and funds from Chattahoochee County, Cusseta Industrial High School served as the only high school in the county to educate students of color. The school was built in 1929–1930 in conformance with standardized plans for efficient new schools for the edu-

cation of African-American students within the county. The Cusseta School is among the best surviving examples of the roughly fifty remaining Rosenwald schools in Georgia. It was placed on the National Historic Register on April 15, 2011.

This "little school on the hill" educated a number of African-American scholars until its closure in 1958. Of the seventeen students in the last graduating class, four have passed away. Echoing the sentiments of the place where "everybody was somebody and Christ was all," a place where Friday worship experiences sourced spiritual renewal, many hold the memory of this vibrant community in the corridors of their hearts.

Since its closure as a public school, the building has served the community as a Country Club, Lion's Club, Kiwanis Club, Boy Scouts meeting place, and a school of dance. Envisioned by alumni, Rev. Andrew L. Thomas, Jr., Dr. Mildred Gardner, and fifteen others as well as three community partners, the dream of establishing a historic marker on the grounds of Old Cusseta Industrial High School has become a reality.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this historic moment as the community of Cusseta, Georgia rises to honor and preserve Old Cusseta Industrial High School, a beloved landmark where many young African-American students were given the opportunity to earn an education.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House 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:

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2217, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I remain firmly committed to the security of the United States and the Department's mission of ensuring our communities are safe and secure from terrorism and other threats. However, I have serious concerns about a provision of this bill that cause me to be unable to support it.

I am disappointed that the House adopted the controversial King amendment. This amendment offered by Representative STEVE KING will prohibit the administration from implementing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Children who were brought to the United States at a young age should not be penalized for the actions of their parents. These individuals, commonly referred to as DREAMers, may only know the United States and speak English. Deporting them to a country they may know nothing of, where they may not speak the language or know any relatives, is counterproductive to the principles that define our nation. I believe we need comprehensive immigration reform which addresses the issue of DREAM Act eligible youth and

develops a framework for ensuring they can maintain a legal status in the United States. That is why, as a member of Congress who voted for the DREAM Act, I cannot support the King Amendment.

While I agree with the necessity of providing adequate resources to the Department of Homeland Security, due to the inclusion of this unnecessary and controversial ban on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, I am unable to support the bill.

RECOGNIZING THE PENSACOLA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CRUSADERS BASEBALL TEAM AS CLASS 4A FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the First Congressional District of Florida's Pensacola Catholic High School Crusaders for winning its second-straight Class 4A Florida High School Sports Association Baseball Championship and offer my congratulations to the team members, coaches, trainer, and school principal:

Team members, Tanner Halstead (#3); Gavin Wehby (#4); Drew LaBounty (#5); Zane Gill (#7); Jon Jon Burkett (#8); Clarke Berry (#9); Brandon Wiley (#10); Gregory Ciangiotti (#11); Evans Bozeman (#12); Avery Geyer (#13); Bronson Chancellor (#14); Chandler Burns (#15); Cooper Jones (#16); Cody Henry (#17); Zach Allen (#21); James McGhee (#22); Jacob Knorr (#23); Michael Neal (#31); Brandon Lockridge (#32); Nick Helton (#40); Zach Wyant; Kai Wilson; Hunter Wilson; and Jason Borcz; Coaches, Richard LaBounty; P.J. Smith; Sonny Reedy; Glenn Currie; Keith Haynes; Jak-y Kohr; Christian Macon; and Russell Deason; Trainer, Lexi West; and Principal, Sister Kierstin Martin.

The Catholic Crusaders ended a spectacular season with thirty wins and no losses to clinch this year's state championship. The final game was played against Miami Monsignor Pace High School at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers, Florida, on Tuesday, May 21, with the Crusaders earning an eighth inning victory by a score of seven to five. Many of the exceptional plays leading up to the victory occurred in the eighth inning itself. Junior James McGhee hit a two-run double in the top of the eighth inning, and senior pitcher Cooper Jones handled all three outs himself in the bottom of the eighth, striking two batters out and fielding a ground ball to the pitcher's mound to close out the game.

This extraordinary triumph marks a proud moment in the sports history of Northwest Florida and builds upon its already strong baseball tradition. The Crusader's winning streak has risen to thirty-five, which it was reported has not occurred in the Pensacola area since Escambia High School reached that level in the 1965–1966 season. Perhaps more impressive is the fact that no team in Pensacola history, prior to this one, has ever ended a season undefeated.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the citizens of Northwest Florida, I congratulate the team, students, and faculty of