

# HONORING THE STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

## HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and its volunteers before the United States House of Representatives. This group was awarded the Auxiliary of the Year Award by the Missouri Hospital Association at the MHA Annual Conference this year.

These selfless individuals have accumulated over 15,000 volunteer hours this year, with over 11,000 hours in hospitals and over 3,500 hours volunteering in the community. This auxiliary of more than 90 volunteers has also donated more than \$58,000 to the hospital, resulting in seven new hospital beds for their patients. The auxiliary provides services to the community through community health education projects and scholarships to students pursuing health careers.

It is my pleasure to recognize these generous individuals before the United States House of Representatives.

# KNOXVILLE NEWS SENTINEL ARTICLE BY FRANK CAGLE—RUMORS OF THE GOP'S DEATH EXAGGERATED

## HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2015*

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, almost every week, Frank Cagle writes a thoughtful, intelligent, even courageous column for the Knoxville News Sentinel.

In his column of December 2nd, he wrote: "Some of us don't think it's a bad thing that people who are here illegally and are not citizens cannot vote."

I admire Frank Cagle for his willingness to speak out on matters of national importance, and I would like to call to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers this and other columns he has written for the Knoxville News Sentinel.

# RUMORS OF THE GOP'S DEATH EXAGGERATED

Last week Hillary Clinton announced she would no longer use the term "illegal immigrants." I can understand a Clinton's aversion to the word illegal, but it will be hard for a president to get control of the border if she doesn't recognize that unauthorized entry into the country is against the law. During the Democratic debate she refused to say the words "Islamic terrorism." It's hard to see how a commander in chief can win a war against our enemies when she's too timid to call them what they are.

I spent Thanksgiving with a houseful of young adults. They are all voting for Bernie Sanders in the primary. What do they do in the general when Clinton is the Democratic nominee? I suspect they will stay home. If the Democrats think they will turn out the young people who voted for President Barack Obama to vote for Hillary, they are delusional.

I keep reading about how the Republicans are doomed. Republicans can't govern. De-

mographics will make the Republicans a minority party in the future.

Did you notice the recent election in Kentucky? Obama has done to the Kentucky Democratic Party what he has done to the Tennessee Democratic Party—damaged it almost beyond repair. A tea party guy, behind in all the polls, defeated a popular Democrat by 10 points. And Democrats down ballot got hammered. Tennessee Republicans have a supermajority in the Legislature, the governor, two U.S. Senators and seven of nine Congressmen.

Tennessee and Kentucky are not alone. Since Obama has been president, the Democrats have lost over 900 seats in state legislatures, 11 governorships, 13 Senate seats and 69 House seats. Tell me again about the demise of the Republican Party.

Democrats believe that if the Republicans nominate Donald Trump, then Clinton is the next president. Why? Who is closer to the majority opinion of the American people? Trump's bellicosity on immigrants, his anti-Muslim rants and calling for bombing the (you know what) out of ISIS? Or Clinton, who can't bring herself to even identify the perpetrators?

The dire predictions about the Republicans becoming a minority party because of the growing Hispanic vote? If you don't grant amnesty and make all illegal immigrants citizens, they can't vote. Some of us don't think it's a bad thing that people who are here illegally and are not citizens cannot vote.

Go down to the courthouse sometime and watch legal immigrants being sworn in as citizens. Talk to them about the hoops they jumped through in order to become a citizen. Then ask them how they feel about people who want to jump the line.

Americans are tired of political correctness. In the words of the crazy anchor from the movie "Network," they are mad as hell and they aren't going to take it anymore. It's the kind of attitude that fuels the Trump phenomenon. With the fading of Jeb Bush, the establishment seems to be turning to Marco Rubio to stop Trump. The author of an amnesty bill.

Good luck with that.

# HONORING DR. BRAD DREXLER, M.D.

## HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2015*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Brad Drexler for his leadership, commitment and determination over a decade to update the Geographic Practice Cost Index (GPCI) system in California and abolish the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR).

