

in this industry. Since its unveiling in 1913, The Whaleman has become one of the most recognizable icons of New Bedford. Its likeness has found its way onto everything from coffee mugs to Christmas ornaments, and it has been viewed by visitors to the city from around the world. The statue remains in its original home outside the New Bedford Public Library, and its centennial this June will be celebrated in the very spot on which it was first presented.

On the one hundredth anniversary of The Whaleman, it is also important to remember those whom the statue itself was created to honor—the countless individuals whose work contributed to the growth of New Bedford in its early years. These pioneers were truly responsible for the strong foundation on which the region would rest for decades to come, and New Bedford's story would have been far different without their many contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the one hundredth anniversary of The Whaleman. I ask that my colleagues join me in marking this important celebration.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2013

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of designating June 20, 2013 as American Eagle Day and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States. On June 20, 1782, the eagle was designated as the national emblem of the U.S. by the Founding Fathers at the Second Continental Congress.

The bald eagle is the central image of the Great Seal of the United States and is displayed in the official seal of many branches and departments of the Federal Government.

The bald eagle is an inspiring symbol of the spirit of freedom and the democracy of the United States. Since the founding of the Nation, the image, meaning and symbolism of the eagle have played a significant role in art, music, history, commerce, literature, architecture and culture of the United States. The bald eagle's habitat only exists in North America.

Over the years, several members of Congress have introduced and passed resolutions in support of the designation of American Eagle Day.

I hope my colleagues will join in celebrating today, June 20, 2013 as American Eagle Day, which marks the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle.

A TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE KENNETH L. MILLER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service to our nation by Iowan and World War II veteran Private Kenneth Miller, and recognize the great work being done by the Pottawattamie County Veteran Affairs office.

On Monday, June 24th, the Pottawattamie County Veteran Affairs office will be assisting in honoring Private Miller with several medals he earned for his brave service in World War II. Private Miller will be presented with the World War II Victory Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Bronze Star Attachment, as well as the Honorable Service Lapel Button, Marksman Badge and Rifle Bar. Most notably however, Private Miller will be honored with the Purple Heart for the injuries he sustained on June 4, 1944 as a part of the New Guinea Campaign. It goes without saying that Private Miller's dedication and service to his grateful country was nothing short of exemplary.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to represent the people of Iowa, the city of Council Bluffs, and veterans like Private Miller in the United States Congress. His heroic contribution to our nation's largest war effort represents just one example of the long tradition of selflessness and service upheld by Iowans serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in acknowledging Private Miller for his actions and thanking the Pottawattamie County Veteran Affairs office for their assistance in this ceremony. I humbly express my sincere gratitude to all of our nation's veterans, servicemembers and their families for their service and sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER ALABAMA CIVIL APPEALS JUDGE JOHN CRAWLEY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the service of a distinguished Alabamian who was known for his unshakeable integrity and fairness on the judicial bench.

Judge John Crawley of Brundidge, a former long-time judge on the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals, passed away after a long illness on June 1, 2013, at the age of 73.

Judge Crawley was born on February 28, 1940 into a family of four children in Troy, Alabama. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Alabama.

After college, he served as a law clerk on the Court of Appeals of Alabama for Judge George Johnson, and then served as an Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Alabama Department of Revenue. In 1969, he returned to Pike County. While practicing law in Troy, he helped establish Hand-In-Hand, a nonprofit organization devoted to helping handicapped students.

In April 1991, he was appointed Circuit Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit for Pike and Coffee Counties by Governor Guy Hunt and served until January 1993.

In 1994, Judge Crawley made his mark on state political history as one of the first Republicans elected to Alabama's Civil Appeals Court. He accomplished this feat without asking for a single campaign donation or buying any advertisements. He reportedly only made one campaign speech. His reputation as an impartial, hard-working judge ensured his reelection in November 2000.

During his tenure, Judge Crawley served on the Alabama Supreme Court's Task Force on

Judicial Elections. Additionally, he served on the Supreme Court Standing Committee on the Alabama Rules of Juvenile Procedure, the Alabama State Bar Committee on Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution, and the State Agency ADR Task Force. He was also a member of the Judicial Inquiry Commission, having been appointed to that position by the Alabama Supreme Court.

