

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE MOST REVEREND JAMES H. GARLAND ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS EPISCOPAL ORDINATION AND PRIESTLY ORDINATION

### HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Most Reverend James H. Garland on the 25th anniversary of his Episcopal ordination and the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination. For 50 years Bishop Garland has served the Lord, the Catholic Church, and countless members in his parishes. For 13 years Bishop Garland served the Diocese of Marquette, which remains today a church that is intrinsically linked to the spirit of the Upper Peninsula.

Bishop Garland received his bachelor's degree in education from Ohio State University in 1953. During that year he began studies at the seminaries of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on August 15, 1959. Following ordination, Bishop Garland served in several parishes and directed offices of Catholic Charities in Springfield and Dayton, Ohio, as well as the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Charities. Bishop Garland also went on to receive a master's degree in philosophy from Mount Saint Mary's Seminary of the West in 1960, and a master's degree in social work from Catholic University of America in 1965.

On June 2, 1984, Bishop Garland was appointed to the Episcopacy by Pope John Paul II and ordained Titular Bishop of Garrigiana and Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Cincinnati on July 25, 1984. He has also directed the Archdiocesan Departments of Community Services and Pastoral Services of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

On November 11, 1992, Bishop Garland was installed as the eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Marquette, Michigan—a diocese rich in history, rich in faith and rich in the Lord's spirit. During his tenure as Bishop of Marquette, Bishop Garland became known throughout the diocese for his service, his generosity, and the cookies he baked for volunteers. My hometown church, the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Menominee, Michigan, resides in the Diocese of Marquette and I am personally grateful for Bishop Garland's steady leadership and strong commitment to the members of the diocese.

Bishop Garland implemented the Legacy of Faith endowment program to develop faith formation and to keep Catholic schools throughout our diocese on solid financial ground. My wife, Laurie, and I are proud to serve as two of the bishop's ambassadors, helping to preserve Catholic faith throughout the Upper Peninsula.

Bishop Garland's committed work ethic extended beyond the Diocese of Marquette as

well. He served on the Administrative Committee and Board of the United States Catholic Conference/National Conference of Catholic Bishops; he served as chairman of the United States Catholic Conference Committee for the Campaign for Human Development from 1992 to 1995; and he served as chairperson of the Bishops of Region VI of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops from 1995 to 1997.

Bishop Garland retired as Bishop of Marquette on December 13, 2005, but he remains active in spreading the Word of the Lord, serving as executive director of the Bishop Baraga Association and writing articles for the diocesan Catholic newspaper. He also continues to care for those in the Marquette community as a hospice volunteer and enjoys reading, music, and gardening in his retirement.

Madam Speaker, the story of Michigan's Upper Peninsula is deeply intertwined with the history of the Diocese of Marquette. Bishop Garland's years of service are now an important part of this history. In honor of the countless lives he has touched, his dedication to the Roman Catholic Church, and his unwavering faith in the Lord I would ask, Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing the Most Reverend Bishop James H. Garland on the 25th anniversary of his Episcopal ordination and the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination.

### HONORING DAVID BORUNDA

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, Mr. COSTA and I rise today to commend and congratulate David Borunda upon being named the "2009 Businessman of the Year" by the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Borunda will be recognized at the 21st Annual Central California Business Expo, to be held in Fresno, California on Friday, August 7, 2009.

Mr. Borunda has been treating his customers to, as he describes, "Mexican food with a passion" in Fresno since he established Plaza Ventana in 1977. Plaza Ventana remains one of the most awarded restaurants in Fresno and enjoys the distinction of receiving the "Best of Fresno" award by Fresno Magazine and receiving "The Central Valley's People's Choice Award" awarded to Mr. Borunda by the Fresno Bee. With two locations in Fresno, Plaza Ventana offers an extensive menu and is considered one of the top Mexican restaurants in the Central Valley by residents and visitors alike.

Mr. Borunda is one of the founding members of the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and he has served on the board of directors since the chamber was founded during a meeting in his restaurant at

the original Plaza Ventana location in 1983. He has been very active in the community serving on the board of the California Restaurant Association of Fresno and as a member of the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Toastmasters. Mr. Borunda's steadfast commitment to the community has set an example for other business owners to follow.

Through years of hard work and dedication, Mr. Borunda's investment in his business makes him worthy of this esteemed recognition. He has managed to stand alone as a family-run and operated business among many competitors and continues to put his customers first. It is for those reasons that we take great pride and honor in joining the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in recognizing David Borunda as "2009 Businessman of the Year" and we invite our colleagues to join in wishing Mr. Borunda much continued success and prosperity.

Mr. COSTA and I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Borunda many years of continued success.

### HONORING REAR ADMIRAL MICHAEL K. MAHON

### HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Rear Admiral Michael K. Mahon upon his retirement from the position of Director of Surface Warfare for the United States Navy.

A 1979 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Rear Admiral Mahon furthered his education as he earned a Master's degree in strategic planning from the Naval Postgraduate School and national security strategy from the National War College, where he graduated with distinction.

Rear Admiral Mahon's first sea tour was aboard the USS *Dewey* (DDG 45) where he served as Electronic Warfare Officer, Assistant CIC Officer and CIC Officer. Since then, he has served as the Operations Officer aboard USS *Gallery* and COMDESRON 24 in 1986 and 1987, respectively. In early 1990, he reported to the OPNAV staff and served as the Joint Strategic Planning System Officer for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy, and Operations.

In 1992, Rear Admiral Mahon served as the Commissioning Executive Officer of USS *Cape St. George*. *Cape St. George* was selected as the first ship other than a battleship to ever win the Arizona Memorial Trophy. He went on to serve as the Flag Secretary to CINCUSNAVEUR from 1994 to 1996 and Deputy Executive Assistant to the Commander of the NATO Implementation Force (IFOR) in Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina.

Rear Admiral Mahon's most recent assignment was as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Allied Maritime Component Command,

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Northwood United Kingdom. Additionally, he was the U.S. Naval Forces Europe representative from October 2005 to January 2007.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with two gold stars), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal (with three gold stars), among many others.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me today to honor Rear Admiral Michael K. Mahon in his retirement from the position of Director of Surface Warfare. It is with great pride that I congratulate Admiral Mahon on his exemplary defense career.

A TRIBUTE TO THE BOWLING GREEN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce for being recognized as Chamber of the Year. This acknowledgement was made during the American Chamber of Commerce Executives' annual conference.

Through the leadership of Chairman of the Board Todd Davis, President Jim Hizer, and the teamwork of the community, the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce was recognized by their peers for their hard work and achievements.

Success in economic development efforts and community programs led to the Chamber being elevated as the top organization in its class. The region's business community has seen tremendous growth due to the leadership programs, educational initiatives, and other opportunities provided by the Chamber to its members.

The Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce has shown a strong commitment to bringing success and prosperity to the community. I commend the Board of Directors, staff, membership, and volunteers of the Chamber on receiving this prestigious honor.

RECOGNIZING THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM AT DELANEY PLAZA

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the Sixth Floor Museum at Delaney Plaza for being accepted into the prestigious Museum Assessment Program. The Sixth Floor Museum is located on the sixth and seventh floors of the Texas School Book Depository, the warehouse from which Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963. The Sixth Floor Museum at Delaney Plaza opened in 1989 to commemorate the life and detail the events surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Museum Assessment Program is a highly selective program administered by the American Association of Museums through a

cooperative agreement with the Institute of Museum and Library Services that helps museums to improve their services through a rigorous evaluation process. Museums of all sizes and types apply for acceptance into the Management Assessment Program in hopes of becoming even stronger institutions. The program contains elements of peer review and self-study that enable museums to identify ways to allocate resources more efficiently, approach funders more successfully, and cater more directly to audiences of museum goers.

The Sixth Floor Museum at Delaney Plaza rightfully deserves its recent acceptance into the Museum Assessment Program, as it has serviced over 6 million visitors since its opening in 1989. The museum highlights the impacts of President John F. Kennedy's death on the nation and the world through films, photographs, artifacts and interpretive displays. The Sixth Floor Museum is one of only four museums in Texas to achieve this high honor in 2009.

I applaud the staff and volunteers at the Sixth Floor Museum at Delaney Plaza for their hard work and ability to operate a museum that has gained acceptance into such a widely respected assessment program. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in recognizing the Sixth Floor Museum at Delaney Plaza for having received such a high honor.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TROUT UNLIMITED

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the national Trout Unlimited on the group's Anniversary celebration. Throughout the past 50 years, members of Trout Unlimited have shown continued dedication toward conserving, protecting and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

In 1955 former auto executive and conservationist George Mason approached George Griffith about starting an organization dedicated to fly-fishing and natural trout reproduction. In September 1959, 16 fishermen and conservationists gathered in Grayling, Michigan at Griffith's Fishing Lodge, "The Barbless Hook," to hold the first Trout Unlimited meeting.

The next year, 300 people attended an organizational meeting for Trout Unlimited at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes in Grayling. Over the past 50 years, membership in Trout Unlimited has grown to 140,000 members with more than 400 chapters around the country. The organization continues to be guided by the principle if we "take care of the fish, then the fishing will take care of itself."

Today, the education and conservation efforts of Trout Unlimited span from Southern California steelhead, to sockeye salmon in Alaska's Bristol Bay, to the headwater spring chinook streams of central Idaho, then east to Maine Atlantic salmon and south to Georgia brook trout. Trout Unlimited volunteers have done everything from installing habitat improvement structures, fencing out cattle, replacing stream banks and implementing educational campaigns. This work amounts to 125,000 volunteer hours and \$1,500,000 in restoration work each year.

Trout and salmon set the standard for the overall health of an eco-system—a standard that benefits all living creatures and plants that share it, including humans. From birth to death they serve as a critical part of the food chain that sustains us and wildlife far beyond the streams and rivers in which they live. They provide food for animals such as bald eagles, bear, and other fish and their carcasses contribute rich nutrients to the water and nearby trees and plants. Because of their actions, the continual conservation efforts of Trout Unlimited have positive repercussions for critical eco-systems far beyond the salmon and trout themselves.

During its 50-year history Trout Unlimited has carried out hundreds of local stream restoration projects; updated and reformed the use of hatcheries to recover imperiled fish populations; worked with landowners, government agencies, Native American tribes, and other conservation groups to repair damaged fish habitats; protected remaining health habitats; revised harvest practices to support sustainable trout and salmon populations; and, worked through the federal licensing process and negotiated with private landowners to ensure dams cause minimal harm to fish runs.

Madam Speaker, the determined efforts of all members of Trout Unlimited have shown that restoring a river can result in stronger local communities as well as stronger aquatic environments. For their work to preserve and protect not only trout and salmon, but coldwater fisheries and watersheds across North America, I would ask, Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing Trout Unlimited on its 50th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE JANE ADDAMS RESOURCE CORPORATION

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the outstanding impact that the Jane Addams Resource Corporation has had on the lives of Chicago's residents and the strength of its communities through their groundbreaking and exemplary job training and community building programs.

First created in 1985 to stem the flow of manufacturing jobs out of the Ravenswood Industrial corridor, the work of the Jane Addams Resource Corporation has been met with enthusiasm and success. Providing a variety of Education and Human Development Programs, excellent skills training and support services to low-income and unemployed workers, and Business and Real Estate Programs, the JARC has helped to transform and revitalize Chicago's neighborhoods by strengthening the local economy and putting people back to work. The Corporation's extraordinary efforts have been recognized both regionally and nationally, and its programs have become a model for community and economic development throughout the United States.

Over the past 24 years, JARC has emerged as an invaluable benefactor of communities and neighborhoods throughout the Chicagoland area. Recognizing that strong local communities are often a product of a vibrant local economy, the JARC has employed

a dynamic approach to community development by providing high quality skills training to low-income and unemployed workers, and at the same time building strong relationships with Chicago-area manufacturers to provide JARC graduates with well paying jobs. As a result, Chicago neighborhoods and businesses have been strengthened and low-wage earners and the unemployed have found self-sufficiency and hope.

Madam Speaker, in the midst of economic turmoil and the worst recession since the 1930s, the Jane Addams Resource Center has been a beacon of hope and help for the people who need it most. In the last year alone, 1,191 low-wage workers received employer-based manufacturing skills training with a completion rate of 99%, 25 previously unemployed individuals were trained and placed in full-time jobs with an average hourly wage of over \$13.00, and in just the past 6 weeks, 7 trainees were placed in jobs. In working to improve Chicago's neighborhoods and provide valuable training to low-wage workers and the unemployed, the JARC has emerged as a unifying and beneficial force in the Chicagoland area, and I thank them for their 24 years of exceptional service to Chicago's communities and citizens.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, Pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326, the FY 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Department of Defense, Army Research, Development, Test and Evaluation account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Rice University; 6100 Main Street, MS 603; Houston, TX 77005

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$5,000,000 to the Alliance for NanoHealth. This project will support collaborative research to advance nanomedicine, which has the potential to provide significant medical breakthroughs in disease diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Department of Defense, Army Research, Development, Test and Evaluation account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: M.D. Anderson Cancer Center; 1515 Holcombe Boulevard, Unit 169; Houston, TX 77030

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. This project will support equipment, supplies and production at the Center for Cancer Immunology, a center utilizing innovation in immunotherapies and vaccinations to cure cancer. In the near future, the center will vaccinate children and adults against Leukemia.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Department of Defense, Air Force Research, Development, Test and Evaluation account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Rice University; 6100 Main Street, MS 603; Houston, TX 77005

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Carbon Nano-Materials Advanced Aerospace Applications project to dramatically improve the efficiency of electrical systems used by the Air Force and in the longer term, to help make America energy independent.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Department of Defense, Army Research, Development, Test and Evaluation account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Methodist Hospital System; 8060 El Rio; Houston, TX 77054

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Nano-imaging Agents for Early Disease Detection project to support the research and creation of nano-imaging agents for early disease detection. Nano-imaging agents are safely injected into a patient and provide a three-dimensional image, creating a "night vision" that lights up tissue changes and cell anomalies and enabling more accurate diagnostics.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Department of Defense, Army Research, Development, Test and Evaluation account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: CureSearch; 4600 East West Highway, Suite 600; Bethesda, MD 20814

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 for Pediatric Cancer Research and Clinical Trials project to support pediatric cancer clinical care trials throughout the nation. Clinical trials have significantly increased the cancer cure rate for children from less than 10 percent in the 1950s to over 80 percent today.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Eglin Air Force Base Range Operations Control Center (ROCC)

Account: RDAF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cubic Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 1225 South Clark Street, Suite 702, Arlington, VA 22202

Description of Request: \$2,500,000—Eglin Air Force Base Range Operations Control

Center (ROCC), Cubic Corporation. I requested these funds to address the increased testing and evaluation at Eglin AFB, the 46th Test Wing Super ROCC initiative is a phased effort involving development, procurement and military construction (MILCON) funding to meet the future need in the 2015–2020 timeframe. This project provides more effective control to better optimize range scheduling and increases flexibility in meeting the Eglin AFB test and training missions. By knowing the locations of all entities on the range, the Super ROCC will have great flexibility in reassigning missions to ground and air space previously not being used.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Cubic Corporation located at 1225 South Clark Street, Suite 702, Arlington, VA 22202. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project. Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Gulf Range Mobile Instrumentation Capability

Account: RDDW

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Prologic  
Address of Requesting Entity: 9400 Innovation Drive, Manassas, VA 20110

Description of Request: \$3,000,000—Gulf Range Mobile Instrumentation Capability, Prologic. I requested these funds for Gulf Range Mobile Instrumentation Capability for the 46th Range Group (46 RANG). The 46th Range Group (46 RANG) has a need for a capability for remote test, collection, storage and relay of various data types. This capability can be accomplished with a Gulf Range Mobile Instrumentation Capability (GR-MIC). The GR-MIC is needed to support test events on the Eglin AFB range which occur over large geographic areas (land and sea based).

The entity to receive funding for this project is Prologic located at 9400 Innovation Drive, Manassas, VA 20110. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project. Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Intelligence Broadcast Receiver (IBR) for AFSOC MC-130 Aircraft

Account: PDW

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DRS Technologies

Address of Requesting Entity: 651 Anchors St., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Description of Request: \$1,000,000—Intelligence Broadcast Receiver (IBR) for AFSOC MC-130 Aircraft, DRS Technologies. I requested these funds to procure equipment that provides Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) MC-130 Combat Shadow aircraft with vastly improved situational awareness in high threat arenas. These aircraft provide clandestine or low visibility, low level missions into denied areas to provide support to

small SOF ground teams as well as to provide air refueling for specialized infiltration aircraft. This equipment provides real time information to include; immediate intelligence, Blue Force tracking (friendly units), and survivor information, greatly improving mission success and survivability.

The entity to receive funding for this project is DRS Technologies located at 651 Anchors St., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project. Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Joint Gulf Complex Test and Training

Account: RDDW

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Boeing

Address of Requesting Entity: 634 Anchors St. NW., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Description of Request: \$3,000,000—Joint Gulf Complex Test and Training, Boeing. I requested these funds to provide critical training and mission rehearsal for Iraq and Afghanistan deployments. The range must accommodate requirements for joint testing of weapons systems that are revolutionary in nature and being developed for the War, on Terrorism. The Joint Gulf Range must accommodate critical joint training requirements specifically in support of U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command and U.S. Special Operations Command.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Boeing located at 634 Anchors St. NW., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project. Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

A TRIBUTE RECOGNIZING THE  
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
FOUNDING OF OUR LADY OF  
PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC  
CHURCH IN DOWNEY

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, the first Catholic church established in the City of Downey in the 34th Congressional District.

From its initial opening as St. Anthony's Church with just a few families in 1909, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish today boasts a membership of approximately 3,500 families. The church also educates 290 students in

grades K–8 at its Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, which opened more than 60 years ago in 1948.

Under its guiding mission to "proclaim our love for God through social justice outreach," the church's involvement in the community extends well beyond religious services. Each year, Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishioners join together to help out with a wide range of community activities, including cleaning up around railroad tracks as part of "Keep Downey Beautiful," building houses with Habitat for Humanity, and participating in the Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County walk to raise funds for the organization that provides opportunities for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

In celebration of the church's centennial milestone, Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles, will preside over an outdoor Mass in the Marian Courtyard on the grounds of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School on Sunday, September 20.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me along with Cardinal Roger Mahony and the parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in celebrating the parish's 100 years of service to its members and the community. I would also like to submit for the RECORD the church's detailed historical overview of this parish that today stands as a spiritual home for so many Downey families.

