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It is a privilege to recognize Mr. McKenzie for his demonstrated excellence in education, and I thank him for his commitment to the students of Central Florida.

#### HONORING THE MANOR CLUB ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, for 100 years The Manor Club in Pelham Manor, has fostered friendship among women in Pelham and its surrounding communities. Originally formed as a men's social club in 1882, The Manor Club has since become a women's club and is now the oldest one in Westchester County.

When new members enter the front door, they are not welcomed by strangers, but by women who will become their friends.

The spirit of friendship is at the core of The Manor Club's mission. The Manor Club has over 300 members from all walks of life, and prides itself as a place where new friendships are formed, and old ones are renewed.

The Manor Club has hosted many famous artists, writers, political leaders and leading experts in their respective fields to present their work at The Manor Club. Many of the Club's programs are open to the public.

The Manor Club is truly a venue for all. I congratulate them on their 100 years of friendship and service in the Pelham Manor community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Manor Club of Pelham Manor for their legacy of camaraderie, and their many contributions to their members and community.

#### TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4745) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development,

and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to the House FY15 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill. Today's bill lands with the same sound as its abbreviation . . . THUD.

While I appreciate the hard work of Chairman LATHAM, Ranking Member PASTOR, and their dedicated Appropriations staff, our insufficient 302(b) allocation, made worse with lower than expected FHA and Ginnie Mae receipts, makes this bill's funding levels unacceptable. Simply put, the House bill would make sustaining and improving our nation's infrastructure impossible, a task made more difficult by years and years of deferred maintenance.

On the transportation side, the bill makes deep cuts to the capital programs and job creating infrastructure investments. Amtrak is cut by \$200 million despite record ridership; the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts program is cut by \$252 million, stifling the shovel-ready projects; and the TIGER program is cut by more than 80 percent, despite the program's popularity and success at advancing critical surface transportation projects across the country, with thousands of meritorious proposals still unfunded. And, once again, the bill includes no funding for progress towards a high speed rail system.

Funding for community development and housing safety-net programs is even worse. The bill would cut funding for the HOME program by 30 percent to \$700 million, the lowest level in the program's history. The bill would also limit the ability for our country to maintain and improve our nation's public housing stock by funding the Public Housing Capital Fund below the sequester level and would only provide a paltry \$25 million for the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, the successor program of Hope VI program and our only comprehensive public housing revitalization program.

Additionally, the bill would force public housing agencies to turn needy families away from shelter by significantly underfunding the administrative fees needed to run the housing voucher program, the best hope of thousands of America's poorest families for safe and decent housing.

Another program that provides housing to vulnerable Americans in my district and many others is the Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. Despite benefiting from an amendment in the Appropriations Committee, the bill before us today would cut HOPWA by more than \$24 million below last year's funding level.

Perhaps the most disappointing and regrettable fact about this bill is that the cuts it imposes could have been avoided, had the Republican leadership understood that we cannot cut our way into fiscal balance. House leaders could reconsider their refusal to talk with the President and work with him to address the real drivers of the deficit—tax expenditures and mandatory spending. Instead, they have again and again slashed critical domestic investments.

We must rid ourselves of unworkable budget caps and sequestration, lifting the drag they represent on our economy and the mockery they make of the appropriations process. The bill before us today is Exhibit A of this travesty, and I urge my colleagues to raise their voices and their votes against it.

#### REMEMBERING NORTH CAROLINA SENATOR HARRIS BLAKE

**HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2014*

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to learn yesterday of the passing of former North Carolina State Senator Harris Blake. Sen. Blake served the people of Moore, Lee and Harnett Counties with honor and distinction for 10 years before being elected to the position of deputy president pro tempore for his final term in the North Carolina Senate. He was a loyal public servant who served in three different levels of government during his career, including the federal, state and local levels.

Harris was a friend to me during my early years in office, always willing to lend a helping hand or pass along knowledge about the counties we served. He was awarded the Order of the Longleaf Pine by Governor Pat McCrory in 2013—North Carolina's highest honor for those who have gone above and beyond in public service. Sen. Blake was a loving father, an honorable statesman and a trustworthy friend. We were fortunate to have him as a leader of our great state and the voice for Moore, Lee and Harnett Counties.

