

that they enter into. The GSEs, in turn, make decisions about their investments based on whether these investments would be eligible for such housing goals credit.

In 2007, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac invested in a \$22 billion commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) transaction that contained the debt on the Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village project. The deal was one of the largest CMBS deals ever; Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's participation as senior debt holders of \$3 billion was critical.

At the time of the deal it was clear that the Stuyvesant Town property was overleveraged—the debt on the property was larger than the rental income it was receiving. After the transaction closed, over the course of several years, the new owners of the property engaged in aggressive tactics to convert affordable units to market rate so that they could increase their rental income—yet the GSEs received affordable housing goals credit for this investment. The investment on the part of the GSEs secured completion of the deal and the GSEs were incentivized to make it because of the housing goals credit they received.

The GSEs should be incentivized to invest in projects that actually do increase or preserve affordable housing. That is what my bill will do. It will require the Federal Housing Finance Agency to rewrite its rules for distributing housing goals credit so that Freddie and Fannie cannot receive credit for investments like the one they made in the Stuyvesant Town project. It would also require the GSEs to use the same underwriting standards for investments in the secondary market that they do for their direct investments which are much stricter. That way, the GSEs won't invest in the secondary market in projects where the rental income is insufficient to cover the payments on the debt on the property.

Mr. Speaker, this bill addresses a critical component of GSE decision-making when it comes to their investments: whether or not they will receive housing goals credit. It does not prohibit them from making investments, it merely says that if those investments do not lead to an increase or a preservation of affordable housing, the GSEs cannot receive credit for them.

CONGRATULATING SARCOXIE HIGH SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sarcoxie High School Archery Team for winning their second state championship in a row. Sarcoxie started their archery program last year, winning a state championship their first year in existence. As a team, this year they shot a score of 3396, breaking the record they set last year by 57 points.

Sarcoxie's archery team competed against 81 other schools. They competed in a field of over 1,300 archers with 51,000 arrows shot during the competition. Sarcoxie is a Class 2 school that competes in the high school division against all high schools in Missouri, regardless of size or enrollment.

I would also like to recognize the individual performances by Hunter Berry, Brice Dobbs

and Ariana Goddard. Hunter broke the Missouri all-time high male score with 296 points. Brice finished 5th in the high school male division with a score of 287 and Ariana finished 3rd in the female division with 286 points.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the team's head coach, Kaycia Woolsey, the assistant coach, David Woolsey, and athletic director, Jeff Kabance for their dedication and leadership.

I am honored to recognize the Sarcoxie High School Archery Team for winning their second straight state championship.

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA FAMILY SERVICE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th anniversary of Northern Virginia Family Service and to commend the 2014 Community Champion and Legends of Northern Virginia honorees. Since its founding by community volunteers in 1924, NVFS has addressed the growing needs of communities throughout our region. NVFS works to improve the lives of its clients through a variety of programs in five mission initiatives: housing, child and family enrichment, health access, emergency assistance, and workforce development. Today, more than 36,000 individuals and families receive assistance each year.

In 2013, NVFS led a coalition of nonprofits that trained volunteers to help the public learn about and sign up for health insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act. In just a few months, these volunteers held more than 2000 enrollment sessions with clients.

The Community Champion Award is a recognition given each year to someone who has made immeasurable contributions to children and families in Northern Virginia. This year, this award will be presented to Lauren E. Peterson. Following her family's philosophy of giving back to the communities in which it lives and works, Ms. Peterson has consistently been involved with major charities in the Washington Metropolitan area. She was a Member of the Northern Virginia Family Service Board of Directors for 12 years. Her current charitable activities include: Vice Chair, Life with Cancer Board; Secretary, Washington International Horse Show; Board Member, Teach for America; Board member, Charity Works; Board Member, Inova Foundation; Committee Member, Inova Cancer Services; and Committee Member, Rainbow Therapeutic Riding.

