

the most severe. It is critical that we maintain support for the charitable food system and funding for SNAP.

I have been a strong supporter of SNAP in Congress to help those who are food insecure during their time of need. Our office works closely with the Houston Food Bank, the largest in the Country, and the Texas Food Bank Network to help end hunger in America.

HONORING LARRY POWELL

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleagues, Representatives COSTA and VALADAO, to honor the accomplishments of outgoing Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Larry Powell, who has dedicated forty-three years to public education in the Sanger Unified, Fresno Unified, and Central Unified school districts.

Mr. Powell began his career in education with a B.A. in Political Science from California State University Fresno and later received his M.A. in Educational Administration from Fresno Pacific University. He was named Superintendent of the Year in 2003 by the Association of California Administrators Region 9 and received the prestigious designation of "Top Dog" in 2007 from California State University Fresno.

A dedicated public servant, Mr. Powell has served on the boards of numerous community and educational organizations, including the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, Break the Barriers, the Sequoia Council of the Boy Scouts, the Fresno Sports Council, the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame, the Economic Development Corporation, the Fresno Compact, SALT-Fresno, the Highway City Development Corporation, the School Employers Association of California, CSUF President's Commission on Education, and Rachel's Challenge.

Characteristic of his courage and determination, Mr. Powell was diagnosed with Polio as an infant but overcame all challenges, became a champion wrestler and coach, and has shared his inspirational story in over 1,600 speeches nationwide. He lives by the message that the only things you cannot do are the things you do not attempt.

Mr. Speaker, we commend and applaud Larry Powell for his dedicated career in public education and congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement.

REINTRODUCING DUWAMISH TRIBAL RECOGNITION ACT

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce the Duwamish Tribal Recognition Act affecting the indigenous people of metropolitan Seattle. Nearly 150 years after the Duwamish Tribe signed the Point Elliott Treaty in 1855, they are still seeking federal recognition, which was granted to them in

2001 but denied under dubious circumstances eight months later.

On March 22, 2013, U.S. District Judge John Coughenour vacated the September 2001 denial of the Duwamish Tribe's recognition by George W. Bush administration officials in the Interior Department. As Judge Coughenour stated, "plaintiffs should not be left to wonder why one administration thought their petition should be considered under both sets of rules, but a second did not." I agree.

This issue of Duwamish recognition has been pending for so long that the Interior Department's rules for federal recognition of tribes have changed from the original regulations set in 1978 to those that were revised in 1994. There is significant evidence to support Duwamish recognition that is not in current record, which was filed 20 years ago.

I have asked the new Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell to look into this matter. Meanwhile, this bill would provide federal recognition to the Duwamish Tribe.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure. Thank you.

RECOGNIZING ENTERPRISES OF WASHINGTON STATE AND THE ABILITYONE PROGRAM

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Skookum Contract Services and the AbilityOne Program. AbilityOne partners with over 600 non-profit agencies across the United States to provide services and sell products to the U.S. government. AbilityOne and Skookum empower people with disabilities by providing training and job placement services that help disabled folks in our region achieve gainful employment. Organizations like Skookum employ nearly 40,000 disabled Americans.

I applaud the work of these organizations to offer skills training and opportunities for people that are blind or have significant disabilities. By directly matching employers with well-qualified employees with disabilities, AbilityOne is helping employers address their workforce needs and creating opportunities that help people with disabilities become more productive and self-reliant.

In Washington State, Skookum partners with the Naval Bremerton Hospital and Jefferson County General Hospital to provide house-keeping services and ensure that hospitals are clean and sanitary for patients, doctors, and health care workers. In addition, they contract with Joint Base Lewis-McChord and Naval Base Kitsap to provide fleet management, janitorial, and grounds maintenance. Last year, I had the opportunity to see firsthand the important work of Skookum and their employees through visiting some of their work sites and can attest to the quality of their work. The agency also provides several other services to the community including warehouse and distribution, sanitation, and recycling services. "Skookum" is a Chinook word that means stronger or well-made in a better or unique way. The products that come out of Skookum demonstrate how effectively their employees are able to craft unique, high quality items.