A HISTORY OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

The 100 year history of the growth and development of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church closely parallels that of Downey and all of Southern California. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, which began as St. Anthony Church, grew from a scattering of Catholic families in a small mission church into a large and vigorous Catholic community whose original parish was sectioned off to aid in the establishment of 5 additional parishes.

Late in 1907 Downey area Catholics, numbering about 100, sent a petition to the Bishop requesting that mass be held there on a regular basis. Bishop Thomas Conaty, in response to their plea, arranged to have a priest say mass at Mannings Hall in Downey every Sunday morning.

In preparation for the construction of Downey's first Catholic Church, property was purchased on May 23, 1908. It was described as "a triangular lot bounded on the east by Crawford Street (Downey Avenue), on the south by Fifth Street and on the west by New Street." The following year a small frame church named in honor of St. Anthony was built on this property facing Fifth Street. The church was blessed by Fr. McGrath, pastor of St. Aloysius, in September, 1909 and dedicated by Bishop Conaty in 1911.

At the time of its dedication, St. Anthony parish boundaries extended from the Los Angeles River on the west to the San Gabriel River on the east, from just south of Slauson Avenue along the Pacific Electric tracks on the north, to Imperial Highway on the south.

St. Anthony Church continued as a mission of St. Aloysius Church until 1913 when its first resident pastor, Rev. Bartholomew O'Rourke was appointed. He was succeeded by Rev. Thomas Blackwell who remained pastor until 1918. From 1918 to 1921, Dominican Fathers served in the parish. The Redemptorist Fathers, who were assigned to St. Anthony Church from April, 1921 to mid-1922, were responsible for changing the name of the Church to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

In 1929, ground was broken just north of the existing frame church for a new large church with a seating capacity of 450. Bishop John Cantwell officiated at the solemn dedication of the new church on Sunday, January 25, 1931.

A period of tremendous growth throughout Southern California began in the 1940s during and following World War H. With the great increase in the number of parishioners, the church was enlarged in the early 1950s.

The Whittier Narrows earthquake in 1987 caused severe damage to the original portion of the Church and it was declared unsafe for occupancy. Following feasibility studies and a parish survey, the church was restored with certain alterations. The older portion of the church was razed and an entirely new section was built onto the remaining portion of the church. The church construction was completed in 1992.

Today, under the spiritual direction of Pastor Mark Warnstedt and Associate Pastor Vivian Ben Lima, parishioners attend services—in English and Spanish—in keeping with its fitting centennial theme to "remember, rejoice, and renew."

HONORING MIKE PURL

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mike Purl upon being named by the Madera District Chamber of Commerce as a 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree. Mr. Purl was recognized on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at the Fifth Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards and Installation Dinner.

Mike Purl was born and raised in Madera, California. He graduated from Madera Union High School and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Fresno State. During his college years, he began to work at KFSN channel 30, the local ABC affiliate and had a part-time job in radio. Mr. Purl continued to work for KFSN for ten years as a producer and director of news programs. In 1984, he took over the family business, Purl's Sheet Metal, and has been managing the company since that time.

Mr. Purl has always been an active member in the community. He was involved with many activities that involved his children, including the Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scouts, Future Farmers of America and 4-H. He is also involved with the Kiwanis Club of Madera, where he served as president from 1989 to 1990. Mr. Purl served on the board for Campfire USA, is involved with the Madera County Historical Society, Madera Method Wagon Train, Children's Hospital Central California, Madera Community Hospital and Madera County Arts Council.

Madera has always been home to Mr. Purl and his family. He loves the small town feel that Madera has still today. Mr. Purl and his wife, Mickie, have three daughters, one son and seven grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mike Purl upon being honored as the Madera Chamber of Commerce 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Purl many years of continued success.

THE RECOGNITION OF 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICERS AND INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as I did last year, I rise today to congratulate and recognize outstanding employees of the Officers (Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms, and Chief Administrative Officer) and Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives who have reached the milestone of 25 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Our most important asset in the House is our dedicated employees, and their work, often behind the scenes, is vital in keeping the operations and services of the House running smoothly and efficiently. The employees we recognize today are acknowledged and commended for their hard work, dedication, and support of House Members, their staffs and constituents, and for their contributions day-in and day-out to the overall operations of the House. These employees have a wide range of responsibilities that support the legislative process, assure the security of the institution, and maintain our technology and service infrastructure. They have accomplished a great many things in a wide range of activities, and the House of Representatives and its Members, staff, and the general public, are better served because of them. The individuals we honor today have collectively provided 225 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives:

Tina M. Agee, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Peter L. Baer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Joseph M. Dean, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Alan Deluca, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Patrick T. Kenealy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; John A. King, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Patricia A. Mattimore, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Thoa N. Nguyen, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Charles D. Woodson, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

On behalf of the entire House community, I extend congratulations and once again recognize and thank these employees for their commitment to the U.S. House of Representatives as a whole, and to their respective House Officers and Inspector General in particular. Their long hours and hard work are invaluable, and their years of unwavering service, dedication, and commitment to the House set an example for their colleagues and other employees who will follow in their footsteps. I celebrate our honorees, and I am proud to stand before you and the nation on their behalf to recognize the importance of their public service.

HONORING DICK JOHNSON

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to a dear

friend and to honor the memory of a great man who will long be remembered in Columbus and across the State of Indiana as a business and community leader.

For years, Dick Johnson was regarded as a role model in the business community of eastern Indiana. Dick will be remembered for his willingness to share in his successes with others; he will undoubtedly be missed by his wonderful family, but also all those whose lives he touched.

Dick Johnson was born on November 25, 1932 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Samuel Gideon and Jessie Loomis Johnson. Dick spent his youth in Fort Wayne before graduating from the Indiana University School of Business in 1955.

At IU, Dick showed the promise of a young man committed to honesty and integrity that would be fulfilled each day of his life. Dick earned the nickname "honest Abe" and was elected president of his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Dick also demonstrated his love for country, completing ROTC training and serving as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1955–1957.

Dick began his business career in 1957 when he purchased a Shell Oil distributorship which would become the Johnson Oil Company. Dick's business acumen was evident as the company grew and diversified under his leadership.

In 1981, Johnson Oil Company opened its first convenience store in Nashville, Indiana. Now the Bigfoot Food Store chain operates more than 200 locations in Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois.

Dick was often recognized for his leadership in the business community, serving as President of the Indiana Oil Marketers Association and on the National Distributor Council for Shell Oil. He was also honored as the 1988 Columbus Small Business Person of the Year, the 1994 IU Distinguished Entrepreneur and the 2000 Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

Dick Johnson will always be remembered for what he accomplished in the business world, but those closest to him also know of a kind-hearted man with a commitment to his community.

He chaired the Columbus Front Door Committee and served as the president of many organizations over the years including the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the Heritage Fund of Bartholomew County, the Columbus Economic Development Board, and the Columbus Regional Hospital Foundation.

Dick and his beloved wife Ruth were also significant philanthropists, donating to causes such as the Columbus Area Arts Council and the Columbus Senior Citizens Center.

As a proud graduate of Indiana University, Dick was so very proud of his founding sponsorship of the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Kelley School of Business.

I first came to know Dick Johnson as a respected competitor of my father in the business world. Then, as now, Dick Johnson was admired for his devotion to his faith, his family, his business acumen and his unblemished reputation for integrity.

Dick Johnson was a public man who saw business as a means to improve his community, his state, his university and his nation.

To his loving wife Ruth, his children and entire family I offer my deepest condolences and

prayer that they may be comforted with the faith we share.

Columbus and Indiana have lost a giant and I have lost a cherished mentor and friend.

HONORING KENNETH TAYLOR

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kenneth "Kenny" Taylor upon being named by the Madera District Chamber of Commerce as a 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award, Memorial Honoree. The life of Mr. Taylor will be honored on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at the Fifth Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards and Installation Dinner.

Mr. Kenny Taylor was born at Dearborn Hospital in Madera, California, to Minnie and Marie Taylor. He graduated from Madera High School in 1968. He attended Fresno City College, and in 1970 joined the family business, Taylor Insurance; he later bought the company from his father. Throughout his career he was a trusted and respected professional. Mr. Taylor treated his business and customers with unquestionable integrity.

Mr. Taylor was proud of his community and Madera High School. He was a member of Saint Joachim's Church, the 20/30 Club, Exchange Club, Kiwanis Club, Madera Babe Ruth, Madera Elks Lodge, Fresno/Madera Basque Club, and Madera Golf and Country Club. While active with the Exchange Club, Mr. Taylor created the "Boy of the Month Award" to recognize the all-around achievement of senior high school students in Madera. When the Exchange Club closed its doors, Mr. Taylor joined the Kiwanis Club and brought the award with him; he funded the program out of his own pocket. He attended as many Madera High sporting events as possible; he coached baseball and played golf. Once, Mr. Taylor attended a Madera High cross country meet and realized many of the athletes did not have proper shoes. Without a word, or attention brought to the situation, those athletes had new shoes provided to them at no cost. That was the kind of person he was.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor the life of Kenny Taylor upon being named the Madera Chamber of Commerce 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award Memorial Honoree. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Taylor's life and best wishes for his family.

TRIBUTE TO WEST MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. PARKER GRIFFITH**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, Mr. ADERHOLT and I rise today to recognize the Lady Rebels of West Morgan High School in Trinity, Alabama. In May, West Morgan's softball team captured the first Alabama State Championship for West Morgan in 42 years of athletic competition.

West Morgan High School has always upheld the highest standards of excellence in all its endeavors, and this team of outstanding athletes is no exception.

We commend the leadership of Principal Billy Hopkins and Coaches Keith Harris, Alesha Hutto, and Kenda Bradford on their successful careers with West Morgan High, and we look forward to the continuation of a tradition of solid and consistent performance in both academics and athletics.

Madam Speaker, we congratulate each member of the dedicated Lady Rebels softball team—Hannah Harris; Haley Willingham; Madison Jones; Whitlee Potter; Hayden Hamby; Brittany Thompson; Ashley Hooper; Rachel Harbin; Brilley Stephenson; Hallie Cunningham; Lauren Seibert; Hannah Amos; Hannah Draper; Heather Amos; Mary Kelley; Chelsea Boston; Delissa Tidwell; Baylee Carpenter; Mikinzie Steele; Ashley Crow; Jamie Rohr; Katie Brazier; Alexis Casteel; Kimberlee Denard; Bari Jones; Kristen Parrish—and their staff for their commitment to achieving this championship.

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IN HONOR OF RON SARGENT

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to extend warm greetings and offer my congratulations to Ron Sargent as he retires from the YMCA Retirement Fund. When Ron came to the Newark YMCA 40 years ago, I immediately saw his potential. He was eager to do the job as a well prepared and dedicated employee. During his 40 years in various roles with multiple YMCAs, he has been a credit to the YMCA's programs and we owe him our respect and gratitude for a job well done. It was a pleasure for me to personally work with him during his tenure with the YMWCA of Newark and Vicinity.

As Ron Sargent begins a new phase in his life, I want him to know the dedication and commitment he exhibited during his YMCA career will always be appreciated. It takes a special person to contribute to society in the way of YMCA service. Fortunately, while acting in his different capacities, he was able to make a difference in the lives of many through the programs he was involved in and/or instituted. Ron's effectiveness and creativity led to multiple awards being presented to him and his programs were featured in the YMCA Discovery Magazine. His career with the YMCA has certainly been one of accomplishment and leadership by example. As he is feted at a dinner in his honor on July 31, 2009, Ron should know that his many years of service to the YMCA are true testaments of his character and that his significant contributions will never be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues agree that Ron Sargent has been a true asset to the YMCA and that they join me in wishing him well as he enters his retirement years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NAOMI  
DURST BOWDEN

**HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH SANDLIN**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Naomi Jane Durst Bowden.

Mrs. Bowden was born in Custer, South Dakota, on June 13, 1915, and lived there until 1948. She was the daughter of pioneers and a loving mother and homemaker. She moved to Jesup, Georgia in 1948 and was an integral part of the community, serving as a founding member and Lay Leader of the Epworth United Methodist Church. She taught as a substitute teacher in the Jesup schools, and, for a number of years, hosted a women's radio program on WBGR in Jesup. She had six sons, eighteen grandchildren, and twenty-four great grandchildren. Up until a short time before her death, she could name the names of all her grandchildren and great grandchildren—something she routinely did before she fell asleep. At age 93, Naomi Jane Durst Bowden passed away in her sleep on Monday, May 25th in Athens, Georgia.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life and works of Naomi Jane Durst Bowden.

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IN TRIBUTE TO THE FOREST  
COUNTY POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION'S 20TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation. The Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation was created in 1999 founded on the Potawatomi belief "to take what we need and give back what we can."

A review of the history of the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe will help to understand their desire to give back to the community. The tribe was forcibly removed from its homeland, endured strained relationships with governments, and lived in hardship and poverty. They survived by relying upon their internal strength and sharing with each other.

Through its foundation, the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe now provides to others who are struggling in the community. I believe that despite of or rather because of these centuries' old struggles, the Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation has emerged to reflect their tribal values and beliefs to return assistance to the communities where they live and work. The Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation supports civic and community projects, such as public health care issues, education, economic development, and the arts. They have funded many different types of organizations ranging from large, well known associations to small grass-

roots organizations. The foundation meets with any organization that applies for a grant and, if funded, works in partnership with the group to ensure success. The foundation feels each agency it funds allows them to carry on the Potawatomi tradition of "giving back what we can."

Now celebrating their 20th Anniversary, the Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation has delivered over \$18 million dollars to more than 250 charities and nonprofit organizations throughout the Greater Milwaukee area. I am grateful for their empathetic spirit of giving.

Madam Speaker for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to the Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation for their support, dedication and service to the people of my district and throughout Wisconsin.

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HONORING MRS. MELENA  
BOGHOSIAN

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an Armenian Genocide survivor, Mrs. Melena Boghosian. She passed away at her home in Fresno, California at the age of one hundred and three.

A fifty-five year resident of Fresno, California, Mrs. Boghosian was known around the community for her amazing survival story during the First World War, when the Ottoman Turks massacred an estimated 1.5 million Armenians. Born in Erzurum Turkey, she fled her home as a young child after her parents and siblings were murdered, in an attempt by the Ottoman Empire to eliminate any Armenian presence in the area. Missionaries took young Melena to an orphanage in Syria where she lived for several years.

During her stay at the orphanage, Melena began corresponding with her future husband Avedis Gegaregian. At the age of sixteen, she left the orphanage and married Avedis in Beirut, Lebanon. Shortly after they were married, the two traveled by ship to the United States and immigrated through Ellis Island in New York City. Avedis and Melena settled in Camden, New Jersey until Avedis' death in the mid-1950's.

After the death of her first husband, Melena moved to the Central Valley of California, to be closer to family and friends. While living in Fresno, she worked in alterations at Berkeley's Department Store. She later met, and married, her second husband, Nooregan Boghosian, and they lived together until his death. Melena was an active member of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church and a life long member of the Armenian Relief Society. She is survived by her daughter Jessy Shahbazian.

Madam Speaker, I stand today to honor the extraordinary life of Mrs. Melena Boghosian. I invite my colleagues to join me in this tribute to this incredible woman, and hope that her legacy lives on for future generations.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
NCIS DIRECTOR THOMAS A. BETRO

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Special Agent Thomas A. Betro, Director of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, who announced his retirement from that organization in August 2009 after nearly 27 years of highly distinguished service. In addition to his service to NCIS and the nation, Director Betro is among the notable graduates of Colby College, in Waterville, ME.

Mr. Betro joined NCIS in 1982, and during his tenure he has served in a variety of organizational assignments and mission areas, both within the United States and overseas. As a Special Agent, Mr. Betro served overseas in both the Republic of the Philippines and in Iceland. Domestically he held leadership positions in Philadelphia, PA and Newport, RI. He served two separate tours as an NCIS Special Agent Afloat during deployments of the USS *John F. Kennedy* and USS *Enterprise*.

As Deputy Assistant Director, DAD, for Counterintelligence, CI, investigations and operations, Mr. Betro oversaw the development and implementation of the NCIS response to the USS *Cole* bombing, which led to the significant increase of NCIS force protection support to Naval expeditionary forces. Further, he established new criteria for on-the-ground NCIS port visit support, opened new NCIS offices to increase CI support to in-transit units, and greatly expanded counterterrorism, CT, operations for safeguarding naval equities.

In April 2001, Mr. Betro was selected to serve as a Deputy to the National Counterintelligence Executive, NCIX. He later was appointed to the position of National Counterintelligence Executive (Acting) by the NCIX Board of Directors, on behalf of the President of the United States. Mr. Betro was promoted to the Senior Executive Service in March 2002.

Upon returning to NCIS in January 2003, Mr. Betro served as Executive Assistant Director, EAD, for CI until August 2003, when he was promoted to Deputy Director for Operations, DDO. During his time as DDO, NCIS established its Contingency Response Field Office, CRFO, located aboard the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, GA. CRFO trains NCIS personnel to be rapidly deployed globally in support of the NCIS core missions of criminal investigations, counterterrorism investigations and operations, counterintelligence investigations and operations, protective operations, and force protection/antiterrorism operations.

On January 8, 2006 Mr. Betro was appointed Director of NCIS and at that time became the agency's third civilian director. Under Director Betro's leadership, NCIS has filled every validated Combatant Commander request for forces for Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Horn of Africa on a volunteer basis. Since 2002, there have been approximately 700 NCIS personnel that have deployed to the above mentioned locations as well as to Kuwait, Djibouti, Guantanamo Bay, and other sites.

In February 2007, Director Betro established the NCIS Diversity Office, which is charged

with developing and sustaining a model program that recognizes the critical role diversity plays in the NCIS global mission. Key functions that are aligned under the Diversity office at NCIS include the Equal Opportunity Program; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Diversity Research and Analysis; and Recruiting Outreach. Through his leadership in action, Director Betro has ensured that diversity awareness is now reflected in all core business functions at NCIS and that NCIS is a model for other agencies to follow.

