

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JOB MARTIN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I rise to salute Job Martin. Job, more widely known as Jobie, was recently recognized as Mississippi's Outstanding Older Worker. At the age of 88, Jobie won the honor for his substitute teaching in Jackson Public Schools. The award was given by Experience Works of Mississippi which is part of a national employment and training organization that selects working men and women above 65 from every State who have made continuous contributions to their community and workplace.

Madam Speaker, not only has Jobie been a hard worker, but he is also a pioneer. Jobie was a well-known disc jockey, eventually becoming known as "the Loud Mouth of the South." Jobie's radio fame paved the way for him to make Mississippi television history. Jobie Martin was Mississippi's first African-American commercial television show host. The Jobie Martin Show hosted many famous guests including Muhammad Ali, B.B. King, Bill Cosby, Joe Louis, and James Earl Jones.

Madam Speaker, Jobie's success was not just limited to mass communication; he was an entrepreneur as well. Jobie operated Jobie's Chicken Restaurant—"where the flavor's locked in and the grease is locked out." Located in the historic Lynch Street area, it became a landmark for decades. Later, Martin would open Valerie's, a restaurant named after one of his two children. Martin also became a member of the board of trustees for Hinds Community College.

Jobie Martin has worn many hats in his life—disc jockey, television show host, entrepreneur, and educator. Today, Madam Speaker, I take my hat off to him for his many contributions and continuous service to the State of Mississippi.

HONORING AMANDA MARINOFF AND JANELLE SCHLOSSBERG

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Amanda Marinoff and Janelle Schlossberger. These young women from Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School in my district won the top team prize in the prestigious Siemens national math, science and technology competition. They will split a \$100,000 scholarship. The contest attracts some of the Nation's most talented high school students. More than 1,600 projects were submitted this year.

Marinoff and Schlossberger are enrolled in Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy

High School's advanced research science program. With the guidance of their teacher Mary Lou O'Donnell, they conducted research designed to find new methods of treating tuberculosis. They created a molecule that helps block the reproduction of the bacteria of drug-resistant tuberculosis. Marinoff and Schlossberger came up with the idea after Marinoff's semester working at a cancer research lab at Stony Brook University.

I want to applaud the accomplishments of these young women. I offer my congratulations on their success and commend them on their dedication to the study of the medicine.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, due to medical reasons I missed a series of suspension votes, the vote on the Motion to Close Portions of the FY08 Defense Authorization Conference Report, H.R. 1585 and the vote to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1585.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 1127, "aye" on rollcall No. 1128, "aye" on rollcall No. 1129, "aye" on rollcall No. 1130, "aye" on rollcall No. 1131, "aye" on rollcall No. 1132, and "aye" on rollcall No. 1133.

TRIBUTE TO JIM SAXTON

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, it was with a deep sense of loss that I learned that my dear friend and committee colleague JIM SAXTON will retire at the end of the 110th Congress. JIM has served the Third Congressional District of New Jersey with the highest distinction for the past 23 years.

JIM and I have not always been on the same side on a number of environmental issues; however, there is no question that he always articulates his views with passion and conviction. When I became chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee on January 3, 1995, I was honored to appoint JIM SAXTON as the first chairman of the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans. He served as chairman of that subcommittee during the 104th, 105th, and 106th Congresses.

He was a superb subcommittee chairman and sponsored a number of important conservation measures that became law during the Clinton administration. This included the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997. This landmark law, which has been extended several times, created the Asian Elephant Con-

servation Fund to assist this highly endangered species whose population had been decimated to less than 40,000 elephants living in the wild. As a result of his law, in the past decade the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved 183 grant proposals to assist Asian elephants. There is no question that these projects halted this species' slide toward extinction.

A second bill was the National Wildlife Refuge System Volunteer and Community Partnership Enhancement Act of 1998. This measure, Public Law 105-242, statutorily created the framework for volunteer activities within the National Wildlife Refuge System. In the past 10 years, this Act allowed the number of volunteers to dramatically increase to nearly 40,000 Americans who contributed more than 1.5 million hours of service last year. The value of the volunteer work has been estimated in excess of \$26 million and it represents 20 percent of all staff work done in the National Wildlife Refuge System. At a time when the Fish and Wildlife Service is suffering an operations funding crisis within the refuge system, it is difficult to imagine how this system would function without the valuable contributions of volunteers.

A third measure was the Rhino and Tiger Product Labeling Act of 1998. The fundamental goal of P.L. 105-312 was to eliminate the U.S. market for illegally obtained rhino and tiger products, and therefore, the incentives to kill these magnificent animals. Under this law, if a label on a product says that it contains rhinoceros and tiger parts, then we accept the manufacturer's claim and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is responsible for stopping its sale, confiscating any products, and persecuting the illegal importers.

A fourth measure sponsored by Chairman JIM SAXTON was the Arctic Tundra Habitat Conservation Act of 1999. This legislation allowed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to undertake various conservation and management steps to reduce the exploding population of mid-continent light geese. These geese were systematically destroying the fragile arctic tundra in the Hudson Bay Region which is essential to the survival of millions of migratory birds. By all accounts, the implementation of this measure has been responsible for saving thousands of acres of vital wetland habitat.

A fifth proposal which was signed into law was the Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Act of 2000. This legislation, P.L. 106-555, established a small grant program to fund the rescue and rehabilitation of marine mammals, it encouraged scientific work associated with live and dead marine mammals and it provided a small amount of financial assistance to marine mammal rescue centers. Federal agencies frequently ask marine mammal rescue centers to provide around-the-clock monitoring and veterinarian care to injured animals without giving them any financial assistance. This measure established a humanitarian partnership between Federal and non-federal entities.

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A sixth proposal was JIM SAXTON'S sponsorship of the Coral Reef Conservation and Partnership Act of 2000. Coral reefs are among the world's most productive ecosystems and they are often referred to as the "rainforests" of the oceans. These reefs are critical to the survival of thousands of fish species. Sadly, about 40 percent of all coral reefs are either degraded beyond recovery or in critical condition. This legislation was designed as a lifeline for our coral reef ecosystems by providing a limited amount of Federal funding to finance coral reef grants to assist in their protection and recovery.

Finally, I am proud that JIM SAXTON joined with me as an original co-sponsor of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997. On October 9, 2007, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of this act which is Public Law 105-57. This landmark law established for the first time an "organic" statute for our 96 million acre national wildlife refuge system. It defined the term "wildlife-dependent recreation" to include hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, and environmental education. It also established a "conservation mission" for the system and required the completion of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan for each refuge unit. The act gave wildlife dependent recreation priority consideration in refuge planning, management and funding. Finally, it required the Fish and Wildlife Service to evaluate the likelihood of ongoing historic uses on private lands prior to their inclusion within the system. JIM SAXTON authored this important provision.

