

it was among these early loggers “that many of the legends of the mythical Paul Bunyan and his daring exploits originated, as men gathered in their bunkhouses at the end of the day.”

Today, Pembine is a popular tourist destination in northern Wisconsin affording traveler's wonderful outdoor experiences like hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. In fact, Pembine has been referred to as a “Sportsman's Paradise”. As Congressman, I am proud to represent the citizens of Pembine and hope that everyone in Northeast Wisconsin will join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Town of Pembine on August 2nd, 2014.

HONORING SANTOS GONZALEZ
RUBIO

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Santos Gonzalez Rubio of Brownsville, Tennessee for achieving naturalization in the United States of America. Mr. Gonzalez is a dedicated, hardworking, and honest young man who has chosen to permanently commit to the United States, showing loyalty to both the Constitution and the people of this nation.

In order to become a United States citizen, Mr. Gonzalez had to take the Oath of Allegiance. This means that he: gives up his former allegiance to Mexico and now swears allegiance to the United States; supports and defends the Constitution and the laws of this country; and will serve the country, if and when he is required to do so. In addition to these requirements, Mr. Gonzalez now has the responsibility to vote and participate in important political matters, as well as serve on a jury.

Achieving naturalization is a huge accomplishment, and I could not be more proud of Mr. Gonzalez for becoming a citizen of the United States of America. Congratulations, Mr. Gonzalez, on joining the greatest nation on earth. I wish you nothing but the best as you begin this new chapter in your life.

RECOGNIZING VENTURA COUNTY'S
24TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH
CELEBRATION

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Ventura County's 24th Annual Juneteenth Celebration, which commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in the United States of America. Today, this event serves as an observance and celebration of African-American history and heritage. Additionally, Juneteenth serves as a reminder to us all of the importance of our country's multi-cultural diversity and the spirit of community we hold as a nation.

On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger announced to all who were enslaved

that they were free, thus marking the memorial of this occurrence as the Juneteenth celebration. The early Juneteenth festivities were held in the spirit of celebrating and honoring the newly freed citizens' ancestors. The bountiful feasts and lively celebrations fueled the overall cherishment of African-American heritage, with great emphasis put on the exploration and education of the African-American community.

For over a century, Juneteenth is celebrated in all corners of the nation and has established a role of promoting reverence for African American history and achievement. Over the last several years, this vibrant event has extended beyond the African-American community and has seen an increase in focus on respect for all the cultures that make up our great nation.

In Ventura County, this annual celebration brings together the tradition from the earliest days of Juneteenth and the rich diversity of our community throughout the region. The community-wide involvement in this historic event is a true testament to the multiculturalism of our county. Juneteenth not only highlights the culture of the African-American community, but it expresses the importance of recognizing the heritage of all the citizens that comprise Ventura County.

Juneteenth embodies the spirit of community and offers the promise of a bright future by embracing the richness of the culture and heritage of a community as a whole, especially in communities like Ventura County where the festivities continue to grow and the overall goal of respect for diversity becomes instilled in all who take part in the excitement.

It is with great enthusiasm that I join the Ventura County Chapter of the Black American Political Association of California in the historical celebration of their 24th Annual Juneteenth Celebration.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK AND
DEDICATION OF REV. LOU NESS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work and devotion of Rev. Louisett Ness of Rockford, Illinois, who has, in just over two months, walked from Rockford to Washington D.C. to draw attention to the plight of the poverty stricken in America.

Lou, a 65 year old grandmother, is the Executive Director of Shelter Care ministries in Rockford. Lou's dedication on this 756-mile march has been inspiring, and I was proud to greet her today as she reached her final destination, here at the U.S. Capitol.

I'd also like to applaud the staff and volunteers at Shelter Care Ministries for the work they do every day to provide emergency and transitional housing for the homeless, as well as valuable support services including child care and career counseling.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Lou for having the courage to confront the societal challenge of poverty by embarking on this journey and acting as a voice for those less fortunate.

