

Troops, will be on December 12 at the Kendall Hotel to honor the men and women who continue to preserve our freedom with service to this great Nation.

This event will help make the holidays a little bit brighter for our military families. I applaud everyone who is a volunteer at America's Life Line Foundation for their continuing efforts, especially for the members of this worthy organization who motivate and inspire our community to patriotism and action during this season of giving.

I encourage everyone in south Florida to join America's Life Line Foundation at their tribute to our troops event in December.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OCALA RECYCLING

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Ocala Recycling Company, which is located in my home town of Ocala, Florida, for becoming the first RIOS certified scrap recycling facility in the world. RIOS, which stands for Recycling Industry Operating Standard, was developed by the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and is an integrated standard encompassing environmental and health and safety controls into one streamlined management system.

Since 1988, Ocala Recycling's 34-acre facility has recycled everything from bottles and paper to automobiles and even washing machines. Each month, Ocala Recycling collects more than 16,000 tons of recycled goods. This unique honor and certification demonstrates the ongoing commitment of Ocala Recycling to recycle and process quality products in an efficient, safe, and environmentally responsible manner in a manufacturing environment.

THE REALITY OF THE FORUM ON JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, the Associated Press reported that President Barack Obama says creating jobs is not the goal of the upcoming White House forum on jobs and economic growth. The President told NBC News on Wednesday that the purpose of the December 3 summit is to figure out how to encourage hiring by businesses still reluctant to do so.

Businesses are being taxed too much. And I'll tell you, if I were talking to the President, I would say, Mr. President, if you want to create jobs, cut government spending, cut taxes, and not raise taxes. It's the wrong thing to do in this economic climate.

GUANTANAMO TERRORISTS IN NEW YORK

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, people all over the Nation are upset and angry about five of the Guantanamo terrorists being scheduled for trial in New York.

This is happening only because President Obama issued an executive order in the early days of his administration stopping the military tribunal process. The Congress, both House and Senate, voted by large margins in 2006 to try these terrorists by military tribunals.

This could have been done in Guantanamo, but President Obama overruled Congress by his executive order and the Defense and Justice Departments then started the process of bringing the terrorists to trial in this country. This will result in very large legal and security expenses that would not have been necessary if these men were tried at Guantanamo.

To try all of these terrorists here—the first five and others later—creates a very unnecessary security risk for untold numbers of people.

I hope President Obama will listen to the outcry of the American people and not continue to insist that all of these terrorists be tried in the United States. The families of our victims deserve better.

HONORING CAPTAIN WILLIAM ECKER

(Mr. ROONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Captain William B. Ecker of Punta Gorda, Florida, in my district, who passed away earlier this month. Captain Ecker flew combat missions in the Pacific during World War II, serving 32 years in the United States Navy. Most notably on October 23, 1962, Ecker led low-level sorties over Cuba collecting photographic evidence of the Soviet missiles fueling vehicles and other related equipment.

Flying the F-8 Crusader, Captain Ecker was able to fly at lower altitudes than the U-2 spy plans. At the lower level, Ecker took close-up pictures of a site near the town of San Cristobal in western Cuba proving without a doubt that Soviet missiles were in Cuba.

Captain Ecker received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his quick and risky flights over Cuba. The unit Ecker commanded, VFP-62, received the first peacetime Navy Unit Commendation in history by President John F. Kennedy.

Captain Ecker leaves behind his wife, Kit, of 62 years and his two sons, Richard and David, and a Nation grateful for his distinguished service.

SYSTEMIC REGULATORY EXPANSION BILL

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, you know, last year without a single vote from anyone in Congress, the Federal Reserve spent \$29 billion bailing out Bear Stearns and then \$85 billion to bail out AIG, which has now gone to about \$140 billion.

Now, if that is not bad enough, the House Banking Committee wants to codify that authority. That's right: they want to give the Federal Reserve and the FDIC permanent bailout authority so that anyone who comes around that they call a systemic risk can now get permanent TARP money without having to come back to Congress for our scrutiny.

What does this lead to? Well, number one, the Federal Reserve is in charge of monetary policy, not bailouts. It will take the eye off the monetary policy, and if you think the economy is going great now, think what happens when the Federal Reserve is even more distracted.

It will also lead to unfair competitive advantage because if you're too big to fail, that means you can do anything you want to and compete against regular banks who won't get the bailout money. So it is an unfair competitive advantage.

And, finally, it will increase the moral risk, that is to say, you can make crazy loans because you know good old Uncle Sugar is going to stand behind you and bail you out time and time again after your fiscal irresponsibility.

This is a bad bill. This is a bad idea. We need to vote "no" on this systemic regulatory expansion bill.

HONORING THE REVEREND JESSE JACKSON

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rev. Jesse Jackson who is celebrating his 25th anniversary of active civil rights activities.

As we all know, Rev. Jackson was born in South Carolina and began his activities in civil rights at an early age. He became a confidant to the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and was one of the leading advocates for peace and justice in this Nation.

His successful run for President had America spellbound when he addressed the House. He started Operation Bread Basket, then the Rainbow Coalition. And I would just like for all of us to pay tribute to a great American, Rev. Jesse Jackson and thank him for coming to New Jersey for my election back in the 1980s.