This is far from an exhaustive list of JIM SAXTON'S legislative accomplishments in the resources arena. It is representative only of the 6-year period that he served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans. Nevertheless, it clearly demonstrates his dedication and commitment to wildlife conservation which he exemplified throughout his congressional career. His constituents living in Cherry Hill, Mount Holly, and Toms River, New Jersey, will miss JIM SAXTON and his lifelong advocacy of Theodore Roosevelt's vision and principles. I look forward to working with JIM through the 110th Congress. I wish him calm sailing seas in the days beyond Congress. "May the wind always be on your back and the sun shine upon your face!"

TRIBUTE TO THE WEST BOLIVAR
EAGLES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the West Bolivar Eagles for completing a perfect season and Winning the Class 2A State championship. This is West Bolivar's fourth State title, but their first since 1906—before any of this year's seniors were born. West Bolivar was ranked No. 1 the entire season by the Clarion-Leggert 2A football poll.

Madam Speaker, West Bolivar High School has a rich football history. Along with four State championships, they have 17 division

championships and 5 appearances in State championship games. Over the last 3 seasons the Eagles are 37-4 and have three consecutive Region 3-2A championships.

Madam Speaker, not only have the Eagles enjoyed success this year, but they have done so dominantly. On the season, the Eagles have outscored their opponents 582-184. In the playoffs, the Eagles have outscored their opponents 177-101. The Eagles have scored 40 or more points 9 times, helping them amass more points that any team in Mississippi 2A football.

Madam Speaker, West Bolivar's recent success has come with the leadership of Coach Henry Johnson. Coach Johnson is a former West Bolivar player who played wide receiver and defensive back on the Eagles' last State finalist team under legendary Rosedale coach Leland Young.

Madam Speaker, one of the traditions that Coach Johnson restored at his alma mater was running up and down a steep Mississippi River levee.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the student-athletes, student body, faculty, staff, administration, and the community of West Bolivar for winning the 2007 Mississippi Class 2A State Championship.

HONORING THE KETEWAMOKE
CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ketewamoke Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized on August 9, 1890 in Washington, DC. Seventeen years later, on December 2, 1907, in the Town of Huntington, Long Island, the Ketewamoke Chapter, NSDAR was organized with 19 charter members. The name Ketewamoke is the Native American name for the region around Huntington known as "the place having the best beach or shore." The Chapter was incorporated in 1913. Today they have 88 members.

The threefold purpose of the Society as a whole is the same now as it was when the Society was organized in 1890 and chartered by an Act of Congress in 1895: "To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American independence; to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge; to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country." The Ketewamoke Chapter continues to include these three objectives (historical, educational and patriotic) in its monthly programs.

One of the first accomplishments of the Ketewamoke Chapter was to restore the Village Green and mark the spot with a bronze tablet on a boulder, in 1915. inscribed, "Huntington Village Green." This "Town Spot" was

the location of Huntington's earliest form of government where, beginning from its settlement in 1653, a small group of men continued to meet and vote over the years.

Also in 1915, the Ketewamoke Chapter outfitted the original Women's Ward in Huntington Hospital with 8 beds. A bronze plaque marking this event still hangs in the old Huntington Hospital building. During World War II, when the National Society bought \$210,000,000 worth of war bonds, more than \$100,000 of these bonds were purchased by members of the Ketewamoke Chapter. Since then, the Chapter has placed mill stones from local mills at the "Town Spot" and on the grounds of the Chapter House, thus preserving local history. It has cleaned up and marked the graves of many of the local American Revolutionary soldiers. They continue to honor these patriots by placing flags on their grave sites every Memorial Day and by the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at Huntington's Old Burial Ground.

Currently, the Chapter works to promote patriotism through community projects. They encourage local students to appreciate American history through our annual American History Essay Contest for grades 5 through 8. They encourage students to be good citizens by awarding annual Good Citizenship medals to students of 15 local schools. These students must fulfill the qualities of honor, service, leadership and patriotism. They support other local community services through our individual volunteer efforts in hospitals, literacy programs, and veteran and senior citizen projects. They give financial support to many National and State DAR projects such as the two DAR schools in the Appalachian region and the education of Native American youths through scholarships and the support of the Bacone College and the Chemawa Indian School. We present ROTC medals to qualifying cadets in local secondary schools.

They are uniquely fortunate to be one of only a few Chapters in New York State which owns an historic Chapter House with a fine collection of period artifacts. It is their privilege and responsibility to preserve and to maintain this Chapter House which dates back to 1837.

We take great pride in being members of the Ketewamoke Chapter, NSDAR, which is the oldest established DAR Chapter on Long Island. We take pride in honoring the memory of our patriot ancestors and in honoring all American patriots, past and present.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, due to medical reasons I missed a series of suspension votes and the vote on the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2082, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 1123, "aye" on rollcall No. 1124, "no" on rollcall No. 1125, and "aye" on rollcall No. 1126.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WILDLIFE WITHOUT BORDERS AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007: DECEMBER 11, 2007

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce today the Wildlife Without Borders Authorization Act.

The Wildlife Without Borders Program was created administratively by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1983. The mission of this program is to develop wildlife management and conservation efforts to maintain global species diversity.

While the Congress has already created Multinational Species Conservation Funds to assist highly imperiled African and Asian elephants, Rhinoceros and Tigers, Great Apes and Marine Turtles, this program has provided a funding lifeline to a number of additional endangered species that are not currently eligible for funding, are not considered a megafauna or a flagship species and frankly lack the public attention necessary to generate private financial assistance.

The first conservation grants issued under this program were awarded to the Wildlife Without Borders Program for Latin America and the Caribbean Initiative. Since that time, additional grants have been allocated for projects in Mexico, India, China and the Russian Federation. In fact, in the past two decades, the International Affairs Office within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved 583 conservation projects at a cost of \$13 million in taxpayer money. These funds have been matched by \$43.7 million in private non-federal money which is a remarkable 3 to 1 matching ratio.

Among the conservation projects that have been approved are funds for the Winged Ambassadors Program to stop the killing of Swainsons' hawks, a project to restore and conserve the forest habitat for monarch butterflies, jaguar conservation in the Yucatan region, the restoration of the California condor in Baja California, Mexico and the purchase of essential equipment for law enforcement personnel to protect imperiled Far Eastern leopards, Amur tigers and snow leopards.

A fundamental goal of this program has been to build conservation capacity and establish ecosystem management regimes by allocating a small amount of U.S. taxpayer money. It is no exaggeration to state that these are the only funds available to assist these highly endangered international species and without this investment these species may become extinct in the wild. In addition, this program has complemented the activities of the Multinational Species Conservation Funds.

By establishing a Congressional authorization for the Wildlife Without Borders Program we will send a positive message to the international community that the United States is committed to its international wildlife treaty obligations and we recognize the long-term importance of this program by enacting it into law.