INDIAN COAL PRODUCTION TAX
CREDIT

HON. STEVE DAINES

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. DAINES. Mr. Speaker, since it was first offered as part of the Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2005, the Indian Coal Production Tax Credit has been a crucial tax incentive that levels the playing field for the production of Indian coal. However, it expired last year.

Before its expiration, this important incentive served as a counter-balance to the additional costs and time required to develop Tribal coal deposits, which are subject to more regulatory requirements than comparable development on private, state, or federal lands.

The production of coal has been a boon for the Crow Tribe of the State of Montana and has already generated more than 125 jobs for Tribal members. Crow Tribal Chairman Darrin Old Coyote has called the tax credit an “essential tool” to “the economic viability of our existing coal mining operations.”

Montana's Northern Cheyenne tribe and other coal-producing tribes stand ready to likewise utilize this important policy to create jobs and increase energy development.

I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 4785 and make the Indian Coal Production Tax Credit permanent to ensure strong economic benefits for future generations of Montana Tribes.

HONORING CUB SCOUT PACK 290

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70 young men of Cub Scout Pack 290 of Frisco, Texas. This is no ordinary Cub Scout Pack. These individuals go above and beyond to be involved in civic activities and community events and place a great emphasis on leading the community in patriotic awareness.

Pack 290 was established in 2005 and has contributed over 1,000 hours of community service in the last three years. In previous years, Pack 290 has participated in the Frisco Veteran's Community Parade where they won the Grand Marshal's Award and the Best Theme Related Award. They have also participated in “Clean It and Green It” three consecutive years. This is a city wide event where residents of all ages celebrate Earth Day by not only picking up trash and aesthetically improving the community, but also labeling storm drains with educational tiles about the city's storm water program.

It is essential for our leaders of tomorrow to be engaged in civic affairs and know and preserve our history. Through participating in our government at an early age, these young men have learned lessons that will last a lifetime. It is my hope that they will continue to be involved in our community in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these scouts, the troop leaders, their parents and families for their dedication to our community and wish them the best on their future endeavors.

HONORING EVAN TODD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Evan Todd. Evan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 357, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Evan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Evan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Evan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Evan organized and led the construction of a sidewalk outside of Ravenwood Elementary School in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Evan Todd for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR ERNEST H. BUEHL, SR.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to aviation pioneer Ernest H. Buehl Sr.

Ernest Buehl was born in Germany in 1897. He learned to fly in 1914—just 11 years after the Wright Brothers' first flight. Buehl's career began at BMW where he quickly became one of their leading technicians and in 1920, he was sent to the United States to train American technicians to work with the BMW engines he had help design in Germany.

That same year, Buehl flew on the first transcontinental airmail flight from New York to Oakland, California. Buehl made frequent stops along the way to consult with local officials about the need for airports suitable to land larger aircraft. Eddie Rickenbacker, a World War I ace was a passenger on the transcontinental flight.

Throughout the 1920s, Buehl took aircraft to areas just below the Arctic Circle in Canada, and in 1922 he worked with Roald Amundsen to prepare aircraft to fly over the North Pole.

Buehl moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1923 to work for a company pioneering the use of aerial photography. This technology made it possible to create highly qualified topographic maps. Buehl and his partner, a black aviator named E.C. Malick, started the Flying Dutchman Air Service and in 1923, Buehl earned his first pilot's license, signed by Orville Wright himself.

After becoming a citizen of the United States in 1928, Buehl went on to open three airports in the Philadelphia area where he trained pilots and promoted civilian aviation. During World War II, Buehl served as a Flight Commander for the flight training program at

Franklin & Marshall College, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. It is estimated that he trained 1,400 cadets. Buehl would also routinely serve as the personal pilot for General deGaulle on his visits to the United States raising funds for the French Resistance.