Medicare's GPCI system pays physicians based on the cost of providing care in their geographic region. However, since 1997, the Medicare geographic payment localities have not been updated, leading many Sonoma County physicians to be underpaid. This problem was exacerbated by concurrent flaws in the SGR.

Since 2000, Dr. Drexler has been a tireless advocate for GPCI and SGR reforms. His proposed changes would update payment localities for physicians, and improve access to high-quality care for all Sonoma County residents. Dr. Drexler led a nationwide letter campaign, encouraging Congress to consider

funding the proposed changes while writing articles to keep peers informed of his efforts. Those efforts ultimately paid off, as the geographic payment system has been updated and the SGR has been eliminated. Dr. Drexler was essential to that progress.

Leading by example, Dr. Drexler has been active in the Sonoma County Medical Association (SCMA) and the California Medical Association (CMA) for 29 years. He has served as chair of the government relations committee, as a member of the board of directors at the SCMA, and as a delegate to the CMA. As a civic role model, philanthropist, political activist, and medical professional, Dr. Drexler's work has placed health care for all Sonoma County residents in safe hands.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge Dr. Brad Drexler for his extraordinary work.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. MARK TAKAI

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2015*

Mr. TAKAI. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 1, I was absent from the House due to illness. Due to my absence, I am not recorded on any legislative measures for the day. I would like to reflect how I would have voted had I been present for legislative business.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 646, the previous question providing for consideration of the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015.

I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 647, the rule providing for consideration of the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 648, the Breast Cancer Research Stamp Reauthorization Act.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 649, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.

I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 650, final passage of Senate Joint Resolution 24.

I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 650, final passage of Senate Joint Resolution 23.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 651, the motion to go to conference on the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015.

# OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

## HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2015*

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 \$18,827,322,966,908.80. We've added \$8,200,445,917,995.72 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO THE PASSING OF NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ACTIVIST RON SCOTT

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2015*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the nation's most dedicated civil rights activists, Ron Scott, who sadly passed away Sunday, November 29, 2015.

During his many invaluable years of public service, Ron Scott was the consummate advocate for social and economic justice, inspiring others through his tremendous work ethic and undying spirit for activism. In particular, he has been in the vanguard of the movement to hold law enforcement accountable for acts of police misconduct.

For twenty years, he was a leading and outspoken critic of the use of force by Detroit police officers. An original founder of the Detroit chapter of the Black Panthers, he created the Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality in 1996. In 2003, as a leader of the Coalition, he advocated for the city of Detroit to enter into a consent decree with the Department of Justice to reform the Detroit Police Department following years of police misconduct. In 2014, when Detroit's Board of Police Commissioners, the civilian led police oversight board, lost its powers due to the city's pending bankruptcy, he used his credibility as a longtime voice against police misconduct to argue for the commission's restoration. In September, the Detroit City Council voted to restore the commission's powers, which will return in December.

Ron Scott fought for civil and human rights and dreamed of a time when people would be judged and treated with dignity and respect. His counsel to me was truly invaluable and he has been such a frequent panelist at Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conferences that it is difficult to imagine these efforts without his presence.

Those personally close to him will miss him deeply, but I believe that his legacy of determined, reasoned and consistent advocacy on behalf of those who are voiceless will continue to be remembered and inspire our work to bring justice and peace to the world.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS BRADBURY

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2015*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Thomas Bradbury on being selected for induction into the Farm Credit Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame. This honor is reserved for those who have made a significant contribution to the agricultural industry of Colorado and the United States.

Currently, Mr. Bradbury resides in Byers where he has been a leader in the Colorado livestock industry. He is currently a member of the National Western Stock Show Association, an organization that created a scholarship trust which helps over 80 students attend college annually for agriculture and rural medicine. In addition, he has served as President

of the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association and the American Hereford Association

Mr. Bradbury also understands the importance of giving back to his community. He is a founder of his local rural telephone cooperative and shares his expertise about livestock with resident 4-H members. Mr. Bradbury has shown true leadership in his industry and community.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes as Mr. Bradbury pursues his future endeavors. His passion and dedication to the agricultural industry makes him more than worthy of this distinct recognition. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Thomas Bradbury for his accomplishments.

