

affects the responsibilities of the owner of the deer and elk to have them removed by the timelines set forth in the court settlements.

This provision should not have been inserted in this bill, but it is clear from the plain language of this one sentence that it only impacts one alternative method for removal of the herds, not the 2011 deadline for removal of all the deer and elk.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber yesterday, November 13, 2006. I would like the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 517 and 518 and "no" on rollcall vote 519.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I am recorded as "not voting" on rollcall vote 519 on November 13, 2006. However, I intended to vote "aye" and believed I had done so during the rollcall vote. I support H.R. 5602 and the extension of Normal Trade Relations Treatment to the products of Vietnam.

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A TRIBUTE TO T. JEFFREY BANGSBERG

**HON. JIM RAMSTAD**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend and a true Minnesota hero, Jeffrey Bangsberg.

Jeff will be retiring from full-time work this month, and it is fitting that we recognize the accomplishments this great Minnesotan has achieved and the perseverance and courage he has shown in the face of extraordinary challenges.

Jeff suffered a spinal cord injury 30 years ago. While this injury left him in a wheelchair, he never gave up and became a tremendous advocate for expanding access to health care and other critical services for people with disabilities and the elderly.

Since 1991, Jeff has brought his insight, passion and experience to a variety of important issues, including improving Social Security and the Medicare and Medicaid programs, especially for people living with disabilities.

I have worked closely with Jeff for 26 years on a wide range of legislative initiatives in both the Minnesota State Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Jeff was instrumental in the creation and implementation of groundbreaking legislation, including the first personal care attendant program in Minnesota, Metro Mobility, Medicaid for Employed Per-

sons with Disabilities, and the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act.

All of these monumental achievements are the result of Jeff's great heart and his passion for helping others. Over the years, Minnesota governors have appointed Jeff to several councils and commissions, including the Minnesota State Council on Disability, the Minnesota State Rehabilitation Council, the Minnesota Health Care Commission and countless advisory committees for the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Department of Health. He was also a presidential appointee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

And in addition to all of these important commitments, Jeff also found time to serve as Government Relations Director for the Minnesota HomeCare Association. In this capacity, Jeff has effectively promoted home care services for seniors and people with disabilities at the local, state and federal levels. Because of his work, countless people are living independently and with dignity.

Jeff is truly an extraordinary person, not only for his ability to overcome obstacles, but also in his dedication to knocking down barriers for others. Jeff understands that we all win when all Americans are empowered to live up to their full potential.

As Co-Chair of the Bipartisan Disabilities Caucus, I have been grateful for Jeff's invaluable counsel, expertise and friendship over the years. While I could spend hours listing the many accomplishments of this tremendous individual, I can sum it all up by saying Jeff Bangsberg truly represents the best and the brightest, and I am honored to call him my friend.

Congratulations, Jeff, on your well-deserved retirement, and best wishes to you and your wonderful wife, Anita.

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IN RECOGNITION OF DR. WILLIAM M. KELSO

**HON. JO ANN DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dr. William M. Kelso for his distinguished career in historical archaeology and for his contributions to the historical record of the United States of America.

From his early professional beginnings as Assistant Field Archaeologist, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in 1964 to his current position as Director of Archaeology, Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA), Jamestown Rediscovery Archaeology Project, he has consistently demonstrated his earnest desire to further advance the research and support of archaeology in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States of America. During the 1970s Dr. Kelso served as Virginia's first state archaeologist and established programs and innovative methods and techniques that are currently in use. The broad range of his achievements include his role as Resident Archaeologist, Monticello home of Thomas Jefferson located in Albemarle County, Virginia, and later Director of Archaeology, Monticello, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, Inc. Further credentials

include his role as Lecturer at the University of Virginia and later Adjunct Professor of the College of William and Mary.

Perhaps his most notable contribution was when he served, as Director of Archaeology for the APVA Jamestown Rediscovery project, where his leadership was instrumental in discovering the remains of the English 1607 James Fort. This historic site is the first permanent English settlement in British North America and led to the establishment of English Common law and the first form of representative government in the New World. The archaeological evidence includes structural remains as well as accompanying artifacts representing seventeenth century material culture that documented the location of the fort.

Additionally, he served as Historical Archaeologist for the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission and has extensive scholarly publications to his credit as well, that are widely circulated in academia both nationally and internationally.

Dr. Kelso has promoted the knowledge and awareness of history and archaeology among the general public. He deserves national recognition for his monumental contributions to our nation's history as the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown approaches in 2007.

Thanks to Dr. Kelso, a more accurate story can now be told regarding the arrival and ultimate survival of the first English settlers to land on the soil of Jamestown, Virginia, including the roles of Native Americans and the later arrival of African Americans. This extraordinary effort is largely a gift from Dr. William M. Kelso, who through his dedication, diligence, skill and grit, has illuminated the truth.

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IN MEMORY OF DON PRUNER

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of my friend, Don Pruner, who died suddenly last week.

Don Pruner is remembered by many for being a shrewd businessman who brought professional emergency medical services to eastern Ventura County, California, my home for more than 40 years, and paramedics to all of Ventura County. I remember as well his love of fishing, his hearty laugh, and our shared love of antique autos.

I met Don and his wife, Jackie, at a Christmas party in 1969. We've been friends ever since. Don was an eternal teenager who loved life to its fullest while exuding the maturity of a loving husband and father who knew the pulse of the community and how he could fulfill its needs.

Don bought Conejo Ambulance Service in 1963. He expanded the business by working 24 hours, 7 days a week, and driving a 1958 Pontiac Ambulance, hiring off-duty firefighters and sheriff's deputies to make the runs with him. Eventually, the business evolved under Don and Jackie's guidance into Pruner Health Services.

