

the applicable mandatory standards, it was not out of compliance with any of them. It added that the Department “commits considerable resources to creating and maintaining community partnerships, and in return, enjoys equally considerable overwhelmingly positive community support and recognition.” CALEA officials involved in the formal hearing at which the Department was reaccredited were equally laudatory. Lead CALEA Commissioner Richard Myers said that he had “nothing but praise.”

As a former Alameda County prosecutor, I know Hayward faces a challenging law enforcement environment. That the Hayward Police Department is operating in such an environment makes its achievement all the more impressive.

I want to congratulate Hayward Mayor Michael Sweeney, Police Chief Urban, and the entire Hayward Police Department on its success. Keep up the good work.

THE SHOOTING AT THE FORT
HOOD ARMY BASE

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my condolences to the victims and their families of the senseless shooting at the Fort Hood Army Base, which took place on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. To date, three soldiers have died and many others were wounded in the aftermath of this grievous violence.

We must not let the untimely demises of those who have bravely served our country eclipse the noble sacrifices that they made in this life. We must commemorate and respect each of them for their many individual achievements and with hearts of love celebrate their lives.

While we are devastated by this violence, faith will console and nurture our broken hearts where reason cannot. Fort Hood and the surrounding community have endured tragedy before, and will once again rebuild and learn from this incident. Our nation will honor the fallen and continue to support our armed forces.

U.S. FOREIGN AID AND
PALESTINIAN PRISONER

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, first I would like to thank my dear friend from Florida for bringing this issue to Congress' attention. To know that the Palestinian Authority provides salaries to former prisoners of Israeli jails is alarming. To discover a Government Accountability Office report that U.S. government agencies may have inadvertently given money to these terrorist is a flagrant breach of fiduciary responsibility.

In 2011 an Israeli research institute discovered international aid to the Palestinian Authority was paying for the salaries of Palestinian terrorist once imprisoned in Israel. Docu-

ments were discovered listing prisoner's salaries as being a part of the general fund, the same general fund which is partially comprised of foreign aid.

Over the last fifteen years the U.S. government has committed around \$5 billion in bilateral assistance to Palestinians. As recent as FY2013 annual assistance to Palestine was about \$440 million.

A Palestinian Authority report shows prisoner's salaries as part of the Palestinian Authority's general salary budget which consists of civil servants and military personnel.

Former prisoners receive salaries around \$680 to \$3,400 a month. The reason for the range in salary is due to the perverse nature of this program. The more protracted the stay in an Israeli prison, the more egregious the terrorist act, the higher the monthly compensation. Since December of 2012 more than 4,500 Palestinian prisoners who serve time for terrorist related charges receive a monthly salary. This means members of Hamas and Fatah are able to subsidize their professional activities.

In addition to the monthly salaries the Palestinian Authority covers prisoner's legal fees, Israeli fines, and post-prison pensions.

A Government Accountability Office report titled, “Measures to Prevent Inadvertent Payments to Terrorists under Palestinian Aid Programs Have Been Strengthened, but Some Weaknesses Remain,” found problems with U.S. paperwork vetting financial assistance to Palestine.

GAO found U.S. sub-awards were not properly following rules requiring they follow U.S. antiterrorism statutes before issuing aid.

One such example cited was when a sub-awardee, the United Nations, was found to not properly check a list of personnel against known terrorist organizations.

The United Nations is supposed to screen all staff, contractors, and beneficiaries to ensure they have no known terrorist affiliation. It was noted that the U.N. screened all related people against a U.N. Security Council list of potential terrorist, the list did not include members of Hamas and Hezbollah, which the U.S. designated as foreign terrorist organizations. These and other missteps in choosing the appropriate venues by which to send financial aid to Palestine is why Congress should be concerned.

GAO, since the issuing of the report, has stated all recommendations have been implemented but the Palestinian Authority has not stopped subsidizing prisoner's cost of living.

In accordance with Congressman's Yoho's resolution Congress should not allow foreign aid dollars to an entity that feels it is okay to provide welfare for terrorist.

During this latest iteration of Israel-Palestinian peace negotiations, Israel has already offered up three rounds of prisoners to the Palestinian Authority. All Israel gets in return is an extended stay of Palestine at the negotiation table, nothing concrete.

Even with three rounds of prisoner releases, the Palestinian Authority begs for the worst of the worst to be sent home. Two senior prisoners Palestine is requesting to be released are Marwan Barghouti and Ahmed Saadat.

