

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING MEKONG PLAZA AND ITS CELEBRATION OF THE VIETNAMESE TET NEW YEAR

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many contributions that the Mekong Plaza has made to the City of Mesa and surrounding communities. In just over a year since its Grand Opening, Mekong Plaza has proven to be a distinctive and uniquely wonderful element of Mesa's community. The grocery store and many shops and restaurants serve as a window into the Southeast Asian culture, showcasing Vietnamese food, clothing, culture and hospitality.

I especially want to recognize that, this year, all of the proceeds from Mekong Plaza's annual Vietnamese Tet New Year Celebration—the largest such event in Arizona—will be donated to provide services to the needy and to assist public safety through the non-profit CARE Partnership and the Mesa Public Safety Foundation.

I am truly privileged to represent such a strong cultural fixture in our district and will continue to treasure the plaza's addition to Mesa's diversity. As many in the Vietnamese community decorate their homes with flowers and share special cuisine to start the New Year, I am honored to share in their celebration. Again, I am proud to serve the Mekong Plaza and am eager to see its continued success and growth.

I urge you, Madam Speaker, to join me in rising to congratulate the tenants and management team at Mekong Plaza for their tremendous service and contributions to Mesa and the surrounding community.

### RECOGNIZING OF THE COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB

**HON. MARY JO KILROY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Columbus Downtown Lions Club for its dedication to the improvement of the Columbus area. The Columbus Downtown Lions Club, which was officially re-chartered by Lions Club International on December 9, 2009, is committed to building a safer, healthier, and stronger community through volunteerism and support for local initiatives.

The Lions Club International was founded in 1917 and today is the world's largest service club organization. The club, originally known for fighting blindness, continues that legacy today by conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease. Lions Club International also supports community

projects for children and schools through scholarships, recreation programs and mentoring.

The Columbus Downtown Lions Club was originally chartered on June 17, 1920, and served the local community for over eighty years until it was disbanded in 2007 due to insufficient membership. I am proud of the individuals who have restarted this organization and committed themselves to continuing its legacy of volunteerism and generosity. I am excited and thankful in anticipation of the valuable service that this club will provide to our community.

In the long-standing tradition of Lions Club involvement in central Ohio, the Columbus Downtown Lions Club has already begun to build relationships that will foster future volunteer activities. This Saturday, during the Downtown club's official charter celebration, the Downtown club will make a contribution to Honor Flight, an organization that pays for and organizes trips for our World War II veterans so that they can see firsthand our Nation's capital and their monuments. The members of the Columbus Downtown Lions Club are building a valuable network of service-minded individuals who will serve as role models and leaders in our community for decades to come.

With the re-chartering of the Columbus Downtown Lions Club, the Lions community has once again demonstrated its generosity, compassion, and commitment to making a difference in the city of Columbus. I am proud to recognize and honor this organization and all of its dedicated volunteers for their exemplary record of service and their future contributions to the betterment of central Ohio.

### IN HONOR OF THE LIFE'S WORK OF SARAH D. "SALLY" STEWART

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER-**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, it is with an abundance of appreciation and admiration that I pay tribute to the life's work of Dr. Sarah D. "Sally" Stewart, who recently retired—after 26 years—from the Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees. She leaves the district having served longer than any other trustee in the district's history and, prior to her service there, served eight years on the Board of the Portola Valley School District.

During her impressive tenure, Sally became known as a thoughtful and energetic board member who always saw the big picture. Educational opportunities, principles and challenges have evolved quite a bit over the past three-plus decades and Sally always kept one step ahead, urging her colleagues to embrace new ideas and ever striving to serve the myriad needs of students, parents, educators and the community.

Sally distinguished herself through her passionate contributions to the underserved youth

of East Palo Alto. She provided leadership and guidance to the Youth Court and was instrumental in the founding of two nonprofit organizations, including what eventually became EdSource, a foundation dedicated to providing access to quality education for all children and encouraging an informed and involved citizenry to strengthen California's schools.

Dr. Stewart's commitment to education transcended the boundaries of her own community. She served on the San Mateo County School Boards Association, where she instituted the J. Russell Kent Awards to recognize the work of area teachers. She served as President of the California School Boards Association and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and has given her time, energy and intellect to numerous charities, causes and campaigns that benefit children and education at all levels.

Next month, Sally will be duly honored with her induction into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Sally was born in Albany, New York in 1932 and received her Bachelor of Arts from New York's Smith College. She also received a Ph.D. in Medical Microbiology from Stanford University.

