

school teacher and small business owner, continue to volunteer their time assisting the visually impaired, the homeless, and the needy families in their local area. This lifetime commitment to service was lovingly ingrained in David, who spends countless hours giving back to his community.

After attending Mars Hill College on both music and academic scholarships, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Musical Theatre, David pursued an early career as a performer and entertainer. Soon, his focus shifted to production and he spent the next several years traveling as a company manager for Sesame Street Live! and producing and stage managing in San Antonio, Texas. While in Texas, he worked on Governor Ann Richards' final gubernatorial campaign and was honored to present the San Antonio bid for the 1996 Democratic National Convention to then First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

After leaving Texas and moving to South Carolina to start his own entertainment production company, David was recruited by the Walt Disney Company in 1996, where he is currently the Producer for Disney Cruise Line. He holds a Masters of Science degree in Entertainment Business from Full Sail University and lectures on cruise line operations and management at the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management.

Much of David's free time is spent serving on several boards, volunteering his time, and advocating for the rights of others. Serving as the President of the Board of Directors for The Orlando International Fringe Theatre Festival, he is committed to expanding the opportunities for artists in the Orlando area. David is a member of the Orange County Democratic Executive Committee and serves on the Equality Florida Orlando Steering Committee, both of which allow him to work for advocacy and legislation that guarantee and expand the rights of the LGBTQ population. David is an active member of the Central Florida Softball League, an organization that brings amateur softball competition to the Central Florida LGBTQ community and its allies. He has volunteered for The Hope and Help Center of Central Florida and actively supports the Zebra Coalition, where he not only gives his time, but also serves as a role model for the LGBTQ youth with whom he interacts.

The model of service and community involvement that David's parents created in their home is a difficult standard to uphold, but David continues to prove that he is an incredible asset and a boon to his community.

I am happy to honor David Baldree, during LGBT Pride Month, for his political, civic, and professional contributions to the Central Florida community.

**A RESOLUTION TO HONOR MARINE
CORPS GENERAL CLIFTON B.
CATES**

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Secretary of the Navy should name an appropriate Navy ship in honor of Marine Corps General Clifton B. Cates of Tiptonville, Tennessee.

Clifton Bledsoe Cates was born in Tiptonville, Tennessee on August 31, 1893. After graduating from high school at Missouri Military Academy in 1910 and the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Law degree in 1916, he was commissioned as second lieutenant in the Marine Corps and began active duty on June 13, 1917.

During World War I, General Cates served with the 6th Marine Regiment, fighting in France. He was the most decorated Marine Corps Officer of World War I, having been awarded the Navy Cross, Army Distinguished Service Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Honor, and the Croix de Guerre with Gilt Star and 2 palms.

When General Cates returned to the United States in September 1919, he served in Washington, D.C. as a White House aide and Aide-de-Camp to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. From 1923 to 1925, Cates served a tour of sea duty as commander of the Marine Detachment aboard the USS *California*, and in 1929, he was deployed to Shanghai, China, where he rejoined the 4th Marines and served for three years. He then returned to the United States for training at the Army Industrial College, and by 1940, he was named the Director of the Marine Officers Basic School at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

In 1942, Colonel Cates led the 1st Marine Regiment at Guadalcanal, for which he was awarded the Legion of Merit. From there, he took command of the 4th Marine Division in the Marianas operation, the Tinian campaign and the seizure of Iwo Jima. He received several distinguished awards for his service at Iwo Jima, including the Distinguished Service Medal with a gold star. After his tour of duty in the Pacific, Cates returned to the United States to serve as Commandant of the Marine Corps Schools at Quantico until 1944. He then returned to the Pacific until the end of the war as commander of the 4th Marine Division.

On January 1, 1948, Cates was promoted to the rank of General and sworn in as Commandant of the Marine Corps. He served in this position for four years until he retired on June 30, 1954 after thirty-seven years of military service. General Cates passed away on June 4, 1970 at the United States Naval Hospital in Annapolis, Maryland and was buried with full military honors on June 8, 1970 at Arlington National Cemetery.