I urge my colleagues to support this important conservation legislation and want to thank my distinguished colleague from New Jersey, Congressman JIM SAXTON for joining with me in this effort.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DENNIS FRATE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the life and legacy of Dr. Dennis Frate, a medical anthropologist known for his studies of rural health in the Mississippi Delta.

Dr. Frate was a former pharmacy professor at the University of Mississippi. He worked in the School of Pharmacy from 1980 until 2000. He retired June 30, 2007 as a professor of preventative medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, which is in my Congressional District.

As we are all well aware, rural areas of this country are vastly underserved. Dr. Frate took this problem head-on through the Rural Health Research Program. Dr. Frate served as the coordinator of the Rural Health Research Program and principal investigator of a National Institutes of Health study to develop community-based programs to control high blood pressure in rural populations.

Many of our colleagues here in Congress have espoused the notion of expanding healthcare coverage. Dr. Frate lived it.

It is through community efforts as demonstrated by Dr. Frate that we may be able to achieve a reality of accessible and affordable healthcare for all.

During his 20-plus years of service, Dr. Frate touched the lives of many, proving that even the simplest ideas can make a big difference.

I take great pride in commending the work of Dr. Dennis Frate on a job well done for more than 20 years.

MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. BRAD MILLER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3915) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices, to establish licensing and registration requirements for residential mortgage originators, to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans, and for other purposes:

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina. Mr. Chairman, this legislation may be interpreted to have the unintended consequence of changing the federal regulator governing Farm Credit System lenders, who as mortgage loan originators will be subject to the regulatory controls in this legislation. As H.R. 3915 progresses through Congress, I intend to work with my colleagues to ensure that any regulatory controls resulting from this legislation to Farm Credit System institutions are managed by their current federal regulator, the Farm Credit Administration.

IN HONOR OF DAN deGRASSI

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my cousin Dan deGrassi on his retirement. Dan has worked for Santa Cruz County in environmental preservation for most of his adult life.

A third generation Berkley graduate, Dan deGrassi completed his education to enter his adult years in a world in turmoil over war, race relations and social mores. With deep feelings about the changes he observed in the societal fabric around him, he became a conscientious objector to the Vietnam War and as such, Dan sought alternative service. It was then that he started his environmental work in 1971 at the Ecology Center in Berkley, California.

Realizing a connection to environmental preservation, Dan moved down to Santa Cruz in 1973 and began work at the local recycling center. The following year, Dan returned to school, this time to study in environmental studies, a passion that would follow him throughout his life. In 1974 Dan married Laurel and the two welcomed their daughter Jessica 2 years later.

Starting 2 weeks after his daughter's birth, Dan began his work at the Santa Cruz County Advanced Planning Department, where he worked to preserve prime agricultural areas. Two years later, he and Laurel welcomed their second child, a boy, Aaron to the family. Later on Dan moved on to curbside recycling and helped pioneer the Materials Recovery Facility, which specializes in organization of recyclable materials.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to consider Dan both family and friend. His work in ensuring the preservation of the environment and his dedication to Santa Cruz County is inspiring and I would like to congratulate him on his retirement and thank him for his service.

TRIBUTE TO C.T. COZART

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. C.T. Cozart from my hometown of Chattanooga, TN, as he steps down as Chairman of the Board of Carson Newman College. Thank you for allowing me to take a moment to recognize his tremendous contributions and to thank him for his service to our state and nation. Mr. Cozart has been an outstanding leader in our civic and faith communities.

C.T. graduated from the University of Tennessee and began a 30-year career with Chevron. In 1996, he retired as the vice president of marketing for Chevron Lubricants and moved back to his home state of Tennessee. His career caused frequent moves, so he and his wife became active in over ten churches throughout the country. The church was his most important connection with each new town and its people. C.T. is a deacon, has taught Sunday school, and served as head of the pastor search committee at two churches, most recently at Red Bank Baptist Church.

In 2000, C.T. was asked to serve on the Board of Trustees of Carson Newman College, one of the nation's premiere Baptist colleges, located in Jefferson City, Tennessee. Upon becoming chairman in 2006, he led the board with integrity and dignity through some of the most challenging times in the school's history. Throughout his tenure, his leadership has united Carson Newman and provided a clear and distinct path for the future of this Christian institution. Without exception, his tenure demonstrates the Christ-like manner in which C.T. Cozart has led his life.

C.T. is a charter member of the SimCenter, National Center for Computational Engineering at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. As one of only two members of this board with a non-engineering background, he brings a unique business perspective to the education community.

C.T. has been married to his wife Molly, for 46 years and is the proud father of two married adult children, Kathy and Scott Cushing, and Scott and Elaine Cozart. He is blessed with two grandchildren Camden and Mackenzie. C.T. is a wonderful example of integrity and leadership, and I am proud to recognize him today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unable to record my vote on rollcall No. 1141. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate those honored by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation for their outstanding contributions to the provision of legal services and access to justice to the poor.

While every American has a constitutional right to counsel when facing criminal prosecution, when faced with a civil action—including eviction, debt collection and bankruptcy—financial means too often determine access to our courts. The Maryland Legal Services Corporation has fought against this barrier to equal justice, raising funds and distributing grants to nonprofit organizations that provide civil legal assistance to low-income Marylanders.

Established by the Maryland General Assembly in 1982, MLSC has been at the forefront of the civil legal services movement for 25 years, awarding grants totaling over \$81 million to help provide services in more than 1.2 million legal matters for Maryland's families.

In 2007, MLSC honored the following five individuals and one organization for their extraordinary efforts to expand access to justice for the poor—

The Robert M. Bell Medal for Access to Justice was presented to Hon. J. Joseph Curran, Jr., former Attorney General for Maryland and now counsel to the Maryland Injured Workers Fund, for his extraordinary commitment to furthering access to justice for the poor throughout his distinguished career. MLSC created this award in 2004 and presented it to Chief Judge Bell, after which the award was named in his honor to be given only when warranted.

The Arthur W. Machen, Jr., Award was presented to Connie Kratovil Lavelle, who has been a legal services attorney, private practitioner and now deputy director of the Department of Family Administration of the Administrative Office of the Courts, for her extraordinary public service by providing legal representation to the poor and improving the delivery of legal services in Maryland.

The Benjamin L. Cardin Distinguished Service Award was presented to Lauren Young, director of litigation of the Maryland Disability Law Center, for her outstanding work as a public interest lawyer providing civil legal services to the poor and the developmentally disabled.

The William L. Marbury Outstanding Advocate Award was presented to Maureen Larenas, manager of the Tacoma Park Silver Spring, TESS, Community Service Center, for her outstanding advocacy in Maryland on behalf of low-income persons.

The Herbert S. Garten Public Citizen Award was given to The Daily Record, which has provided Maryland's business and legal news since 1888, for demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to increase access to justice for the poor in Maryland.

