

River Site in the Second Congressional District of South Carolina with Department of Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz and National Nuclear Security Administrator Frank Klotz where I appreciate their recognition of the dedicated professionals at the site promoting vital missions. Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present if the flight from Columbia had not been delayed.

Roll Number 455—H.R. 935—To amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes—“aye.”

Roll 456—H.R. 3202—Essential Transportation Worker Identification Credential Assessment Act—“aye.”

Roll 457—H.R. 3107—Homeland Security Cybersecurity Boots-on-the-Ground Act—“aye.”

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 29, 2014*

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 \$17,611,454,807,678.76. We've added \$6,984,577,758,765.68 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### HONORING VENEZUELAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEMBER AND OPPOSITION LEADER MÁRIA CORINA MACHADO

#### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 29, 2014*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an individual who, at great risk to her own life and safety, has been standing up for democracy and freedom in Venezuela. María Corina Machado, a Member of the National Assembly and a leader of the opposition, has taken a courageous stand against the repressive regime of President Nicolás Maduro, speaking out on behalf of those whose voices have been silenced by fear of arrest or violence.

Since the death of former President Hugo Chavez, the Maduro regime has maintained Venezuela on the path of suppressing democracy, silencing protest, preventing press freedom, and intimidating political opponents like Ms. Machado. In one instance, Maduro supporters physically assaulted opposition Members in the National Assembly chamber, and Ms. Machado was beaten and had her nose broken. None of the perpetrators were brought to justice.

Over the past several months, Venezuela has seen a number of mass protests by those

seeking greater democracy. These are not part of a ‘coup d’etat,’ as President Maduro has alleged, but a result of his oppressive regime. The Venezuelan people deserve the chance to build a free and democratic nation and choose their own future course, free from fear. As democracy continues to come under assault by the Maduro regime, Americans will continue to look to Venezuela with a deep concern for the safety of its people and solidarity with those seeking to restore their freedom.

Mária Corina Machado has helped draw international attention to the ongoing repression in her country, and for her work she will be honored by the International Foundation for Electoral Systems with its annual Charles T. Manatt Democracy Award on October 1. This annual award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing freedom and democratic values in their nations and around the world.

I will continue to monitor the situation in Venezuela closely, and I will continue to highlight the work of courageous pro-democracy activists like Ms. Machado, who have faced death threats and been accused of treason by the ruling regime. The United States is watching what takes place in Venezuela with great interest, and Congress will be paying particular attention to the safety and security of Ms. Machado and other opposition figures who have dared to speak out for the rights of the Venezuelan people.

I congratulate Ms. Machado on being chosen for the Charles T. Manatt Democracy Award, and I stand with her and other peaceful supporters of democratic reform as they seek to build a brighter future for all Venezuelans.

#### HONORING EMMITT AND PAT SMITH

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 29, 2014*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emmitt and Pat Smith, the recipients of the Congressional Award Foundation's 2014 Horizon Award.

The Horizon Award is bestowed upon individuals who have made a significant commitment to expanding opportunities for all Americans through personal contributions. Emmitt and Pat Smith, exemplify the virtues of integrity, respect, accountability and character embodied by this award. Through their philanthropic activities, they have inspired young people throughout North Texas to reach for their dreams and to do the seemingly impossible.

The Pat and Emmitt Smith Charities create and fund unique educational experiences and enrichment opportunities for underprivileged youth. Because of their sacrifices and humanitarian efforts, these deserving children are given the opportunity to attend the most prestigious learning institutions throughout the city of Dallas.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Emmitt and Pat Smith's selfless contributions to the City of Dallas and communities beyond. Because of their partnership,

the City of Dallas is better; our nation is better; and our future is brighter.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 29, 2014*

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, on July 28, 2014, I was unable to be present for all votes due to my attendance at a graduation ceremony at Fort Hood, TX.

If present, I would have voted accordingly on the following votes: H.R. 935, Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act—“aye”; H.R. 3202, Essential Transportation Worker Identification Credential Assessment—“aye”; and H.R. 3107, Homeland Security Cybersecurity Boots-on-the-Ground Act—“aye.”

#### HONORING BLUEGRASS COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

#### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 29, 2014*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bluegrass Community and Technical College, located in Lexington, Kentucky, on the celebration of its 75th anniversary.