Madam Speaker, Sally Stewart is one of those rare public servants whose quiet and competent leadership gives others something to aspire to. For decades I have stood in awe of her capacity to understand the intricacies of school finance and the subtleties of achieving district-wide academic excellence. While I regret to see her go, she has certainly earned her retirement. No doubt she will spend her newly-found free time doing more reading, walking her beloved dog and continually pushing for reforms that improve California's educational system.

Our nation owes Sally Stewart a debt of gratitude. I would also like to extend my thanks to her sons—Ed and Willie—and her two grandchildren—Teddy and Sam—for sharing this remarkable woman with the greater community for so many years.

Imagine how much better our nation's schools would be if every community had a Sally Stewart. But since there is only one, I am selfishly grateful that she chose the San Francisco Peninsula to call home.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE-AMERICANS

**HON. JASON ALTMIRE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I would like to wish the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Organization of Chinese-Americans a happy and healthy New Year for the year 4708, the year of the Tiger.

I hope this New Year brings the Chinese-American community of Pittsburgh much joy

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and thanksgiving. I am thankful for the positive impact this organization has had on the lives of Chinese-Americans and Pittsburgh as a whole. Chinese-Americans have greatly contributed to the progress of Pittsburgh as well as the entire nation. I am very honored for this opportunity to wish them a very happy 4708.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in wishing the members of the Organization of Chinese-Americans a very happy and prosperous New Year.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. WILSON 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, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: O&M, Air National Guard

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Carolina Air National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: McEntire JNGB, 1325 South Carolina Rd., Eastover, SC 29044

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,160,000 for the South Carolina Air National Guard Controlled Humidity Protection. CHP will be used to control humidity in aviation support facilities that house spare parts, tools, support and test equipment, munitions, and weapons. Traditional methods of corrosion control primarily mitigate the effect of moisture by employing corrective technologies to counteract existing corrosion damage. Such corrective methods are expensive, time consuming, and create additional serious challenges such as excess hazardous materials and hazardous waste. The most cost effective solution to the corrosion problem is through prevention, not correction. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: AGY Holding Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 2556 Wagener Rd., Aiken, SC 29801

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,600,000 for the AGY Holding Corporation's Next Generation High Strength Glass Fibers for Ballistic Armor Applications. This program accelerates the development of next generation high strength glass fibers used in composite armoring materials. This means lighter, stronger composite vehicle armor without sacrificing the ballistic protection needed to maximize soldier survivability. Additionally, this program supports the domestic industrial base for armor materials production. Some of the glass fiber used in composite vehicle armors is man-

ufactured outside the U.S. Developing the next generation high strength glass fibers at AGY will reduce dependency on foreign sources for a critical material, and also save U.S. jobs. Next generation high strength glass fibers can also be utilized by the commercial sector to lighten and improve armoring used on law enforcement vehicles and armored bank cars, resulting in better protection for personnel, improved fuel economy, and reduced emissions. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: XRD Inc. (XRD<sub>i</sub>)

Address of Requesting Entity: 103 Industrial Village Rd., Beaufort, SC 29906

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,600,000 for XRD<sub>i</sub>'s Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Heavy Fuel Engine. Funding would be used for implementing XRD<sub>i</sub>'s lightweight military fuel engine for a Tactical UAV Heavy Fuel Engine program. The scope would include building sufficient engines to flight test and evaluate this technology for use in the U.S. Military environment. The funding would support economic development in the region and create more jobs for Beaufort, South Carolina by replacing an engine that is currently purchased from a foreign entity and is not heavy fuel capable. The funds would also support further development, design, and implementation of the manufacturing process to build this engine to military standards and support criteria. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

#### THE MORE MEMORIALS TO OUR MILITARY THE BETTER

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, as I mentioned yesterday, Corporal Frank Buckles is the last surviving doughboy that served in World War I. He is 109 years old this week. To put things in perspective, he has lived half of America's history since the signing of the Constitution.

At the age of 16, he enlisted to serve in World War I. He lied to be able to serve his country. He was a corporal in the U.S. Army in Europe.

After the war was over he later found himself in the Philippines at the start of WWII. The day after the attack on Pearl Harbor Frank Buckles was captured by the Japanese and became a prisoner of war. He was a POW for 39 months. After WWII was over he went to West Virginia where he lives on his farm to this day.

The United States has memorials, museums, and tributes to the Americans who have served in all of our wars. There are even WWI memorials in other places in the country such as the one in Kansas City.

However, there is not one on the National Mall in the Nation's Capitol for all WWI Veterans. On the National Mall there are memorials that pay tribute to 3 of the great wars in the past century. They were built in reverse order to honor those who sacrificed to protect America's freedom and liberty. They are the Vietnam Memorial, the Korean War Memorial and WWII memorial.