MLSC also presented an Award of Special Recognition to John H. Michener, former director of Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service and director of the Department of Human Resources Legal Services and Judicare Programs.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me today in honoring the recipients of the 2007 Maryland Legal Services Corporation Awards for their exceptional dedication and exemplary commitment to public service, equal justice and the welfare of the most vulnerable Marylanders.

IN TRIBUTE TO DR. SALOMÓN HERNÁNDEZ FLORES

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a compassionate educator, a civil rights activist, an ordained Baptist minister and veteran from the Fourth Congressional District, Dr. Salomón Hernández Flores. Dr. Flores passed away on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, in Milwaukee at age 79.

Dr. Flores was dedicated to his students, and his illustrious career as an educator began over 50 years ago, as a high school teacher of English and Spanish in Kansas and Missouri. Dr. Flores retired at age 72 as Professor Emeritus from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee after 24 years of service in the School of Education. He had also taught and trained teachers at universities including

Avila College, Northeastern State University, Ohio State University, University of Maryland and Chicago State University. At the national level, he was an early practitioner, advocate and scholar on bilingual education and served over the years as a consultant on bilingual education and multi-cultural education to numerous agencies and educational institutions.

During the 60s and 70s, Dr. Flores was active in the civil rights and Chicano rights movements as an educational activist and proposal writer. He worked directly with the Teacher Training Corp. of Texas, and the Midwest Desegregation Center. In recognition for his contributions as a Chicano activist, he was granted an audience with President Echeverria of Mexico. As an ordained American Baptist minister, he served as pastor at two churches, one each in Kansas and Missouri, with bilingual ministries. He participated in two missionary tours, one to Cuba and the other to Mexico, while attending Ottawa University.

Dr. Flores was born on October 14, 1928, in Kansas City, Kansas to immigrant Mexican parents. He attended Rosedale High School in Kansas City, where he held championship titles in the mile run. He continued his track career in college. Dr. Flores received his B.A. in English at Ottawa University in 1953, his M.A. in Spanish at the University of Kansas in 1963, and his Ph.D. in foreign language instruction at the Ohio State University in 1969. He honorably served his country during the Korean conflict.

Dr. Flores leaves behind a wonderful legacy of not only three children, Maria, David and José and beloved sister and brother, Damaris F. Mendez (nee Flores) and Faron; but also, the many colleagues, students and friends with whom he shared his knowledge, kindness and generosity over the years. The "Salomón Flores Scholarship Fund" has been established in his name to assist students in the completion of their educations.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Dr. Salomón Hernández Flores and his many positive contributions to the Fourth Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO DR. CAMERON MARTINDALE

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. EVERETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the contributions of Dr. Cameron Martindale who is retiring from Troy University on December 13. Her record of accomplishments for the university, the students and our community at large is impressive.

On April 13, 2000, Dr. Martindale was named third president of Troy University Montgomery and in May 2001, she was also named vice chancellor for advancement for the Troy University System. Prior to these appointments, she served the university for more than 14 years in a number of positions including interim president, vice president for institutional advancement, and project officer for Troy's Rosa Parks Museum. In August 2003, Dr. Martindale was appointed senior vice chancellor for advancement and external relations for Troy University.

At Troy, Dr. Martindale stabilized the institution's finances and, during a period of proration of State funds, was able to carry over a

balance of \$2 million. She totally renovated classrooms to include state-of-the-art equipment and built a new bilevel parking deck for university students and visitors.

Her contributions extended, however, to more than balancing budgets and improving campus facilities. She authored the case statement for Alabama higher education for the 2000 legislative session, she led Troy's development of a new institutional strategic plan, and activated two compressed master's programs—master of science in management and master of science in public administration, and began a civil rights concentration and technical writing program.

Dr. Martindale also oversaw completion and dedication of the landmark Rosa Parks Library and Museum in downtown Montgomery, which has hosted more than 70,000 visitors since December 1, 2000, and was named Alabama Event of the Year in 2001 by the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel.

An extremely active member of the Montgomery and Alabama educational, business and civic communities. Dr. Martindale has been a tremendous asset to the advancement of Troy University. I join her colleagues and many friends in wishing Dr. Martindale and her family all the best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ASHLEY A.
FOARD

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ashley A. Foard, a dedicated and faithful public servant who devoted his life to Idaho and his country. Mr. Foard passed away last week at the age of 97.

Ashley A. Foard was committed to serving the people of the United States. After earning his law degree from the University of Chicago, Mr. Foard began his 37-year-long career with the Federal Government. During his years of exemplary civil service, he served as a law clerk for the Public Works Administration, the National Housing Agency, and the Housing and Home Finance Agency. Mr. Foard later served as Acting General Counsel for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, where his efforts helped shape the country's housing and urban development policies.

The extraordinary service that Mr. Foard showed was very apparent to his superiors and peers alike, earning him many awards, such as the Superior Accomplishment Award and the Distinguished Service Award from the Housing and Home Finance Agency. Included in his long list of accomplishments is the role he played in the planning and drafting of President Kennedy's Executive Order 11063, which ended racial discrimination in Federal housing programs and led directly to the elimination of legal segregation in housing throughout the United States. Mr. Foard also assisted the Agency for International Development in the planning and development of national housing programs for numerous foreign countries.

In 1969, Mr. Foard was once again recognized for his service with the Rockefeller Public Service Award from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and Inter-

national Affairs. At his retirement, Mr. Foard was honored by Members of Congress and members of the President's cabinet. Mr. Foard's service did not end after retirement—he was an active member in the Kiwanis Club and the National Active and Retired Federal Employees, and he produced two books and a number of shorter pieces about his life.

Mr. Foard was described by those around him as “unassuming and modest to a fault” and “quietly devoting himself to the common good.” He lived a life that mattered to his family, his community, and his country, and I am gratified to honor him today.

TRIBUTE TO MS. C. PAMELA
HOLLIDAY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a fellow native Washingtonian with whom, my staff and I have had the distinct pleasure of working since 1992: Ms. C. Pamela Holliday, Regional Director of the Washington Passport Agency.

Ms. Holliday, “Pam,” began her career with the State Department on February 1, 1971 as a GS-3 Passport Processing Clerk. From 1971 until her selection as Regional Director of the Washington Passport Agency in 1992, Pam served as a passport examiner, automated records manager, Consular Officer in Overseas Citizens Services, Fraud Prevention Programs, and at the US Embassy in Belize. The State Department sent her in many different official capacities to Belgium, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, France, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland.

However, Pam's hallmarks are not the titles and positions she has held, but the efficiency, collegiality, and dedication she brought to her work. As the delegations from Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia know, our constituents expect us to sort out the thorniest of passport problems before their flights leave the next morning. When the going gets especially tough, the tough call Pam.