#### HONORING ELAINE KATZ

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, communities are built on the strength of its people and its institutions. Riverdale is such a strong community because of the service and dedication of residents like Elaine Katz. Elaine is a quintessential member of the community who should serve as a role model for us all.

The Riverdale community has enjoyed the gift of Elaine's service since she moved there 15 years ago. Her commitment to the Riverdale Temple is particularly noteworthy. Elaine strives to place the needs of others before her own, and often shies away from the spotlight. Instead, she chooses to be a guiding light for others. Her wisdom and foresight have enriched the Riverdale Temple in numerous ways.

Elaine is a member of the Board of Trustees and Assistant Financial Secretary. She's organized many outreach community programs for the Riverdale Temple, and serves as President of the Women of Reform Judaism.

Elaine's service to the community extends beyond the Bronx borders. She currently serves as the Vice President of the Lower Eastside Service Center in Manhattan, a nonprofit organization that assists New Yorkers with mental health and chemical dependency issues. Elaine's commitment to the Lower Eastside Service Center began over 29 years ago.

She is blessed with four loving grandchildren and three children. Elaine was married for 54 years before her husband passed away.

The Riverdale Temple is honoring Elaine Katz at their Student Sponsorship Breakfast. It

is my pleasure to congratulate her on her recognition at the event. Both the Riverdale community and I appreciate her exemplary service. The Riverdale community and the lives of the people she has touched would not be the same without her selfless devotion.

RECOGNITION OF "LETTERS  
ABOUT LITERATURE" WINNER

**HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2014*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Prakviti Mehta, an outstanding student and constituent from Memphis, Tennessee. Miss Mehta was selected as a winner of "Letters About Literature" for her composition written in response to Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr.

I commend Miss Mehta for her academic achievement and commitment to high standards. The "Letters About Literature" program is a nationwide competition sponsored by the Library of Congress that challenges students in grades 4–12 to write to the author of a poem, book, or speech. The competition is judged by a panel of authors, editors, publishers, librarians, teachers and state officials.

On behalf of Tennessee's 8th Congressional District, I congratulate Miss Mehta and wish her the best of luck for all future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LIEUTENANT  
COLONEL VICTOR STREIT

**HON. PATRICK MURPHY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2014*

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Lieutenant Colonel Victor Streit who passed away on April 22, 2014. He was a Blue Diamond Veteran who served 13 years in the United States Marine Corps.

Lt. Col. Streit joined the Marine Corps in 1937 while still in college. In August of 1940 he was commissioned as an officer. He served with the First Marine Division throughout the Pacific during World War II. When he was stationed on Wallis Island he was the only soldier in his unit who could speak French, so he played a vital role in the transfer of power between Vichy and Free French authorities who held the Island. During his service Lt. Col. Streit was stationed in Pearl Harbor, Guantanamo Bay, Fort Benning, and Camp Lejeune and deployed to Wallis Island, Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester, and Peleliu. He retired in 1949 receiving a citation from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, a WWII Victory Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Upon his retirement from the Corps, he worked as an administrator at Jonas Salk Junior High School in Levittown, New York. His devotion to education led him to help found Wesley College, a secondary school in St. George's Grenada, W.I. In addition to his work in Public Education, he was also extremely in-

involved with the missionary work of his church. He moved to Tequesta, Florida in 1983 and then to Jupiter in 2012 where he had been an active member of the Treasure Coast community as well as the Military Officers Association of America Palm Beach/Martin County Chapter. He is survived by his wife, Mary, four sons, his daughter, and his ten grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Lt. Col. Streit dedicated his life to this country. It is truly humbling to recognize his life and his great service to our country here today.

HONORING TEMPLE ISRAEL OF  
NEW ROCHELLE

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, New Rochelle, a community in my Congressional district, celebrates a wonderful blend of cultures. It is a symbol of our nation's cultural past and bright future, a nation that when united we can overcome incredible challenges in the service of others. However, such a future would not be possible without the support of religious institutions which work tirelessly in the service of individuals who experience hardships, and to bridge the divides that sometimes exist within our communities.