I do not believe we can build too many monuments in honor of our Veterans. We need to build a memorial on the National Mall commemorating the World War I Veterans and thus complete the tribute to those who have served in all 4 of the major wars of the last century. This memorial will be built using private donations not taxpayer's money.

We owe it to all those who gave their lives to protect ours; we owe it to those who served in WWI and to the last surviving doughboy of that war, Corporal Frank Buckles, to build this memorial on the national mall.

And that's just the way it is.

#### CONGRATULATING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICAN AND THE NORTHEAST ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ON THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MELISSA L. BEAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Boy Scouts of America and all current and former Scouts across the world, on the occasion of the organization's 100 year anniversary. This Sunday, I will join the Northeast Illinois Council of the Boy Scouts of America as they celebrate with a Centennial Concert and Talent Show in Lake Villa located in Illinois' Eighth Congressional District.

Partnering with local churches, schools, businesses, and other community organizations, the Boy Scouts have touched the lives of tens of millions of young people throughout the past century. Young men involved in Scouting are taught valuable skills in the areas of personal leadership, career development, and outdoor survival. In addition, Scouting offers participants the opportunity to form life-long friendships and benefit from the guidance of positive adult role models serving as troop leaders.

The Boy Scouts program teaches young men the values of responsible citizenship and community service. Year after year, I am impressed by the number of projects benefiting my district undertaken by area Scouts. It is especially inspiring to see those young men hoping to become Eagle Scouts take it upon themselves to develop a service project and organize their peers to carry it out. It comes as no surprise that such a high number of former Scouts go on to serve as leaders in our armed forces, government, businesses and community organizations across the country.

Once again, I congratulate the Boy Scouts on reaching such an impressive milestone and the Northeast Illinois Council for organizing Sunday's celebration. I look forward to watching today's Scouts become tomorrow's leaders.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF THE UNION CITY TORNADES

**HON. JOHN S. TANNER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Union City High School football team on its first-ever state championship in the 2009 Class 1A Blue Cross Blue Shield Bowl held in December. The Tornadoes beat the four-time state champions, the South Pittsburg Pirates, by a score of 31–29.

The Purple and Gold were down the entire game, until Keylon Hyde intercepted the ball in the third quarter, which started a 67-yard drive that put the Tornadoes ahead 28–21.

Following a touchdown by South Pittsburg in the fourth quarter, Union City was down 28–29 with 3:25 left to play. Union City struck back with a 68 yard 12-play drive which set up a field goal opportunity for the Tornadoes' kicker, Jorge Guerris. Guerris scored a 22-yard field goal with only two seconds left in the game and clinched the championship title for the team.

The Tornadoes have done exceptionally well with a final record of 12–2. The state championship win marked the team's ninth straight victory of the season. This win was also the first time a rural West Tennessee public school had won the Class 1A championship in 20 years.

I would like to specifically applaud Coach Darren Bowling for leading this exceptional team and fullback Josh Nicks for setting a state championship game record of 47 carries and for being the offensive MVP of the game.

As an alumnus of Union City High School, I am proud of the accomplishments the Tornadoes have made this year, and I look forward to rooting on the Purple and Gold next season.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF  
ARTHUR WILLIAMS

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Arthur Williams, a World War II veteran, a Tuskegee Airman, and a true American hero. Arthur spent a lifetime dedicated to his country, his community, and a loving father, and I am proud to honor his life of service.

Born in 1918 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Arthur grew up and lived in Pensacola, Florida. He joined the Army Air Corps at the height of World War II in 1942, hoping to become a pilot. A color blindness kept Arthur out of the sky, but would not keep him from serving his country. He entered the Army Air Corps Mechanic Training School in Lincoln, Nebraska, and graduated number one in his class in 1943. Arthur became a mechanic for the revered Tuskegee Airmen out of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he served honorably until 1946. These Airmen flew 1,500 combat mis-

sions during World War II and received 95 Distinguished Flying Cross awards among them. For his service as part of the Tuskegee Airmen, Arthur was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, our nation's highest civilian honor, in 2007.

After his military duty, Arthur continued to serve his country. In 1963, he became the first African-American supervisor at the Pensacola Naval Air Station Reworks facility. He went back to school to earn his Associate in Arts degree from Pensacola Junior College and became a licensed real estate broker. An active member of the community, Arthur enjoyed singing in the Mount Zion Baptist Church choir and being a part of the American Legion Post 193. In April of 2008, Arthur was one of the veterans who participated in the inaugural Emerald Coast Honor Flight Program to bring WWII veterans from Northwest Florida to Washington, D.C. to see their memorial.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am humbled to recognize Arthur Williams as a World War II hero and a community leader. Our nation is proud and grateful for his courage, service, and patriotism. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for his entire family, including his son, Charles, his six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and entire extended family and friends as we remember and honor the life of Arthur Williams. He will be truly missed.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GEOFF DAVIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I secured as part of H.R. 3326 (Conference Report).