Madam Speaker, I ask this house to join with me and Pam's friends, associates, and co-workers, who on December 13th will recognize her thirty-five years of extraordinary service to the travelling public as she prepares to retire in January.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN BAIRD

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, on December 11, 2007, I was visiting with displaced residents and touring flood damaged areas in my district. As a result, I was unable to be present for votes. I take my voting responsibility very seriously. Had I been present, I would have voted the following: rollcall vote 1134—H. Res. 846 (Will the House Now Consider the Resolution): “yea”; rollcall vote 1135—H.R. 3505 (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass):

“yea”; rollcall vote 1136—H. Res. 846 (On Agreeing to the Previous Question): “yea”; rollcall vote 1137—H. Res. 846 (On Agreeing to the Resolution): “yea”; rollcall vote 1138—H.R. 4253 (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass): “yea”; rollcall vote 1139—Quorum (Call of the House): “present”; rollcall vote 140—H.R. 6 (On Agreeing to the Senate Amendments with Amendments): “yea”; and rollcall vote 1141—H.R. 2085 (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass): “yea.”

TRIBUTE TO KEITH COLLINS,
CHIEF ECONOMIST, U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE

HON. JOHN E. PETERSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedicated service of Dr. Keith Collins who has served with distinction as the Chief Economist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for almost 14 years. At the end of this year Keith will retire, and he will be missed, not only by his colleagues at USDA, but by all of us who came to respect and rely on his non-partisan, thoughtful and detailed analysis of economic issues in agriculture.

Keith began his career as an economist with USDA in 1977, and his tenure there has spanned four presidencies of both political parties. He has served under nine Secretaries of Agriculture.

In 1994, Keith was named Chief Economist at USDA, and in that capacity he has been responsible for economic forecasts and projections and has advised the Secretary of Agriculture on the economic implications of alternative programs, regulations and legislative proposals. His advice has not been limited to the Secretary either—he has become a valued advisor to Members of Congress and others involved in agriculture policy.

On highly charged political issues, Keith is known for his honesty, competency, and influence. Even when facing tough questions from Members of Congress, nothing seems to rattle Keith's calm, rational demeanor.

Keith has also earned the respect of his peers in the field of agricultural economics. Keith is a Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association, which is the highest honor the agricultural economics profession can bestow.

One economist who worked with Keith over the years measured the potential success for newly appointed Secretaries of Agriculture using what he called the “Keith Collins intelligence test.” If the new Secretaries reappointed Keith as Chief Economist, they passed.

Keith's colleagues at USDA have also recognized his outstanding contributions. He received the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive in 1990 and 1996 and the Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Executive in 1992, the highest award a Federal executive can receive.

Madam Speaker, Keith's retirement is a real loss for American agriculture. Through his service at USDA, he has influenced agriculture policy in many positive and lasting ways. His work truly has touched the lives of many Americans, especially our Nation's farmers and ranchers.

On behalf of the House Agriculture Committee, I extend to Keith our deepest appreciation for his service to American agriculture and wish him great happiness in retirement.

RECOGNIZING JAYCE H. BERRY
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jayce H. Berry, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 13, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jayce has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jayce has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jayce H. Berry for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, due to other congressional business, I unfortunately missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, December 4, 2007. Had I been able to vote that day, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote No. 1123 and "yea" on rollcall votes Nos. 1124, 1125, and 1126.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND
SECURITY ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 6, the Renewable Fuels, Consumer Protection, and Energy Efficiency Act of 2007.

Let me congratulate Speaker PELOSI, Chairman DINGELL, and the House Democratic leadership for bringing this legislation to the floor for a new direction for America's energy independence.

Anyone who has filled up a gas tank in the past year knows that gas prices are highly volatile and too high for the average American. Yet while Americans are struggling to make ends meet, oil companies are making record profits. As a former North Carolina small businessman, and a part-time farmer, I believe that it is our duty to find alternatives to what has become a dangerous reliance on foreign oil.

And let me be clear, our Nation has the capability to gain its energy independence. H.R. 6 will move us close to this goal by promoting the use of renewable fuel. This legislation will create a fund, which will be used to extend and expand tax credits for ethanol and biodiesel, extend loan guarantees to farmers to produce renewable energy, and increase the use of flex fuel vehicles.

Today we have the technology to solve our energy crisis growing in our fields. We have the ability to turn soybeans and peanuts, both grown in large numbers in my home State of North Carolina, into biodiesel, and the technology to turn sugarcane and corn into ethanol. What we haven't had up to this point is the leadership to develop the infrastructure needed to facilitate the use of these fuels.

The legislation before us today will begin to do just that. I encourage my colleagues to vote for H.R. 6.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on December 6, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my vote for rollcall No. 1141. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 1141—"yea."

TRIBUTE TO JIM GRISSO

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a news professional in my district who has served the people of northern Michigan with distinction. The Publisher of the Gaylord Herald Times, Jim Grisso, will retire at the end of this year after a 47-year career in the newspaper industry, 39 of them at the helm of the Gaylord Herald Times.

As the publisher of the Gaylord Herald Times (the Times), Mr. Grisso has made the newspaper a leader in the industry, garnering nearly 500 awards at the state and national levels since 1968. In 2007, the Herald Times was named the national Newspaper of the Year in its circulation class by the Suburban Newspapers of America, a testament to Mr. Grisso's vision and leadership of the paper.

Under Mr. Grisso's leadership, the Herald Times has been a steadfast advocate of the public's right to know, on occasion resulting in challenges, even lawsuits, against public bodies that violated the Open Meetings Law or failed to comply with the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Grisso has always insisted that the newspaper represent the people of Otsego County and reflect the values of the residents of Gaylord: hard work, honesty, tenacity and telling it like it is.

Mr. Grisso's leadership in northern Michigan extends beyond the Times. Mr. Grisso has held several leadership positions with professional associations: Past President, Michigan Press Association; Past President, Michigan Newspapers Industry and Michigan State Chairman, National Newspaper Association.

Over the years, Mr. Grisso has also been a leader in the Gaylord community and used his position at the Times to promote community service within Gaylord. In 1980, Mr. Grisso established the Buergermeister Award, which the Herald Times annually presents to recognize an individual who epitomizes service and dedication to the community. The Buergermeister Award is considered the most prestigious award in Otsego County and, thanks to Mr. Grisso's leadership, it has been used to recognize and encourage community service throughout the county.

Mr. Grisso's commitment to community does not end there. He has donated enormous space in the Gaylord Herald Times in the form of community announcements and in-kind advertising for charitable and nonprofit organizations. While the Gaylord Herald Times has certainly put plenty on his plate, he has donated generously of his personal time through work on many boards and organizations. He co-founded and was the first vice-president of Otsego County Big Brothers organization. He served as President of the Gaylord Rotary Club and the Gaylord High School Athletic Boosters Club. He served on the Boards of the Otsego Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Gaylord/Otsego County Chamber of Commerce, Gaylord Little League, and Alpenfest. He continues to serve today as Otsego County Economic Alliance Executive Committee and is currently Vice President of the University of Michigan Alumni Club of Gaylord.