Judge Crawley was associated with over 3,000 decisions during his tenure on the court and he is still quoted by the Alabama Supreme Court on a number of issues. He was also known to have had more of his dissents adopted by the Alabama Supreme Court than any other judge on the Court of Civil Appeals.

He retired in 2007 after serving two six-year terms on the Court of Civil Appeals, including two years as Presiding Judge (2005 to 2007).

Judge Crawley was an active member, deacon, and former Sunday school teacher of the Banks Baptist Church in his native Pike County. He was said to have affected thousands of lives in his rulings and by his relationships with others. He wanted to make a difference and he left the world a better place.

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I wish to extend my condolences to his wife, Sherrie, and their son, Brantley; his brother, Larry; and sister, Nancy and their entire family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

IN HONOR OF SPC. SETH PACK

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Utah's most heroic sons and one of my constituents from Ogden, Utah, Spc. Seth Pack of the United States Army, 10th Mountain Division.

While out on patrol on July 1, 2011, Seth was almost mortally wounded when he stepped on an improvised explosive device. Losing his leg and close to death, he has since led the way to recovery. Next week, Seth is leaving Walter Reed Military Medical Center to start the next phase of his young life. The man who entered this hospital on the edge of death has now regained his strength, and has returned to his former self. I submit this poem, penned in his honor by Albert Caswell, and let us all take time to remember and thank the men and women of the Armed Forces, and their families, who volunteer to keep freedom alive and sacrifice for us every day.

AHEAD OF THE PACK
(By Albert Carey Caswell)

Out in front . . .
All on that hunt!
In times of war . . .
There are but all of those for sure!
Who are out ahead of The Pack . . .
Who lock and load!
Who so live by such a code!
A Rat! A Rat . . . A Rat Tat . . . Tat . . .
Tat!
Taking the lead,
As so for sure all to speed!
10th Mountain Men,
upon which our Nation now so depends!
Who after the enemy will so run into caves,
and kick doors in so very brave!
Out . . . ahead of The Pack!
As from where you have so led Seth,

a fact!
 For you are a grunt!
 Ever out on the hunt!
 To our freedoms to so bring!
 Of thee I sing!
 To so live by a code!
 To lock and load!
 A Rat! A Rat! A Rat Tat . . . Tat . . . Tat!
 The United States Army,
 Who with his band of Brothers are but ready
 to bare the load!
 And 10th Mountain Men,
 who into the face evil do so go!
 The ones who so live by a code!
 Where you go!
 I go!
 Who so lock and load!
 A Rat! A Rat! A Rat Tat . . . Tat . . . Tat!
 Lock and load!
 For Seth, U . . . R . . . Tall!
 Because,
 you have so answered that most noble of
 calls!
 That Call To Arms!
 That Call to War!
 That Call to Death,
 as so for sure!
 To so march off so bravely with clenched
 fists!
 To lock and load!
 A Rat! A Rat! A Rat Tat . . . Tat . . . Tat!
 As all around you such death and gore ap-
 pears!
 As has your fine young life,
 been so all so here!
 For such men of honor!
 For such men of might!
 Surely they will one day so see Heaven's
 light!
 Where you Go!
 I Go!
 All in that blood that binds you so!
 As it was while out on patrol!
 That you so almost lost your young life,
 but not your soul!
 Standing so close to death,
 right on that very edge . . .
 To a place where courage crests!
 As when Seth,
 you so reached so deep down inside . . .
 To a place where only courage so lies!
 As you so began your climb!
 To lock and load!
 A Rat! A Rat! A Rat Tat . . . Tat . . . Tat!
 As you got up out of that bed!
 With such Strength In Honor,
 with no regrets!
 All in your actions what was so said!
 All at speed,
 as somehow you became even Army Stronger
 so indeed!
 Because 10th Mountain do not follow,
 they lead!
 They lead!
 For you are Army Strong!
 As your fine heart beats loud and long!
 That's right,
 For only The Few,
 have so led such a most
 courageous life as have all of you!
 Who so Lock and Load,
 who all in the face of death so come shining
 through!
 Who so live by a code!
 A code of honor!
 A code of war!
 All for your Brothers In Arms,
 So Ready All So To Die For!
 A Rat! A Rat! A Rat Tat . . . Tat . . . Tat!
 As I remember on those first early days,
 as you were but a shell of what you are
 today!
 As you got up and told pity to get out of
 your way!
 For you had mountains to so climb!
 Because 10th Mountain do it all the time!
 And Seth,

