

model for all of us on the importance of preserving the cultural, religious, historical, and linguistic heritage—not just for the Tibetan people but for all people.

His Holiness has done outstanding work to safeguard the environment in the Tibetan plateau, to promote democracy among the Tibetan people, and to champion non-violent conflict resolution. With this resolution, we reaffirm the unwavering friendship between the Tibetan people and the United States and call on the government of the United States to uphold its commitment to preserving the human rights, political and religious freedom of the people of Tibet. Additionally, it calls on the People's Republic of China to enter into meaningful dialogue with the Dalai Lama and his representatives, without any preconditions, in order to produce negotiated settlement for the Tibetan people.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

RECOGNIZING JIM TUDOR

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and thank Jim Tudor with the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores who is retiring this week after 29 years of outstanding service to the people of Georgia.

Jim and his wife Sandra Tudor have 4 children, James, Kelly, Bobby & Bill, and 5 grandchildren.

In addition to working for 29 years on behalf of Georgia consumers at the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores, Jim worked for 7-Eleven for nine years and served his country as a member of the U.S. Army for two years.

An active member of my community, Jim donated his time through the Covington Rotary and previously the South Dekalb Rotary.

Over the years Jim has received a number of awards, including the Liberty Award from Brown & Williamson in 2000 and various Pigeon Awards from The Pigeon Committee—a group of fellow lobbyists for the State of Georgia.

Jim was recognized by James Magazine as one of the Top Ten Lobbyists or Trade Organizations for 3 straight years: 2012–2013–2014.

He gives back to his community and has been extremely active with Georgia Youth Assembly, the YMCA, and various other youth groups as a mentor and leader.

Upon retirement, Jim and Sandra plan to roam the countryside in their retro-style 2015 Mellow Yellow Winnebago.

I wish Jim, Sandra, and the entire Tudor family lots of happiness as they embark on this new adventure.

HONORING JAMES "JIM" E. TUDOR

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor today a dedi-

cated Georgia citizen and leader, James "Jim" E. Tudor. After a 29-year-long career, Jim Tudor has recently announced his retirement from the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores, where he has contributed his time and loyalty since January 1987.

Before dedicating his career to Georgia's convenience store industry, Mr. Jim Tudor worked for nine years at 7-Eleven, followed by two years of committed service in the United States Army. He is also a 1972 graduate from the University of Cincinnati.

In 2000, Jim Tudor was honored with the Liberty Award from Brown & Williamson, a now-retired American tobacco company responsible for producing many of the United States' popular cigarette brands. Jim has also received various Pigeon Awards presented by The Pigeon Committee, a group of fellow Georgia lobbyists. Namely, in 2012, Jim received the annual Pigeon Award for his work towards the legalization of Sunday alcohol sales in Georgia. Mr. Tudor was again recognized by James Magazine as one of the Top 10 Lobbyists and Associations in Georgia for three consecutive years, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Aside from his notable career and presence in the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores, Jim maintains a strong presence in the Covington Rotary, and, previously, the South Dekalb Rotary. Within his community he acts as an active mentor and leader, dedicating his time to the Georgia Youth Assembly and The YMCA, amongst various other youth groups. Jim is also a devout Christian and has served in various leadership roles in his church.

Jim and his wife, Sandra Tudor, have four children—James, Kelly, Bobby and Bill—and five grandchildren to whom Jim, known better (more affectionately?) as "Poppy" to his grandkids, refers to as "the reward you get for not killing your children". Upon retirement, Georgia natives Jim and Sandra Tudor plan to roam the countryside in their beloved retro-style 2015 Mellow Yellow Winnebago.

Over the past three decades, James E. Tudor has been a crucial and unforgettable part of the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores. His service in and out of the workplace has left a lasting impact, and I am pleased to have had the opportunity to meet such a devoted Georgia citizen. A leader, mentor, veteran and friend—Jim, on behalf of the Georgia community, I offer the sincerest thank you and best wishes on your retirement.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 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 \$18,152,658,501,837.30. We've added \$7,525,781,452,924.22 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CONGRATULATING JUDGE DAN CONKLIN ON HIS RETIREMENT AND 29 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Judge Dan Conklin's 29 years of service with Missouri's 31st Circuit Court in Greene County.

Judge Conklin was elected Circuit 31, Division 3 judge in 2004 after serving as an associate circuit judge since 1987. The great work and contributions to the judicial system and community have not gone unrecognized, demonstrated with his 2010 re-election and getting 78 percent of the vote. Prior to his time with the 31st Circuit, Judge Conklin was the Republic, Mo., city attorney and worked as a partner in a private practice, Conklin, Holden and Wagner.

Judge Conklin is known for his passion for the court, and he is respected far and wide for it. Colleagues and attorneys have all mentioned the humor he brings to the bench. He has been dedicated to improving the quality and speed of the legal system, putting in 45 weeks per year for jury trials. Judge Conklin has no plans of slowing down as he approaches his 70th birthday, and plans to continue his record of service with a transition back to private practice.

I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking Judge Dan Conklin for his decades of service to Greene County and the State of Missouri. I wish him all the very best in his future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST AND INTEGRITY ACT OF 2015

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Ms. JACKSON LEE, I am pleased to introduce the Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2015, along with additional cosponsors. This legislation has a history of support by both police and civil rights organizations around the country and is focused on building trust between law enforcement agencies, officials and the people they serve.

Over the past two decades, tensions between police and communities of color have grown as allegations of bias-based policing by law enforcement agents, sometimes supported by data collection efforts and video evidence, have increased in number and frequency. Since the tragic police-involved shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, there has been public outcry for Congressional action to address police accountability and public safety issues through the adoption of substantive law enforcement policy reforms.