Mr. Betro has received numerous commendations and awards. He is a recipient of the Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award, as well as the Department of the Navy, DON, Distinguished Civilian Service Award and the U.S. Attorney's Award for Outstanding Leadership. He was recognized in 2008 with the Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership and is a prior recipient of the DON Meritorious Civilian Service Award. While assigned to NCIX, he received the National Intelligence Certificate of Distinction and a Meritorious Unit Citation.

In addition to his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government from Colby College, Mr. Betro holds a Master of Arts degree from the Naval War College, where he earned the James Forrestal Award for "Excellence in Strategy and Force Planning."

Though he is formally retiring from NCIS, Mr. Betro has accepted a position with an international security firm based in New York.

Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Betro for his 27 years of outstanding public service and to wish him fair winds and following seas as he begins the next chapter of his life.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING  
OF CHARLES SHANKLIN

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles E. Shanklin, a Northwest Florida community leader who passed away on August 26, 2009. Charles spent his entire life serving his community and family, and I am proud to honor his life of dedication and service.

Charles Shanklin was born in Oak Park, Illinois in 1929. He attended Bowling Green State University and Ohio State University, earning his Juris Doctor in 1952. Charles became a brilliant and outstanding attorney at Baker & Hostetler in Columbus, Ohio, and served as the managing partner. He remained at the firm for thirty-two years. After his retirement from Baker & Hostetler, Charles became the owner and manager of Marion Steel in 1981, where he worked until 1989.

In 1990, Charles purchased Crestview Aerospace in Crestview, Florida. He operated the company as a family business until 2006, when it became a part of the L-3 Communications Corporation. During his years in Northwest Florida, Charles became an integral part of the business and local communities. Over his lifetime, he worked with Bowling Green State University, the Sigma Chi Fraternity organization, the American Bar Association, Urbana University, and the Niceville Exchange

Club. Charles was awarded Director Emeritus of Bowling Green in 2009, and the school endowed a meritorious scholarship in his name to recognize excellence in original research by graduate students.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor Mr. Charles Shanklin. Charles will be remembered by all as loving husband and father, a successful lawyer and businessman, and an important part of our Northwest Florida community. Vicki and I will keep his wife, Bernice, and children, Chuck, John, Tom, Jean, and Ann, in our prayers.

HONORING MARINE LANCE  
CORPORAL BRIAN K. SCHRAMM

**HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor fallen Marine Brian Schramm, the first resident of the 26th Congressional District to lose his life in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On June 20, 2009, President Obama signed into law H.R. 1595, legislation renaming the post office at 3245 Latta Road in Greece, New York in honor of Lance Corporal Schramm.

Brian Schramm made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the values that sustain this country—family, community, hard work, and freedom. It is no surprise that one friend of Brian's described him as the "most genuine person you'd ever meet in your entire life." That is why I introduced legislation to rename the post office just a few miles down the road from where Brian grew up in his honor. I am heartened that the people of the Town of Greece will have this opportunity to pay lasting tribute to Brian's life and legacy.

Lance Corporal Schramm was born and raised in the Town of Greece, Brian fulfilled a lifelong dream by signing up for the Marines shortly after graduating from Greece Olympia High School in 2001. On his second tour of Iraq, Marine Lance Corporal Schramm was assigned to the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, based out of Camp Lejeune, N.C. On Oct. 15, 2004, he died as a result of enemy action in Babil province, Iraq. He was 22.

Brian is survived by his parents, Keith and Mary Ellen, his older sister, Jennifer, and his two younger brothers, Kyle and Michael. Mary Ellen is a co-founder of the Rochester chapter of Gold Star Mothers.

Madam Speaker, in recognition this selfless individual and brave patriot who gave his life to protect this nation, I ask this Honorable Body to join me in honoring the legacy of Lance Corporal Brian K. Schramm.

H.R. 2014, AWARDING A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO WOMEN  
AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS

**HON. CHET EDWARDS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. EDWARDS of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise as an original co-sponsor of this bill,

which honors a group of courageous women pilots—all of whom earned their wings in Texas. During World War II, Women Airforce Service Pilots, or WASP, were stationed at 2 air bases located in Waco, Texas: Waco Army Air Field and Blackland Army Air Base.

One of the 38 members of WASP who died while flying for their country was killed in Waco while flight-testing a BT-13 to make sure that it had been properly repaired. Bettie Mae Scott was killed on July 8, 1944, her body sent home in a cheap pine box, with not so much as an American flag draping her coffin.

Madam Speaker, my district not only played an important part in the history of the WASP, my district is also the home of WASP Deanie Parrish, a Martin Marauder D-26 pilot, who towed a sleeved target behind her aircraft while a B-24 would pass by and gunnery trainees in the turrets would practice for combat by firing live ammunition, using color coated bullets, at the target.

Wings Across America, founded by Deanie's daughter, Nancy Parrish, located at Baylor University, has played a key role in the creation and implementation of the bill we have before us today. Along with interviewing over 100 WASP, creating the website, "WASP on the Web," founding the National WASP WWII Museum in Sweetwater, Texas in 2003 and creating all the exhibits for the opening of the museum in 2005, successfully nominating the WASP for the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame, and designing and creating the "Fly Girls of WWII" WASP exhibit, which is now on display at the Women's Memorial at Arlington, these 2 volunteers have worked tirelessly to educate and inspire America with the history of the WASP.

This bill honors the WASP and place the WASP history in the national spotlight, where I believe it rightly belongs.

HONORING LONG-TIME COMMUNITY ACTIVIST & ADULT EDUCATION ADVOCATE MR. HOWARD RANSOM

**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Mr. Howard Ransom Jr., who passed on the morning of July 26, 2009, at the young age of 55. My heart goes out to his wife, Linda; father; brother, Phillip Ransom; sister, Sheila Ransom; a niece; three stepchildren; his grandson, and the rest of his family.

Ransom was an extraordinary citizen, an activist for at-risk youth and disadvantaged adults in the South Los Angeles community for more than 30 years. His volunteerism spans several organizations including the Brotherhood Crusade, Young Foundation and the United Way.

Born on April 4, 1954, in Chicago to Howard Ransom Sr. and Ollie B. (Cooper) Ransom, Howard Jr. was reared in Oakland. He graduated from Oakland High School and went on to receive bachelor degrees in Theatre Art and African American studies at California State University, Hayward.

As an instructor with the Los Angeles Unified School District for over two decades, Ran-

som was a tenured "master teacher" at the Maxine Waters Employment Preparation Center in Watts, where he succeeded in preparing at-risk youth and educating adults in human development and skill enhancement curriculums. He was noted nationwide for his success in preparing students for GED testing.

In 1992, Ransom co-designed a civil service training program that focused on postal employment for the residents of Watts. More than 800 men and women (many on welfare) enrolled in the program during its first year, with 68 percent completing the class and passing the exam with scores in the top percentile.

Ransom received numerous recognitions for his accomplishments, such as "Educator of the Year" Award from the Young Center for Academic and Cultural Enrichment, and was chosen as a "Living History Maker" by Turning Point Magazine.

I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Howard Ransom for his remarkable service and contribution to our community. He has made a true impact on the lives of many youth and adults, and will be truly missed.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF FORMER PUBLIC CITIZEN PRESIDENT JOAN CLAYBROOK

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise to recognize and show my appreciation for Joan Claybrook, the former president of Public Citizen, who recently stepped down after a long career of fighting for consumer safety and social change.

Joan has been an inspiration to me and to countless others on the Hill and around Washington. As a private citizen, as head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, and as president of Public Citizen for 27 years, she has been a fearless advocate for American consumers. Every life saved by a shoulder belt or air bag in this country is indebted to Joan's decades of commitment to the issue of auto safety.

Indeed, Joan has been fighting this fight since the beginning. Even before a full career dedicated to protecting American consumers, Joan had worked as a research analyst, congressional fellow, and legislative aide to Sen. Walter Mondale. Then, in 1966, she and Ralph Nader successfully pushed for passage of the nation's first motor safety laws—the Highway Safety Act and the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Four years later, she began work for Public Citizen, running the organization's Congress Watch division by 1972. After serving as head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Association during the Carter administration, Claybrook returned to Public Citizen. She became president of the organization in 1982, and commenced an impressive 27-year tenure in the post that would be the envy of any advocate or administrator.

Thanks to Joan's efforts, airbags are now standard equipment in all cars sold in the United States, and our government now issues vehicle safety standards that save

thousands of lives a year. But safer cars are just the beginning of Joan's contributions to our civic life. Over the years, she has dedicated herself to countless issues of consumer advocacy, public health, and social justice. Day after day, week after week, in good times and bad, Joan has kept unrelenting pressure on companies and elected officials to live up to their public responsibilities. She has strived to make our government more responsive to the needs and aspirations of its citizens. In short, this nation is a safer, fairer, better place because of her efforts.

Although Joan has left Public Citizen, her work and her inspiration goes on. Generations of leaders and activists have looked to her perseverance, her toughness, her smarts, and her compassion as a model for how to get things changed here in Washington. From Ralph Nader to Robert Redford and Jimmy Carter to JOHN MCCAIN, Joan has taught us all so much about what it takes to effect real change.

She has taught us to keep an unyielding idealism about the way things can and should be, and to combine it with an unblinking, no-nonsense understanding of the foibles of Washington and a tough-as-nails approach to pragmatic, consumer-oriented policy-making. And she has always reminded the powerful that the people come first.

Joan has been a model of courage, conviction, independence and ingenuity, one to which we all aspire. I am so proud of all she has accomplished, which is why I rise to thank her.

THE LOSS OF JEANNE MALCHON

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the death of former Florida State Senator Jeanne Malchon. The state of Florida suffered a great loss on August 23, 2009, when she passed away.

In 1982, she successfully ran for the Florida Senate. My mother, Betty Castor, was serving also in the Senate at that time and remarked on the dedication and fervor she had for bettering the lives of Floridians. Senator Malchon pledged to strengthen social services for the elderly and poor and promoted concern for environmental causes. She sponsored the 1985 Florida Clean Indoor Air Act, which prevented smoking in shared public areas. Senator Malchon also successfully raised the penalties for driving under the influence, increased funding for teen runaway shelters, and raised standards which required employers to report toxic chemicals that were used in the work place.

Senator Malchon's was known amongst her peers in the Florida Senate as a smart and candid legislator who got things done. She was said to be so effective because she didn't play political games or allow partisan politics to get in her way. She has been called "a steady hand in a perilous time." Those that knew her can agree that she was an extremely knowledgeable and determined woman.

Jeanne Malchon was a very dedicated individual who helped others even before she became involved with politics. Born in Newark,

New Jersey, she was trained to make mechanical drawings as a draftsman. When her country called during World War II, Senator Malchon became a civilian employee for the Army even though it required her to leave home for Hawaii. In 1952, Senator Malchon and her family moved to St. Petersburg where her political interest and involvement started when she became a lobbyist for the League of Women Voters. She was appointed to a seat on the Pinellas County Commission in 1975.

Madam Speaker, Senator Jeanne Malchon will be greatly missed by the state of Florida. My thoughts are with her family in this time of loss.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding congressionally directed appropriations projects I sponsored as part of H.R. 3326, FY 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations bill.

Account: Defense

Amount: \$2,000,000

Requesting entity: Minnesota National Guard

Address: 20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, MN 55155

Description of Project Request: Funding will help meet the needs of Beyond the Yellow Ribbon reintegration program for service members, which is implemented across all congressional districts throughout Minnesota and over all phases of the deployment cycle. During FY 2010 the Minnesota National Guard will experience a surge in support requirements as Minnesota soldiers return home from mobilization. Funding will be used to support reintegration services for soldiers returning from mobilization, as well as services for family members. Funding will support wounded soldiers, transition events, mental health services, research and additional needs.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

Account: Army Other Procurement

Amount: \$2,360,000

Requesting entity: Minnesota National Guard

Address: 20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, MN 55155

Description of Project Request: Funding will be used for the Minnesota National Guard initiative, Communications Aerial Platforms for Increased Situational Awareness (Phase II), which will provide improved situational awareness to on-scene incident commanders during responses to state emergencies such as floods or other natural disasters. The system provides on-scene communications linking together all response organizations; site command communication, including voice, video, data, and cellular; and real-time streaming data to responders; resulting efficiency saves lives and property.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
THE 68TH BIRTHDAY OF KARL E.  
PEACE

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dr. Karl E. Peace on the occasion of his 68th birthday.

Dr. Peace is a distinguished scholar and academic in the field of biostatistics and mathematics. Born in southwest Georgia, Dr. Peace attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Virginia Commonwealth University, receiving his doctorate from the Medical College of Virginia/ Virginia Commonwealth University in 1976.

Dr. Peace has authored eight books, received numerous awards and contributed to a variety of publications and peer reviews in the field of biostatistics, mathematics, drug development and public health policy. He has held professorships at several colleges including Randolph-Macon College and Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Peace is currently the Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar, Founder of the Center for Biostatistics, professor of biostatistics and senior research scientist in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public at Georgia Southern University.

Dr. Peace has been a member of several professional and honorary societies including the Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics, the National Research Council and the National Academy of Science. In 1994, Dr. Peace founded the Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium to provide a forum for pharmaceutical and medical researchers and regulators to share timely and pertinent information concerning the application of biostatistics in the pharmaceutical field. Dr. Peace is the founding editor of the Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics and reviewer and editor of several additional journals including the American Statistical Association, Communications in Statistics, the Journal of the American Medical Association and the American Journal of Gastroenterology.

Dr. Peace has a dedicated record of philanthropy to education. He has created twenty-one endowments at five institutions including three at his alma mater, the Medical College of Virginia and one at Randolph-Macon College. He endowed the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, the first school of public health in the U GA System. His endowments have enabled hundreds of students to complete their undergraduate or graduate degrees. Dr. Peace has generously donated time and resources to organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the Georgia Cancer Coalition, the Southeast Georgia Cancer Alliance and the Southwest Georgia Cancer Coalition that are dedicated to cancer research, treatments and cures.

Madam Speaker, I am honored today to recognize Dr. Peace in celebration of his 68th birthday. I hope the year to come will bring him health, happiness and special times with family and friends.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JEAN  
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### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a valued staff member of the Committee on Science and Technology, Jean Fruci.

Jean has served on the Committee staff since July 1995. In 2007, she became Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, which handles issues related to U.S. energy policy and environmental science. It oversees civilian R&D programs within the Department of Energy; R&D programs at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, including climate, weather, and ocean research; and research at the Environmental Protection Agency. Prior to joining the Committee, she worked as a Legislative Assistant to Rep. George E. Brown (D-CA) in the areas of agriculture, resource management, energy, and the environment.

Since becoming Staff Director, Jean has played a pivotal role in several of the Committee's key pieces of legislation including the Energy Independence and Security Act, the America COMPETES Act, and the National Climate Service Act.

Jean's expertise is unmatched, especially in environmental research and development, and weather and climate monitoring. She is a scientist at her core—she holds a Ph.D. in soil science from Cornell University—but she also can effortlessly negotiate the intricacies of policy and government agencies. She is an invaluable resource to Members and a mentor to the people working under her.

Madam Speaker, Jean's service, expertise, and institutional knowledge has made her a valued member of the Committee staff. I know that all of the Science and Technology Committee's Members and staff wish her well with the next phase of her life and career. In closing, I just want to say thank you, Jean, for your many years of dedicated and loyal service. We will miss you, and we hope that our paths cross again in the future.

#### RECOGNIZING STEVE MOSES

### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of Mr. Steve Moses. Mr. Moses retired on August 28, 2009 after working for the Federal Government since he was 35.

For the past twelve years, Mr. Moses has served as the Chicago Passport Agency's Customer Service Manager and Congressional Liaison. Since he began, his duties have grown from helping 250 Passport Acceptance Facilities in the Chicago Passport Region (Illinois and Michigan) to over 950. His office expanded from a one person operation to the recent addition of a night-shift Customer Service Manager along with a team of two passport specialists and a customer service assistant.

The increased workload did not dampen his bright attitude, however. Mr. Moses consistently does all he can to solve passport problems and ensure positive outcomes. Over the years, he has proven to be a model government employee, and he will be missed.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Steve Moses for his lengthy and influential career, and thank him for his many outstanding contributions to the city of Chicago. I wish him the best of luck and continued happiness in his retirement and all his future endeavors.

HONORING WILLIAM A. LAMARCH,  
U.P. VETERAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a constituent who has distinguished himself both in service to his country and to his community. Mr. William A. LaMarch has been named "Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year" by the U.P. Veterans Committee. It is an honor befitting the dedication and patriotism Mr. LaMarch embodied both in the Armed Forces and in civilian life.

Mr. LaMarch, a resident of Escanaba, Michigan, is a decorated Marine who served his country with honor. In 1961, Mr. LaMarch received the Good Conduct Medal, awarded to enlisted members of the military who complete three consecutive years of honorable and faithful service. Mr. LaMarch also received two Meritorious Mast Awards, first in 1961 and again in 1963.

After being discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. LaMarch continued to build a legacy of service. He is currently serving as commander of American Legion Post #82, and is a life member of AmVets #123 and of Marine Corps League #444. He can be heard calling bingo at the V.A. Hospital in Iron Mountain, a position he has held for eight years. He has also served as the finance officer of Post #82, a member of the Marine Corps League Funeral Honor Guard and the Delta County Veterans Council Funeral Honor Guard.

Mr. LaMarch has also played a vigorous role in the community beyond his extensive activities as a dedicated veteran. He served six years on the City of Escanaba Board of Review and volunteers for the Salvation Army as a bell ringer, food bank, and basket worker. He is also a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

William A. LaMarch is one of the driving forces behind the U.P. Whitetails Association and the highly successful Delta County Wildlife Unlimited.

Over the years, Mr. LaMarch's accomplishments and devotion to his community have been recognized with numerous awards and recognitions. He has been named Legionnaire of the Year, twice named Elk of the Year, and received the Elks Grand Exalted Ruler's Commendation for Excellence. He received the Dan Patch Outstanding Volunteer Award and has been recognized by the Red Cross as a 22 gallon donor.

William LaMarch is a man who understands profoundly the value of service and the responsibility we have to help others. He stands

as an example of what it means to be a true American hero, both in battle and within our own communities. His character and his generosity are a shining example of the spirit and strength that have defined the Upper Peninsula throughout its history.