Since its establishment 75 years ago, the Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) has set an example of excellence for central Kentucky and provided Kentucky's youth with strong higher education programs.

As the largest two-year institution in the State, BCTC offers daytime, evening and weekend classes at six convenient locations and online. With more than 11,500 students, BCTC has recently expanded to its third campus in Lexington—the Newtown campus—to accommodate its continued growth. The Bluegrass Community and Technical College is specifically designed to promote the advancement of academic achievements in young people. The BCTC education encourages students to achieve success at their own pace and to explore various technical programs to help further their careers.

BCTC's recent expansion is a testament to its continued success in the educational community and the positive impact it is making on students and employers across our Commonwealth. I commend BCTC for its dedication to education and community outreach, and I know that its varied educational services will continue to serve the people of our great district for years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING ISMAEL “SMILEY” CORDOVA

#### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 29, 2014*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of New Mexico resident, and businessman Ismael “Smiley” Cordova.

Ismael "Smiley" Cordova was born on May 17, 1935 in Los Chavez, New Mexico. He would go on to accomplish many things in his life, but was best known for founding Belen Consumer Finance, which he owned and managed for over 25 years, providing loan services for the citizens of Belen and its surrounding area.

When he wasn't helping locals qualify for loans at work he was contributing in other ways. Ismael proudly served in the United States Army National Guard, was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, the Valencia County Sheriff's Posse, and an avid parishioner at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church.

More than that, Ismael was a devoted husband and father. Together, Ismael and his wife Kandy made a dynamic duo full of life, knowledge and exuberant warmth to a community that they loved dearly. A savvy businessman and spirited legislator they inspired everyone who had the opportunity to share their company. Ismael loved his four beloved children whom he kept close to his heart and the family gatherings where everyone would reminisce on the amazing experiences growing up in Los Chavez.

A successful businessman, loving father and husband—Ismael was indeed a caring man of faith and courage. His character, love of family, charisma and selflessness were felt by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with family, friends and everyone who has experienced Ismael's generosity and compassion. May the memory of Ismael live on in our hearts.

#### 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF A DIVIDED CYPRUS

### HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 29, 2014*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the heels of the 40th anniversary of a divided Cyprus. A division that has left both Turkish and Greek Cypriots bogged down in an unacceptable status quo that continues to impede economic and social progress on the island. Until these differences are resolved, all Cypriots will feel the negative effects of this division and Cyprus will be unable to realize its full potential in the international community.

This past February represented a significant shift in the deadlock when both Cypriot leaders resumed long stalled negotiations and issued a joint statement outlining principles the two sides will use to work toward a reunification of Cyprus. Both sides have met regularly since this announcement and real progress is being made. That said, many controversial issues remain and the path forward will be a difficult one. This makes it even more important that the United States Congress, the Administration, the United Nations, Turkey, Greece, and other stakeholders remain engaged and continue to encourage expeditious, good faith negotiations on both sides.

I believe these negotiations represent a historic opportunity to put all Cypriots on a path to peace and prosperity. During this process, it's important that all parties remain focused on the future of Cyprus and refrain from inflammatory dialogue that only serves to derail

progress. A comprehensive settlement is within reach and I would encourage my colleagues to support this effort.

#### ALL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND INSTITUTIONS IN MOSUL, IRAQ DESTROYED BY ISIS TERRORISTS

### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 29, 2014*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following list of Christian churches and institutions in Mosul, Iraq, that have been destroyed by "Islamic State of Iraq and Syria" (ISIS) since the Islamist terrorist group captured the city on June 10. According to the Assyrian International News Agency, all of the 45 Christian sites in Mosul have been destroyed, occupied, converted to mosques, converted to ISIS headquarters or otherwise shuttered.

