

and the people of the Macedonian heritage worldwide and was instrumental in the development and growth of our Southeast Michigan Macedonian community.

Bishop Kiril played an integral role in resurrecting the Macedonian Orthodox Church—Ohrid Archbishopric, after two hundred years since its abolishment by the Ottoman Sultan, upon returning to Macedonia in 1967 after attending the Moscow Theological Academy. He was the only surviving signatory of the autocephalous declaration and a leading advocate for the establishment of an independent Republic of Macedonia.

Bishop Kiril founded both the American-Canadian and Australian Macedonian Orthodox Dioceses and served as a central administrator in each until 1987 and 1982 respectively. As a result of his steadfast leadership and resonant influence, Bishop Kiril catalyzed an international expansion of the Macedonian Orthodox faith throughout the course of his lifetime. The breadth of his legacy is confirmed in the more than fifteen cities in the world where he has been declared an honorary citizen.

Once again, I offer my deepest condolences for the passing of Bishop Kiril. His presence in the Macedonian Orthodox Church is irreplaceable and his manifold contributions to the people of Macedonia and Macedonians abroad, including in my district in Sterling Heights, Michigan, are of lasting value and cornerstone importance. I will cherish my acquaintance with Bishop Kiril, and am truly grateful for his years of service to his Macedonian Orthodox faith and people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROL SHEA-PORTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I will be absent from The House of Representatives on Thursday, June 13th, and Friday, June 14th, due to the wedding of one of my children. If I could vote, I would vote in favor of The National Defense Authorization Bill.

HONORING DARRIN D. ALLEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable civil servant, Mr. Darrin D. Allen.

Mr. Allen started his career in law enforcement with the Belzoni Police Department in 1997 under the administration of former Police Chief, Steve Bingham. He attended the Mississippi Delta Community College (MDCC) Law Enforcement Training Academy in Moorhead, Mississippi, in 1998. Upon completion, he worked for five years with the City of Belzoni.

In 2003, Mr. Allen moved to Clarksdale, Mississippi, and assumed a position as patrolman/SWAT with the City of Clarksdale. In 2005, he returned to Humphreys County and was employed with the Humphreys County

Sheriffs Department under the administration of former Sheriff, Wayne Holloway.

In 2008, Deputy Darrin Allen was promoted to Captain under the leadership of the current Sheriff, J.D. "Bubba" Roseman. Captain Allen has received numerous awards to include, "Officer of the Year" in 2009, for heroism during a fatal domestic confrontation in which his quick action saved the life of another upon apprehending the suspect.

Captain Allen also serves as a member of the Force Protection Unit under the direction of the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security and Special Response Team (SRT) with the North Central Narcotic Task Force. His official capacity as Captain is comprised of many responsibilities including but not limited to: performing second-level management to direct, assign and supervise subordinate officers and personnel; having the authority to give oral and written reprimands to its officers and personnel; providing assistance to the Chief Deputy in the formulation of policies and goals for the Sheriffs Department; evaluating the performance of subordinate officers/personnel and recommending appropriate action to the Chief Deputy; attends and/or conducts staff meetings along with in-house training sessions; and Supervise the development of the Departmental training program.

Captain Allen is definitely a man with a lot of heart. He shows a great deal of passion for the department and the community he works for. He is very modest when it comes to achieving merits for a profession that can be extremely demanding. Captain Allen has molded himself with the four D's: drive, determination, discipline and dedication. All of which are required in an occupation that can go from harmless to hurtful in a matter of seconds.

Captain Allen is dedicated to a job that requires him to put his life on the line daily for the citizens of our community. His family at the Humphreys County Sheriffs Department likes to call him their HERO, not for his bravery or heroics shown during the February 6, 2009 shocking incident involving the fatal death of one home-health nurse and the saving of a life of another nurse, but because of his Humane and Eminent Rationalization of Observation that took place to obscure a perpetually dangerous situation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Darrin D. Allen for his dedication to serving others and giving back to his community.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOSEPH S. FRANCISCO

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Joseph S. Francisco, the William E. Moore Distinguished Professor of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and Chemistry at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Dr. Francisco, who also is the associate dean of research and graduate education for the College of Science at Purdue, will be inducted into the National Academy of Science next April in recognition of his distinguished and continuing achievements in original, pioneering research. His research has revolution-

ized the understanding of chemical processes in the atmosphere and its ability to break down and remove pollutants. He solved a 40-year search for an unusual molecule essential to the atmosphere's ability to break down nitric acid, a compound that causes acid rain. He also mapped the atmospheric breakdown of chlorofluorocarbons, chemical compounds that destroy the Earth's ozone layer, and leads research into the design of environmentally benign materials to replace these compounds.

His recent work focuses on understanding the effect of water on fundamental chemical reactions in the atmosphere. Dr. Francisco discovered that clouds significantly affect levels of important atmospheric free radicals and identified a new type of chemical bonding, radical-hydrogen bonding.

Dr. Francisco is a past president of the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society, and served as president of the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious honorary societies, and is a fellow of the American Physical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Chemical Society. He has received four honorary doctorates from other universities.

President Barack Obama appointed Dr. Francisco as a member of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science in 2010 and reappointed him this year. This committee is responsible for evaluating nominees and selecting recipients of the National Medal of Science, the highest honor awarded by the U.S. government to scientists, engineers and innovators. He also currently serves on the National Research Council Board of Science Education. Dr. Francisco co-authored the textbook "Chemical Kinetics and Dynamics," published by Prentice-Hall, and has published more than 450 peer-reviewed publications in the fields of atmospheric chemistry, chemical kinetics, quantum chemistry, laser photochemistry and spectroscopy. He becomes only the second African-American inducted into the academy from the field of chemistry.