Madam Speaker, William A. LaMarch embodies the words bravery, dignity, and service. He is an individual who has been recognized by his community and his fellow veterans as a leader and a model citizen. With that in mind Madam Speaker, I ask that you, and all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, join me in saluting William A. LaMarch for his lifetime of service and in congratulating him on being awarded U.P. Veteran of the Year.

MOURNING THE DEATH OF  
SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my deep sadness and regret for the passing of Senator EDWARD KENNEDY. The world has lost a tremendous leader and an exceptional spirit. Senator KENNEDY's voice was a unique source of inspiration on the Senate floor, and he will be greatly missed for his public service and work to improve the lives of the less fortunate.

Senator KENNEDY was arguably one of the most influential Senators in United States history. He was an exceptionally accomplished legislator who authored roughly 2,500 pieces of legislation over the course of his 46-year-long career in the United States Senate. More than 300 of Senator KENNEDY's bills went on to become law, and he had a rare ability to reach across party lines in the interest of passing important pieces of legislation. He was always well versed on policy issues and highly prepared for committee hearings and floor debates.

As the Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, Senator KENNEDY courageously led the push to reform our nation's failing health care system. He strongly believed that all Americans deserved to have access to affordable health care options and supported a number of initiatives, including America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009. Senator KENNEDY also helped enact the State Children's Health Insurance Program, the Medicare prescription drug benefit, the Ryan White Care Act and the Family Medical Leave Act.

Although health care was Senator KENNEDY's passion, he was also committed to combating discrimination. Even when it was politically unpopular, Senator KENNEDY believed in an America where ethnic minorities and women were treated equally. He supported Title IX, which outlawed discrimination on the basis of sex in institutions of higher education and the renewal of the Voting Rights Act, which banned racially discriminatory voting requirements.

My prayers go out to the Kennedy family in this time of profound grief. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in remembering the life of a true American hero who dedicated his life to improving the lives of others.

A TRIBUTE TO THE JUNIOR  
ACHIEVEMENT OF WESTERN  
KENTUCKY

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Junior Achievement of Western Kentucky on their 50th anniversary. This important organization deserves recognition for achieving this milestone.

The Junior Achievement of Western Kentucky was established in July of 1959 and has served over 125,000 students in the last half-century. As a partnership between education and business, Junior Achievement helps students understand the economy and better prepare them for their future.

The Junior Achievement of Western Kentucky should be proud of their contribution to the community. I commend the organization, students, and volunteers on their 50th anniversary.

HONORING MR. JOHN RAILLEY

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Mr. John Railey in recognition of his 50 years of dedicated federal service.

"The fun part of accounting is finding the things that went wrong and figuring out how to fix them." This statement by John Railey summarizes the attitude that has made him an anchor at the Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore, Maryland, where he has served both on the waterfront and in the Fiscal Department for five decades.

A lifelong resident of Baltimore, Mr. Railey began his federal career at the Coast Guard Yard in the Sheet Metal Shop as an apprentice. Upon completion of his apprenticeship program, Mr. Railey excelled as a sheet metal worker. He was selected as the first tradesman at the Yard to be trained to program and operate the first computer-controlled equipment at the Yard. Seeking to become a foreman, Mr. Railey pursued Yard-required management courses at the University of Baltimore. In 1968, Mr. Railey successfully completed his college degree in Business Management.

In 1969, Mr. Railey took a position as a Planner/Scheduler in the Industrial Engineering Division. Interested in learning the business-end of the Yard, he took a position as an Accounting Technician in the Fiscal Department in 1974. With his attention to detail and relentless problem solving skills, Mr. Railey was promoted from an Accounting Technician to an Accountant, where he has excelled as the Yard's expert on the financial administration of Yard Project Orders. Mr. Railey has mentored numerous members of the Fiscal Staff and has assisted scores of project managers in the Industrial Staff. Throughout his tenure with the Coast Guard Yard, he has continued to demonstrate remarkable conscientiousness. Mr. Railey's eagerness to troubleshoot accounting anomalies in any project is inspiring to each and every colleague.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Mr. John Railey for achieving a remarkable milestone in his career. His dedication to the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Yard, and his fellow employees has made him a valuable asset to all throughout his 50 years of devoted service.

HONORING COLONEL MOHAMMED  
A. "MO" KHAN, JR.

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Mohammed A. "Mo" Khan, Jr., who accepted command of the 341 Operations Group on May 20 in a change of command ceremony.

Colonel Khan is originally from Ronceverte, West Virginia, born November 5, 1966. After graduation from California Lutheran University in 1988, Colonel Khan received his commission through the University of California at Los Angeles Reserve Officer Training Corps program. Over the past twenty years, Mo has been promoted from Second Lieutenant to the rank of Colonel. Upon accepting command of the 341st OG, Colonel Khan stated his three main priorities, which are to do your absolute very best at all times; to take care of each other and your families; and to give freely of yourself, both on and off base. It is because of these values that Mo has advanced so far and received so many decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Combat Readiness Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and National Defense Service Medal with Star Device.

Early in his Air Force career, Colonel Khan served a variety of positions in a missile combat crew, advancing to squadron, group and wing level positions. In 2002, Colonel Khan assumed command of the 564th Missile Squadron where he led over 200 operations. His extensive operations experience led to several positions at the Pentagon in the space operations division, where until March of 2008 he held the title of director of space operations. Most recently, he was chief of the space superiority division before assuming command of the 341st Operations Group.

It is an honor to recognize Colonel Mohammed A. "Mo" Khan, Jr.—he is a man that represents the best of West Virginia. I would like to congratulate him for his invaluable service to the Air Force. I know his wife, Lisa, and two children, Mo III and Simeon, are extremely proud.

THANKING KAREN WESS FOR HER  
SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement on August 7, 2009 we rise to thank Mrs. Karen Wess for her seventeen years of distinguished service to the United States House of Rep-

resentatives. Karen has served this great institution as a valued employee of House Information Resources (HIR), in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Karen began her tenure with the United States House of Representatives in 1992 as a Systems Programmer working with the mainframe Customer Information Control System (CICS) transaction services. Her technical expertise in the delivery of mainframe CICS transaction services led to Karen being selected to work on a team tasked with the initiative to combine several disparate e-mail systems into an efficient and sustainable enterprise e-mail system for the House. Karen has been involved with the House e-mail systems since their early inception and has helped to make them the mission-critical service the House relies on today. Karen applied her leadership abilities to help deploy an anti-spam component for the House e-mail service and currently serves as a Senior Systems Engineer in the CAO's HIR Enterprise Technology Systems Branch.

Karen has been one of the primary engineers providing the House's Internet e-mail functionality. She has acted as a technical liaison between the House, other legislative organizations, and government agencies in the field of e-mail connectivity. She has provided consulting services to House customers, internal and external, making the delivery of House e-mail systems the success they are today.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Karen for her many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING ROSS THORNTON

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Ross Thornton upon being named by the Madera District Chamber of Commerce as a 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree. Mr. Thornton will be recognized on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at the Fifth Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards and Installation Dinner.

Ross Thornton was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In May 1964, Mr. Thornton moved to Madera, California to become the voice behind the mic at KHOT radio, a local radio station. In 1967, he went to work for CalFarm Insurance, and two years later made a career change into the medical supply business. In 1986, Mr. Thornton moved back into the insurance profession with Foster and Parker Insurance, where he still works today.

Mr. Thornton has had a very successful career in the insurance industry. He was named "Trustee of the Year" in 2001 and "Agent of the Year" in 2003 by the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He is as successful in his commitment to the community as he is in his profession. Mr. Thornton is a long time member of the Madera Chamber of Commerce, where he has served on several committees, including the Ambassador Corps and the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Committee. He has been a member of the Madera Sunrise Rotary for twenty-nine years and has

maintained perfect attendance. He is the past-president of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, where he also served on the board from 1986 through 1996. Mr. Thornton served on the Board of Directors of Madera Community Hospital from 1988 through 1994. He served for nine years with Valley Public Television Board, a seventeen year board member of the Darin Camarena Health Clinics, served as a Trustee of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors at the state level and is past-president of the Fresno area Chapter. He is a current member of the Madera Elks, President of the Board of Directors for Sherman Thomas Charter School and Vice-President of Valley West Christian Center Board of Directors. For twenty-five years, he has served as a Speech Judge for the Madera Scholastic Decathlon. Mr. Thornton was appointed to the Planning Commission for the City of Madera and continues to serve in this civic capacity. For his dedicated service to the community, Mr. Thornton has been honored by being named the 1998–99 Citizen of the Year by the Madera Elks and the Madera Hispanic Chamber's Businessman of the Year in 1998.

Mr. Thornton has three sons and three grandchildren. His mother, Alberta, is ninety-six years old and lives with him and his wife Barbara, who has a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Ross Thornton upon being honored as the Madera Chamber of Commerce 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Thornton many years of continued success.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MANISTIQUE ELKS TEMPLE

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Manistique Elks Lodge #632 on the 100th Anniversary of the group's landmark building. The Manistique Elks Temple was built in 1909 and continues to be a source of pride for the community and a unique venue for activities including civic events, receptions and patriotic ceremonies. The building has seen both high times and low times, but throughout its 100 years of existence it has touched nearly every person in the Manistique community in some way or another.

Visitors to the Temple step onto a sweeping front porch and through grand pillars to enter the building. Once inside they look up to the ornate ceiling of stamped tin, richly painted with gold filigree and accented in burgundy and hunter green. They walk across hardwood floors that are a testament to the timber industry that has helped sustain the city of Manistique throughout the years. The sun shines through newly restored windows to create a bright atmosphere. It is a place that echoes the natural beauty found throughout Manistique and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

While so many buildings from the beginning of the 20th century have been destroyed or replaced, the Elks Temple continues to stand

proudly in the center of downtown. Throughout the years the Temple has undergone significant renovations. Its first renovation was in 1927 when new lighting fixtures and a new kitchen were added. In 1939 two new bowling alleys were installed. The bowling alleys were updated again in 1962, 1981, and in 2002. The Temple suffered a serious fire in 2005, only three years after extensive renovations were completed. Once again members were determined to restore the building to greatness.

Each time the Temple has been faced with adversity, members of Lodge #632 have banded together to invest in and restore the beauty and functionality of this local gem. The Temple is a symbol of the perseverance and spirit of the residents of Manistique. Whether hosting an annual graduation party, traditional fish and steak dinners, or community functions such as the local Chamber of Commerce banquet, the Manistique Elks Temple is a place that brings members of the community together and strengthens local ties.

Madam Speaker, members of Elks Lodge #632 have shown continued support for the city of Manistique and its residents. Their willingness to open the Manistique Elks Temple for community use and their years of dedication to maintaining and improving this historic building is a testament to the organization's long tradition of community pride. Madam Speaker, I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Elks Lodge #632 on the Centennial of the Elks Temple as well as thanking members for their active involvement in preserving this Manistique landmark.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. H. DOUGLAS LEE

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, on August 25th, Florida lost one of its great leaders in education with the passing of recently retired Stetson University President H. Douglas Lee.

Not only was Dr. Lee recognized for his outstanding leadership and dedication to Stetson, he was also well known for his contributions to community, state and nation. It was an honor and privilege to know Doug and his wife of 44 years, Margaret, and to call them wonderful friends.

In his 22 years as President, Doug worked on countless projects to enhance the educational opportunities at Stetson. Most recently, I had the privilege to work with Doug in the renovation of Sage Hall.

In 2007, Doug came to me and shared his vision for renovating Stetson's Sage Hall to strengthen the science curriculum at the University. Through private fundraising, federal support and an enormous amount of dedication, Doug saw this project through to completion. The Sage Hall project, a 20,000 square foot addition with new science equipment, was completed and rededicated earlier this year, and will remain a testament to Doug's commitment to quality education.

To Doug's wife Margaret; his son Gregory Lee and wife Lara; daughter Elizabeth Lee

Williamson and husband Heath; grandsons Parker Lee, Grayson Lee and Ayers Williamson; granddaughters Maggie Williamson and Piper Williamson; father, Dr. Howard Lee; brother David Lee and wife Ethel and their children and grandchildren; sister-in-law Sarah Easley Drummond and her children and grandchildren; and brother-in-law, Charles Easley III and wife Claudia and their children; we extend our deepest condolences.

Doug truly made an indelible mark on education in Florida and the United States. In our community, he always stressed integrity, compassion and public service, and through that principled dedication he leaves a proud and distinguished legacy. Madam Speaker, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing Dr. H. Douglas Lee's contributions to higher education and a life commitment to making Stetson University the great institution it is today.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHRIST CHURCH

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Christ Church, of Nashville, Tennessee, which will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on Sunday, September 13.

From humble beginnings in 1950, Pastor L.H. Hardwick has led, nurtured, and grown this fine congregation into one of Nashville's leading churches. With over 3500 members, Christ Church impacts the entire Middle Tennessee region through its wide array of community involvement. One small example is the church's activity center, which includes fitness facilities and an indoor playground. Rather than restricting access to the church's members, the activity center is open to both friends and neighbors to utilize.

I am awed by the personal commitment Pastor Hardwick has demonstrated through his service to Christ Church. When one considers the many changes that have occurred in our country over the past sixty years, Pastor Hardwick's continuous service is real inspiration.

Please join me in honoring 60 years of Christ Church's past, and celebrating the next 60 years of Christ Church's future.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JAMES C. VAN ANTWERP, JR.

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

James Callanan Van Antwerp Jr. was a remarkable businessman, active citizen and committed U.S. Naval officer. He will be remembered as a man devoted to his family, his Catholic faith, his country and his community.

After graduating from Murphy High School in 1940, Jim attended the U.S. Naval Acad-

emy and served in the Pacific, Far East, Atlantic and Mediterranean. He became an instructor at Auburn University's Naval ROTC Unit and then served as commander of the Naval Reserve base in Mobile.

Jim worked as an independent insurance agent before he began running the family business, Van Antwerp Realty Corp., in the 1950s. He was active in the Mobile business community, serving as a member of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce and as the president of both the Mobile Real Estate Association and the Mobile Association of Independent Insurance Agents.

Jim also played an active role in city government. He served as director of the executive committee of Downtown Mobile Unlimited and of the Mobile City Planning Commission. He was also the former chairman of the First Congressional District Committee and the Mobile Republican Executive Committee.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated and generous community leader and a dear friend to many. Mr. James Van Antwerp will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Margaret; his children, James Callahan Van Antwerp III, Elizabeth Van Antwerp Reasonover, and John David Van Antwerp; his brother, Daniel Janse Van Antwerp; and his seven grandchildren—as well as his many friends and colleagues.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW TRAVIS TERRELL

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Terrell of Liberty, Missouri. Matthew is 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, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Matthew 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 Matthew Terrell for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

ROBERT T. CONNOR

**HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge, congratulate and celebrate the life of former Staten Island Borough President Robert T. Connor, Sr.

For over fifty years, Robert Connor served his country and his community through the military and our civic institutions. From the

United States Navy, to the Central Intelligence Agency to Borough Hall, Robert Connor could always be found protecting and promoting the interests of the United States and Staten Island.

After attending Boston College and the U.S. Naval Academy, he was commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy in November 1940 and served on active duty throughout WWII, seeing action in both the Pacific and the Atlantic Theatres.

After the war, Connor entered the Central Intelligence Agency as an Operations Officer and was stationed at headquarters in Washington, DC and on foreign assignment. Following his CIA duty, Connor worked in the maritime industry in New York Harbor and other North Atlantic ports.

Returning home, Robert Connor first ran for public office in 1962. Although he was narrowly defeated in his bid for Staten Island's Congressional seat, he would never again be defeated in an election. The following year, he was elected as Councilman-At-Large to the New York City Council. From that position, Connor was a tireless advocate for improving the piers and harbors in the Port of New York.

In 1965, Connor was elected as Borough President of Staten Island, a position he held until 1977. Connor's tenure was marked by his commitment prudent management of government expenses and fiscal conservatism. He was dedicated to serving the people of New York, placing that goal ahead of any partisan ideology. Connor believed that neither political party had a monopoly on good ideas, and he was able to serve his constituents through close personal friendships with both Democratic and Republican elected officials.

In 1977 Robert Connor again returned to Washington, accepting an appointment as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy from President Carter. He served into the administration of President Reagan, primarily representing the Secretary of the Navy on visits to ships and stations throughout the world.

Although he left Washington in 1981, Robert Connor never lost interest in public service. He continued to advocate for maritime interests through various consulting jobs including the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and Barber Steamship Lines in Annapolis, MD. While there, he volunteered as a coach of the Naval Academy Sailing Squadron.

Robert Connor dedicated his life to helping others without ever asking anyone for anything in return. I am honored to stand here today to both recognize and honor the life of Robert T. Connor, Sr.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act FY 2010.

Name of Requesting Member: J. GRESHAM BARRETT

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account Number: 0601101E 2 Defense Research Sciences

Name and address of requesting entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Clemson University, located at Clemson University, South Carolina.

Description of earmark including amount and spending plan: I am requesting \$1.6 million of funding for Clemson University Advanced Photonic Composites Research. This program will be used for development of the next generation of materials for use in optical and laser-based communication, health, automotive, and defense platforms. It will provide the necessary coordinated and concentrated effort to bring high information capacity, low power consuming optical technologies to the soldier. The research will continue to focus on novel active and passive materials and optical devices for advanced lighting, directed energy, sensing and switching, as well as ways to make their performance controllably adaptive, such that one technology may now be used for a myriad of applications. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of my spouse or me.

#### IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF FRANCIS "BUTCH" TAYLOR

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, 100 years ago, Francis "Butch" Taylor was born in Akron, Iowa and shortly after, made the journey west with his family to California. While completing his graduate degree in Social Work at the University of California, Berkeley, he married Betty Lou Taylor. Intrigued by their common last name, they spoke, fell in love and married in 1940. A year later Butch was hired as the Assistant Field Director for the American Red Cross and assigned to the Presidio Army base in San Francisco.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Mr. Taylor was indispensable in keeping up with the rapidly increasing responsibilities of the American Red Cross as service to the military grew exponentially. In 1943, he was dispatched with 36 other Red Cross employees on a Liberty ship—part of a hundred-ship convoy to Algeria. Upon transferring to British troopships in the Mediterranean, the convoy was attacked by German planes, resulting in the loss of three Red Cross men and more than 1,100 American troops. Butch continued on to Bombay and Calcutta, India and eventually arrived in southern China, where he became Field Supervisor in charge of Red Cross Services to the armed forces in China.