Mr. Speaker, our community is a better place because of the work of Skookum employees. I commend the work of Jeff Dolven, the President and CEO of Skookum, and his staff in helping to uplift the disabled community and place them in meaningful employment that brings this region together. I applaud the work of Skookum employees in providing several meaningful services to the people of Washington State. I am pleased today to recognize this extraordinary service today in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING JORGE ARIAS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM FAIRFAX COUNTY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend Jorge Arias, the famous mosquito hunter of Fairfax County, on the occasion of his retirement after a decorated career in the field of medical entomology, which culminated in his 10-year tenure as the Supervisor of the Fairfax County Health Department's Disease Carrying Insects Program.

When most people hear the familiar buzz of a fly or mosquito, their natural instinct is to swat them away or reach for the repellent. Not Jorge. He welcomes the pests of summer with open, exposed arms, inviting them to creep, crawl, and chomp on him. It is that passion which made him an easy selection when Fairfax County was looking to start its insects program in 2003.

Clearly the feeling was mutual. In a 2006 profile in The Washington Post, Jorge said at the time, "I thought, 'Oh my lord, this is heaven.' I get to play with mosquitoes!" It is that zeal for entomology that has made Jorge a respected expert in international circles. Along the way he has suffered multiple infections, mentored countless students in the field of biology, and even had several bugs named in his honor.

Jorge is a native Virginian, born in Charlottesville. He was the son of a doctor and survived polio as a young child growing up in Panama. He went to college thinking he would follow in his father's footsteps, but that changed once he sat down for his first entomology class. Some people claim to have been "bitten by the bug" when describing their career choice. For Jorge, it was quite literal. He was known for offering himself up in "live bait" experiments, sitting out in the rain forests for hours unprotected. He became so close to his subjects that he could identify the species of fly or mosquito feasting on him even in the dark. He has dedicated not only his career, but his very health, to the study of insects. Through the years, he has survived bouts with multiple diseases, including malaria and, remarkably, hepatitis.

He received a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science degrees in biology from Whittier College in California, and he went on to receive his doctorate of philosophy in medical entomology from the University of California Riverside. From there, he and his wife, Kathy, joined the Peace Corps. They were posted in Brazil, where Jorge helped found graduate degree programs in entomology. He later pursued research activities in Brazil, Panama,

and Venezuela, and then continued that work as a consultant with the Pan American Health Organization.

In Fairfax, Jorge led the creation of an insect identification and surveillance program, targeting mosquitoes, ticks, and other insects. He has helped raise public awareness about the public health risks of West Nile Virus and Lyme Disease and offered helpful tips for precaution, particularly among the County's diverse immigrant community and in our school classrooms. He also has helped train a new generation of "mosquito hunters" to carry on this important work.

The American Mosquito Control Association recognized Jorge in 2011 with its Volunteer of the Year Award, "for his outstanding contributions to the furtherance of mosquito control education and outreach programs in Fairfax County Virginia and to communities around the world." Last year, the Mid-Atlantic Mosquito Control Association recognized him with its 2012 R. E. Dorer award for his "exceptional contributions to mosquito control in the Mid-Atlantic Mosquito Control region."

Mr. Speaker, when I was a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, we often joked that we should not allow such talented and dedicated community servants to retire. We certainly wish that was the case here. I wish Jorge, his wife, Kathy, his children, and grandchildren, all the best in this well-deserved retirement, and I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in expressing our appreciation to Jorge for his commitment to public health service and for keeping the bugs at bay for the rest of us..

IN CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Juneteenth, the oldest known celebration marking the end of slavery in the United States.

It was not until June 19, 1865, two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, that Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced that the war had ended and the slaves were freed. Since then, Juneteenth has been celebrated nationally, serving as an important opportunity for friends, families and neighbors to come together and rejoice in our shared heritage. It's an important reminder both of the great tragedy of slavery and of the courage and resilience of all those who fought for change.

I am proud to look back on this day at my own family's tradition of fighting for civil rights in this country. My great grandfather led one of the first units of African-American soldiers into battle, where they risked their lives and their own freedom to bring greater freedom to all Americans of every skin color. That tradition carried on through my family to my father who joined the civil rights struggle of the 1960s and went on to write much of the enforcement language behind the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Recently, I attended a ceremony commemorating the life of civil rights leader Medgar Wiley Evers on the 50th anniversary of his as-

sassination. His legacy is a reminder of the courage of individuals who fight for freedom and opportunity. While we have made great strides since that day in 1865, the struggle for equality is not over.

