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Among other things, Dennis was recently nominated for the Freedoms Foundation "George Washington Honor Medal" because of his love of history in general and admiration for President Washington specifically. In a letter endorsing Dennis, James Cale, Superintendent for the City of St. Charles School District, summed up this way why he should be considered for the award:

"[T]he highest compliment I am able to pay Mr. Hahn and to his consideration for the George Washington Honor Medal is a simple one. I would like to be more like Dennis. His level of personal commitment, his ability to focus on service to others . . ." and the way "he leads his life with a total aura of personal humility" is a "model to my children, my friends and me."

Elected in 1999, Dennis is currently the Board of Education President for the City of St. Charles School District located in my congressional district. His wife, Shirley, is a teacher in St. Charles.

I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Dennis Hahn and congratulate him for receiving this Certificate of Merit from the Freedoms Foundation.

IN HONOR OF MRS. BETTY J.
ALLEN—ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great public servant from the State of Georgia, on her retirement after 40 years of service in the Internal Revenue Service—Mrs. Betty J. Allen. Mrs. Allen oversees the Taxpayer Advocate Service for Georgia, providing assistance to our residents who may have problems with their tax filings.

Mrs. Allen and I have known each other for many years. We have worked together as recently as last year when she provided advice and assistance to my office in holding a series of town hall meetings on the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit.

A Georgia native, Mrs. Allen attended Clark College, then assumed her initial position with the IRS in 1967. Throughout her four decades at the IRS, she has worked in a variety of capacities—including as a Management Analyst, a Problem Resolution Officer, and as the national coordinator for the Case Resolution Program. Mrs. Allen has also served on several special assignments, including the Service Center, Regional and National Office Task Forces, as Instructor for special training classes, on Quality Improvement Teams, and as Advisor to the District Director's Liaison Committee.

Throughout her career, she has served the IRS and the American people admirably and with distinction. We wish her well, and know that she moves into retirement, and on to other productive and fulfilling endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROY JOHNSON

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the illustrious career of Mr. Roy Johnson, who is retiring from the Federal Bureau of Investigations after serving 23 years with great distinction. Mr. Johnson first came to our corner of Michigan in 1985 when he was assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Detroit Division in St. Joseph, Michigan. During his initial years of service, he was responsible for a wide range of investigative duties ranging from abductions and bank fraud-embezzlements to homicide and Presidential appointment research.

In 1986, Special Agent Johnson was appointed to manage, direct, and coordinate participation throughout Michigan with the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime. This unit has received worldwide praise for its excellence in crime scene assessment/profiling and threat analysis. Special Agent Johnson's vision has extended beyond his assigned duties and I commend him for establishing multiagency partnerships which have allowed for various resources to be shared during complex investigations.

Roy has continually gone above the call of duty and acted for the betterment of our community. He has taught numerous law enforcement programs and lectured to public and civic organizations throughout the state of Michigan.

Johnson's knowledge and professionalism have led others to call on him to testify before Federal and State courts, Federal Grand Juries, and Congressional committees. Moreover, he has received various Congressional, regional, and departmental awards for his investigations and service.

I am proud to call Roy Johnson a friend and thank him for his many years of selfless service. His contributions to law enforcement have made community and great national a safer place. We are all better off for Roy's distinguished career in the FBI.

CONGRATULATING MRS. JUNE
LANZ

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of my constituents, Mrs. June Lanz. June has been selected as the 2006–2007 Freedoms Foundation—Missouri (St. Louis) Chapter "Spirit of '76—Patriot". The Freedoms Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching young people the principles upon which our Nation was founded. They work to convey the close link between the rights and the responsibilities of citizens in society.

June is a thirty-nine-year member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR. As State Regent of the Missouri State Society DAR, June successfully placed the 1809 Cold Water Cemetery on the U.S. Department of the Interior's Register of His-

toric Places and restored and rededicated the Madonna of the Trail Statue in Lexington, Missouri.

June is a member of the Missouri Historical Society, the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge and a Friend of the St. Louis Art Museum. She has published a history of Missouri State Society Daughters of the Revolution, which includes American Revolutionary Patriots reported buried in Missouri. She has provided this to the National Society DAR and other research facilities.

Married fifty-five years, June and her husband, George Lanz, have four daughters and seven grandchildren.