After the Communists took power in China, Mr. Taylor returned home to California and became manager of the San Mateo Chapter of the Red Cross, later assisting in its merger with the San Francisco Chapter.

Madam Speaker, I owe a personal debt to this remarkable man. In 1965, when I was a teenage volunteer with the Red Cross Youth, Butch Taylor inspired me with his passion for public service and encouraged me to chart a similar course. Like so many others, my life would be very different were it not for Butch Taylor.

Upon his retirement from the Red Cross, Butch went to work for FEMA, serving the

Western Region—including Guam, Hawaii and Samoa—and assisted with floods in the Sacramento Delta and other local emergencies throughout the 1970s.

Butch and Betty Lou have two children, Mike and Trish, and a grandson, Mark. Butch continues to be involved with the Burlingame Rotary Club and still attends functions every Monday. Next year, Butch and Betty Lou will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary.

Madam Speaker, few men or women can say with absolute certainty that their service made the world a better place. Butch Taylor is one who can. And for that, we are all eternally grateful.

COMMANDER MARK DICKINSON

### HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Commander Mark Dickinson, a Minnesota native with St. Cloud and Big Lake roots, upon his retirement from the United States Navy. After 20 years of service, Mark is retiring from military service but will continue to serve his country as a civilian working for the Navy. I am proud to share Mark's distinguished career with this Congress today.

In 1989, Mark enlisted in the Navy and worked his way up to Petty Officer First Class serving on the USS Kamehameha, USS Nebraska and PCU Louisiana. As a commissioned officer, Mark served as Supply Department Head on the USS Maryland, which, under his leadership, won the Supply Blue "E" awarded to the finest supply department in the squadron and the prestigious Edward F. Ney Award for outstanding food service—something every sailor can appreciate!

Mark began work at Naval Reactors as Manager of Shipbuilding Contracts in 2003. In this role, he successfully oversaw the construction, repair and modification of nuclear powered ships and also helped negotiate the acquisition of private shipyard facility upgrades necessary to refueling and defueling operations of nuclear aircraft carriers. Mark's negotiation and implementation of cost incentive programs has set the Navy up to save more than \$850 million dollars. Since 2007, Mark has been the Deputy Director of Acquisition and this March he assumed his current responsibilities as Director of Acquisition at Naval Reactors where he continues to lead shipbuilding efforts.

It is with great honor that I congratulate LCDR Mark Dickinson on 20 years of dedicated service to the United States Navy. Madam Speaker, I rise so that this Congress may also pay tribute to Mark and wish him and his family all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING STAFF SGT JASON  
DAHLKE

### HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Staff Sergeant Jason

Dahlke, 29, who died August 29, 2009, while serving our Nation in Afghanistan on his sixth deployment in support of the War on Terror. Staff Sergeant Dahlke was a distinguished soldier serving with Company A, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

SSG Jason Dahlke was born on November 8, 1979, in Tampa and was raised in Jacksonville with his brother and three sisters. Prior to joining the Army, he attended the University of Central Florida where he graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice and married his grade school sweetheart Niki Marie Norvell Dahlke. Mrs. Dahlke recalls her husband as her "best friend" and "hero."

We should all remember SSG Dahlke's courage and his ultimate sacrifice for our nation. The freedom and liberty we enjoy and the peace in the world for others for which he fought are part of the great legacy that SSG Dahlke leaves behind. He was laid to rest at the new Jacksonville National Veterans Cemetery on September 5, 2009. SSG Jason Dahlke is the first American killed in combat to be interred at Florida's newest veterans cemetery.

SSG Dahlke will be remembered as a dedicated servant of the country he loved. During his time in the Army, SSG Dahlke received a Purple Heart and two Army Commendation Medals that he never mentioned to his parents. They only learned of their son's achievements by way of the internet. In one of his last conversations with his parents, SSG Dahlke told his family that he loved his job and that he would continue to do it as long as he could serve. Col. Michael E. Kurilla, 75th Ranger Regiment commander stated that SSG Dahlke "embodied the Ranger Creed and all that is good, noble and honored in our Rangers."

With the passing of SSG Dahlke, America has lost an outstanding citizen and a shining example of service to our Nation. He will be remembered as a patriotic American, a pillar of our community and a compassionate husband and a loving son.

To his wife Niki, his mother Deborah, his father Roger and his loving family and friends, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize SSG Jason Dahlke's contributions and to ask that all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing his heroic service in our Nation's Armed Forces.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF MR. JOHN "TOMMY" STEPHENSON

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Tommy Stephenson upon his retirement from the United States Postal Service.

Mr. Stephenson has serviced the same route for over 30 years, becoming an important part of the community in Southern Madison County, Northern Hardeman County, and Western Chester County, Tennessee. Over three generations of West Tennessee families have come to know and love Mr. Tommy. The humble spirit and cheerful whistle he brought to work each and every day has touched these families in many ways.

Most inspiring to me is the fact that Mr. Stephenson has endured a physical disability that limits the use of his right hand, yet he has always been able to adapt to the many changes these past thirty years. The type of dependability and dedication he has brought to his work is rare, indeed, and we honor him for it.

Please join me in celebrating Mr. Stephenson's achievement, and wishing him well upon his retirement.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF  
SUCCESS FOR AAHOA

**HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the success of the Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA). Founded in 1989, the AAHOA has grown to nearly 10,000 members who own more than 22,000 hotels valued at \$60 billion. These small business owners have created or supported more than one million jobs. It is my understanding that their business acumen and dedication to the hospitality industry has made AAHOA a strong leader in the tourism sector of our economy.

It was my honor to attend AAHOA's national convention earlier this year, where its members celebrated 20 years of excellence and service to their respective communities. Many AAHOA members belong to their local chambers of commerce and network with pro-business associations. I share many of the concerns of AAHOA's membership, including card check, our spiraling deficit, excessive litigation, and the proposed expansion of government into the health care arena. This is not what our country needs. We need to allow private sector businesses, like AAHOA members, to do what they do best: grow the economy, create new jobs, and provide safe, reliable, and affordable hospitality for millions of travelers.

I want to recognize the officers and leadership of AAHOA for their service to the organization: Chairman Tarun S. Patel; Vice Chairman ChandraKant I. (C.K.) Patel; Treasurer Hemant D. (Henry) Patel; Secretary Alkesh R. (Al) Patel; past Chairman Ashwin (Ash) Patel; President Fred Schwartz; Washington District Regional Director and Co-Chairman of the Legislation Committee Paul (Prashant) Patel; Southwest Regional Director and Co-Chairman of the Legislation Committee Hitesh L. Patel; and Vice President for Fair Franchising and Government Affairs and General Counsel Laura Lee Blake.

I understand that the AAHOA donated more than \$100,000 for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, contributed more than \$25,000 for the victims of the Asian tsunami in 2004, they have helped open doors for investment opportunities in India, and they partnered with the United Service Organizations (USO) to create the "101,000 Room Nights for America" program, which provided complimentary rooms for deployed members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize AAHOA and the Indian American community and look forward to working together in the future.

CONGRESSMAN J. RANDY FORBES  
TRIBUTE TO MRS. HELEN  
DAUGHTREY

**HON. J. RANDY FORBES**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Helen Daughtrey, who was 80 years old when she passed away on Saturday, August 15, 2009. America lost a community icon, public servant, and devoted daughter, wife, sister, and mother with the death of Helen Daughtrey. Helen will be remembered for her strong voice for fairness, civic duty, equality, and justice.

A long-time resident of Suffolk, Virginia, Helen was active in a myriad of service groups that improved the lives of those in the community. She served as the NAACP's Vice President for the Suffolk Branch. Helen was also a member of the American Red Cross, the Suffolk Beautification Committee, the Order of the Eastern Star of Virginia, the International Black Women's Congress, and Chesapeake Silver Strands Senior Citizens Club.

Helen was perhaps best known for her leadership and tireless efforts to see through the community improvement projects at The Fairgrounds and the East Washington Street corridor. Helen also tirelessly championed the conversion of the 1921 Phoenix Bank, Suffolk's first African-American bank into a black history museum.

As a lifelong member of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Helen was a dutiful woman of faith. Her commitment to her community of faith was evident in her service on the Deaconess Board, and as a member of the Mass and Chapel choirs and the Harvesters' Missionary Circle. She also taught a Sunday school class and was the founder of the Afro-Centric Ministry.

Helen was a 1946 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School and remained involved in the alumni chapter. Helen was the proud wife of James Otis "Buck" Daughtrey. They had four daughters—Brenda, Rhonda, Sharon, and Ida. Helen deeply touched each one of her many friends in the community, and I am proud to count myself among them.

Helen Daughtrey was the personification of determination, volunteerism, and persistence. Her deep faith drove her efforts to improve her city and the lives of the people within it. Helen's contributions to the citizens of Suffolk will not be forgotten or easily replaced, and her work will live on for generations. I can say with certainty, that at another ceremony in Helen's honor that we cannot see with our eyes, Helen is hearing the words: "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

CONGRATULATING DR. REGINA  
BENJAMIN ON HER NOMINATION  
AS SURGEON GENERAL OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Regina Benjamin on her

nomination as United States surgeon general. Upon confirmation, Dr. Benjamin will become the third Alabamian to serve as the nation's chief health educator.

A native of Mobile, Dr. Benjamin earned a bachelor's degree from Xavier University in New Orleans, and she attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine. Following the completion of her residency at the Medical Center of Central Georgia, Dr. Benjamin returned to south Alabama and founded the Bayou La Batre Rural Health Clinic. Dr. Benjamin also holds a masters of business administration from Tulane University.

Founded in 1990, Dr. Benjamin's non-profit clinic strives to provide high-quality medical care for the uninsured citizens of Alabama's bayou. In the aftermath of Hurricanes Georges and Katrina, despite the devastation of her own clinic, Dr. Benjamin selflessly continued to serve her patients, making house calls in order to treat those who were isolated, injured, and unable to leave their homes.

Dr. Benjamin's résumé boasts an extensive list of accomplishments. In 1995, she became the first African-American woman and first person under age 40 to serve on the American Medical Association board of trustees. In addition, as president of the Medical Association of Alabama, she was the first African-American woman president of a state medical society. In September 2008, she was one of 25 honored with a \$500,000 "genius award" from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellowship. She also previously served as associate dean for Rural Health at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine and chair of the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States.

Dr. Benjamin has received numerous awards throughout her career. In 1998, she was the United States recipient of the Nelson Mandela Award for Health and Human Rights. Time magazine named her as one of the "Nation's 50 Future Leaders Age 40 and Under." She has been profiled by the New York Times and ABC's "World News Tonight." She was named "Woman of the Year" by both CBS "This Morning" and People Magazine. In 2008, U.S. News and World Report named Dr. Benjamin one of America's Best Leaders.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the proud citizens of the First Congressional District and the entire state of Alabama, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Benjamin on this distinguished nomination.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Project name: Synchrotron-Based Scanning Research

Requested amount: \$6,000,000.00

Recipient: Loma Linda University Medical Center, 11175 Campus Drive, Loma Linda, CA 92354

Purpose: The Synchrotron-based Neuroscience and Proton Institute (NSPI) is pioneering new possibilities in medical technology and neuroscience for the service of patients

with previously untreatable benign diseases. The potential of the NSPI is to expand efforts in the treatment of people with uncontrollable serious behavioral conditions, including military personnel and veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder as well as persons who are currently incarcerated in prisons and who volunteer for this treatment. Eventually the treatment would be an available medical option to all persons seeking a non-invasive, non-drug alternative to behavioral disorders, both in the military and civilian populations.

Project name: Center for Innovative Geospatial Technology—

Requested amount: \$7,000,000.00

Recipient: ESRI, 380 New York Street, Redlands, CA 92373

Purpose: Geospatial support to the warfighter has proven its value on the battlefield. Successes to date, together with advances in GIS technology, create the demand and the opportunity to apply geospatial analysis to a much larger set of military intelligence issues, and to embed advanced geospatial analysis techniques in critical warfighter support systems. These tasks can also help to integrate the national intelligence, defense intelligence, and military operational communities, all of which are heavily invested in geospatial technology and applications. Building on widely used information systems will expedite the work, facilitate ready application to new problems, create a foundation for sharing, and in the process create opportunities for economies. For the taxpayer, this means more efficient use of intelligence assets and resources to support military and other government operations, and lower operating costs in the intelligence community due to better integration of intelligence information and better quality of information to a large number of intelligence users.

Project name: Facility Security using Tactical Surveys

Requested amount: \$4,500,000.00

Recipient: TSG, 301 Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, California 92408

Purpose: The Tactical Survey System is an innovative computer-based, interactive tool that provides crisis personnel access to a vast database of reliable pre-incident information on a facility, thereby enhancing their ability to effectively respond to an emergency situation. The Tactical Survey System includes immersive imagery with embedded tactical intelligence including hazardous material types and locations, aerial photos, ingress and egress videos, key personnel, building construction information, utility shutoff locations with instructions, communications infrastructure, fire fighting assets, fire and security alarm systems, and perimeter control systems. Completion of a survey at a federal installation allows precise advanced planning of emergency response, conduct of realistic exercises, and detailed training of individuals.

Project name: Commercialization of Advanced Technology

Requested amount: \$2,500,000.00

Recipient: California State University, San Bernardino, 5500 University Parkway, San Bernardino, CA 92407-2393

Purpose: A collaborative partnership between California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) and San Diego State University, with the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, San Diego, other govern-

ment, academic, and industry representatives, offers a proven process for accelerating technology to meet priority military and homeland defense requirements. Key focus is on commercializing technologies developed in government labs and/ or funded under the SBIR program, transitioning technologies from the commercial sector to meet government priorities. The need for advanced technological solutions for personnel protection, enhanced situational awareness, NBCR protection, and critical military operations is paramount.

Project name: Integrated Information Technology Policy Analysis Research and Technology Commercialization and Management Network

Requested amount: \$4,000,000.00

Recipient: California State University, San Bernardino, 5500 University Parkway, San Bernardino, CA 92407-2393

Purpose: Integrated Information Technology Policy Analysis Research creates a more strategic, adaptive IT policy to advance the Army's Network Centric Operations vision for the future force, especially with regard to providing situational intelligence to soldiers on the battlefield. Technology Commercialization and Management Network accelerates DoD spiraling technologies acquisition strategy, lowers defense costs by accelerating government technologies, promotes higher educational institutions & small businesses technological innovation, increases commercial application of innovations derived from DoD R&D.

Project name: Research to Treat Cancerous Brain Tumors using Neural Stem Cells

Requested amount: \$2,000,000.00

Recipient: Loma Linda University Medical Center, 11175 Campus Drive, Loma Linda, CA 92354

Purpose: Current cancer treatments do not work on a majority of brain tumors. New breakthrough research has led to the theory that cancerous brain tumors develop and are propagated by a small sub-population of rogue transformed neural stem cells that are highly resistant to existing cancer therapies due to their self-renewal capacity.

With the proposed project, Loma Linda seeks to partner with the Department of Defense and a leading industry research company to achieve the following goals over the next four years: 1. Establish an in vitro brain tumor stem cell model sufficient for systematic screening of potential agents with anti-tumor activity; 2. Search for potential anti-tumor agents that block tumor-activating proteins or enhance tumor-suppressing proteins in the human neural stem cell model of brain tumor; 3. Create an animal model of human glioblastoma for efficacy testing of potential anti-tumor agents; 4. Create a drug form or route of administration of the anti-tumor agent that can be selectively delivered to the brain without exposing peripheral organs to potentially high toxic dose; 5. Demonstrate a proof-of-principle anti-tumor activity with the most promising test agent in the animal model.

Project name: Norton AFB Infrastructure Improvements

Requested amount: \$6,000,000.00

Recipient: Inland Valley Development Agency (IVDA), 294 South Leland Norton Way, Suite #1, San Bernardino, CA 92408-0131

Purpose: The Office of Economic Adjustment in the Department of Defense is tasked

to assist communities that are adversely impacted by Defense program changes, including base closures or realignments, base expansions, and contract or program cancellations. The San Bernardino International Airport, formerly Norton Air Force Base, is a 2,100-acre facility, wholly within the jurisdiction of the City of San Bernardino. Officially closed as a military base in March of 1994, the former Base has been operated by two joint powers authorities, the Inland Valley Development Agency (IVDA) which was formed in 1990, and the San Bernardino International Airport Authority (SBIAA) which was formed in 1992. The IVDA and the SBIAA are in the process of replacing and upgrading the infrastructure of the former Norton Air Force Base. These improvements include ongoing base structure repair and environmental remediation, water system improvements and base floodwater runoff mitigation. In addition to the federal funds requested, the IVDA and the SBIAA are committing their own significant financial resources to the various projects.

Project name: Spintronics Memory Storage Technology

Requested amount: \$3,500,000.00

Recipient: University of California, Riverside, 900 University Avenue, Riverside, CA 92521

Purpose: This project aims to take advantage of recent advances in nanomaterials, nanodevices and spintronics to bring about revolutionary advances in magnetic storage technologies and to develop chip-scale packaging and thermal dissipation solutions for this new generation of devices. Current hard disk drives are now contending with the superparamagnetic limit, which limits the magnetic grain size for recording information. This effort will explore the use of multilevel recording techniques and examine the use of new nanomaterials for the development of highly efficient thermal interface materials in order to accommodate the high thermal dissipation required in compact devices.

Project name: Carbon Nanotube Thin Film Near Infrared Detector

Requested amount: \$2,000,000.00

Recipient: Carbon Solutions, Inc., 1200 Columbia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507

Purpose: There is an urgent need for improved infrared (IR) detectors for use in thermal imaging, night vision and other military, homeland and border security applications. This project aims to build on the revolutionary discovery of the broad spectrum bolometric response of carbon nanotube thin films to develop a new generation of near infrared detectors. This breakthrough by California scientists offers the possibility of broadly available, room temperature, low cost imaging devices that could find widespread military applications.