Sidney O. Dewberry will be honored as a Legend of Northern Virginia for decades of leadership in commercial, civic, charitable, and academic endeavors in the Washington D.C. region. In 1956, Mr. Dewberry founded a planning, engineering, and surveying firm that bears his name and is widely known as an industry leader in the greater Washington metropolitan area. He is a founding member and former chairman of the Engineers & Surveyors Institute, and the George Mason University Urban Systems Engineering Institute, now known as the Civil Engineering Institute. He is Rector Emeritus of the George Mason University Board of Visitors, a past member of the

Governor's Commission for the Future of Higher Education in Virginia, a member of the Virginia Business-Higher Education Council and former Trustee of the George Mason University Foundation. His leadership activities also include having served on the board of The Greater Washington Board of Trade, as chairman of the Governor's Regional Economic Development Advisory Council for Northern Virginia, as a director of the Air & Space Heritage Council, member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, chairman of the Arlington County, Virginia, Planning Commission and chairman of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Engineering Standards Review Committee. For his service, he has received numerous accolades, including the George Mason University Mason Medal and "Northern Virginian of the Year" by New Dominion magazine.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending NVFS for 90 years of service to our region's most vulnerable families and congratulating this year's deserving honorees. I also thank the staff, volunteers, sponsors, and community partners for their dedication and ongoing support of NVFS.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES AND SUPPORT FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE HISTORIC FLOODING IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution to express condolences and support for assistance to the victims of the historic flooding in the Western Balkans, which began on May 13, 2014. The record rainfall caused widespread flooding in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, and the Republic of Serbia, leading to thousands of landslides, massive destruction, and loss of life.

To date, the flooding has claimed over 40 lives and impacted over 500,000 people across the region, particularly in western Serbia and eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina. The equivalent of three months of rain fell during the course of three days, making this the worst flooding event seen in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina since recordkeeping began 120 years ago. Tens of thousands across the region remain displaced or homeless and, according to the Red Cross, many lack access to clean water and electricity.

The Bosnian Foreign Ministry has reported that the flooding has rendered 100,000 buildings unusable, and that 500,000 people have evacuated or fled their homes amidst the ongoing state of emergency.

On May 27, 2014, the Government of Serbia declared three days of national mourning, having described the situation in the country as "catastrophic." It estimates that at least 25,000 people have evacuated, particularly in the town and municipality of Obrenovac, and that the flooding has caused over 100,000,000 Euros (\$140,000,000) in damage to the Kolubara coal mine that supplies the Kostolac power plant. Efforts continue to protect the

Kostolac power plant and the Nikola Tesla power plant, which provides half of the nation's electricity, from the waters of the overflooded Sava River.

Furthermore, an estimated 100,000 landmines remaining from the Balkan conflicts of the 1990s have been lost or dislodged due to landslides, causing great concern for public safety.

In response, the United States Government has provided assistance through the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) to the Serbian Red Cross, as well as from the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. Additionally, U.S. Embassy funds have been used to purchase sandbags and other material assistance, with Embassy volunteers dedicating their time to filling hundreds of sandbags in suburbs threatened by Sava River flooding. The United States Government has further provided OFDA assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as boats, food, and supplies through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and Department of Defense.

Mr. Speaker, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, and the Republic of Serbia share an increasing commitment to core democratic values, reconciliation, and European integration. The United States expresses deep sympathy to all those affected by the flooding in the Western Balkans for the terrible loss of life and massive destruction, as well as a continued desire to provide essential assistance along with that of other nations and organizations to help their countries recover from this tragedy.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION: TO MAKE PERMANENT THE STATE AND LOCAL SALES TAX DEDUCTION

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce my bill to make the state and local sales tax deduction permanent. Simply put this is a matter of fairness. The families of Tennessee shouldn't pay more in federal taxes because our state chooses to have a sales tax instead of an income tax. This is just not equitable. By making this deduction permanent we can bring certainty to families in Tennessee, bring certainty to the tax code, and give families the time they need to plan their budgets.

Mr. Speaker, in 2011, over 556,000 Tennessee filers claimed the deduction for state and local sales tax and reduced their taxable income by \$1.23 billion. These families deserve fair treatment and certainty in the tax code.

My legislation will give these families the fair treatment they deserve, by making the state and local sales tax deductions a permanent part of the federal tax code.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House to support me in passing my legislation to make permanent the state and local sales tax deductions in order to ensure American families are treated fairly by the tax code.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT KEININGHAM

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor retired United States Marine Corps Corporal and United States Air Force (USAF) Master Sergeant Jack Keiningham who passed away on September 30, 2007.