Temple Israel of New Rochelle lives by the motto, "Building our home, together," and it is clear the community embodies this notion. Temple Israel is at the forefront of the New Rochelle community. Its proud tradition of unifying many people of various backgrounds, working together to develop an inclusive environment, is their hallmark.

Temple Israel draws upon the faith and leadership of its clergy to support civil rights causes and fundraise for those in need, while also helping families within the community who are experiencing difficulties. Temple Israel is a congregation that relishes the opportunity to serve. Temple Israel of New Rochelle recognizes the broad spectrum of beliefs, ideals and cultures within our community, by celebrating this diversity within the programs it runs to aid our community. The synagogue recognizes a comprehensive understanding of beliefs, customs and traditions within Reform Judaism. This shared approach, of social and religious inclusion, ensures that Temple Israel remains a leader within our municipality, proactively working to unite the community, searching for our commonalities, rather than our differences.

Leading by example is central to Temple Israel, whose early childhood and adult education programs have led the way for the growth and development of our youth, and created further opportunities for members of the community to deepen their understanding of faith. These programs are crucial to providing a safe and secure environment in our communities.

I commend Temple Israel of New Rochelle, Rabbi Scott Weiner, the Temple Israel leadership and its members for their service to the community and legacy of religious inclusion. Together, they are the deserving recipients of Mary Lou McNaney Founder's Award from Hope Community Services.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2014*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent the week of May 27, 2014. If I were present, I would have voted on the following: rollcall vote No. 241: H. Res. 599—"yea"; rollcall vote No. 242: H.R. 503—"yea"; rollcall vote No. 243: Pompeo Amendment—"no"; rollcall vote No. 244: McNerney Amendment—"aye"; rollcall vote No. 245: Bridenstine Amendment—"aye"; rollcall vote No. 246: King (IA) Amendment—"no"; rollcall vote No. 247: Cohen Amendment No. 1—"no"; rollcall vote No. 248: Cohen Amendment No. 2—"no"; rollcall vote No. 249: Thompson (CA) Amendment—"aye"; rollcall vote No. 250: Polis Amendment—"no."

Rollcall vote No. 251: Cicilline Amendment—"aye"; rollcall vote No. 252: Smith (TX) Amendment—"no"; rollcall vote No. 253: Austin Scott Amendment—"no"; rollcall vote No. 254: Moran Amendment—"yes"; rollcall vote No. 255: Blackburn Amendment No. 14—"no"; rollcall vote No. 256: Blackburn Amendment No. 15—"no"; rollcall vote No. 257: Bonamici Amendment—"aye"; rollcall vote No. 258: Rohrabacher Amendment—"aye"; rollcall vote No. 259: Holding Amendment—"no"; rollcall vote No. 260: Massie Amendment—"aye."

Rollcall vote No. 261: Southerland Amendment—"aye"; rollcall vote No. 262: Ellison Amendment—"aye"; rollcall vote No. 263: Grayson Amendment—"aye"; rollcall vote No. 264: Duffy Amendment—"no"; rollcall vote No. 265: Garrett Amendment—"no"; rollcall vote No. 266: King (IA) Amendment—"no"; rollcall vote No. 267: Meadows Amendment—"no"; rollcall vote No. 268: Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 4660—"aye"; rollcall vote No. 269: Final Passage of H.R. 4660—"yea"; rollcall vote No. 270: Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 4681—"yea"; rollcall vote No. 271: Passage of H.R. 4681—"aye."

INTRODUCTION OF A HOUSE RESOLUTION DISAGREEING WITH THE  
ADMINISTRATION'S POSTSECONDARY  
INSTITUTION RATINGS  
SYSTEM

**HON. BOB GOODLATTE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2014*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, the diversity within our Nation's postsecondary education system is the envy of the world. Colleges and universities across the United States of America are preparing individuals to become doctors, teachers, scientists, counselors, entrepreneurs, artists, musicians, and hundreds of other occupations. While each student chooses a specific field of study, there is no doubt that postsecondary education has many benefits outside of training in a specified field. Institutions are cultivating individuals who are civically engaged and who are going into public service, the military, ministry, non-profit work, or are staying at home to care for family. We cannot measure the benefits associated with these types of life-long lessons, and