Project name: Magneto Inductive Remote Activation Munitions System (MI-RAMS) M156/M39 Kits and M40 Receivers

Requested amount: \$9,000,000.00

Recipient: Magneto Inductive USA, 115 North Del Rosa Drive, Suite A, San Bernardino, California 92408

Purpose: The purpose of the request is to ensure timely deployment of this cutting edge MI-RAMS technology to US warfighters, enabling them to gain significant tactical advantage in difficult urban, cave and tunnel environments where they are required to undertake demolition missions. Continued funding at the requested level will save lives by fielding this technology identified as critical to the

safety of the Army Combat Engineers and Special Operations Forces as soon as possible. This project will also save taxpayer dollars by ensuring that the unique industrial base established in San Bernardino, California to manufacture this equipment remains active, preventing line closures and layoffs and be able to respond to the high demand from the warfighters for this important technology in 2011 and beyond.

Project name: Cyber Threat Analytics

Requested amount: \$3,000,000.00

Recipient: MetaFlows, 22N 6th Street A, Redlands, CA 92373

Purpose: Cyber-TA is a research project to develop the next-generation of real-time national-scale Internet-threat analysis technologies, and conduct critical deployment evaluation and operational transition of new research concepts in large-scale network defense to protect critical DoD and IC networks. Cyber-TA has brought together many of the world's most established researchers across the fields of data privacy, cryptography, malware and intrusion detection research, as well as operational experts in Internet-scale sensor management, to develop leading edge solutions to the evolving threat of increasingly virulent and widespread self-propagating malicious software.

Project name: Geospatial Intelligence Analysis Education (O&M)

Requested amount: \$1,000,000.00

Recipient: University of Redlands, 1200 E Colton Ave, Redlands, CA 92374

Purpose: This project supports continuing efforts to strategically enhance the human and scientific infrastructure of the Intelligence Community (IC), as well as other federal agencies which employ staff who should be using advanced Geospatial Analysis methods. The effort involves collaborating with the Intelligence and Federal Geospatial Communities in the design, development, and implementation of a graduate program, including research, short courses and basic studies in geographic information science (GIS). A key objective is to equip officers at federal agencies with advanced geospatial analysis skills.

Project name: Integrated Propulsion Analysis and Spacecraft Engineering Tools (IPAT/ISET)

Requested amount: \$6,000,000.00

Recipient: Advatech Pacific Inc., 1849 N. Wabash Avenue, Redlands, CA 92374

Purpose: IPAT directly supports many of the Air Force's new major system acquisitions including Land-based Strategic Deterrent, Prompt Global Strike and Operationally Responsive Spacelift and is a key tool to support our nation's world leadership in space.

The ISET radically improves AFRL's ability to quickly assess advanced spacecraft design concepts' strengths, weaknesses, costs, and viability in support of Air Force Space Command, Air Force Space & Missile Systems Center, and U.S. Strategic Command requirements.

Project name: Advanced Technology Sensors and Payloads/Unattended SIGINT Node

Requested amount: \$6,000,000.00

Recipient: Trident Systems, 1615 Orange Tree Lane, Ste 104, Redlands, CA 92374

Purpose: This program is urgently required to address the growing complexity of ground operations associated with Unmanned Aerial Vehicle-based surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) missions. There are multiple

types of small unmanned aerial vehicles operating in theater, each with its own unique command and control, payload management, and status monitoring interface systems. These UAVs generally carry only an EO/IR camera payload due to the size and weight of existing multiband radars. ATSP provides a common ground station, simplified integration environment for new sensor payload capabilities and unprecedented communications range plus agility around interference. This project provides critically-needed capabilities to extend the reach and operational flexibility of UAVs in theater. By developing and deploying this project, our Armed Forces will be equipped with technology enabling them to accelerate intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions, improve a vital communications link and increase overall safety and survivability. Information superiority has become a key factor in force protection and operational effectiveness. The use of commercial communications technology has enabled even unsophisticated adversaries to coordinate their efforts, narrowing the tactical advantage that US forces achieved in the previous decade and allowing new threats like IEDs. This use of commercial communications assets can be countered with signals intelligence & communications intelligence techniques, helping to restore the information superiority tactical advantage. This project will provide an affordable miniature wide band, SIGINT/COMINT payload for employment on small and mid-size UAV platforms and in ground sensors.

Project name: Enhancing Commercial Joint Mapping Toolkit (CJMTK)

Requested amount: \$4,000,000.00

Recipient: ESRI, 380 New York Street, Redlands, CA 92373

Purpose: Integrating ESRI's Network Analyst technology in the CJMTK baseline affords a rapid and very cost effective path for meeting urgent requirements of the U.S. Army, and affording the same capabilities to the other military services and the U.S. Coast Guard. Several DOD programs have explored independently adding Network Analyst capabilities to their systems, and have determined that the cost for each would range in the tens of millions of dollars. Providing Network Analyst capabilities through CJMTK, then, is extremely cost effective; will enable rapid, parallel adoption of these capabilities in multiple DOD systems; and will provide a common standard for analyzing movements across all of their systems, thereby supporting interoperability and joint/combined operations. For the taxpayer, this means that these Army systems will be more efficient. It also means better decisions can be made by government officials, and the annual cost of Army systems will be lower through the infusion of modern analytical software tools.

Project name: Flow Path Analysis Tool (FPAT)

Requested amount: \$2,000,000.00

Recipient: Advatech Pacific, Inc., 1849 N. Wabash Avenue, Redlands, CA 92374

Purpose: The Flow Path Analysis Tool (FPAT) is the first tool to accurately model the complex physics of the gas flow through a hypersonic ramjet/scramjet engine. This tool will save many millions of dollars by evaluating feasibility, predicting performance, and eliminating non-viable or too costly design concepts for future Navy weapon systems—all without having to actually build them (or scale

models of them) for testing. The Flow Path Analysis Tool effort is an ongoing, but underfunded, program at the Navy's High Speed Weapons Center at China Lake. Previous funding has demonstrated the viability of the approach and is providing the first increment of computational fluid dynamics modeling of the ramjet/scramjet air inlet. The FPAT project, when completed, will provide the Navy's High Speed Weapons Center at China Lake and other DoD organizations with computational fluid dynamics capabilities to analyze and predict performance characteristics of future weapon systems that use ramjet/scramjet hypersonic engine technology. FPAT will capture an unprecedented amount of engine hypersonic flow data from the air inlet, through the engine, and out the exhaust. The cost benefits of physics-based tools that integrate modern design and analysis codes have been well documented.

Project name: Rare Earth Mining Separation and Metal Production

Requested amount: \$3,000,000.00

Recipient: Molycorp, 67750 Bailey Road, Mountain Pass, CA 92366

Purpose: Rare earth metals and magnets are vital to a wide variety of Department of Defense applications. These metals and magnets are used in virtually all advanced military systems and clean energy technologies, yet currently, China controls nearly 100% of the world's rare earth metal production. This funding will speed the development of the critical manufacturing technologies necessary to revitalize U.S. domestic rare earth separation and metal production for DOD applications. To this end, the appropriated funds will be leveraged against more than \$20 million in private capital to accelerate the engineering and scale of this work.

Project name: National Eye Evaluation and Research Network

Requested amount: \$3,000,000.00

Recipient: Foundation Fighting Blindness, 11435 Cronhill Drive, Owings Mills, MD, 21117-2220

Purpose: NEER will directly benefit the warfighter by providing a readily available source to screen, enroll, and follow military patients and their families through clinical trials. Additionally, NEER will continue to interact with the newly formed DOD Vision Center of Excellence, which will eventually be housed at the Bethesda National Naval Medical Center. Many of the diseases to be studied are orphan diseases, impacting small populations. Consequently, they do not receive the attention of major government and private research and pharmaceutical organizations. Additionally, much of the research conducted on degenerative retinal diseases has a direct benefit to ongoing traumatic brain injury research to better understand the vision deficits associated with TBI.

Project name: Inter Turbine Burner for Turbo Shaft Engines

Requested amount: \$3,000,000.00

Recipient: Advanced Projects Research, Incorporated, 2850 U Street, San Bernardino, CA 92408

Purpose: The Inter Turbine Burner is an engine alteration that adds a second combustor within a turbo shaft engine to increase power output and engine efficiency. This technology can be used as an upgrade to existing engines to provide greater power and performance in response to increased air or ground

vehicle capability requirements and can be incorporated in new engine designs to provide both higher performance and greater fuel efficiency at lower engine speeds. This technology can be used on helicopters such as the UH-60 Blackhawk and military ground vehicles such as the M1 Abrams tank to increase fuel efficiency and peak power, which are critical in the Global War on Terror.

#### RECOGNIZING STEVE CULVER

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Steve Culver of St. Joseph, Missouri. Steve is a St. Joseph native who has been an instrumental member of the community for many years. Not only is he a successful business owner, but also a volunteer, father, husband, and well respected individual in his community.

Steve was employed with Western Dairy and Leo Robertson Tire Company before buying into Midland Bottling Company, which he co-owned for 26 years. He is currently President of Recycling Corporation. Steve has generously volunteered his time to many organizations including the Aviation Board and Citizens Crime Commission for the City of St. Joseph, American Cancer Society, United Cerebral Palsy, Nodaway Valley Bank, and Missouri Western State University Foundation. Steve also founded both the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Heart of America Chili Challenge in St. Joseph.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Steve Culver for his accomplishments and his desire to enhance the lives of others in his community.

#### JOHN SOLLAZZO

### HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Sollazzo, a lifelong Staten Islander, dear friend, dedicated community organizer and Staten Island's own "Mr. Democrat," who turned 70 on July 25, 2009. From his service in the Navy to his active participation in various community organizations, Mr. Sollazzo is the premier example of the engaged citizen, the truly civic individual who I know will continue to be for generations to come.

Born and raised on Staten Island by his father, the late Nicolas Sollazzo, and his mother, Helen Trifoglio. He attended P.S. 22, also known as the Granitville School, and Port Richmond High School.

Mr. Sollazzo served with the U.S. Navy from 1959 to 1960 on the Ships Company of the U.S.S. Intrepid. After his service to our nation he became a New York City Firefighter, one of New York's Bravest, and continued to serve his community until his retirement in 1983.

Mr. Sollazzo has always been willing to give of his time to help others. He has worked to keep kids off streets and spent hours teaching

them valuable skills as an instructor for Youth Against Crime of Staten Island. As an executive board member of Meals on Wheels, he fought to maintain and expand this essential program for our neediest seniors. He has also been involved in various other organizations such as Rotary International, Boy Scouts of America, the American Red Cross, and the Knights of Columbus.

Because of his continued service to our island, Mr. Sollazzo has been the recipient of many awards from various youth, service, and political organizations. He has been recognized by the New York City Council and the New York State Senate for his outstanding contributions.

Outside of his professional life, Mr. Sollazzo is a devoted family man. He has been married to Frances Adamo for more than 48 years. He is the father to John, Jr., Elizabeth and Ellen Mary and the beloved grandfather of Nicholas, Laura, Vincent, Maria and Levi.

Mr. Sollazzo has been active in democratic politics for as long as anyone can remember. Now serving as the 1st Vice Chairman of the Richmond County Democratic Committee, John has been involved in every democratic campaign for the last 25 years. He continues to be the top petition canvasser in the borough. He is well known for his ability to run successful judicial campaigns; having insured that every judicial candidate's campaign he has run has won. He carried the party flag as a candidate on three occasions. Through his personal zeal and undying commitment, he has built the Richmond County Democratic Party into a vibrant, active political organization.

Without John's invaluable assistance in my last campaign, I might not be standing here today. His limitless energy and enthusiasm for his family, his Democratic Party and his community, belie the fact that he has just turned 70 years old.

John Sollazzo celebrated his 70th Birthday on July 25, 2009. This celebration will not only be an anniversary of the birth of Mr. Sollazzo but also a celebration of his contributions to the people of Staten Island. I am proud to call John my friend and I wish him many more years to come. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending John Sollazzo on his dedication to the citizens of Staten Island.

#### HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL JAMES G. ROUDEBUSH

### HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lieutenant General James G. Roudebush. As his 34-year career in the United States Air Force draws to a close, I would like to draw attention to some of his significant accomplishments and enduring contributions to our great Nation.

Lieutenant General James G. Roudebush is the Surgeon General of the Air Force, headquartered in Washington, D.C. Educated at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, he received a direct commission in the Medical Service Corps upon completing his master's degree from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in 1975. In his distinguished

career, he served as the Vice Commander at the Human Systems Center and the Command Surgeon General for United States Central Command. Lieutenant General Roudebush also served as the Command Surgeon for Pacific Air Forces Command, United States Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command. His commands include the 36th Tactical Fighter Wing Hospital at Bitburg Air Base, Germany, and 89th Medical Group, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. Prior to his current assignment, General Roudebush was the Deputy Surgeon General at the U.S. Air Force Headquarters.

In his career, General Roudebush has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal. He holds a Chief Flight Surgeon rating with more than 1,100 flight hours in fourteen different aircraft including the C-5 Galaxy, F-15 Eagle and KC-135 Stratotanker.

General Roudebush has served his career with dedication and honor in the service of his country. He significantly transformed the role and impact of the Air Force Medical Service. The breadth of his enormously positive impact on the Air Force—medical readiness; pre- and post-deployment physical and mental health assessments; suicide prevention initiatives; and the successful aero-medical evacuation of tens of thousands of wounded service members from Iraq and Afghanistan—are key pillars of his contributions to government service. As the architect for the Surgeon General's Force Development Flight Path, each of the five Corps—Medical, Medical Service, Dental, Biomedical Services, and Nurse—now have a career pathway for all medical officers from lieutenant to general specific to their Corps.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Lieutenant General James G. Roudebush for his lifetime of dedication and self-sacrifice in the service of our great Nation.

#### TRIBUTE TO LAWRENCE HAHN

### HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Lawrence A. Hahn of Oak Ridge, Tenn., as he retires as the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Oak Ridge.

For more than 55 years, Lawrence has dedicated himself to the youth of Oak Ridge and surrounding areas as Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club. He has worked considerably more than “40 hours-a-week” and has contributed from his own finances to create a better quality of life for countless young people. He has helped change lives by providing a safe environment and great role-models that have helped many become caring, responsible and productive citizens.

He has served hundreds of thousands of youth with his service on the Tennessee Area Council as its Executive Secretary in addition to his service to the National Boys and Girls Clubs.

The local Boys and Girls Club Alumni Chapter that Lawrence established has been recog-

nized as one of the largest and most effective in the nation. He continues to lead this group, which includes past Club members now working as professionals across the region and around the nation.

He has been an inspiration to hundreds of volunteers who have served on the Club's Board of Directors as educational tutors and athletic coaches—giving them the same desire that he has to carry on the unwavering compassion and commitment to the mission of the Club.

The national headquarters of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America has given Lawrence their highest professional award and he continues to be honored at national forums.

Lawrence is without a doubt one of the most respected, honored and legendary citizens of Oak Ridge. His 55 years as the Boys and Girls Club Executive Director far exceeds the years of service than that of any other person in the history of the National Boys and Girls Clubs movement. It is with great pleasure that I honor my friend, Lawrence Hahn, for his commitment to the youth of Oak Ridge and East Tennessee.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, the Labor/HHS spending bill for Fiscal Year 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRED UPTON

Benton Harbor Workforce Transformation Program

Department: Labor

Account: Employment and Training Administration—Training and Employment Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan Works—Benton Harbor, MI

Address of Requesting Entity: Michigan Works, 499 W. Main St., Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Description of Request: Michigan Works, a state-supported job recruitment and training organization, is starting a job-training program designed to work in tandem with the upcoming \$500 million Harbor Shores mixed-use economic development project being undertaken by Benton Harbor. The basic workforce transformation program, which would be funded by the monies requested here, includes at least three core elements: basic skills training, including workforce literacy remediation; skills training for in-demand, high-growth occupations; and transitional job services. All activities will be based on proven programs administered by workforce training professionals as part of the region's existing and ongoing workforce development activities. All programs will be designed to reduce the unemployment rate, increase the local labor participation rate, increase job readiness, place people into jobs, and increase per capita income. These funds are consistent with the mission of the Employment and Training Administration. Benton Harbor, Michigan is the poorest city in one of the most economically challenged states in Amer-

ica. The magnitude of Benton Harbor's problems is stunning—a workforce with an average 6th grade literacy level and an 80 percent high school dropout rate by young males. In Benton Harbor 42 percent of the available workers are out of the workforce, a fact exacerbated by the lack of basic skills needed to maintain employment which has only served as a barrier to attract new employers into the area

Amount: \$381,000

Financial Breakdown: The majority of this funding (around 70 percent) will go to staffing services, stipends for program participants, as well as literacy remediation services. The remainder of the funding will be provided for training scholarships, community outreach, participant assessments and support services. Michigan Works will provide supplemental funds.

Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services Nursing Distance Learning Initiative

Department: Health

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services

Address of Requesting Entity: 3299 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Description of Request: The Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services agency will partner with Wayne State University's School of Nursing, the only nursing school in Michigan offering an Advanced Psychiatric and Community Public Health Nurse Practitioner degree program, to bring the opportunity through the use of distance learning technology for nurses in Kalamazoo and surrounding communities to participate in this three-year program right in their home communities, rather than have to travel all the way across the State to Detroit. The plan would provide scholarships to local nurses who wish to participate in exchange for a commitment to remain in and serve their Southwest Michigan communities. Southwest Michigan is a medically underserved area, with a shortage of nurses, and a particularly acute shortage of nurses with advanced training to meet community mental health needs. The Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Nursing Distance Learning proposal promises to be an innovative and successful way to address this pressing need.

Amount: \$100,000

Financial Breakdown: The majority of funding for this project (around 60%) will go to nursing faculty, with supplemental funding going to polycom and video conferencing equipment, as well as scholarships for nursing students.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College Wind Technician Academy

Department: Education

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 6767 West O Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49003

KVCC Wind Energy Center will launch a Wind Turbine Technician Academy in the fall of 2009. The competency based program will provide graduates with multi craft credentials which are highly sought after by the wind power industry for the construction, operation

and maintenance of utility size wind turbines. The training uses established curriculum based on globally recognized BZEE utility grade turbine technician standards. The KVCC program will be the first BZEE certification program in the US, and will include training on a decommissioned utility grade turbine in a lab at KVCC. The Wind Turbine Technician Academy can be completed in less than 6 months, making the program viable for retraining of workers and for the training of the next generation workforce. The Wind Turbine Technician Academy will consist of three integrated segments: Pre-Employment Electrical Apprenticeship, Wind Turbine Technology Education, and Field Experience. Michigan ranks 14th in terms of wind energy potential, but is currently well behind other states in terms of installed wind generating capacity. The Academy will promote Michigan's potential through their ability to produce highly qualified workers in 6 months and through their plan to create an advisory panel made up of national wind energy employers.