Because of his heroic and dedicated service to our nation, I fully support the Secretary of the Navy naming an appropriate ship after General Clifton B. Cates. It's an honor to introduce this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on June 19, 2014, during floor consideration of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, I inadvertently voted "nay" on Mr. MORAN's amendment, rollcall vote No. 324, when I intended to vote "yea".

THE PASSING OF DENNIS PITTS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Hall County lost a wonderful citizen and community leader when my friend Dennis Pitts passed in his family's home on May 24 at just the age of 58.

A lifelong Georgian, Dennis was a 1973 graduate of Johnson High School. He worked in real estate for many years before becoming Hall County's first Republican commissioner. He served two terms in that position, starting in 1994. In business, he became president and chief financial officer of Minit Save Food Stores and Pitts Management Co.

Most recently, Dennis served in the office of his close friend, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle. Dennis was Cagle's North Georgia field representative and chief economic development officer.

In addition to his civic and community involvement, Dennis was an avid outdoorsman who spent time hunting, fishing, running, swimming, and cycling—including a 55-mile ride on his 55th birthday. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville.

Dennis will be remembered as a thoughtful, generous man who took great pride in serving Northeast Georgia. My prayers and thoughts are with Dennis' wife, Jane, as well as his parents and siblings during this difficult time.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROYAL
MARINES**

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Royal Marines as they celebrate their 350th year of service to the people of Britain.

The Royal Marines were originally formed as "the Duke of York and Albany's maritime regiment of Foot" in 1664 under the reign of King Charles II. Later, in 1755, they became the official marine infantry for the Royal Navy, and acquired their present-day title by King George III in 1802. For centuries, the countless men and women who have served in the Royal Marines have fought valiantly for their country, and they have been present at more battles on land and sea than any other branch of the British Armed Forces. From the Battle of Trafalgar and other Napoleonic-era battles to World War I and World War II, and from Cold War conflicts up to modern-day service in Iraq and Afghanistan, members of the Royal Marines have witnessed the world changing drastically throughout their many centuries of service.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Royal Marines upon this important milestone. I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating their 350 years of service to the people of Britain.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4870) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Chair, let me be clear that I do not support giving any funding to terrorist organizations, including Hamas and the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS). However, I voted against Mr. GOSAR's amendment because it would have prevented funding for the Palestinian Authority, which is a vital source of humanitarian aid and aid to help resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This money also goes toward providing security within the Palestinian territory, which remains in the best interest of our national security.

The amendment also would have barred the use of funds for the ongoing dismantling of chemical weapons in Syria. This effort remains a top priority for American national security and it would have been irresponsible to vote in favor of an amendment that would jeopardize this mission.

While on its surface this amendment may have appeared to implement policy goals I support, I ultimately opposed it because I believe its consequences would have negatively impacted American national security interests.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GI BILL

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Original GI Bill, the first legislation of its kind establishing educational assistance for our nation's veterans. Seventy years ago this week, on June 22, 1944, Congress enacted the Servicemen's Readjustment Act and introduced a new veterans benefits program that continues to this day. The GI Bill has had, and continues to have, an incredible impact—opening doors for servicemembers and their families and benefiting society as a whole.

Our nation has a strong history of ensuring those who fight in defense of our freedom have access to career-enhancing, educational benefits. The GI Bill not only provides veterans with the tools to transition from our military force to our workforce, it is sound and valuable investment that collectively benefits our society.

I have long believed that the post-World War II education benefits created the modern middle class. Because of the GI Bill, millions of veterans who have defended the American Dream are achieving—and sustaining—it.

In 2001, when I became chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, one of my major legislative priorities was to modernize and expand the GI Bill. I wrote and Congress enacted the Veterans Education and Benefits

Expansion Act (P.L. 107–103) which at that time provided the largest increase in GI Bill benefits since World War II.