As one who has a deep and abiding love for American history and the Patriots who have gone before us, I want to thank June Lanz for her commitment to preserving our history and congratulate her for being selected 2006–2007 "Spirit of '76—Patriot".

RECOGNIZING THE DENTON COMMUNITY SYMPOSIUM ON HIV/AIDS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize participants and sponsors of the Community Symposium on "The Silent Killer in African American Families" in Denton, TX.

This event explores several topics regarding the HIV/AIDS epidemic in African American communities. It provides citizens with answers concerning HIV/AIDS and presents support networks for families struggling with this terrible disease.

The effects of HIV and AIDS can be devastating to communities. To prevent further infection among our citizens, it is vital that programs such as this community symposium exist. With Congress's recent reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act, funding for both treatment and prevention programs can continue.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the Community Symposium for HIV/AIDS awareness in Denton County for their continuing commitment to AIDS prevention and treatment. The participants and sponsors that provide support to the AIDS/HIV symposium are crucial components in the fight against this worldwide epidemic.

FISHING REGULATION CALLS FOR
BETTER DATA, NOT MORE RIGIDITY

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, as we prepare in the post-election session to deal with legislation involving the management of our fisheries, particularly the bill cosponsored by the gentleman from California, the chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, Mr. POMBO, and myself, it is important for Members to get information on these issues from people who fully understand them.

I know of no one in the country who is better informed or has better judgment on how to proceed than Dr. Brian Rothschild. He is the Montgomery Charter Professor of Marine Science at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, and the former head of the school's School of Marine Science and Technology. Indeed, UMass lost a little bit of his time and his administrative leadership of that school when the newly elected mayor of New Bedford, Scott Lang, understandably prevailed upon Dr. Rothschild to come to work for him as a policy advisor. Mayor Lang is an energetic and thoughtful mayor dedicated to among other things, protecting the important fishing industry in that city, and it is for that reason that he wisely chose Dr. Rothschild as his advisor.

In my own work on fishing I have relied heavily on his advice because it has proven accurate in a number of cases. He points out here that better information is an essential element in sensible regulation. As Dr. Rothschild says in the article recently published by him on this subject in the *New Bedford Standard Times*, we need significant improvements in the data we gather about fish, in part to "send a signal to Congress that the real conservation and management of fishery stocks lies in developing the technical underpinnings to determine major uncertainties that we have on how fish interact with fishing and the changing ocean environment. This would be so much better than the cant characterizations of the fishing industry by some conservation groups. And finally, consideration of uncertainty points toward the need of investing fishery management regulations with the flexibility contemplated in the Pombo-Frank bill."

Mr. Speaker, Brian Rothschild's experience, wisdom and judgment are greatly needed as we prepare to return in November to debate the important issues involved in the fishing legislation, and I ask that his thoughtful analysis be printed here. It originally appeared in the *New Bedford Standard Times*, which has done a very good job of covering these issues, on September 21.

The fisheries of Massachusetts are economic engines for the ports of New Bedford, Gloucester and Cape Cod. New Bedford is the number one port in the nation. In this respect, the future is bright.

Yet clouds loom on the horizon. While many stocks are increasing in abundance or are at historically high levels, other stocks have declined. The management actions undertaken to conserve the stocks seem lax to some, but to others the actions seem overly stringent and difficult to understand. There is no question that regulations are generating economic hardship (losses of tens of millions of dollars) and waste, even in the number one port in the nation. Evidently, no stock is optimally fished. Stocks are either overfished or underfished and a substantial bycatch is thrown overboard because of regulations that mandate waste.

Improving management decisions, building confidence in regulations, and reducing bycatch in a biological and economically sustainable way require better information on the status of the stocks. At least three areas require significant improvement:

(1) understanding the interactions among species or stocks, (2) understanding the role of the ocean environment in causing fish stock fluctuations, and (3) systems technology to develop new sensors for counting fish and accelerating the flow of data.