Amount: \$350,000

Financial Breakdown: Approximately 75% of this funding will go toward the purchase of wind turbine components, tools and training equipment. The remaining 25% will be split between purchasing lab equipment and curriculum development. KVCC has been, and will continue to provide, supplemental funding for the program.

Lake Michigan College Energy Job Training Program

Department: Education

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake Michigan College

Address of Requesting Entity: 2755 E. Napier Avenue, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

This funding will go toward equipment purchases and curriculum development for an energy production job training program at Lake Michigan College. According to Nuclear Energy Institute research, the nuclear power production industry and their community college partners need to establish forty-four new programs for training non-licensed operators, twelve for radiation protection technicians, and sixty-five to train maintenance workers. To address the projected shortage of energy industry professionals for the region it serves, Lake Michigan College, in collaboration with D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman and Palisades Nuclear Power Plant in Covert, has developed the Energy Production Technology degree to give local residents the opportunity to prepare for one of these high-skill, high-wage jobs. According to the Nuclear Energy Institute, about thirty percent of the nuclear energy workforce will retire within the next five years. Locally, that percentage is as high as 35%. Consumers Energy, over the next five years, expects 120–130 retirements among generating plant operations and maintenance personnel. That translates into over four hundred anticipated job openings in this region in just the next few years. This project will help train a local workforce to fill those openings.

Amount: \$150,000

IN MEMORY OF KEN BACON,  
PRESIDENT, REFUGEES INTER-  
NATIONAL

### HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, it was with deep sorrow and shock that I learned of the death of Mr. Ken Bacon, President of Refugees International. Ken was a great man, who accomplished so much in his lifetime, both inside and outside the U.S. government. His wit, focus, passion and vision will be sorely missed by me and everyone who knew him.

One of the first actions I did with Ken in his capacity as the new president of Refugees International was an event in 2001 on the need to ban anti-personnel landmines. His background and experience at the Pentagon made Ken an especially authoritative voice in support of the international treaty to ban landmines and on the horror and humanitarian consequences of landmines. I found him inspiring and energizing.

In the years to come, we would work together on issues ranging from internally displaced people in Colombia, to the tragedy of Darfur, and the need to ban the use of cluster munitions. I last saw Ken at a breakfast on Capitol Hill on June 17th, where we had a chance to join forces once again to talk about the special needs of displaced women and girls.

Ken Bacon helped strengthen and revitalize Refugees International into one of the most internationally recognized voices and advocates on behalf of refugees and the internally displaced. And like all his friends, family and colleagues, I pledge to carry on his work as if he were still right by my side.

I would like to insert into the RECORD the statement on the death of Ken Bacon by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton; the August 16th obituary in the New York Times; and the August 15th tribute posted by Refugees International on its web site.

#### DEATH OF KEN BACON, PRESIDENT OF REFUGEES INTERNATIONAL

(HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, AUG. 15, 2009)

The United States and the world lost a great humanitarian leader with the passing today of Ken Bacon, President of Refugees International. Most Americans remember Ken as the unflappable civilian voice of the Department of Defense, where he served with distinction as spokesperson for many years. But for millions of the world's most vulnerable people—refugees and other victims of conflict—Ken was an invaluable source of hope, inspiration and support. From Central Africa to South Asia to the Americas, Ken shone the spotlight on the causes of humanitarian suffering, and served as an impassioned yet reasoned advocate for the principles of humanitarian protection and assistance. We will miss Ken, but we will be inspired by the contributions he has made and the example he has set.

[From the New York Times, Aug. 16, 2009]

K. BACON, AN ADVOCATE FOR REFUGEES, IS  
DEAD AT 64

(By Douglas Martin)

Kenneth H. Bacon, a former journalist and Pentagon spokesman who devoted his last years to highlighting refugees' problems and urging policymakers to find solutions, died

Saturday morning at his summer home on Block Island, R.I. He was 64 and a resident of Washington.

The cause was complications of melanoma, his daughter Sarah said.

Mr. Bacon, as an assistant secretary of defense in the Clinton administration, was the spokesman for the Defense Department during NATO's campaign to end the violence in Kosovo in 1999. He then visited his first refugee camp during a trip to the Balkans with William S. Cohen, then the defense secretary.

"I had never seen refugees before, never fully appreciated the sheer magnitude of one million people leaving their homes and needing food, shelter and medical care and then one million people going back home after the war," he said in an interview with The New York Times in 2001.

"This fascinated me," he continued. "I knew it was rare for the world to help refugees so completely, and I wondered if somebody could help give the same attention to the refugees in the Congo, Afghanistan and Sudan."

Mr. Bacon became president of Refugees International, which advocates for assistance to save the lives of the world's 41.9 million people who flee their homes to escape violence, either in their own countries or across borders. The organization also aids the 12 million stateless people living in limbo without citizenship rights.

Refugees International helps abandoned refugees receive food, medicine and education; helps displaced families to return home and helps stateless families obtain legal status. It also urges policymakers at the national and international levels to send peacekeepers to protect displaced people.

In a biography he wrote for the organization's Web site, Mr. Bacon said the most important thing Refugees International does is push governments and the United Nations to overcome what he called the "commitment gap" that prevents the world from ending genocide, human rights abuses and wars.

Mr. Bacon wrote and spoke extensively about these issues. In remarks at the Brookings Institution in February 2003, just five weeks before the United States attacked Iraq, he suggested ways to reduce the number of refugees in a war, including choosing targets outside of urban areas.

In an article in Newsday in September 2003 he urged the United States to persuade France to contribute peacekeepers to Iraq, because of France's success in peacekeeping elsewhere. At the time, many Americans resented France because of its strong opposition to the American attack.

Kenneth Hogate Bacon was born in Bronxville, N.Y., on Nov. 21, 1944. He graduated from the Phillips Exeter Academy and Amherst College, where his father was a political science professor. He earned master's degrees in journalism and business from Columbia.

In 1968 and 1969, he was a legislative assistant to United States Senator Thomas J. McIntyre, Democrat of New Hampshire. He then joined The Wall Street Journal's Washington bureau, where he worked for 25 years as a reporter, columnist and editor. From 1968 to 1974, he served in the Army Reserve.

Mr. Bacon had covered the Pentagon during the Carter administration and had come to respect William J. Perry, a senior official. When President Bill Clinton appointed Mr. Perry as his second secretary of defense in 1994, Mr. Perry asked Mr. Bacon to be his spokesman.

Mr. Bacon joined the Clinton administration as assistant to the secretary of defense for public affairs, and was promoted to assistant secretary in 1996. He served until 2001, becoming a familiar face on broadcast and cable television news shows donned in his signature bow tie.

Mr. Bacon is survived by his wife, the former Darcy Wheeler, and his daughters, Katharine and Sarah; his father, Theodore S. Bacon of Peterborough, N.H.; and his brother, Douglas A. Bacon of Concord, Mass.

To Mr. Bacon, being a refugee was something that could happen to anybody at any time.

"Even blue-blooded WASPs were refugees at one time; mine came over from England in 1630, fleeing debts for all I know," he said.

[From Refugees International, Aug. 15, 2009]

REFUGEES INTERNATIONAL MOURNS THE  
DEATH OF KENNETH H. BACON

WASHINGTON, DC.—With grief and a deep sense of loss, Refugees International announces that Kenneth H. Bacon, President of Refugees International, died this morning from an aggressive melanoma that spread into his brain. Mr. Bacon, who became President of Refugees International in 2001 and was only 64 years old at the time of his death, devoted the final years of his life to building the organization into the leading advocacy group on refugee crises.

"Ken Bacon was an extraordinary human being. He led by example and dedicated his efforts to help those most vulnerable—refugees and displaced persons across the globe," said Farooq Kathwari, Chair of the Board of Directors of Refugees International. "We are inspired by his passion, his integrity, his humility, and the dignity with which he faced the inevitable. We will sorely miss our friend and colleague."

Under Mr. Bacon's leadership, Refugees International doubled in size and grew from an organization that largely sounded the alarm on the latest refugee crisis to a program built on sustained advocacy to transform unwieldy and often ineffective international systems. During his tenure, the organization successfully advocated for increased protection and assistance for displaced people in places like Darfur and Iraq, where he focused much of his own work, as well as in Afghanistan, Burma, the DR Congo, Colombia, and Thailand. Mr. Bacon also launched new advocacy programs on peacekeeping and statelessness.

In the last few months of his life, Mr. Bacon turned his passion towards the growing threat of climate displacement. Just a few weeks prior to his death, he and his wife Darcy provided a generous donation to establish the Ken and Darcy Bacon Center for the Study of Climate Displacement.

"Ken's death is an enormous loss—to his family, his friends, and Refugees International. All of us here will miss his leadership, his kindness, and his quiet passion," said Joel Charny acting president of Refugees International. "He never stopped looking for new ways to bring attention to the millions of people who have been uprooted by violence and conflict. The world's most vulnerable people have lost one of their most tireless advocates."

In 2004, Mr. Bacon made Darfur his primary regional focus before throngs of activists and celebrities began calling for support to the region. In 2005, he accompanied UN Secretary General Kofi Annan to Darfur, and he met with Sudanese President Al-Bashir in 2007 to push for a ceasefire and greater access for relief workers in Darfur. Over the years, he travelled to Darfur four times, wrote op-ed pieces, conducted media interviews and testified to Congress in his trademark bowtie, participated in think-tank working groups, debated the merits of military action with journalists and humanitarian workers and gave advice to the leaders of the grassroots movements that made Darfur a household name. These efforts helped lead to the substantial funding the

U.S. has provided for aid to the people of Darfur and to African Union and United Nations peacekeepers in the region.

"Ken would walk the corridors of power one day and then meet with refugees in the most remote areas of Darfur the next. His unique mixture of expertise in the media, military affairs, and U.S. government policy, added to his compassion for vulnerable refugees, made him one of the great voices in humanitarian advocacy," continued Charny. "Ken always saw the best in people. His ability to connect with nearly everyone he met made it possible for him to convince officials at the highest levels of government and the United Nations to make the necessary changes to save lives and protect people from harm."

In 2006, Mr. Bacon pushed Refugees International to investigate the plight of Iraqi refugees at a time when no one was willing to acknowledge or speak out about this matter. Drawing on the findings of Refugees International's field research teams, Mr. Bacon was a leader in pushing the U.S. government and the UN to recognize the world's fastest growing refugee crisis at that time. His advocacy with senior administration officials and key members of Congress, such as Senator Edward Kennedy, was instrumental in achieving extensive press coverage and policy discussions on Iraqi displacement, the creation of a State Department task force on the problem, a sharp increase in international assistance for displaced Iraqis, and greater numbers of Iraqis being resettled in this country.

Mr. Bacon wrote a few months before his death, "When I came to Refugees International in 2001, I planned to stay for several years and then retire or move on to teaching or writing, but the challenge of the work and the commitment of the staff are too exciting to leave." When he thanked people for their support of the organization, he regularly noted, "We have a lot to do."

In 1994, Mr. Bacon became Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs and Pentagon spokesman. During the U.S. and NATO operations in Kosovo, Mr. Bacon became convinced that the world needed more people working to stop human rights abuses and to assist people displaced by man-made and natural disasters. He became president of Refugees International in 2001 to help further that goal.

From 1969 to 1994 Mr. Bacon worked as a reporter and editor at The Wall Street Journal. Mr. Bacon received his Bachelor's degree from Amherst College, and a Master's degree in Business Administration and Master's degree in Journalism from Columbia University. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1968 to 1974.

Mr. Bacon is survived by his wife, two daughters, two grandchildren, his brother and his father. The board and staff of Refugees International express their deepest condolences to his family and friends.

A memorial service will take place in Washington, DC in September and forthcoming details will be posted on the Refugees International website. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family has designated Refugees International for memorial contributions in honor of Mr. Bacon. For more information, go to <http://www.refugeesinternational.org/ken-bacon>.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mrs. BONO MACK. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards

on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDTE), Air Force

Entity Requesting: Exotic-Electro-Optics, 36570 Briggs Road, Murrieta, CA 92563.

Description of Earmark: \$3,000,000 is provided and will be utilized from the Advanced Materials for Weapon Systems program solely for the purpose of completing the research started in FY08 to address the challenges of EMI-shielding for large panel sapphire windows for the EOTS sensor and to ensure production-ready domestic sources for defense critical materials required for the production of the Joint Strike Fighter. This aircraft has been designed to be an affordable and stealthy tactical aircraft for the 21st century.

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—Materials: Total- \$525,000; Labor: Total—\$2,528,202.

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Defense Production Act

Entity Requesting: Surmet Precision Optics, 41618 Eastman Drive, Murrieta, CA 92562.

Description of Earmark: \$3,000,000 is provided in the legislation to meet the objective of the overall program which creates components for major defense acquisition programs, such as Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, C-17 aircraft, Small Diameter Bomb II (SDB-II), Joint Strike Fighter (JSF), and Joint Air to Ground Missile (JAGM).

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—During the previous years' effort, Surmet provided a 10–20 percent in-kind contribution to funding received from the Title III. Breakdown of the total FY10 program cost is projected as follows:

60 percent will go towards labor for design, production and evaluation of a large quantity of components. They anticipate an addition of 10 positions for this effort;

35 percent will go towards raw materials and equipment; and

5 percent will go towards infrastructure improvements.

HONORING ALLISON JACOBS FOR  
HER EXEMPLARY SERVICE

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor Officer Allison Jacobs of Brentwood for her work unraveling an 18-year-old case and helping reunite a long-separated family. By acting on their instincts, Officer Jacobs, and her colleague Lisa Campbell, were able to serve justice by acting on suspicious behavior that resulted in removing an innocent mother and her two young children from a monstrous situation.

11-year-old Jaycee Dugard was tragically kidnapped on her way to school. For 18 years, she was subjected to unspeakable abuse. Ms. Dugard was denied contact with the outside world, and had it not been for Officer Jacobs' outstanding performance of her duties, the

abuse for Jaycee and her daughters would have continued indefinitely.

Allison Jacobs' and Lisa Campbell's intuition, combined with an effective utilization of their training, saved innocent people from further harm, led to the removal of a dangerous person from our streets, and reunited a family torn apart by a deranged criminal. I have the highest regard and admiration for their actions and am proud to represent such an outstanding officer.

TRUMBULL HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN  
EAGLE MARCHING BAND

**HON. JAMES A. HIMES**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the many accomplishments of the Trumbull High School Golden Eagle Marching Band and its esteemed director, Peter Horton.

The Golden Eagles have had a remarkable year. Their numerous accomplishments include a distinguished season of competitions, participating in the Hollywood Santa Parade, and performing nationally on the ABC show Good Morning America.

I was very proud to support their participation in the 56th Inaugural Parade. The Golden Eagles represented Connecticut during this momentous occasion in our nation's history and created memories that will last a lifetime.

These accomplished students have not only continued to distinguish themselves musically, they have also shown their commitment to public service. This year, the band organized the collection of almost 4,000 coats for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission, a non-profit dedicated to providing aid and services to the urban poor and addicted. I applaud these efforts, and believe the students of the Golden Eagle Marching Band to be outstanding role models to the young people of our Nation.

While the Trumbull High School Golden Eagle Marching Band is lucky to count such talented students as members, these achievements would not have been possible without the direction and commitment of their director Peter Horton. In celebrating his 20 years as band director, I am thankful for Peter's service and dedication to the community, the school, and above all, the students. He has left an indelible mark on the minds of all those who have been given the opportunity to learn under his care, and reminded us all of the importance and value of musical education.

This fall, the band will be hosting its 27th Annual Trumbull Golden Eagle Marching Band Classic competition on Saturday, October 3, 2009. As many as 18 bands from the surrounding area will once again converge on Trumbull to compete. I wish the Golden Eagles and Peter Horton good luck, and congratulate them on their impressive achievements thus far.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leader-

ship standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act FY 2010.

Name of Requesting Member: J. GRESHAM BARRETT

Bill Number: HR 3326

Account Number: 0603001A 29 Warfighter Advanced Technology

Name and address of requesting entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Greenwood Mills, Inc., 300 Morgan Avenue, Greenwood, South Carolina, 29646.

Description of earmark including amount and spending plan: I am requesting \$1.5 million of funding for Improved Thermal Resistant Nylon for Enhanced Durability and Thermal Protection in Combat Uniforms. The objective of this program is to develop increased thermal protection for our soldiers due to the changing improvised explosive device (IED) threat. This program will develop and provide flame resistant combat uniforms with proven performance and enhanced durability to ensure comfort and safety to the deployed forces and cost-savings to the DOD. This program aims to develop a nylon product with increased ignition resistance and self-extinguishing performance for protection against extremely high intensity, short duration exposure to blast effects and low intensity flash fires. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of my spouse or me.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR.  
AND MRS. RICHARD AND MYRNA  
WHITNER

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on August 8, 2009, Richard "Preacher" Church Whitner and his wife Myrna Allen Whitner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. In 1959, they were married in Moncks Corner, South Carolina—Myrna's hometown. Preacher hails from Rock Hill, South Carolina.

As long time friends, I want to congratulate Preacher and Myrna of Indigo Run on Hilton Head Island on five decades of marriage and wish them many more years of health and happiness.

RUSS KIMBALL NAMED TO  
FLORIDA TOURISM HALL OF FAME

**HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, Russ Kimball, the General Manager of the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater, Florida, since its opening more than 30 years ago, was inducted into the Florida Tourism Hall of Fame last month.

Russ is not only a constituent and good friend, but he is one of our community's most respected business leaders and experts in the tourism industry. He is the longest serving

member on the Pinellas Tourist Development Council, which oversees an industry in Pinellas County that welcomes 13.5 million visitors to our community annually and generates almost \$7.0 billion for our local economy.

Russ is an outstanding businessman but he runs his business as if his employees are his family. That explains why his hotel has one of the longest serving staffs of any establishment in Florida and our nation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Russ Kimball on this great honor for all his work and his leadership in Florida tourism. He joins some of the greats of this industry including Walt Disney in being honored by his peers for his hard-work and vision in making Florida not only a national but an international tourist destination.

HONORING MAMIE GEORGE

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Mrs. Mamie George—a very special woman who devoted her life to serving those in Fort Bend County, Texas.