Prior to passage of my legislation, veterans receiving the maximum benefit under the Montgomery GI Bill received \$24,000 toward their degree. The benefit was terribly underutilized as eligible vets were declining to participate because the benefit was too small to make a difference in the cost of college. We had the foresight to adjust this benefit for inflation, ensuring that the value of the benefit would keep pace if the cost of college increased. The maximum benefit is now \$59,328.

The GI Bill can be used for a variety of education and training opportunities—including certificate programs, post-secondary degrees, and work-study programs, including the successful Helmets to Hard Hats apprenticeship program—that can boost both marketability and earning potential for veterans.

And now that we have an all-volunteer military that is smaller and highly trained, it is critical we have good benefits that attract and retain quality young people into our armed services.

We remain in awe of their bravery and are humbled by the selfless sacrifice of our nation's veterans. Accordingly, Congress again beefed up GI Bill benefits in 2008 with passage of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act (P.L. 110–252), putting a college degree within reach for men and women who have been called to active duty since September 11, 2001.

Each year more and more veterans benefit from this program and the Post-9/11 GI Bill combined with the continued funding increases yielded from my law will hopefully give every veteran the ability to take full advantage of all the GI bill has to offer.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ADA SUE
HINSHAW**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Ada Sue Hinshaw, who is retiring as Dean of the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS), which I am proud to have located in my Congressional district.

Dr. Hinshaw was named Dean by USUHS President Charles Rice in June 2008 and has led the School through a period of enormous change and growth. Her deanship is the capstone of a lifelong commitment to her profession, her colleagues, her patients, and the science and scholarship of nursing and health care. USUHS and her field have been transformed by her energy, wise stewardship, and insightful mentorship.

Dr. Hinshaw has numerous significant accomplishments. She developed a close working relationship with the chiefs of the Nurse Corps of the military services, which was reflected by their decision to include the dean of the GSN as a regular member of the Federal Nursing Service Chiefs. She strengthened the academic rigor of the Advanced Practice Nursing programs and skillfully managed the transi-

tion of those programs from the Master's degree to the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Dr. Hinshaw recruited key faculty members to strengthen research programs, developed a partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs in patient safety, and oversaw the successful reaccreditation of a number of GSN academic programs. She developed a highly successful model of shared governance, initiated the Behavioral Health advanced practice nursing program, and met the Air Force's need for an accession program for CRNAs. Moreover, Dr. Hinshaw closely collaborated with School of Medicine Dean Arthur Kellermann to develop an innovative inter-professional education program that will ensure that USUHS leads the health professions' integration in academic health care education and research.

Throughout her career, Dr. Hinshaw has conducted nursing research focusing on quality care, patient outcomes, measurement of such outcomes, and building positive work environments for nurses while ensuring patient safety. She has given hundreds of presentations and her findings have been widely published. In addition, she has served on numerous scientific advisory committees and task forces and has been a visiting professor at many schools of nursing.

Dr. Hinshaw has held many leadership positions during her career. She was dean/professor at the University of Michigan School of Nursing (1994–2006). She was the first permanent director of the National Center for Nursing Research and the first director of the National Institute of Nursing Research at the National Institutes of Health (1987–94). President of the American Academy of Nursing from 1991–2001, she is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies and on the Institute's Governing Council. She co-chaired a study entitled Keeping Patients Safe: Transforming the Work Environment for Nurses (2004), and served as Scholar-in-Residence at the Institute (2006–07). She also chaired the Institute of Medicine committee that examined the safety of the federal childhood immunization schedule.

The recipient of 13 honorary doctoral degrees, Dr. Hinshaw received a Ph.D. and M.A. in sociology from the University of Arizona, an M.S.N. from Yale University, and a B.S. from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Hinshaw was named a "Living Legend" in a career-capping honor at the American Academy of Nursing's 38th Annual Meeting. She has been a leader in the Academy since her induction as a Fellow in 1978 and served as President in 2001.

As Dr. Hinshaw prepares to embark on the next stage of her life, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her service to the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing. We are grateful to her for her wise counsel, scholarly contribution, and her dedication to the service of our nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, on June 20, 2014 I inadvertently voted "yea" on