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: American Freedom Fuels and Chemicals, LLC

Address of Requesting Entity: 2704 Old Rosebud Drive, Suite 160; Lexington, KY 40509

Description of Request: Appropriate \$3,920,000 for development of a single clean fuel for the Department of Defense (DOD). Seventy-four percent of DOD's energy consumption is for mobility. From sixty to seventy-six percent of total DOD petroleum product purchases are for jet fuel. JP–8, primarily used for air operations, makes up about fifty percent of the total fuel product purchased by DOD. A \$10 per barrel increase in the price of oil adds \$600 million/year to the cost of Air Force operations.

The benefit to DOD and the taxpayer is reduced fuel costs, particularly for aviation. Additionally, development of a viable synthetic fuel has the potential to eliminate DOD's historic reliance on costly petroleum from foreign sources.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JACK KINGSTON**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Nanophotonic Biosensor Detection of Bioagents and Pathogens

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation for the Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Georgia

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 Carlton St.—AHRC, Athens, GA 30602

Description of Request: The funding would be used to develop a rapid and sensitive means of detecting bioagents and pathogens that cause disease and rising mortality rates, particularly those that pose threats as agents for bioterrorism and military personnel. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

A TRIBUTE TO CLOVERPORT,  
KENTUCKY

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a historic and beautiful place in the Commonwealth of Kentucky—Cloverport. On Wednesday, February 11, 2010, Cloverport will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its incorporation.

Cloverport, originally a pioneer community called Joe's Landing, was established by Joe Huston in 1798 and renamed Cloverport in 1828.

Like many other places in the Commonwealth, Cloverport is rich in history, especially Civil War history. Joseph Holt, a major figure in the Civil War, was born and is buried six miles north of Cloverport. Holt was Postmaster General and briefly served President James Buchanan as Secretary of War. He also served Abraham Lincoln as his Judge Advocate General.

I always enjoy visiting Cloverport. Cloverport Days is one of my favorite fall events, giving the town an opportunity to come together and showcase its incredible hospitality and all it has to offer.

I am proud to represent the citizens of Cloverport and they should be celebrated for their contributions for making Kentucky such a wonderful place to live and visit. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Cloverport and congratulating them on 150 amazing years.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
SPECIALIST DAVID OLIVER

**HON. TOM McCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, today I honor the service of one of our nation's brave soldiers, Specialist David Oliver. Spc. Oliver was severely injured in Afghanistan during operation Enduring Freedom and is currently undergoing a lengthy rehabilitation at Walter Reed Medical Center here in D.C.

A graduate of Casa Roble High School, Specialist Oliver enlisted in the Army immediately upon graduation eager to serve his country and continue his family's tradition of service—David's father was a firefighter in Sacramento County, his brother serves in the Marines and his sister in the Air Force. After enlisting, Specialist Oliver was deployed to Iraq and upon completion of his assignment there he volunteered to serve in Afghanistan where he suffered his wounds.

I am extremely humbled to know there are men and women of his caliber who are so willing to risk their lives in order to protect our great country. I consider it a great honor and privilege to represent Specialist David Oliver and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing his great service and sacrifice.

CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT  
ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 3, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4061) to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes:

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 4061, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2009. First, my thanks to Chairman GORDON and Representative LIPINSKI for their work on this bill. The Cybersecurity Enhancement Act coordinates federal research and development in cybersecurity, focuses on developing a skilled cybersecurity workforce, and prominently positions the U.S. in the development of international cybersecurity technical standards. These areas should be priorities for all agencies in the federal government.

While these investments and initiatives will move us toward the goal of protecting our nation's information infrastructure and assets, there is more we must do to protect these essential resources.

There's been an alarming increase in the number of cyberattacks launched on the U.S. information technology industry, their employees, customers, and the U.S. citizens that leverage these innovative tools. In addition, many countries are beginning to implement specific regulations that discriminate against the U.S. by requiring our innovators to reveal the blueprints of their success as a condition of market entry. This is essentially the "hijacking" of intellectual property and is widespread around the world.

As a result, the attacks on these uniquely American assets not only jeopardize U.S. economic security, but our national security is also at risk. This is a threat to the continued economic growth and job creation by the information technology industry, much of which comes from my district. It also undermines the integrity of the networks across the globe which the U.S. depends on to secure sensitive information.