Don's success as a businessman was matched by his success as a human being. Don Pruner has countless friends and a wonderful, loving family. A native Southern Californian, he never strayed from his roots.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in remembering Don Pruner as a health care pioneer in Ventura County, California, as a good friend, a loving family man, and a lover of life. In addition, I know they join me in extending our condolences to Jackie and their three children and all who called Don a friend. Godspeed, Don.

IN RECOGNITION OF CORPORAL  
BRADFORD HOWARD PAYNE

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, Corporal Bradford Howard Payne, 24, of Montgomery, Alabama, died on October 6, 2006 in Iraq. Corporal Payne was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and according to initial reports was killed in combat operations against enemy forces. His survivors include his wife Erin; and his mother and father Carol and W.H. Payne of Pike Road, Alabama.

Corporal Payne was a loving husband and was on his third deployment remaining patriotic and wanting to serve his country. Like all soldiers, he dutifully left behind his family and loved ones to serve our country overseas.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and for the gratitude our country feels for his service. Corporal Payne died serving not just the United States, but the entire cause of liberty, on a noble mission to help spread the cause of freedom in Iraq and liberate an oppressed people from tyrannical rule. He was a true American.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this mournful day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to make the following rollcall votes on November 13, 2006:

H.R. 3085, To amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail, and for other purposes (Rollcall Vote 517). On the motion to suspend the Rules and Agree to Senate Amendment, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

S. 819, Pactola Reservoir Reallocation Authorization Act (Rollcall Vote 518). On the motion to suspend the Rules and Pass, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

H.R. 5602, To Authorize the Extension of Nondiscriminatory Treatment (Normal Trade Relations Treatment) to the Products of Vietnam (Rollcall Vote 519). On the motion to suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE LOVARC  
ORGANIZATION

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize LOVARC, an organization dedicated to helping Americans with disabilities find employment and live fulfilling lives. LOVARC was established in 1964 as a non-profit organization with the goal of helping those with disability. Its dedication to helping those in need is laudable and should be recognized by the United States Congress.

In 1995, LOVARC was awarded a contract for two dining facilities, the Breakers and the Beachcomber, at Vandenberg Air Force Base. Since that time, LOVARC has won the Hennessey Award for the best dining facility in Space Command seven times. This is an outstanding accomplishment, and I am proud that they have served the people of the 23rd District through their work at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

I am pleased to recognize the administrators, volunteers, and employees of this organization. Their efforts have resulted in the creation of jobs for many in my district, and for that I am grateful. Many Americans with disabilities now enjoy better lives due to this organization's service. I am proud of their work with the military and wish them a wonderful future in service to our community.

THE AMBASSADORS REVIEW OF  
THE COUNCIL OF AMERICAN AM-  
BASSADORS

**HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to insert in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following statement by Joseph Verner Reed, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations

REMARKS ON UNITED NATIONS DAY'S 61ST  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
(Tuesday October 24, 2006)

Today October 24, 2006 the United Nations celebrates its 61st birthday.

BORN OF WAR

The United Nations was created in large part by the efforts of the United States. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's vision and dedication laid the framework. The President even coined its name.

Former United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull won the Nobel Peace Prize, mainly for his efforts in building the institution. President Harry S Truman supported President Roosevelt's vision with equal devotion, and in 1945, the vision became a reality.

The United Nations has succeeded most obviously in preventing the horror of a third world war, encouraging multinational dialogues and the development of international law, and providing a forum for governmental and non-governmental entities.

It is active in peacekeeping, disarmament, economic development, environmental preservation, education and disease prevention. United Nations groups like UNICEF, the World Bank, the World Health Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency have produced a long list of achievements, along with the inevitable stumble now and then.

It is less commonly known that the United Nations also handles international labor standards, international aviation safety provisions, international mail flow issues and international copyright laws, all of which significantly benefit Americans.

In the words of former United States Ambassador to the United Nations and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, "If you have ever traveled on an international airline or shipping line, or placed a phone call overseas, or received mail from outside the country, or been thankful for an accurate weather report—then you have been served directly or indirectly by one part or another of the United Nations system."

MORE HELPFUL TO UNITED STATES

Many within America view the United Nations with great suspicion, primarily because they see a significant threat to U.S. sovereignty.

They would do well to heed the words of former United States Senator Arthur Vandenberg, a Republican who supported the formation of the world body: "Though we cooperate wholeheartedly with the United Nations for peace and security, we remain the captains of our own souls."

The veto power of the United States in the Security Council alone ensures that the United Nations does not act arbitrarily to harm U.S. interests. And when looked at historically, the United Nations has served interests of the United States far more than it has harmed them.

Among other examples, the United Nations supported the dispatch of forces to Korea in 1950 and the incursion into Kuwait to expel Iraqi forces in 1991.

After September 11, 2001, it also moved swiftly to join the battle against terrorism, supporting the attack on Afghanistan and passing Resolution 1373, which "required nations to interdict arms flows and financial transfers to suspected terrorist groups, report on terrorists' movements and update national legislation to fight them."

When the United Nations speaks in a clear voice, it represents the greatest source of international legitimacy possible.

When the Security Council passes a Resolution it is not only legally binding, but it is widely respected. To solve global challenges requires a close partnership between the United States and the United Nations.

As President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "With all the defects . . . the United Nations still represents man's best organized hope to substitute the conference table for the battlefield."

Indeed, to attack the United Nations is to criticize the conference table. The United Nations is only as effective as the countries around that table. If we hope to strengthen the World Organization's effectiveness, the United States must play a leading role in reform efforts.

It is an honor and privilege to present the message of Secretary-General Kofi A. Annan to the People of Connecticut.