

The habitat is a large, spacious area that gives the turtles plenty of room to maneuver and not be confined to one area.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Clearwater Aquarium for their new exhibit that provides needed protection and a better way of life for these endangered creatures. I ask that this body join me in thanking the Clearwater Aquarium for their efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP CHAPTER OF THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN LAND CONSERVANCY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Superior Township Chapter of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy.

The Superior Township Chapter (STC) of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) has protected and preserved the natural habitats of Superior Township for the last 25 years. Starting with humble origins as a committee of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy, this group of active citizens formed to protect what was deemed the "last frontier" between Ann Arbor and Detroit in order to maintain the rural character and natural ecosystems of Superior Township. Since 1991, the STC has been steadfast in its dedication to protecting this land, fostering a healthy environment, and engaging and educating the public about the need for conservation.

Started after a class lecture at Henry Ford Community College, Bill Secrest and Jack Smiley began organizing interested citizens with the goal of advancing environmental preservation. From the start of this project with the generous donation of thirty acres to establish the Springhill Nature Preserve, the STC has continued to grow and has not looked back. The STC now protects over twenty four hundred acres in our community, safeguarding this precious natural habitat and resources for future generations. Today the STC operates twelve nature preserves which are all open to the public and the new Superior Greenway Nature Trail, which is a project that leads the way in environmental maintenance, preservation, and education. The STC has implemented a long term plan for the nature preserves which will ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy them. Our natural resources are invaluable and must continue to be cherished and protected. The Superior Township Chapter has worked tirelessly with local stakeholders to ensure environmental harmony and preservation in Superior Township and beyond, and for that we owe them a great deal of gratitude.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Superior Township Chapter of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy. We look forward to their next twenty five years of success and beyond.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANDREW JORDAN

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew Jordan of Watkins Memorial High School for winning the Boys 3,200 Meter Run at the Division I Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship as well as the Boys 1,600 Meter Run during the Midwest Meet of Champions.

Since 1907, the Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. The young student athletes who emerge victorious then have the privilege to compete against fellow champions from the states of Indiana and Michigan in the Midwest Meet of Champions.

Andrew's victories cap a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. He has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Watkins Memorial High School can be extremely proud of his performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Andrew Jordan on his State and Midwestern regional championships. I wish him continued success in both his athletic and academic endeavors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

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 \$19,327,746,021,669.98. We've added \$8,700,868,972,756.90 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$8.7 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CALVIN FREDERICK "FRED" DAVIS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Calvin Fredrick "Fred" Davis of Tupelo, Mississippi. Mr. Davis was a committed husband and family man, a remarkable athlete and coach, and a pillar of the Tupelo community. For 52 years, he was married to Councilwoman Nettie Davis, and together they worked tirelessly to improve their beloved hometown of Tupelo.

When reflecting on Mr. Davis's life, his love of family, sports, and community immediately

come to mind. In high school and college, he was a sports hero excelling in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He received an athletic scholarship to attend Alcorn State University and later became the university's first African-American physical education teacher. As Mr. Davis continued his legacy in education and athletics, he became the first African-American coach in the Tupelo Public School District. He is affectionately referred to as "Coach Davis" among his former athletes, friends, and colleagues.

While Mr. Davis is remembered for his athletic legacy, community service, and leadership within the civil rights movement, he is equally known for the loving partnership he had with his wife, Mrs. Nettie Davis. A trailblazer herself, Mrs. Davis was the first African-American woman elected to serve on the Tupelo City Council. Together, the couple fought for a better, more unified city. As a resident of the Tupelo area, my family has directly benefited from their hard work and drive to improve our community. I am honored to have known Mr. Davis and call him a friend. As we remember his remarkable life, I want to extend my deepest condolences to Mr. Davis's family and friends.

IN HONOR OF EDDY RAE'LAURIN GATES

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I rise seeking to honor the life of Eddy Rae'Laurin Gates, who passed away on June 2, 2016 in Fort Hood, Texas at the age of 20.

Ms. Gates was a passionate defender of our nation, and died serving our citizens in the tragic flood at Fort Hood, Texas. A recent graduate of Triton High School in Dunn, North Carolina, Ms. Gates eagerly joined the Army in December 2015 and was excited for her assignment to Fort Hood in May. Her dedication to serving her community was apparent in her roles as Homecoming Queen, youth leader at Kingdom Impact Global Ministries, and as a frequent volunteer with the Junior ROTC drill team at Triton High. Members of the community including her family, Triton High School principal, and ROTC Major Steve Jones, serve as witnesses to the impact she made in the lives of others.

Rae'Laurin, a beloved neighbor and family friend, is survived by her parents, Marlene J. Strongs (Benjamin) and Deacon Eddie R. Gates; siblings Darryl L. Snipe, Anstrice Epps, Quinn Williams, Dominique Robinson, Traci Strongs, and Deja R. Shaw; grandparents, Eddie and Willie Faye Gates, Ernest and Jean Carter, and Joyce Strongs. A celebration of Ms. Gate's life was held in Dunn, North Carolina, at the Veterans Park on June 7, 2016, to commemorate our hometown hero.