The following is the full list of destroyed Christian sites compiled by the Assyrian International News Agency, grouped by denomination:

#### SYRIAC CATHOLIC CHURCH

1. Syrian Catholic Diocese—Maidan Neighborhood, Mosul
2. The Old Church of the Immaculate—Maidan Neighborhood, Mosul (The church goes back to the eighth century AD)
3. The New Church of the Immaculate—Maidan Neighborhood
4. Church of Mar (Saint) Toma—Khazraj Neighborhood
5. Museum of Mar (Saint) Toma—Khazraj Neighborhood
6. Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation—Muhandiseen Neighborhood
7. Church of the Virgin of Fatima—Faisaliah Neighborhood
8. Our Lady of Deliverance Chapel—Shifaa Neighborhood
9. The House of the Young Sisters of Jesus—Ras Al-Kour Neighborhood
10. Archbishop's Palace Chapel—Dawasa Neighborhood

#### SYRIAC ORTHODOX CHURCH

1. Syrian Orthodox Archdiocese—Shurta Neighborhood
2. The Antiquarian Church of Saint Ahodeeni—Bab AlJadeed Neighborhood
3. Mar (Saint) Toma Church and cemetery, (the old Bishopric)—Khazraj Neighborhood
4. Church of The Immaculate (Castle)—Maidan Neighborhood
5. Church of The Immaculate—Shifaa Neighborhood
6. Mar (Saint) Aprim Church—Shurta Neighborhood
7. St. Joseph Church—The New Mosul Neighborhood

#### HOLY APOSTOLIC CATHOLIC ASSYRIAN CHURCH OF THE EAST

1. Diocese of the Assyrian Church of the East—Noor Neighborhood
2. Assyrian Church of the East, Dawasa Neighborhood
3. Church of the Virgin Mary (old rite)—Wihda Neighborhood

#### CHALDEAN CHURCH OF BABYLON

1. Chaldean Diocese—Shurta Neighborhood
2. Miskinta Church—Mayassa Neighborhood
3. The Antiquarian Church of Shimon alSafa—Mayassa Neighborhood
4. Church of Mar (Saint) Buthyoon—Shahar AlSouq Neighborhood

5. Church of St. Ephrem, Wady AlAin Neighborhood
6. Church of St. Paul—Majmooaa AlThaqafiya District
7. The Old Church of the Immaculate (with the bombed archdiocese)—Shifaa Neighborhood
8. Church of the Holy Spirit—Bakir Neighborhood
9. Church of the Virgin Mary—Drakziliya Neighborhood
10. Ancient Church of Saint Isaiah and Cemetery—Ras AlKour Neighborhood
11. Mother of Aid Church—Dawasa Neighborhood
12. The Antiquarian Church of St. George—Khazraj Neighborhood
13. St. George Monastery with Cemetery—Arab Neighborhood
14. Monastery of AlNasir (Victory)—Arab Neighborhood
15. Convent of the Chaldean Nuns—Mayassa Neighborhood
16. Monastery of St. Michael—Hawi Church Neighborhood
17. The Antiquarian Monastery of St. Elijah—Ghazlany Neighborhood

#### ARMENIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

1. Armenian Church—Maidan Neighborhood
2. The New Armenian Church—Wihda Neighborhood

#### EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1. Evangelical Presbyterian Church—Mayassa Neighborhood

#### LATIN CHURCH

1. Latin Church and Monastery of the Dominican Fathers and Convent of Katrina Siena Nuns—Sa'a Neighborhood
2. Convent of the Dominican Sisters—Mosul AlJadeed Neighborhood
3. Convent of the Dominican Sisters (AlKilma Monastery)—Majmooaa AlThaqafiya District
4. House of Qasada AlRasouliya (Apostolic Aim) (Institute of St John the Beloved)

#### CEMETERIES

1. Christian Cemetery in the Ekab Valley which contains a small chapel.

#### CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ELIZABETH PARKER

### HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 29, 2014*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Elizabeth Parker of Harding Township, New Jersey for her distinguished career in journalism and to congratulate her on receiving the esteemed Emma C. McKinney Award from the National Newspaper Association. Liz has been an important presence in the media for over 30 years, providing readers an insightful digest of news and thoughtful commentary that has helped shape the community.

Liz has spent much of her career with the Recorder Community Newspapers, a premier outlet for New Jersey news and opinion. There she rose to the position of Editor, where under her leadership the Recorder's reach soon extended to 17 weekly newspapers serving the diverse constituencies of Morris, Somerset, Hunterdon and Essex Counties. She now serves as Co-Publisher and Executive Editor of the New Jersey Hills Media Group.

Liz's leadership has been recognized nationally, most notably with her selection as