As I commemorate this historic day, I would like to urge my colleagues to honor the memory of all who have fought for freedom and equality and stand with all who continue the struggle today.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF BETTY MORAIS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a woman of substance: Betty Morais passed from this life in May 2013, in Toledo, Ohio.

Betty was born in Minneapolis on March 5, 1923, to Esther and Lewis Himmelman. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota and her graduate degree from Ohio State University. She worked in New York City of the Army Adjutant General's Office, then made her way to Toledo where she worked for Lasalle & Koch. It was at the downtown department store that she met her husband, Harold. They married in 1950 and together raised three children, sons Peter and Anthony, and daughter Nina. Harold and Betty enjoyed 49 happy years until his passing. Betty met further heartache when her son Anthony passed away a decade later.

Betty spent twenty years as a committed volunteer for the Toledo section of the National Council of Jewish Women, the Junior League and the League of Women Voters. She volunteered with groups assisting children in need and worked for the Economic Opportunity Planning Association of Toledo. Betty's calling, however, was to lead Planned Parenthood of Northwest Ohio.

Betty Morais became the executive director of Planned Parenthood and ably guided the agency for eighteen years until retiring in 1993. Under her leadership, the agency grew from a storefront to its own clinic, expanded educational initiatives and medical services, and growing into the rural areas of the region. She was open, compassionate and a visionary. It was important to Betty to serve people who needed her help. Her efforts brought her recognition from the Junior League, receiving its Community Service Award; the YWCA, receiving its Milestones Award; and the legal aid associations' Community Advocacy Award.

Betty Morais gave fully of herself. She was a pioneer in many ways, and a focused advocate. She has left her mark on our community. We offer our condolences to her family, and hope they may draw strength from Betty Morais' memory and the gift of her life.

NOBODY HOME ON SUDAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, more than three months since the departure of Sudan Special

Envoy Princeton Lyman, this administration has yet to fill his position.

A June 11 UPI story covered a recently released Amnesty International report which underscored that, "Indiscriminate bombing has been the Sudanese government's signature tactic in Blue Nile state, to devastating effect."

Amnesty reported on the desperate humanitarian situation facing the people of the region—including acute food shortages and virtually non-existent access to medical care.

The report underscored the fact that an internationally indicted war criminal, Sudanese President Omar Bashir, continues to evade justice and concludes: "With no accountability for past crimes, there is little deterrence for those of the present."

I couldn't agree more which is why I attempted to restrict non-humanitarian foreign assistance to countries that diplomatically welcomed an architect of genocide in an effort to isolate a man who undoubtedly has blood on his hands. I offered an amendment to that effect to last year's appropriations bill—an amendment which the Obama Administration sought to defeat as the appropriations process moved forward.

These realities beg certain questions: What is this administration's policy on Sudan? Is it to isolate Bashir? Apparently not. Is it to pursue justice for the Sudanese people? Not if it risks ruffling diplomatic feathers. Is it to elevate the issue within our own foreign policy establishment? Not really—how else to explain a prolonged vacancy of the Special Envoy post?

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF PORTER COUNTY HOSPICE PROGRAM

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I recognize the Visiting Nurse Association, VNA, of Porter County Hospice Program as the organization celebrates its 30th anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion, the VNA Hospice is hosting a celebratory event on Saturday, June 22, 2013 at Central Park Plaza in Valparaiso, Indiana.

The VNA Hospice Program was established in 1983 with the goal of providing comfort, care, and compassion to terminally ill patients and their families in and around the communities of Porter County. The program started with only 22 patients and has quickly grown over the years, caring for 742 patients in 2012. In 1994, in order to meet the growing need for inpatient hospice care, the VNA of Porter County opened the 10-bed Mary E. Bartz Hospice Center in Valparaiso, which was the first self-supporting hospice center in Indiana. Due to the tremendous support of the community through a \$2.85 million capital campaign, the Arthur B. and Ethel V. Horton 20-bed hospice center was built to replace the Bartz Hospice Center in 2002. Throughout the last 30 years, the VNA Hospice Program has been able to help more than 11,000 patients live their final days with peace and dignity.

The VNA of Porter County Hospice Program has been successful due to the unwavering