Marwan Barghouti, a senior official in the U.S. terrorist designated Fatah party is serving five life sentences for murdering Israeli citizens.

Ahmed Saadat, head another terrorist affiliated organization is serving a life sentence for the murder of an Israeli cabinet minister.

If these two prisoners are released they will enter the rolls of preceding radicals who receive a monthly pension because of their profession, killing innocent Israelis.

I beg this body to pay close attention to this issue and bring into debate the distribution of international aid to governing bodies who reward the malignant in their society.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN
GARDENS, CALIFORNIA ON
THE OCCASION OF THE CITY'S
50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF INCORPORATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Ms. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Hawaiian Gardens, and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating its residents on the city's 50th Anniversary of Incorporation. I am proud to represent this growing city as part of the 38th Congressional District of California.

The City of Hawaiian Gardens was incorporated on April 9, 1964 and earned its name from a popular fruit stand that featured bamboo stalks and palm leaves. Within the first five years, the city quickly began its rapid and continued growth.

The city's motto is “Our Youth Our Future”, which perfectly captures the ambition and dedication to improving community and living standards. Education is a priority for Hawaiian Gardens, as exemplified by its annual awards ceremony where the city provides scholarships for youth reaching for higher education. It has also made great strides through the Youth Activity League, a partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department which shows local youth a path to success through mentoring and by providing safe facilities, planned programs and the vital tools they need to thrive and succeed.

The City of Hawaiian Gardens is dedicated to its citizens, taking steps to better its transportation for the elderly and the disabled, maintaining an impressive public library, and offering child care services as well as a food bank. Its population of over 16,000 residents has been steadily increasing in recent years and is projected to continue to grow.

The city's forward focus has been evident through its prudent financial planning, which has resulted in the saving of over \$13 million dollars. The city continues to make great leaps in regards to human services and has been recognized by First Lady Michelle Obama for its activism in fighting childhood obesity. Investment in youth is an investment in the future, one that is opportune and bright for the city of Hawaiian Gardens.

The city will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary of Incorporation with a weekend of festivities which will include a parade and a carnival. As the city commemorates this occasion, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the city and residents of Hawaiian Gardens as they celebrate the past and focus on a prosperous future.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, each year, March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure the contributions of American women will be recognized and celebrated in schools, workplaces, and communities throughout the country.

Uplifting women of character, courage and those who have made a lifelong commitment to serve should be acknowledged and honored. Throughout history, women are found on the forefront of leadership when dealing with troubling issues inflicting our great country. Currently, women face a pay gap in almost every occupation. Women are often paid less than men in female-dominated and gender-balanced professions. This is awful and we must work to make a change! We shouldn't have to explain this disparity to our daughters or nieces, should they have their true worth and value diminished. We must stand together and fight against the inequality; no one should be valued as superior over another. We must continue to work and end the injustice now.

As we embark on the journey of equal rights for all women, let us acknowledge and be conscious of those remarkable and unforgettable leaders who struggled for equality before us—Susan B. Anthony, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and many more. As we champion this year's theme, "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage and Commitment," we reflect on those women, and how they can be an inspiration to us as we continue to push forward for equality. It would be my pleasure to recognize these women from my district who has done outstanding work, your efforts does not go unnoticed and continue to be great. When Women Succeed, America Succeeds.

OUR SALUTE TO WOMEN OF THE 5TH DISTRICT
OF FLORIDA

Thank you for your service and contributions to our community.

The Hon. Mabel Butler: Orange County Commissioner, 1st African American to serve; elected in 1984 for 8 years.

The Hon. Daisy Lynum: City of Orlando Commissioner of District 5 elected in 1998 retiring in 2014.

The Hon. Mildred Dixon (Deceased): City of Winter Garden Commissioner, 1st African American and woman to serve on the city commission elected in 1985 and serving 7 terms, three of which she was unopposed.

The Hon. Yvonne Scarlett-Golden (Deceased): First African American Mayor of Daytona Beach, FL (elected in 2003 and 2005).

The Hon. Linda Chapin: Orange County Chairperson (now known as Mayor) of County Commissioners from 1990–1998.

Dr. Barbara Jenkins: Superintendent of Orange County Public Schools named in 2012. Was former Deputy Superintendent, Chief of Staff and Senior Director for Elementary Education for Orange County Public Schools

The Hon. Kat Gordon: School Board Member of Orange County Public Schools elected in 2000, served as Vice-Chair in 2013. Has been a librarian and counselor for 25 years in Orange County.