Over the years, Mr. Grisso has been recognized with numerous awards for his participation in community and civic groups. The Gaylord/Otsego County Chamber of Commerce honored Mr. Grisso with the "You Made It Happen Award" and the Otsego County United Way recognized his service with the "Thanks To You, It Worked For All of Us." He has been named Otsego County Fair Association Citizen of the Year. Mr. Grisso has received the Founder's Award of Appreciation, presented by Alpenfest Committee as a founder and leader in building Gaylord as the Alpine Village. The Otsego County Emergency Medical Service honored him and five other Gaylord Rotarians for raising \$15,000 to purchase defibrillators as a result of a 150-mile walk from Gaylord to Manistique in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Madam Speaker, I have a special relationship with Mr. Grisso. His paper has covered my work since I began serving Michigan's 1st Congressional District in 1992. As might be expected, I have not agreed with every word his paper has written or his angle on every story. However, without a doubt he has endeavored to ensure that the Gaylord Herald Times covers the issues important to the people of northern Michigan and informs and serves them with excellent local journalism. As the Publisher of the Times, he has ensured the Times covers the challenges facing Gaylord and Otsego County. As a leader in his community, he has helped develop solutions to those same challenges.

Today, as he prepares to enter a well deserved retirement I offer him, his wife Sue, his four daughters, four step sons and eight grandchildren all the best for the future. I would ask, Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in thanking Jim Grisso for his service to the Gaylord community, commending him for his many years of exceptional work as a journalist

and newspaperman and congratulating him on his many achievements.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, on December 4, 2007, I missed the following rollcall votes due to illness: rollcall vote No. 1123, H.R. 3998, passage of America's Historical and Natural Legacy Study Act; rollcall vote No. 11124, passage of H.R. 3887, the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act; rollcall vote 1125, the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2082, the Intelligence Authorization Act; and rollcall vote No. 1126, passage of the Charlie W. Norwood Living Organ Donation Act.

If present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall Nos. 1123, 1124, and 1126, and I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 1125.

HONORING THE 2007 MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION II FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HIGH SCHOOL

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Ms. KILPATRICK. Madam Speaker, it is a great pleasure and privilege that I offer the following resolution and an accolade of tribute to Head Coach James Reynolds, Jr., the assistant coaches, and the players of Martin Luther King, Jr. High School's boys football team on their stellar season. I am proud to salute this wonderful organization. This organization was honored during a special ceremony on Friday, November 30, 2007 at Cobo Hall where thousands of Detroiters paid tribute to the King Crusade.

Whereas, under the skilled guidance of Head Coach James Reynolds, Jr. and Defensive Coordinator Dale Harvel, Martin Luther King, Jr. High School's boys football team won the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Division II title, defeating Midland Dow High School by the score of 47 to 21 on Friday, November 23, 2007. Detroit King is the first Detroit Public School League (PSL) team to win a State title since the MHSAA started the playoff system in 1975.

Whereas, Coach Reynolds found his calling as the head coach of the King Crusaders football team—a post he has held for 34 years; made many personal sacrifices for the sake of training his teams; gave freely of his time and focused on developing athletes, mentoring young men, and instilling the principles of good sportsmanship; and retired in June of 2007 but returned to King High School to coach football. Under Coach Reynolds's leadership, his teams have posted an impressive record of 250 wins and 106 losses; nine city championships; four regional championships; and three appearances in the State finals. Coach Reynolds is the only Detroit Public

School coach who has led football teams to the Michigan State finals.

Whereas, Defensive Coordinator Harvel, a valuable member of the staff, made personal sacrifices in order to help the players develop their athletic skill, good character and to abide by the principles of good sportsmanship. Mr. Harvel exhibited true team spirit by working in unison with the other coaches for the benefit of the athletes and the best results on the football field.

Whereas, with a balance of excellent scoring and tough defense, Detroit King displayed great poise in setting goals for themselves at the beginning of the season by going out and making their dreams become reality through hard work and commitment. Many of the talents and characteristics they exhibited in reaching this goal will help them in all aspects of their lives.

In special tribute, therefore, this resolution is dedicated to extend the highest commendation to the Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, the coaching staff, and the members of the boys football team for their victorious and first MHSAA Division II Football State Championship. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, and the Congressional Black Caucus, we salute you. May the Congress of the United States, and the Nation, know of our collective pride in your accomplishments and achievements.

CONGRATULATING THE FARMINGTON COMPANY ON ITS 27TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Farmington Company for 27 faithful years of service in the insurance industry. Based in Farmington, Connecticut, this local company has proven hard work is more than a virtue.

In 1980, two Connecticut men, Bob Burke and Brad Collins, recognized that the majority of America—the Nation's lower and middle wage earners were underserved by the insurance community. Understanding the opportunity of meeting the insurance needs of the average American, Bob and Brad moved forward to develop a company founded on the basic principle of "people helping people."

The product of hard work and vision, the Farmington Company has grown to national and industry-wide recognition. As a fledgling enterprise, the two-man operation of the Farmington Company targeted the New York and New England regions. Now, 27 years later, the Farmington Company is still led by Bob Burke, the company president and Brad Collins, the executive vice president. The company employs more than 150 staff members that provide services to thousands of individuals across the United States. The 27-year record of success for the Farmington Company can be attributed to the heart of the operation—the company's dedicated and talented employees. Most notably, it is the hard work and leadership of people like Sales Vice President Doug Mantz, Senior Vice President Carol Rosenblatt, the New England branch president Jay Hershman, regional directors like Ed

Calitri and John Lenihan, director of corporate services Steve Frankel and finance vice president Chris Thaurau that define the success of the Farmington Company.

In the insurance capital of the world—the State of Connecticut—we are proud of companies like the Farmington Company that have long worked to create and expand meaningful insurance opportunities for those who normally couldn't or wouldn't get insurance. A business built on basics, the Farmington Company understands the needs of both employers and employees, and most importantly the needs of the community. As a company defined with success, I would like to also recognize how the Farmington Company gives back to the community. Whether supporting the important work of the Jimmy Fund or participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign, the Farmington Company lives up to their motto of "people helping people."

On their 27th anniversary, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the achievements and important contributions of the Farmington Company. I applaud their work in Connecticut and across the country.

A TRIBUTE TO RALPH HENRY "SMILEY" SEYLLER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great community leader, Ralph Henry "Smiley" Seyller, of Hampshire, Illinois who passed away November 17, 2007 at the age of 82.

Ralph was a man of many hats who dedicated his life to community service. Whether as a coach or park district director, much of his life was spent mentoring and encouraging children and developing programs in Burlington, St. Charles and Hampshire, Illinois.

His many contributions and honors include: Ralph Seyller established the Burlington Boys Club and served as counselor for 17 years. For his efforts, the Village named the baseball field in his honor and inducted him into their Hall of Fame.