Rae'Laurin, like so many of our military members, made the ultimate sacrifice for her country: giving her life for the safety of others. This tragic event at Fort Hood not only impacted the Gates family, but also many others across the nation, and serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by members of the military, both abroad and at home. Ms. Gates'

bright smile and devotion to this nation will surely never be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO K-9 DOBIES AND OFFICER THANH "TOMMY" NGUYEN

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dobies and Officer Thanh "Tommy" Nguyen for their participation in the USPCA National Detector Dog Certification and Field Trials.

The USPCA National Detector Dog Certification and Field Trials was held in Philadelphia and comprised of more than 100 police and K-9 teams throughout the United States and Canada that compete for national certification and individual awards.

The team of Dobies and Officer Nguyen received stellar marks across the board. They finished in third for the Room Search, first for the Region Team, and took home the "Top Dog" award for first place in the nation of narcotics detection.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Tarpon Springs team of Dobies and Officer Thanh "Tommy" Nguyen for receiving high honors in this national competition. It makes me proud to hear that our K-9 team is well trained and making Pinellas County safe, and I ask that this body join me in recognizing the efforts of Dobies and Officer Nguyen.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
DELBERT "DEL" LATTA

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate my former colleague, retired Congressman Delbert "Del" Latta, who passed away this past May in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Congressman Latta honorably served the people of Ohio's 5th Congressional district for thirty years, and was a pillar of the Republican Party, while making friends on both sides of the aisle. He served as close friend and advisor to Presidents Nixon and Reagan. Del was a man of strong convictions, helping him to quietly and steadily serve as a leader of his party for nearly three decades.

Before winning his seat in the House of Representatives, Del served as a member of the Ohio Senate for five years. During his early tenure in the U.S. House he served on the Rules Committee, but after 16 years his sterling reputation for honesty and integrity earned him a spot on the Judiciary Committee in 1974.

His time on the Judiciary Committee coincided with the Watergate hearings, perhaps the most challenging constitutional period of recent history. Del Latta was steadfast and resolute during this trying time, serving as a loyal defender of a President under siege. For those of us who have been through similar periods of history in this chamber, a President truly values Members of Congress who serve

as loyal defenders in public, and honest brokers in private. Del Latta was both a loyal defender, and an honest broker.

Del was eminently likeable, even if you disagreed with him on policy. He possessed a truly collaborative nature, enabling him to work with other Members to achieve landmark legislation that would shape the party's platform. In 1981 Mr. Latta shepherded passage of an economic package in the House for a new President, Ronald Reagan. He led with his amiable charm, keen wit, and resilience, all characteristics that I also see in his son, our colleague, Congressman BOB LATTA.

In 1988 the Congressman chose to end his congressional career on his own terms. At the time, he served as Dean of the Ohio Congressional delegation. Flash forward twenty years and Del's son BOB sought the same seat, Ohio's Fifth Congressional district.

Congressman Latta's passion and commitment to his country and his government deserve recognition and the utmost respect. Del was a man who served faithfully with a humble spirit that embodies the Midwest. It was my privilege to have served with him in the U.S. House at a time when there were but a handful of veteran Members. He was always respectful and of good humor.

Over the past several weeks I have thought about those weekly trips from Washington to Ohio that I would often share with Del Latta, and how often he spoke fondly about his wife Rose Mary, and his daughter Rose Ellen, and our colleague BOB. How proud he would be today of his five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

We offer them our prayers and hope that they find comfort in the wonderful memories of our dear colleague and fellow Ohioan, Del Latta.

IN RECOGNITION OF NICK
STRICKLEN

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nick Stricklen of Lexington High School for winning the Boys 3200 Meter Run at the Division II Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Nick's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. He has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Lexington High School can be extremely proud of his performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Nick Stricklen on his state championship. I wish him continued success in both his athletic and academic endeavors.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5485) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes:

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Chair, this body will vote on amendments to H.R. 5485, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017. Included in these amendments was Amendment Number 17, which would have struck language from the underlying legislation that delays the implementation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) recently proposed rule regulating payday loans. While I will not be present to vote on the adoption of this amendment, I will vote against this measure.

It is an unfortunate reality that many people live paycheck-to-paycheck in this country. For these individuals, any unexpected bill, whether it is a car repair or a medical emergency, can wreak havoc. Short-term, small-dollar loans are essential resources for those who need just a little help overcoming these types of unexpected expenses. Likewise, just as these small-dollar, short-term loans are essential to many working-class American families, protecting consumers from unscrupulous actors is also imperative.

However, I fear that in trying to protect consumers, the CFPB's proposed rule will cut off access to short-term credit without providing a necessary alternative. By some estimates, the current proposed rule will force nearly 80 percent of payday lenders to shutter their doors. Ironically, in trying to protect consumers, the CFPB's efforts to regulate payday lenders will end up hurting consumers and their ability to access much needed sources of credit.

Mr. Chair, it is for this reason that I oppose the implementation of the CFPB's proposed rulemaking at this time and will vote against the amendment preventing the rule's delay. I will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that an appropriate balance is struck: ensure working-class Americans have unencumbered access to vital short-term, small-dollar credit, while protecting consumers from unscrupulous actors in the industry.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I was not present to vote on the following roll call votes. On Roll Call 351, I would have voted YEA. On Roll Call 352, I would have voted Yea. On Roll Call 353, I would have voted Yea. On Roll Call 354, I would have voted Yea. On Roll Call 355, I would have voted Yea. On Roll Call 356, I would have voted Yea. On Roll Call 357, I would have voted Nay. On Roll Call