Master Sergeant Keiningham knew from an early age that he wanted to join the military and serve our country. On July 2, 1942, he enlisted and served in F Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Division, where he was quickly promoted to the rank of Corporal.

Master Sergeant Keiningham courageously fought and served our nation during World War II, where he was wounded in the Battle of Saipan. During his service, he was highly awarded and decorated with the Navy Cross, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Navy Presidential Unit Citation with Two Stars, Marine Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Marine Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with Three Stars, and the Marine WWII Victory Medal for his bravery in the call of duty.

After an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps due to the injuries he received during the Battle of Saipan, he enlisted in the United States Air Force (USAF) where he earned the rank of Technical Sergeant. While in the Air Force, he was awarded the USAF Outstanding Unit Ribbon, two USAF Good Conduct Medals, the Vietnam Service Medal, the USAF Longevity Service Ribbon with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, and the USAF Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon.

After retiring from active duty, he continued his service in the Air Force Reserve as a Technical Sergeant and retired with the rank of Master Sergeant. On September 30, 2007, Master Sergeant Jack Keiningham was laid to rest. He will forever be remembered as an American hero who dedicated his life in service to our country.

America thanks him and his family for their service and sacrifice for our country.

As I close, I ask everyone to continue praying for our country during these difficult times and for our military men and women who protect us from external threats and our first responders who protect us from internal threats right here at home.

God bless our military men and women, and God bless the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would have voted on the following votes had I been in attendance, on H.R. 4660, Commerce Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.

Yes—Amendment 738 by Rep. James Moran (A049) to strike sections 528 and 529 which prohibit the use of funds to be used to transfer or release any detainee who is or was

held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba or construct any facility in the U.S. to house any detainee held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Roll No. 254
No—Amendment 742 by Rep. Blackburn (A053) to reduce by 1 percent each amount made available by the bill, except funding for the FBI, fees and expenses for witnesses, public safety officer benefits, and the US Trustee System Fund. Roll No. 255

No—Amendment 744 by Rep. Blackburn (A055) to prohibit the use of funds for operation, renovation, or construction at Thomson Correctional Facility in Illinois. Roll No. 256

Yes—Amendment 745 by Rep. Bonamici (A056) to prohibit the use of funds to prevent a State from implementing its own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of industrial hemp, as defined in section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014. Roll No. 257

Yes—Amendment 748 by Rep. Rohrabacher (A059) to prohibit the use of funds to prevent certain States from implementing their own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of medical marijuana. Roll No. 258

No—Amendment 750 by Rep. George Holding (A061) to prohibit the use of funds to transfer or temporarily assign employees to the Office of the Pardon Attorney for the purpose of screening clemency applications. Roll No. 259

Yes—Amendment 754 by Rep. Massie (A065) to prohibit the use of funds in contravention of section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 by the Department of Justice of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Roll No. 260

No—Amendment 756 by Rep. Southerland (A067) to prohibit the use of funds to develop, approve, or implement a new limited access privilege program that are not already developed, approved, or implemented for any fishery under the jurisdiction of the South Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, New England, or Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. Roll No. 261

Yes—Amendment 759 by Ellison (A070) to prohibit use of funds to enter into a contract with any person whose disclosures of a proceeding with a disposition outlined in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System include the term "Fair Labor Standards Act". Roll No. 262

Yes—Amendment 763 by Grayson (A074) to prohibit the use of funds to compel a journalist or a reporter to testify about information or sources that the journalist or reporter states in a motion to quash the subpoena that he has obtained as a journalist or reporter and that he regards as confidential. Roll No. 263

No—Amendment 767 by Rep. Duffy (A078) to prohibit the use of funds to relinquish the responsibility of the NTIA with respect to Internet domain name system functions, including responsibility with respect to the authoritative root zone file and the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority functions. Roll No. 264

No—Amendment 768 by Rep. Garrett (A079) to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Justice to enforce the Fair Housing Act in a manner that relies upon an allegation of liability under C.F.R. 100.500. Roll No. 265

No—Amendment 770 by Rep. Steve King (A081) to prohibit use of funds in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373(a)). Roll No. 266