After 25 years of employment at St. Charles High School, Ralph was honored for his service to the youth of St. Charles High School and his contributions to the Athletic Department. He was inducted into their Hall of Fame and given a Lifetime Achievement Award.

In retirement, Ralph organized the Hampshire Park District and served as Director for 20 years. During his tenure, he established programs for people of all ages. His major accomplishments included creation of the Little People Playtime Pre-School program, now in its 25th year and occupying its own facility. He created the Coon Creek Classic Run/Walk which eventually included 800 runners. And he organized trips to Cellular and Wrigley Fields to watch the Chicago White Sox and Cubs play baseball. In appreciation of those and many other contributions, the east park was named the Ralph H. Seyller Park.

Ralph served many years as Democratic Precinct Committeeman.

I was privileged to know Ralph Seyller, whose son David Edmonson is married to my niece Jodi. His life serves as a role model for

those who want to make their own communities the best that they can be in serving the needs and desires of their residents. My heart goes out to those who will miss him most, his loving wife and partner, Catherine, and his children Sarajane, David, Donald and Susan.

PROMOTE AND PROTECT OUR
STRONG ECONOMY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, America's third quarter GDP grew at an impressive 4.9 percent. That means we have had 6 straight years of economic growth coupled with a record 51 straight months of job growth creating 8.3 million additional jobs. In the district I represent, the Nation's fourth largest cabinet company, the ElKay Cabinet Division, has announced a new manufacturing plant in Barnwell which will create hundreds of jobs. This job success is the product of the pro-growth tax policies that President Bush signed into law 4 years ago.

There remains much more that we must do in order to promote strong economic growth. We need energy legislation that actually helps create new energy, health care reform that values individual choice over government mandate, and sensible tax reform. We must enact legislation—including a repeal of the Alternative Minimum Tax—that doesn't expand the burden of Washington spending on the backs of middle class Americans and small businesses.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th.

IN RECOGNITION OF KATE
WHITACRE

HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of Cadet Kate Whitacre from Boonville, IN. Kate recently received the Carl A. Spaatz Award—the highest honor bestowed upon members of the Civil Air Patrol.

The award is based on a demonstrated excellence in leadership, character, fitness and aerospace education. And Kate's receipt of this prestigious award is a testament not only to her abilities in these areas but also to her commitment to our community.

As a member of the Civil Air Patrol, she is volunteering to risk her own life to make others safer, and she understands that there is no higher calling than service to others.

I congratulate Kate Whitacre on her tremendous accomplishment. She is a leader among many and an inspiration to us all.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND
SECURITY ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, the energy bill before us today raises the bar and sets new, higher standards for us as a Nation and all I can say is "It's about time."

It's about time we raised CAFE standards to a level to be competitive with the rest of the world. Allowing these standards to fall behind is an embarrassment for a country that should be a role model for other countries in technology and efficiency.

It's about time that we had a nationwide renewable energy standard. Renewable energy in some form is available in every corner of this Nation. We need to invest in it and make it work for us and for a cleaner future for our children. Setting a standard at 15 percent is a good start.

And it's about time that we work toward making cleaner fuels for our automobiles. That's why I'm proud language is included in this bill that I authored with the gentleman from Maryland, Mr. BARTLETT, which sets a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the production and use of biofuels.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill and move our energy policy forward for our children and grandchildren. It's about time.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
SHIRLEY WADDING

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the many accomplishments of the Honorable Shirley Wadding, Mayor of Lake Station, Indiana. I have known Shirley for many years, and she is one of the most involved citizens that I have ever known, especially when it comes to her service to the residents of Lake Station. Shirley has been a public official in Lake Station for the past twenty years, the last twelve of which she served as the city's mayor. Though Shirley has been the cornerstone of her community, she decided not to run for reelection and will be retiring from her elected office at year's end. For her efforts and many contributions to the City of Lake Station, Shirley was honored at a retirement celebration on Saturday, December 1, 2007, at the Lake Station Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9323.

Originally from Indiana, Pennsylvania, Shirley came to Northwest Indiana in 1960. A resident of Lake Station since that time, Shirley's familiarity with the people of Lake Station and her fondness for the city emerged from her everyday interactions with them as the owner of a local sandwich shop. Undoubtedly, it was her connection to the people that steered her in the direction of public service and led to her election to the city council in 1987. Following eight years on the council, Shirley's leadership

skills and dedication led to her election as mayor, serving from 1996 to 2007. During this time, Shirley received numerous accolades from the community, including: the Liberty Bell Award from the Indiana State Bar Association in 2002, the Department of the Army's Certificate of Appreciation in 2005, and the Marine Corps League Distinguished Service Award in 2007.

As the mayor of Lake Station, Shirley was instrumental in many improvements and upgrades within the city. Throughout her tenure, Lake Station has welcomed several new subdivisions and businesses, as well as many new public facilities, including a community center, a senior and nutrition center, a food pantry, a public library, and a compost facility. Thanks to Shirley's leadership and perseverance, the city was also able to acquire and restore what would become her most rewarding contribution, the Lake Station Boys and Girls Club. Throughout the years, Shirley's commitment to public safety and the well-being of the community was constant. During this time, the city saw improvements and additions made to the ambulance service, the police department, and the fire department. These included additional vehicles, equipment, officers, computer upgrades, and a new 911 emergency system. Public health services were also improved through the addition of a mosquito sprayer, new storm sewers, a renovated water tower, and new sidewalks and walking trails. Beautification of the city has also been one of Shirley's primary objectives, as is evidenced by Lake Station's Veterans' Community Park, a covered walking bridge, and numerous landscaping projects throughout the city.

Having decided to retire from public service, Shirley will now be able to spend much of her time with those closest to her, her family. A loving wife, mother, and grandmother, Shirley's commitment to the people of Lake Station is surpassed only by her dedication to her family. Shirley and her husband, Harry, have shared many wonderful years together. They have been blessed with three children: Jody, Toni, and James. Harry and Shirley are also the proud grandparents of 6 adoring grandchildren: Larissa, Kristin, Jordan, Jenna, Jake, and Jonas.

Madam Speaker, Shirley Wadding has given her time and efforts selflessly to the people of Lake Station for the past twenty years and beyond. At this time, I ask that you and all of my distinguished colleagues join me in commending her for her service and dedication. I also ask you to join me in wishing her the best of health and happiness in the years to come.

CARDINAL JOHN P. FOLEY DAY IN
PHILADELPHIA

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, December 13, 2007, is a special day in Philadelphia. The City Council has declared 'Cardinal John P. Foley Day in the City of Philadelphia' to honor a great and humble priest of our city who has been elevated to Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church.

Both in Philadelphia and on the world stage, Cardinal Foley has served ably as the communicator of both faith and social policy for the

Catholic Church as it performs vital work in maintaining the health and welfare safety net for many of our citizens in need, regardless of religion, race or nationality.