Despite the fact that the majority of law enforcement officers perform their duties professionally and without bias, the relationship between the police and some of minority communities has deteriorated to such a degree that federal action is required to begin addressing the issue. With recent Washington

Post reports of almost 400 police-involved shooting fatalities in the first five months of 2015, all should agree that the time for bipartisan action is long overdue.

The Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act is designed to provide incentives for local police organizations to voluntarily adopt standards to ensure that incidents of deadly force or misconduct will be minimized through appropriate management and training protocols and properly investigated, should they occur. The bill authorizes the Department of Justice to work cooperatively with independent accreditation, law enforcement and community-based organizations to further develop and refine accreditation standards, and further authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of obtaining accreditation from certified law enforcement accreditation organizations.

Beyond the human toll created by law enforcement accountability issues, there remains the fiscal impact created by the high cost of litigation settlements for police abuse claims. Currently, there are no federally recognized minimum standards for operating a law enforcement agency. The ad hoc nature of police management has accordingly left many officers and agencies in the dark about how to cope with changes in their communities. While most cities fail to systematically track the cost of litigation, the cost reports for major cities have proven staggering. In New York City alone, during Mayor Michael Bloomberg's three term tenure, NYPD payouts were in excess of \$1 billion for policing claims. For small departments, the cost of a single high profile incident could prove crippling in its impact on public safety.

While the Department of Justice has a range of criminal and civil authority to address policing issues, the Civil Rights Division will never have the resources necessary to investigate more than a small fraction of those departments engaged in unconstitutional conduct, even with the enhanced funding and task force authority granted by this legislation. Through the support of a robust accreditation regime, like that existing in healthcare, Congress can ensure that all communities have the best trained and managed police departments. Only by establishing acceptable police operations standards can we begin to preemptively address issues like use of force and heal the rifts within our communities.

Media reports from Baltimore and other cities depicting confrontations between protestors and their police departments illustrate the current divide between law enforcement and the communities they police. In the past years, cities from New York to Cincinnati and Miami to Los Angeles have experienced unrest following controversial use of force incidents by their police. Absent a climate of trust and accountability, community needs are not served and the jobs of the police officers become more difficult and dangerous.

The energies of Congress should be focused on the adoption of legislative priorities that address the substance of law enforcement management and strengthen the current battery of tools available to sanction misconduct. As a Congress we have been enthusiastic about supporting programs designed to get officers on the street. We must be just as willing to support programs designed to train and manage them after they get there. The current national climate requires decisive ac-

tion to implement solutions. Out of respect for all who have lost their lives over the last nine months—both law enforcement and civilian—I hope you will join Ms. JACKSON LEE and myself in supporting legislation that initiates the reforms necessary to restore public trust and accountability to law enforcement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 375.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

HOUSE MAJORITY TURNING ITS BACK ON COMPETITIVENESS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I and many business leaders are having trouble fathoming this foolhardy decision by House Republicans to allow the Export-Import Bank to expire.

I thought my Republican colleagues wanted to support small businesses and create jobs.

Well, last year, the Bank helped 121 Virginia businesses, and thousands more nationwide, reach new global markets with their American-made products and services. Nearly 90% of its loans benefit small businesses, and those loans supported 164,000 jobs, most of which had higher-than-average wages.

I also thought my Republican colleagues wanted to help reduce the deficit.

The Bank returned \$675 million to the Treasury last year and more than \$1 billion in each of the previous two years.

By allowing the Bank to expire, House Republicans are casting aside a program that has consistently created jobs, strengthened small businesses, and helped reduce the deficit.

Every other industrialized nation has an export-import bank, and this unilateral disavowal cedes American competitiveness.

Mr. Speaker, there is a bipartisan majority that supports the Ex-Im Bank. I urge you to bring up a clean extension and let the House work its will.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. SUSAN MARTIN'S SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Susan Martin for her seven years of service as President of Eastern Michigan University and her long career as a public servant to the State of Michigan. Dr. Martin's commitment to EMU and higher education has

resulted in tremendous improvement for the university's campus and greatly enriched the collegiate experience of thousands of students. Dr. Martin's long career in public service reveals her dedication to the betterment of the State of Michigan and her capacity to inspire others to achieve academic excellence.

Dr. Martin's passion for higher education began when she worked as an administrator at Grand Valley State University. For 18 years, she worked in several faculty and administrative positions, including Assistant and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, Special Assistant to the Provost, and Executive Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. She later served as the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at The University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Dr. Martin's seven years as the first female president of Eastern Michigan University are marked by many accomplishments. Under her leadership, the university has experienced enrollment growth, the expansion of the Honors College, increased financial aid assistance, student-focused academic advising, collaboration with public safety agencies in the surrounding community, the creation of living and learning spaces, and massive construction projects.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Dr. Susan Martin for her seven years as president of Eastern Michigan University and her dedication to quality, affordable, public education. I thank her for her leadership, and wish her many years of success.

TRIBUTE TO MS. GLADYS OPELOUSAS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, reaching the age of 90 years is a remarkable milestone; and

Whereas, Ms. Gladys Opelousas was born on August 30, 1925 in Marks, Mississippi and today she is celebrating reaching that milestone of reaching 90 years of age; and

Whereas, Ms. Opelousas has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; she is a devoted aunt and sister that blesses the lives of others with her kindness and charm; and

Whereas, Ms. Opelousas is celebrating her 90th Birthday with family members and friends in Chicago, Illinois; and

Whereas, she celebrates a life of blessings and through her goodwill, communities across the nation have been enhanced; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout 90 years and she is leading by example a blessed life by serving as a faithful matriarch to her family and a precious jewel to our nation; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her birthday today with family that hail from the 4th District of Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Gladys Opelousas for an exemplary life which is an