Mamie is remembered as a gracious and selfless community servant and philanthropist. In 1896, she married Albert George, and they began to grow the thriving 22,000 acre George Ranch, in Richmond, Texas. With the fortune that they created, they set out on a lifetime of helping those around them. Having no living children of her own, Mamie was famous for making everyone feel like family, regardless of social status or race. She was very active in her own church and began studying the financial needs of other churches throughout Richmond. Overwhelmed by the need, she was inspired to create the George Foundation, a private charitable trust for religious, charitable, and educational purposes for the residents of Fort Bend County.

To date, the foundation has made well over \$50 million in grants to Texas organizations, ministries, humanitarian and educational foundations.

The legacy of Mamie George will long live on through the organizations that are supported by her generous contributions. I am honored to recognize her years of service here on the floor of the House of Representatives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ROB BISHOP**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill of 2010.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Ogden City School District, located at 1950 Monroe Blvd., Ogden, UT 84401

Description of project: \$250,000 for a teacher training initiative, including purchasing of equipment.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Western Governors University located at 4001 South 700 East, Suite 700, SLC, UT 84107

Description of project: \$100,000 for curriculum development.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Health

Legal name and address of requesting entity: McKay-Dee Hospital Center located at 4401 Harrison Blvd., Ogden, UT 84403

Description of project: \$150,000 for facilities and equipment.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Health

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Weber State University located at 4018 University Circle, Ogden, UT 84408

Description of project: \$350,000 for expansion of nursing programs, including purchase of equipment.

#### 43RD ANNUAL CONSTITUTION DAY PARADE; NEVADA CITY, CA

### HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, on September 17, 1787, thirty-nine delegates from twelve states met at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to sign the Constitution. The Constitution went into effect two years later, on March 4, 1789.

Each September 17 is designated as Constitution Day. Constitution Day is a day to display the flag of the United States of America and many Americans observe it in our nation's history by attending local events. One such event is Nevada City's Constitution Day Parade, which has been a local tradition since 1967 and is reported to be the oldest and largest Constitution observance in western America.

Festivities include a parade through the downtown historic district with marching bands, floats, antique autos, equestrians, politicians and perennial crowd favorites such as the Ophir Prison Marching Kazoo Band and the Famous Marching Presidents of Nevada City, a humorous but reverent group that portrays each U.S. president. Members of the American Civil War Association also offer living history and battle reenactments and more than 200 military and settler reenactors are expected to take part.

Nevada City is located on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada mountains midway between Sacramento and Lake Tahoe and is known for its classic small town spirit and unique events. With a population of 3,001, Nevada City swells to 10,000 or more on Constitution Day.

#### IN HONOR OF DR. J. MICHAEL BISHOP

SPEECH OF

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, when Dr. J. Michael Bishop retired as Chancellor of UCSF on June 30, 2009, our premier research institution lost not only its leader, but one of the greatest minds ever to serve at its helm.

In 1989, Dr. Bishop was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his advancements in understanding the origins of cancer. His groundbreaking discovery of proto-oncogenes—genes that can be converted to cancer genes by genetic damage—revolutionized the way medical professionals looked at the detection and treatment of cancer.

He has received numerous other distinguished honors including the National Medal of Science and an appointment as Chair of the National Cancer Advisory Board created by President Bill Clinton.

This is all the more remarkable when you learn that Dr. Bishop's education began in a two-room school in Pennsylvania where the science curriculum was limited to the collection and pressing of flowers. True to his humble nature, he asked that he receive no special recognition on his retirement, but nonetheless, our community and our nation owe an immense debt of gratitude to Dr. Bishop.

During the ten years he served as Chancellor of UCSF, Dr. Bishop oversaw monumental achievements and growth to an already distinguished institution. The construction of the Mission Bay campus will result in 57.5 acres focused on innovative ideas from scholars and scientists.

Madam Speaker, I met Dr. Bishop when he first became Chancellor and was immediately struck by his humility, his engaging personality and his ability to explain science to audiences at every level. He exemplifies everything that is exceptional about UCSF—leadership, innovative thinking, and a commitment to public service through research and medical advancements.

Dr. Bishop has focused a great deal on creating an environment that emphasizes a balance between the personal and professional. This is without a doubt the result of his marriage to the love of his life, Kathryn lone Putman and their two sons, Dylan Michael Dwight and Eliot John Putman.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Bishop is no longer in the Chancellor's office, but without a doubt, his legacy as an educator, scientist, Nobel Prize winner, and cancer researcher will be felt for generations at UCSF and around the world.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOHN C.H. "JACK" MILLER, JR.

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and indeed the entire state of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Mr. John C.H. "Jack" Miller was a Duke University graduate who earned his law degree from the University of Alabama. In 1977, he established the Mobile based law firm Miller, Hamilton, Snider and Odom, which just recently merged with the New Orleans firm Jones Walker. Mr. Miller was also a founding director of Colonial Bank.

In the political world, Mr. Miller played an active role in the Alabama Democratic Party. He served as chairman of the Alabama Democratic Party from 1998 until 2001. He also played an instrumental role in the successful gubernatorial campaigns of Fob James and Don Siegelman.

Mr. Miller, along with former Mobile Mayor Mike Dow, led Mobile's Downtown Redevelopment Commission from 1990 until 2006. He coined the phrase "String of Pearls," which was a series of projects that dramatically improved downtown Mobile. Mr. Miller and Mayor Dow's "String of Pearls" campaign helped to revitalize downtown Mobile which is now home to a cruise ship terminal, the tallest building in Alabama, a number of new hotels and a waterfront park.

Among other achievements, Mr. Miller served as an Auburn University trustee since 2000. He supported many Auburn academic programs and in June, the Auburn Board of Trustees named the university's recently established writing center in his honor.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout the state of Alabama. Mr. Jack Miller will be deeply missed by his family—his wife of 38 years, Susan Ross Miller; his mother, Emily Townsend of Mobile; his children, Emily Miller Washburn and her husband, James; John Cleveland Hays Miller III and his wife, Julia; and Edward Aubert Roberts Miller and his wife, Meredith; and his two grandsons, Jackson Roberts Washburn and Jesse Townsend Washburn—as well as the many friends he leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act FY 2010.

Name of Requesting Member: J. GRESHAM BARRETT

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account Number: 0603384BP 33 Chemical and Biological Defense Program—Advanced Development

Name and address of requesting entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Graniteville Specialty Fabrics, located at 511 Leitner Street, Graniteville, South Carolina 29829.

Description of earmark including amount and spending plan: I am requesting \$3.0 million of funding for Chemical and Biological Threat Protection Coating. The objective of

this program is to develop self-decontaminating chemical and biological fabric with a comfort profile necessary to maintain extended protection during pandemics. This new and advanced material can be deployed either as an individual protective garment, respiratory mask, or protective shelter. The technology will adhere to the U.S. DOD requirements for the Joint Chemical Agent Detector (JCAD). This program will ultimately develop advanced chemical technology for coating suits, tents and other equipment for military and first responder personnel. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of my spouse or me.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I rise today to submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Department of Defense FY10 Appropriations Bill.

The following earmarks were requested by my office and are listed for funding in this bill: Federal Technology Center—Feature Size Yield Enhancement DMEA's Advanced Reconfigurable Manufacturing for Semiconductors (ARMS) Foundry

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—FY10 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill

Account: R-1PE# 0603720S; Microelectronics Technology Development and Support  
Requesting Agency: Defense Microelectronics Activity

Requesting Agency Address: 4234 54th Street, McClellan, CA 95662  
Amount: \$3,000,000

This project will allow Defense Microelectronics Activity (DMEA) to proceed with its plan to acquire the more complex processes required to support newer weapon system microelectronics, install these processes in its ARMS Foundry and increase the first pass yield of these new processes. It will also work to reduce the time required to switch from one process to another and to maximize the yield of the reinstalled process. This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds due to the need for domestic capability for technologies conversion to maintain and improve upon our national defense system.

Federal Technology Center—Heterogeneous Gallium Nitride/Silicon Microcircuit Technology

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—FY10 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill

Account: R-1PE# 0603720S; Microelectronics Technology Development and Support  
Requesting Agency: Defense Microelectronics Activity

Requesting Agency Address: 4234 54th Street, McClellan, CA 95662

Amount: \$2,000,000

This project will develop a replacement for gallium arsenide technology currently used in input amplification and frequency conversion circuits of military radar and communications

systems. DMEA will use Gallium Nitride/Silicon to replace old gallium arsenide components. This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds due to the crucial need to upgrade and further develop military radar and communications systems, which are of seminal importance to the safety and success of our military personnel and missions

Aerojet—Minuteman III Advanced Third Stage Domestic Fiber Motor Case Development

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—FY10 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill

Account: RDT&E Line 46 ICBM Propulsion Applications, PE 0603851F/1021

Requesting Agency: Air Force ICBM Propellant Applications Program

Requesting Agency Address: Hill Air Force Base, UT

Amount: \$3,000,000

This project will develop a domestic supply of the composite fibers used to construct the motor case. Japanese fibers traditionally used to construct the motor case are no longer available as the Japanese Ministry of Economics, Trade, & Industry requires pre-approval for all military applications. This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds due to the need for a domestic, reliable source of composite fibers to ensure the success and maintained capabilities of this segment of our national defense system.

American Burn Association—Military Burn Trauma Research Program

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—FY10 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill

Account: R&D—Army—Defense Health-United States Medical and Material Command/Army Institute of Surgical Research—Peer Reviewed Burn, Orthopedic and Trauma Research—PE 0603115HP—BA: 2

Requesting Agency: American Burn Association

Requesting Agency Address: 625 N. Michigan Ave., Ste 2550, Chicago, IL 60611

Amount: \$2,000,000

The requested funding would be used to foster collaboration between military and civilian burn surgeons and researchers and to identify best practices to ensure better treatment and outcomes for military burn patients, specifically improved clinical outcomes for combat burn casualties. This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds due to the critical need to address military burn casualties with the greatest of medicinal technology, providing the greatest possibility for recovery and rehabilitation of our nation's military personnel.

Technikon, LLC—Renewable Energy Testing Center

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—FY10 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill

Account: RDT&E, A, Line#66

Requesting Agency: Technikon LLC

Requesting Agency Address: 5301 Price Ave, McClellan, CA 95652

Amount: \$1,000,000

This funding would be used to provide the State of California and Department of Defense with an independent "Underwriters Laboratory" resource for evaluating the performance of renewable energy and renewable fuel production technologies. RETC will provide metrics on robustness, safety, energy effi-

ciency, environmental effectiveness, and other key parameters of these technologies needed for successful commercialization. This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds due to the need to develop reliable technology verification to meet requisites placed on the Department of Defense regarding development and deployment of renewable energy technologies

#### DEATH OF EVERETT DIRKSEN

### HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, yesterday marked the 40th Anniversary of the death of Everett Dirksen. To celebrate the remarkable life of my predecessor and to mark this occasion, I respectfully ask that the following article be placed in the RECORD.

#### DIRKSEN'S LAST DAYS

(By Frank H. Mackaman, The Dirksen Congressional Center, Pekin, IL)

On August 12, 1969, just before the U.S. Senate recessed for a few weeks, Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen held a press conference in his office. It would be his last. Dirksen seemed relaxed and in a genial mood, chatting amiably with reporters and joking with his staff. To the casual observer everything seemed normal but it was not. Doctors had just told the Senate Minority Leader he was seriously ill. They had discovered a spot on Dirksen's right lung and suspected cancer. A second x-ray on the 14th showed the tumor had grown, making an operation necessary.

To prepare, the senator from Pekin rested for three weeks at "Heart's Desire," his home outside Washington DC, rummaging in his beloved garden and working on a memoir he would never complete. A realist, Dirksen transferred title to most of his property to his wife, Louella. He also gave her a pre-signed resignation from the Senate if the operation left him incapacitated. He loved the Senate, and it was ever on his mind.

Dirksen entered Walter Reed Hospital on Sunday, August 31, to ready himself for the operation two days later. He took with him a briefcase loaded with work, the contents of which were transferred to The Dirksen Center several years after his death. These documents show the amazing breadth of his interests and the substantial burden of his office.

The briefcase contained notes for upcoming speeches, including one in his own handwriting entitled, "God, Country, and Grandchildren: Soliloquy with Grandchildren" in which he mused about the legacy his generation would leave and harkened back to the lives his parents led in Pekin. He made notes concerning the congressional session about to end. Dirksen reviewed letters from constituents, information about pending legislation, requests for appearances, a plea from Illinois Governor Richard B. Ogilvie to revise the federal revenue-sharing calculation, letters about federal jobs, an early draft of what was called the "Everett McKinley Dirksen Library Project," and much, much more.

On Tuesday morning, September 2, at 8:45, Colonel Alan R. Hopeman and a team of Army surgeons began to operate. The spot on Dirksen's lung could not be readily examined without surgery, but, in surgical terms, it was in an almost ideal position, close to the periphery of his chest, so that surgeons could remove it with only a small incision. They

did so without difficulty. The tumor, which had grown to an inch in diameter, proved to be malignant.

As they had planned in this eventuality, the surgeons took the next step of removing the entire upper lobe of Dirksen's right lung. What had begun as a relatively simple operation became major surgery consuming three hours. The doctors found no evidence the cancer had spread, however.

Dirksen's strong constitution and vigor brought him through the procedure with flying colors, and his recuperation was rapid. Mrs. Dirksen and their daughter, Joy, and son-in-law, Senator Howard Baker, found him alert and cheerful when they were first allowed to see him on Wednesday. The next day, however, Dirksen complained of pain and became confused and restless, perhaps the result of a minor stroke, insufficient oxygen, or even withdrawal symptoms from cigarettes (Dirksen complained to his doctors and his son-in-law about not being able to smoke). A second procedure became necessary to replace the tube draining his lung.

Senator Dirksen suffered a crisis that evening, and it wasn't until 8:00 Saturday morning that his doctors stabilized him. This episode probably caused the bronchopneumonia which soon developed. He rallied after this operation, though, even sitting up in bed to eat his meals. He spent a restful night and ate a good breakfast with Louella. He appeared to be past the immediate crisis of a post-operation heart failure and was already making plans to resume a work schedule. He even took a few minutes to go over the papers in his briefcase. For example, a Seattle radio station requested a tape about the marigold to which Dirksen replied with this hand-written note:

Dear Day—Just now I'm languishing in a hospital as a result of surgery. An op'g [operating] room no match for my marigold gardens. Guess the tape must wait. Sorry.

The doctors assured Senator Baker that Dirksen was well on the road to recovery and that Baker could travel to California to join President Richard Nixon. The optimism proved premature.

Abruptly at 2:51 that afternoon, Sunday, September 7, Dirksen collapsed and stopped breathing. His heart, which had enlarged over the years to twice-normal size as the result of emphysema, just quit. The desk sergeant at the Forest Glen section of the hos-

pital, Roger Brooks, received an urgent call from the main hospital summoning a surgeon. Brooks took a police cruiser to pick up a Col. Blake for the trip to Dirksen's room. Army doctors were already at his side, massaging his chest, trying to restart his heart. They gave him sodium bicarbonate, calcium, and other medicines. They used a defibrillator to try to shock his heart into action. The doctors worked so vigorously that they cracked five of his ribs. But Dirksen did not respond. At 4:52 p.m., the doctors pronounced him dead at age 73. Louella and Joy were with him at the end. Forty years ago.

Mourning for the Senator was national and of a personal quality, particularly among his colleagues in Congress and his friends in Pekin. His body lay in state under the great dome of the Capitol, an honor accorded to only three members of the Senate before him.

In his eulogy to the fallen leader, President Nixon recalled remarks Daniel Webster had made more than a century before in testimony to a political opponent: "Our great men are the common property of the country." That described Dirksen well. His public service spanned an era of enormous change, and he played a vital part in that change. Through six presidencies, as Nixon put it, "Everett Dirksen has had a hand in shaping almost every important law that affects our lives," and while he never became president, "his impact and influence on the Nation was greater than that of most Presidents in our history."

Air Force One brought Dirksen home on Thursday, September 11. Pekin deserves much of the credit for Dirksen's influence on the national stage. The senator knew that, and he said so on a return visit to his hometown in 1961:

After long absences enforced by the duties of office in Washington, there always comes back to me some lines from that poem which I learned long ago, "Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself has said, this is my own, my native land." This is my own, my native land, my native city, where the family taproot went deep many generations ago, and it will ever be so, no matter what tasks life may assign me. All the major decisions in my life have been made here . . .

The inspiration which I received here from a saintly mother, a devoted family, steadfast friends, the constant faith of teachers who taught me, the inspiration I found here in church, and the atmosphere of a quiet and well ordered community were the forces which helped to fashion those decisions, and for these I shall be always and eternally grateful. . . .

An estimated 80,000 people watched the funeral procession proceed the 15 miles from the Peoria airport, south on Route 24, through Pekin on Route 9, to the Glendale Memorial Gardens on the east side of town where more than 6,000 stood in waiting. Among the dignitaries accompanying the procession were Vice President Spiro Agnew, five members of President Richard Nixon's cabinet, 42 U.S. senators, and 27 U.S. representatives. Dozens of state officials joined them, as did over 200 members of the press.

The 1:00 p.m. ceremony itself was brief, lasting only 15 minutes. Six pallbearers, representing the armed forces, carried the casket to the gravesite. The Rev. Edward L.R. Elson, chaplain of the Senate and pastor of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington DC, conducted the service. The Rev. Ralph Cordes, pastor of Pekin's Second Reformed Church, and the Rev. Charles Rechard, pastor of Woodland Presbyterian Church in New Orleans and a friend of the Baker family, also delivered prayers. Members of the Pekin American Legion post color guard participated in the ceremony, too, along with the honor guard and the Chanute Air Force band. Lt. Gen. Vernon P. Mock, commanding general of the Fifth Army, presented the American flag, which had been draped over the casket, to Mrs. Dirksen.

When the ceremony ended, mourners passed by the casket. One of the first was Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, who placed a spray of marigolds, Dirksen's favorite flower, on the casket. The two of them had enjoyed a friendly rivalry over the years to name the national floral emblem—she a proponent of the rose.

The Rev. Elson had ended his eulogy fittingly with these words, "The last march has ended. A mighty man of God has answered his last roll call. His battles are all fought, his victories all won."