Even as Cardinal Foley has served two Popes at the Vatican for the past 23 years, he always left his heart in Philadelphia. He has made frequent return visits to friends, family, fellow priests and all his admirers in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where he was born, raised and ordained.

December 13 highlights Cardinal Foley's first visit home since the Consistory in Rome on November 24, 2007, at which he and 22 other priests were elevated to Cardinal. He will be honored in Philadelphia City Council, where he will open the weekly session with a prayer. Then he will celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul along Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Cardinal Foley's career as a Catholic communicator extends back to his youth, as a teenager in Sharon Hill. As a student at St. Joseph's Preparatory School, he wrote and produced plays on the lives of saints that were broadcast on a radio station that specialized in Catholic programming. Also at St. Joseph's Prep he developed an abiding lifetime friendship with Richard A. Doran, an outstanding Philadelphian on whose counsel and friendship I often relied in the dawn of my career. Tragically, Dick Doran died less than a year before this week's celebration, but the ceremonies this week will be graced by his widow Mary Doran.

As a student at St. Joseph's University the future Cardinal Foley was a TV regular on a Channel 3 college debate series, often jousting with Penn's ARLEN SPECTER, now Pennsylvania's senior senator. And in typical Foley storytelling fashion he recalls that the show shared studio space with "Bertie the Bunyip," a legendary local puppet show of the 1950s.

The late Cardinal John Krol spotted this young priest as a devout man of great talent and potential. Cardinal Krol arranged for him to attend Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, installed him as Editor of the Catholic Standard and Times for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from 1970 to 1984, then recommended him to Pope John Paul II for a new post as President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications at the Vatican.

Then-Archbishop Foley undertook the task of explaining church teachings through the worldwide media. He designed and implemented the Vatican's modern communications policy. He also served as the voice of the Vatican on such occasions as the global telecast of Midnight Mass from St. Peter's—a role he intends to continue.

Now, in addition to solemn duties as advisor to Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Foley has taken on the responsibility at the Vatican for overseeing the Catholic holy places in the Middle East as Pro Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Through it all, this man of God has never lost his humility, his gentle wit and his broad smile as he has risen to this most elite level of the billion-member worldwide church to

which he devotes his life. Cardinal Foley Day is a day of celebration for all of us.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JELINDO
ANGELO "J.A." TIBERTI

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jelindo Angelo "J.A." Tiberti, who died on Wednesday May 3, 2006.

J.A. was a pillar of the Las Vegas construction industry, patriarch of Tiberti construction and a civic leader. J.A. came to Las Vegas from California in 1941 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build the runway at what is now Nellis Air Force Base. He formed Waale, Camplan and Tiberti Construction Co. in 1947 and developed Bonanza Village on Bonanza Road before venturing out on his own in 1950. Among his many prominent works in Las Vegas are the Las Vegas Club, Palace Station, Sunset Station, Club Bingo and the Gold Coast. He built schools, hospitals, and public buildings. Not only was he a great craftsman, he was also a benevolent member of society. J.A.'s charitable contributions include a million dollar donation to help create the UNLV College of Engineering in 1979, and he provided the funds to build Camp Potosi for the Boy Scouts Boulder Dam Area Council. He was also appointed to the Las Vegas City Planning Commission in 1953 and served six consecutive four-year terms. J.A. received a number of professional awards as well, such as the Southern Nevada Engineer of the Year award in 1972, and the state's Most Distinguished Nevadan in 1987.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Jelindo Angelo "J.A." Tiberti. His professional success and philanthropic nature should serve as an example to us all. He will surely be missed by the community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LEE STRAWHUN—

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the many years of dedicated service of Mr. Lee Strawhun. Having known Lee for many years, I can truly say that he is one of the most committed, knowledgeable, and honorable citizens in Northwest Indiana. Nowhere has his knowledge and commitment been more evident than in his faithful service to the mental health profession, and more specifically, to the Southlake Center for Mental Health. Lee has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Southlake Center since its founding in April of 1976. For many years, Lee has been a constant fixture at the Southlake Center for Mental Health, and for his efforts, he was honored at a farewell reception on Thursday, December 6, 2007, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana.

Lee Strawhun has spent his entire life, both professionally and personally, working at ways to improve not only mental health services, but society as a whole. From his service to his country as a member of the United States

Army Reserves to his consulting work with various organizations to his service to the youth of his community as faculty member at Indiana University-Northwest and guest lecturer at Purdue University-Calumet, Valparaiso University-School of Law, and DePaul University-School of Law, Lee has always sought opportunities to improve the quality of life for all people.

Looking back, it is not surprising that Lee was chosen as the first staff member at the Southlake Center for Mental Health back in 1976. Following a very successful six years as the Deputy Director of the Northwest Indiana Comprehensive Health Planning Council, Lee was brought on during a time when mental health services were not readily accepted. Since serving Southlake Center's first clients in 1977, Lee Strawhun has led the way and has been the catalyst for the improvement of mental health services in Northwest Indiana and beyond. During Lee's tenure, the Southlake Center for Mental Health has seen astonishing growth. To name a few of these outstanding advances, Southlake Center has expanded to include: drug and alcohol treatment programs, GED and general medical services programs, supervised group living homes, a psychology doctoral internship program, an acute partial hospitalization program, a countywide divorce education program, residential treatment centers for adolescents and children, independent group living facilities, and a forensic diversion program.

Without a doubt, Lee Strawhun has been an innovative and respected leader throughout the years. To attest to this fact, Lee has been the recipient of numerous awards for his leadership and dedication. To name a few of his many accolades, Lee was honored with the "Distinguished Hoosier Award" in 1982 by Governor Robert Orr, the "Adam Benjamin Advocacy Award" in 1989 by the Indiana Mental Health Association's Lake County Chapter, the "Outstanding Achiever Award" in 1990 by the American Cancer Society, and the "Outstanding Board Member of the Year Award" in 2001 by the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Counties. Then, in 2004, Lee was awarded the prestigious "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Frank O'Bannon.

Though it may be difficult to imagine where he has found the time, Lee has always been an active member of various professional organizations, including: the National Council of Community Mental Health Centers, American Society for Public Administration, Reserve Officers Association, American Correctional Association, and the Mental Health Corporations of America. He has also been a member of various organizations within Northwest Indiana, including: the Mental Health Association, Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers, Calumet Region Montessori, Merrillville Rotary Club, Alumni Association of the Indiana University—School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University-Northwest—Center for Medical Education, Lake County Community Corrections Advisory Board, Workforce Investment Board, Merrillville Chamber of Commerce, Merrillville Sanitary District, and the Merrillville "Vision 21" Committee.

Madam Speaker, Lee Strawhun has devoted his life to improving mental health services and to serving the people of Northwest Indiana. At this time, I ask that you and all of my distinguished colleagues join me in commending him for his lifetime of service, perseverance, and dedication. I also ask that you join me in wishing him the best of health and happiness in the years to come.