Thelma Dudley (Deceased): Retired as an Adjunct Professor at UCF and working with Teacher Education for America's Minorities

program recruiting and helping black students become teachers. However, she began her career as a teacher at a then all-black high school, Jones High School, teaching there for 25 years.

Susie Boatman Forehand, RN: Former Nursing Professor at Valencia College who retired after 35 years.

Dr. Felicia Williams: President of West Campus of Valencia College. She was former Assistant Vice President of Workforce Development at Valencia and has worked for 13 years as an adjunct professor that led a team to create the college's first bachelor degrees.

Val Demings: Former Police Chief of the Orlando Police Department from 2007 to 2011 until her retirement. She was the first female to hold the position.

Natalie Jackson, Esq.: Founder of Women's Trial Group, and lawyer for the Family of Trayvon Martin.

Kelda Senior: Public Communications Office for City of Mount Dora since 2012 and former Staff Assistant for United States Senate.

Jean Butler: Founder of JCB Construction established in 1987. A leading minority firm in Central FL for site development and construction management services.

Lynn Mims: Founder of Mims Construction established in 1989 and ranked as one of the top ten concrete and masonry service providers in central Florida. Minority owned and operated

Carolyn Fennell: Director of Public Affairs for the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority that oversees the airport and general aviation Orlando Executive Airport. She is the 1st female director and 1st female to hold the position of Director of Community Relations, Marketing and Public Affairs

Jennie Joseph: Owner and Clinical Director of The Birth Place Birthing Center, a full-service midwifery clinic. Designed and developed unique model of care to address inequities in health care service and delivery for minorities.

Mercedes Clark (Deceased): Nurse at Orange Memorial Hospital and Winter Park Memorial Hospital. The 1st African American female to be the Director of Orange County Health Department in Orlando, Florida. At the time of her retirement, she worked as a Nursing Care Coordinator at Orlando Veteran Administration Outpatient Clinic.

Erica Dunlap: American Beauty Pageant titleholder who earned title of Miss Florida 2003 (the 1st African American) and subsequently crowned Miss America 2004.

Stephanie Henry: Founder and CEO Step by Step Expressions, Married to Mayor of Daytona Beach, FL., Derrick Henry

Tameka Gaines Holly, MPH: Community Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

HONORING BILL CRONK

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Henry County Commissioner Bill Cronk, who is retiring after three decades of public service.

After first being elected as County Commissioner in 1987, Bill Cronk went on to serve five nonconsecutive terms in that position. Bill became a community leader in Henry County, working tirelessly to address the concerns of those he served. He also mentored and befriended countless public officials and commu-

nity members. Even during a brief hiatus from his work as commissioner, Bill continued serving Henry County as the head crew chief for the Henry County surveyor.

During his time as commissioner, Bill was a key figure in the forming of the solid waste district that continues to serve the county, and in the opening of the Henry County Youth Center. He was also instrumental in bringing Ivy Tech to New Castle. Bill's commitment to his community and to improving the lives of his constituents is an example of public service to which we can all aspire.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in honoring Bill Cronk for a long and distinguished career dedicated to serving the people of Henry County. I have no doubt that Bill will bring the same dedication and enthusiasm to the next chapter of his life as he did in the previous one.

HONORING ROBERT GABLE

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frankfort resident Robert Gable, who celebrated his 80th birthday on February 20.

Bob Gable is an important part of the foundation of the modern Republican Party in Kentucky. The one-time Kentucky Commissioner of Parks became the Republican nominee for Governor of Kentucky in 1975 and ran on a platform that largely continues to be relevant today—competitive rates of taxation, repeal of the death tax, protecting Kentucky's natural beauty and the Red River Gorge, and even advocating zero-based budgeting.

Bob did not win that race, but he continued to be a leader of the Republican Party in Kentucky serving as chairman and continuing to be sought out for advice and council by candidates. I was very fortunate and honored that Bob was one of the first to endorse my original candidacy in 2009. On behalf of Kentucky Sixth Congressional District, I would like to wish Mr. Gable a very happy 80th birthday and many more years to come.

PARK CENTER GIRLS' BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Park Center Girls' Basketball team for winning the Minnesota State High School Championship, the first title for any sport in their school's history. While any championship season is going to have its trials and tribulations along the way, many do not include the obstacles that Park Center had to overcome in their championship game.

The triple overtime victory for the Pirates did not come easy. Park Center came back from a nine point deficit and relied on a Danielle Schaub buzzer-beater to tie the game up at the end of regulation. At the end of the game, because of foul trouble, Park Center did not have a player older than a sophomore on the floor.