you have so many hearts to so heal!
 Yea, Seth,
 you are Ahead of The Pack we can feel . . .
 For that's where we will so find you out on
 attack!
 Leading us all so in time!
 And where would our Nation all so be,
 if it were but not for such men and families
 as all of these?
 Who, where you go!
 I go with speed!
 Who so live by a code!
 Who so lock and load!
 Who so look into the face so we can all be
 free!
 A Rat! A Rat! A Rat Tat . . . Tat . . . Tat!
 Way out in front,
 ahead of the Pack!
 To so teach us!
 To so beseech us!
 To so reach us!
 As one of Utah's brightest of all sons
 Who so shines this one!
 And if ever I had a son,
 I'd wish that he could walk as tall,
 as this one!
 Ahead of The Pack!
 A Rat! A Rat! A Rat . . . Tat . . . Tat . . .
 Tat!
 Who so shines as one of America's most he-
 roic sons!
 Who to all of our hearts so run!

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JAMES
 "BUCK" KOONCE

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2013

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. James "Buck" Koonce. Buck recently retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). There he served as the Director of Economic Development and assisted with the management of the Livermore Valley Open Campus (LVOC).

LLNL and Sandia National Laboratories have partnered with the Department of Energy (DOE) to establish the LVOC in order to leverage resources and create a bridge between these national labs and the broader scientific community. Through public-private partnerships with industry, government, and academia, the LVOC involves scientists and engineers from around the world with its unique science facilities, major research and development efforts, industrial collaborations, educational programs, and technology incubators to solve national security challenges.

Buck's economic development efforts have leveraged LLNL functions such as intellectual property management, licensing, and sponsored research, to cultivate partnerships with businesses, industries, entrepreneurs, economic development organizations, community stakeholders, and institutions of higher education. This proactive engagement enables the LLNL management team to set priorities and leverage investments in pilot projects, collaborations, equipment, and facilities to ensure continued growth and improved effectiveness.

Prior to LLNL, Buck held several senior management positions throughout his 35 year career with the University of California. Buck has been an integral part of the management and governance of Lawrence Berkeley Na-

tional Laboratory (LBNL), Los Alamos National Laboratory, and LLNL.

Buck began his career at the University of California at Berkeley's Molecular Biology and Virus Laboratory in 1974, and he then moved to LBNL where he held positions of increasing responsibility in the Offices of Energy and Environment, Computing, and Engineering Divisions, and finally the Director's Office where he lead the development of LBNL's first Long-Range Development Plan. Buck has been active in many DOE-wide initiatives and is well respected by DOE, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), and the national laboratory community.

On a more personal note, Mr. Speaker, Buck has played a vital role in assisting me in the development of my own thinking on economic policy strategies and the appropriate role of our national labs. I was honored when he agreed to serve on my Economic Development Advisory Committee, and I have learned a great deal from him. I want to thank Buck for his helping me and for his contributions to the East Bay, and I wish him the very best as he begins this new chapter of his life.

SBA LOAN PAPERWORK
 REDUCTION ACT OF 2013

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, in my time in Congress, I have met with over 200 small businesses in my district, touring their businesses, sitting down with them in round tables. And one of the biggest things that they tell me is standing in the way of their success and growth is the difficulty they have in accessing capital.

That's why the work of the Small Business Administration's loan guaranty programs is so important. But often, the paperwork it takes to apply to these programs discourages small businesses from seeking this assistance. Over and over again, small businesses tell me that their biggest obstacle in working with the Small Business Administration is the arduous amounts of paperwork needed to access SBA loans. If we are going to get our economy back on track, we need to make sure our small business owners and entrepreneurs have access to capital.

That is why I am re-introducing the SBA Loan Paperwork Reduction Act, which will make permanent the SBA's pilot Small Loan Advantage Program which features streamlined paperwork, with a two-page application for borrowers and a faster approval time. I have updated this bill to allow the SBA further flexibility to expand the program in future.

Small business owners are having a hard enough time in this economy without having to spend their valuable time and resources wading through a mountain of paperwork.

By passing this bill, we will ensure that our entrepreneurs are given the chance to succeed and our small business owners can access the capital they need to grow and hire more workers.