HONORING NANCY BAKER

**HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2015*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of an upstanding community leader, and longtime resident of Southwest Washington, Nancy Baker.

Commissioner Baker's dedication to the community can be seen through her long service to the Port. Nancy was first elected as a Port Commissioner for the Port of Vancouver, USA, in 2003—making her the first female commissioner in the Port of Vancouver's 103 year history. This followed a 14 year stint as a Port employee. As a commissioner, she faced tough decisions that she has handled with grace and thoughtful deliberation. She has overseen numerous projects, including most recently the "trench" and Waterfront Projects which have greatly improved the functionality of the Port and will continue making the Port of Vancouver an integral part of our community.

Having spent over a quarter century at the Port, Nancy has been a central part of its tremendous growth. Ask anyone in our community—Nancy's name has become synonymous with the Port, and her contributions will be greatly missed. She has received numerous awards throughout her service including the Clark County Women of Achievement from Clark College and the YWCA, the Community Service Award from the Southwest Washington Labor Roundtable and the Central Labor Council, and she was named one of the 100 Most Powerful Women of Clark County by the Columbian newspaper.

Please join me in honoring the selfless and passionate dedication of Nancy Baker and her long career.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAJOR RAYMOND (GLENN) CLANIN & MAJOR RUSSELL (LYNN) CLANIN

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2015*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor both Major Raymond (Glenn) Clanin, USAF (Ret) and Major Russell (Lynn) Clanin USAF (Ret), twin brothers who

were born on April 25, 1923 and raised in Bismarck, Missouri. Major Glenn and Major Lynn were raised in a large family of nine children—six boys and three girls.

I would like to commend both Major Glenn and Major Lynn for their tireless service to our nation while serving in the United States Army. Both Major Glenn and Major Lynn were drafted in May of 1943 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri and were shortly accepted into the Aviation Cadet Program.

After initial cadet training at Michigan State College, they both received more advanced military training at various bases in Texas. After B-26 training, they deployed to Europe on the "Ille de France" in January 1945 and were assigned to the 449th Bomb Squadron of the 322nd Bomb group stationed at Beauvais, France. Major Glenn completed 26 missions and Major Lynn completed 21 missions flying out of France and Belgium and deployed back to the United States in July of 1946.

Major Glenn and Major Lynn were discharged from the Army Air Corps in September 1946 at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. They were both decorated with significant medals which include the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two battle stars and the World War II Victory Medal.

After their outstanding active military service to this country, Major Glenn and Major Lynn moved to California, and in 1948, they married sisters Carolyn and Elyn Sievers in a joint ceremony. They remained in the United States Air Force reserves, both retiring as Majors in 1983.

In civilian life Major Glenn and Major Lynn worked in their own dry cleaning business until the Korean War and lived next to each other for 10 years in Manhattan Beach. Glenn transitioned into aircraft manufacturing and later the savings and loan industry, from which he retired in 1985. Major Lynn transitioned into aircraft manufacturing and in 1960 moved to Northern California where he worked in real estate, then at a refinery, and eventually retiring from a water district as a service representative in 1978.

Major Glenn and his wife Carolyn currently reside in Manhattan Beach and their family includes two daughters, Diana and Wendie, two grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Major Lynn and his late wife Elyn family include sons Russell and Steven, two grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Major Lynn has resided in Concord, California since 1960.

I am proud to honor Major Raymond (Glenn) Clanin of Manhattan Beach & Russell (Lynn) Clanin of Concord to thank them for their dedication and service to the United States of America.

IN MEMORY OF AUSTIN KIPLINGER

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2015*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on November 20, Austin Kiplinger, an extraordinary visionary as longtime editor of the legendary The Kiplinger Letter, died at age 97. For decades he came to the office every day