Regarding the interactions among species, all fisheries are in a sense multi-species fish-

eries. The groundfish or dragger fishery encounters perhaps fifty species of fish. It is not unusual to have ten species on deck in a single tow. The scallop fishery appears to be a single species fishery, but in reality scallop fishery is regulated to some extent by the amount of yellowtail flounder taken in the scallop dredges. Haddock appear occasionally in herring nets. Some scientists believe that herring eat cod eggs. Rebuilding predatory species like striped bass affects their prey species. Interactions such as these need to be better understood. Until we do, our options for management will be limited as we continue to assume that all species can be rebuilt to their historical maximum abundance at the same time, which flies in the face of standard ecological theory.

The effects of the environment are ignored in developing management decisions. It is clear from the historical record that the ocean environment plays a powerful role in modulating the abundance of fish populations. Ignoring this leads to the mistaken notion that any time a stock decreases, the cause is overfishing, while any time a stock increases, the cause is successful management. The role of the environment is typically ignored in fishery stock assessments. Without such understanding, it is misleading to set rebuilding schedules and to think about mid- to long-term management strategies that match the scale of capital investment time horizons used in the fishing industry. There is even a greater imperative now that climate variability must be affecting the population of stocks even though we do not understand, even in an approximate way, the nature of this impact.

Given the substantial shortfalls in scientific understanding, the present system for obtaining data from the fishing fleets and the technology used to measure the abundance of fish is archaic. New systems need to be developed to deliver data to scientists and managers as well as the development of techniques to measure fish abundance that depend on electronics and optics rather than outmoded prone-to-error fishing nets.

The articulation of these concerns has a function beyond catharsis. It identifies areas that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries needs to address to improve fisheries management as NOAA and 21 other federal agencies move forward in an attempt to develop a coherent ocean plan for the nation. The articulation also sends a signal to Congress that the real conservation and management of fishery stocks lies in developing the technical underpinnings to determine major uncertainties that we have on how fish interact with fishing and the changing ocean environment. This would be so much better than the cant characterizations of the fishing industry by some conservation groups. And finally, consideration of uncertainty points toward the need of investing fishery management regulations with the flexibility contemplated in the Pombo-Frank bill.

Having said all of this, it is important to remember that the regulation of fisheries is not analogous to designing a better governor for a gasoline engine or a valve to regulate water flow. A critical element is the livelihood and well being of the men and women that catch and process the fish. It is important to them of course, but it is as important to the welfare of the entire community.

Significant steps forward are being made in developing the ideas of cooperative research. The UMass Dartmouth School for Marine Science and Technology has pioneered cooperative work with the fishing industry on cod tagging, scallop stock assessments, and study fleets all with incredibly strong support from the fishing industry. These efforts are now bearing fruit at the

Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Institute that includes the partnership between the University of Massachusetts, principally SMAST, the state Division of Marine Fisheries, and NOAA Fisheries. Fostering the next generation of fishery scientists in an educational environment of cooperative research will promote the advancement of our science through collaboration with fishermen.

IN RECOGNITION OF SPECIALIST
CONRAD STREETER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Specialist Conrad Streeter, Texas Army National Guard, for receiving Soldier of the Year award. He has also received awards for Soldier of the year for the 1st Battalion, 71st Brigade, and 36th Infantry Division.

To receive the award, Specialist Streeter competed in several events including; an M-16 rifle marksmanship event, a physical fitness test, completing land map day and night courses, and a written test comprised of 50-70 questions.

Specialist Streeter has served with the Texas Army National Guard for the past 4½ years. His job as a personnel Sergeant is a vital component to ensure deploying troops have the things they need before heading overseas. Specialist Streeter has also been serving and deployed to Romania and the Louisiana coast line to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

In civilian life Specialist Streeter works for the Lewisville Independent School District teaching both science and mathematics. The State of Texas is blessed to have an individual such as Specialist Streeter serving not only in our armed forces, but as a teacher in our community.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Specialist Conrad Streeter for receiving the Soldier of the Year Award for the Texas Army National Guard. His contributions and service are a shining example to us all, and I am honored to be his representative in Washington.

COMMENDING THE VILLAGE OF
MINEOLA, NY ON THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS
INCORPORATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mrs. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of Mineola, NY, my hometown.

I've lived in Mineola for over 50 years and I am proud to be a part of its centennial celebration.

The Village of Mineola was originally part of the land claimed by Henry Hudson for the Dutch East India Tea Company in 1609 and was settled by farmers in 1637. On June 12, 1858, the area was first called "Mineola," derived from the Algonquin word