In light of this career accomplishment, I ask the 4th District and all Hoosiers to join me in congratulating Dr. Francisco for this great honor and achievement.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 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 \$16,738,704,836,178.59. We've added \$6,111,827,787,265.51 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

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, I missed the following votes:

H.R. 251—South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act, had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on rollcall No. 212.

H.R. 1157—Rattlesnake Mountain Public Access Act, had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on rollcall No. 213.

RE: H. AMDT. 89 TO H.R. 2216 AND
H. AMDT. 124 TO H.R. 2217

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I introduced the amendments in the Veterans-Military Construction and Homeland Security appropriations bills that forbid contracting with offerors who have been indicted for, or convicted of, fraud or similar egregious acts, all of which establish a categorical, unequivocal and definitive lack of present responsibility. The intent of Congress with regard to these provisions, and other such provisions, is as follows: These provisions are to be construed broadly, not only for the sake of ensuring confidence in government contracting, but also to protect the public fisc. No exceptions of any kind are intended.

The terms “embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property” and other such terms in these provisions are intended to be construed as broadly as possible. They extend to any offense that refers or relates to such offenses, whether Federal, State, county, municipal or tribal.

The term “offeror” includes all affiliates of any kind, including but not limited to parent companies, sister companies, subsidiaries and commonly controlled entities. The term is to be construed broadly.

To the extent feasible, this prohibition extends to the exercise of contract options in contracts that have already been awarded, and to contract modifications that increase or may increase contract price or cost.

It is the sense of Congress that these provisions, specifically including the prohibition on contract awards to indicted contractors, comport with due process and all other constitutional standards. Among other reasons, this is because of the due process protections preceding an indictment, the opportunity to challenge an indictment immediately in court, and both constitutional and statutory rights to a speedy trial. No contractor should have standing to challenge this prohibition based on an indictment without first exhausting legal challenges to the indictment. An indicted contractor that fails to exploit any provision providing for a speedy trial waives the right to challenge this prohibition.

If an offeror should make the certification in question but fails to do so, or an offeror falsely

certifies, then any resulting contract has been procured by fraud, and no future payments thereunder are permitted, and all past payments constitute false claims, regardless of whether any work has been done or deliverables accepted. A false certification shall be actionable under Section 1001 of the U.S. Criminal Code, and other applicable law, and any resulting indictment or conviction shall qualify for the prohibition within these provisions. Any request for payment under a resulting contract shall qualify as both a criminal false claim and a civil false claim.

HONORING BERNARD COTTON**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a plausible and apt man, Mr. Bernard Cotton. He has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Mr. Bernard Cotton is a native of Warren County and resides in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He served in the educational arena for 33 years.

Mr. Cotton earned his Associate Degree in Chemistry from Mary Holmes Junior College, West Point, MS in 1963. Mr. Cotton served in the United States Military from January, 1966 to January, 1968, during the Vietnam Era. In 1969 he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Alcorn State University; in 1971 he earned his Master's in Political Science from Western Illinois University; and lastly in 1978 earned his Doctorate in Political Science from Washington State University. During his tenure at Alcorn State University, Mr. Cotton served: in the capacity of Retired Professor Emeritus of Political Science (2002); Interim Dean, School of Arts and Science (2000–2002); Professor of Political Science (1993–2002); Pre Law Advisor (1985–2000); Associate Professor of Political Science (1985–1993); Acting Chair, Department of Social Science (1980–1985); Assistant Professor of Political Science (1978–1983); and Instructor of Social Science (1971–1974). Mr. Cotton has also held several other positions within the education arena such as: Director of Bicentennial Workshop; Graduate Assistant in the Political Science Department; Associate Director for the Black Studies Program at Washington State University in Pullman, WA (1974–1978); and Graduate Assistant in the Political Science Department at Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL (1969–1971).

Mr. Cotton is a member of numerous professional and social organizations. He is married and to that union they have two sons. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Bernard Cotton for his passion and dedication to education and desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
FULLER GT MAGNET ELEMENTARY

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fuller Gifted and Talented Magnet Elementary School of Raleigh, North Carolina, on its 50th anniversary and for its strong tradition of excellence.

Fuller Magnet Elementary first opened in 1962 with 200 African-American students. Today, 50 years later, Fuller serves 600 students from many different backgrounds and cultures around the world.

Since its founding, Fuller has embraced the philosophy that each child should be challenged at his or her own intellectual level and be provided with opportunities for success each day. Fuller integrates two magnet programs into its instruction, offering the Gifted and Talented Program along with the Academically Gifted Basics program. Fuller also benefits from strong community ties, including a partnership with North Carolina State University in both academic and leadership initiatives.

I commend Fuller on its strong academic and instructional program. The school has set high expectations for students, parents, and teachers alike, and it has also looked at the whole of the student's education, teaching social responsibility and character development in addition to academics. Parental support, talented and committed teachers, and a positive school climate are the foundation of a successful educational community, and Fuller Elementary is abundant in all three. Fuller has been a valuable asset to the Raleigh community these past fifty years, investing in young people and equipping them with the skills and education they need to become the leaders of the future.

The Triangle is considered as one of the best places in the nation to live, work and raise a family, and Fuller Gifted and Talented Magnet Elementary School is one of the many excellent schools that contributes to that reputation. I hope that its 50th anniversary celebration is a time of reflection on the history of the school and of rededication to excellence and community betterment.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the men and women in uniform who have been faced