Buehl has been recognized in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD before. On April 23, 1996, the Honorable Ronald V. Dellums mentioned him in connection with the training of "Chief" C. Alfred Anderson, who organized the famous African-American Tuskegee Airmen who fought in World War II. In 1930, after Alfred Anderson had repeatedly been denied a pilot's license because he was black, Buehl accepted him as a student and advocated on his behalf. Buehl forcefully insisted that he be allowed to take the pilot's license test, even when a Federal examiner refused to let Anderson apply. Tuskegee Airmen historians and members of the Anderson family say that without Buehl's willingness to work with Anderson and to stick up for him, there would have been no Tuskegee Airmen.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Ernest H. Buehl, Sr. for his lasting contributions to aviation and our nation by supporting his nomination to the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN DEAN A. TUFTS

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Captain Dean A. Tufts, a qualified Seabee Combat Warfare Officer, a skilled Fleet Marine Force Officer, a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps, and a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Hawaii.

Born on December 25, 1967 in Springfield, Massachusetts, Captain Tufts earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell University and was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the College of Naval Command and Staff from Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

In his extensive and distinguished career in the United States Navy, Captain Tufts has shown exceptional leadership and gallantry. Captain Tufts' tours in the Navy include Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction in the Oakland Army Base in Oakland, California; Readiness and Military Training Officer in the THIRTY-FIRST Naval Construction Regiment in Port Hueneme, California; Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization Budget/Execution Program Director in the Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) in Washington DC; and Assistant Operations Officer in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) in Washington DC. Captain Tufts assumed.

After assuming command of NMCB ONE, in Gulfport, Mississippi in July 2006, Captain Tufts deployed to both Japan and Iraq. Since

then, Captain Tufts has assumed other leadership positions in various capacities; he has been assigned as Operations Officer for Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Far East and has also served as the Civil Engineer Corps' Head Detailer at Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tennessee. Since August 2012, Captain Tufts has served as Commander for Naval Construction Group ONE in Port Hueneme, CA.

Captain Tufts' exemplary character and boundless service to our nation has earned him several decorations including the Bronze Star, six Meritorious Service Medals, three Navy Commendation Medals, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, two Navy Unit Commendation Ribbons, the Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, and four Navy "E" Ribbons. These accomplishments are indicative of Captain Tufts' unwavering commitment and dedication to his work, nation and community.

I appreciate Captain Tufts' dedication to our nation and his work during his time at Port Hueneme. It is with sincere appreciation that I would like to recognize Captain Dean A. Tufts, salute and thank him for his honorable and selfless service to our country. I wish him the absolute best as he transfers to Naval Facilities Engineering Command in the state of Hawaii, where I know he will continue his successful naval career.

HOUSE CONSIDERATION OF TAX EXTENDER PROVISIONS

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my opposition to the process that has brought the bills under consideration before us today. Once again, my colleagues and I find ourselves in the difficult position of opposing the extension of tax provisions that are worthy of support, and long overdue for consideration. The Section 179 provisions that allow for businesses to expense the cost of certain asset purchases, and the tax treatment of S corporations that allows them to pay a reduced "built-in gains" tax, have long helped our small businesses thrive. I was pleased to vote for them as part of a bill to avert the fiscal cliff in January 2013. But because of inaction by the House on tax reform, these provisions were allowed to expire at the end of last year. Now, we are being given a choice: extend these provisions permanently without paying for them, and without also extending the many other important provisions that have expired, or don't extend them at all.

More than three million Americans have lost access to emergency unemployment insurance. Despite the Senate passing legislation to extend unemployment benefits, the House has refused to join in this important, bipartisan effort to help our hardest-hit constituents. Our colleagues in the majority insist that an extension of the emergency unemployment insurance program be fully paid for, but now are putting forward costly permanent legislation that will add \$75 billion to the deficit. Of course small businesses are worthy of support from this Congress, but not at the expense of