The cybersecurity initiatives in this legislation are a worthwhile effort which I support. It also is imperative that the growth engine of our innovation economy—our information technology that is delivered seamlessly and securely around the globe—is defended and protected by the U.S. government when a foreign entity attempts to compromise it.

Congress must move aggressively to ensure that any attempt at cyberattacks or "high-tech robbery" on any U.S. enterprise here and abroad is dealt with strongly and swiftly by the United States Government.

Madam Speaker, I urge the adoption of the bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on February 3, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 34. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 34: Yes—Hastings of Florida Amendment.

TRIBUTE TO RECREATIONAL  
EQUIPMENT, INC. (REI)

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a company headquartered in the Eighth Congressional District that has been recognized this month by Fortune magazine as one of the "100 Best Companies to Work For." Recreational Equipment, Inc., REI, was ranked 14th on Fortune's 2010 list. With this year's acknowledgment, REI is now one of only five companies nationwide to appear on Fortune's list every year since it was first unveiled in 1998.

Headquartered in Kent, Washington, REI employs 9,137 people across the country and takes care of them through a variety of health care options, store discounts, paid sabbaticals for veteran employees, and generous retirement plan contributions. REI produces state-of-the-art outdoor equipment and clothing for people to enjoy everything our country's landscape has to offer. Additionally, the company promotes a culture of sustainability and is committed to protecting our precious natural resources and lush, open spaces.

In selecting companies for this list, Fortune collects random employee interviews and written surveys to determine an organization's willingness and ability to care for its employees. REI's consistent recognition is a testa-

ment not only to its sound business model but also its dedication to providing for the well-being of its people. Businesses like REI are the heart and soul of the American economy. We should do everything possible to promote the innovation and sound practices of our job creators, and I believe Fortune's "100 Best" list is a valuable tool to do that. I offer my heartfelt congratulations and thanks to President and CEO Sally Jewell and her many employees for setting the gold standard that other companies would be wise to follow.

HONORING ERIC DAVID BROOKS,  
INTEL SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH  
FINALIST

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent Eric David Brooks and congratulate him as a finalist in the Intel Science Talent Search 2010. The Intel Science Talent Search is America's most prestigious science competition for high school seniors. Eric is one of only 40 Finalists nationwide.

Eric's project, "Transition from Indolent to Metastatic Prostate Cancer Characterized through the Health Disparity between African American and Caucasian American Men," studied the racial and genetic factors affecting the metastatic potential of prostate cancer.

As a student at George W. Hewlett High School, Eric participates in numerous activities and clubs. He is a member of the Math Olympiads and Mock Trial Team. Eric is also the news editor of the school newspaper. In addition, he is a cellist with the Long Island Youth Orchestra and part of the chamber and pit orchestras at George W. Hewlett High School. As a senior member of the Education and Labor Committee, I am truly impressed by Eric's accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my congratulations to Eric David Brooks and commend his dedication to education and science.

IN MEMORY OF MS. PAULA SMITH

**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Paula Smith, a trail-blazing business woman and beloved member of the St. Louis community, who recently passed, on January 28, 2010, at 76. Ms. Smith devoted over 30 years of her life to public service and worked tirelessly to better the lives of those around her.

At the age of 16, Ms. Smith dropped out of high school, but she later earned a high school equivalency diploma and then went on to receive a degree in economics from Washington University. Ms. Smith's education did not end here; she earned a master's in business administration from St. Louis University and did graduate work at Harvard. Ms. Smith's dedication to her education was a testament

to her entrepreneurial spirit and allowed her to contribute to the St. Louis community, as well as to society as a whole.

Ms. Smith's career in public service began in 1981, when then Governor Christopher S. "Kit" Bond appointed her director of the state Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. At that time she was the only woman and the only African-American in the Governor's cabinet. Throughout her career Ms. Smith broke barriers and defied expectations, proving to those around her that she was capable of making an impact in the most profound way.

After serving the Governor for several years Ms. Smith was summoned to Washington by President Ronald Reagan to run the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor. In 1990 Ms. Smith returned to St. Louis and started her own business: she opened a consulting company and used her years of experience in Washington and as an employee of Kit Bond to make a difference in St. Louis.

Throughout her life Ms. Smith demonstrated a commitment to improving life for those around her; she strove for social justice and fought to ensure equality for all. She was passionate about her civic and philanthropic work and determined to make a profound impact in her own community. Ms. Smith's powerful legacy lives on through her three children. Her daughter, Cheryl Walker of St. Louis, is now a lawyer and her two sons, Dwayne and Dwight Bosman, are both well-known jazz musicians.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Smith; a woman who always strove to make a difference and succeeded. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Paula Smith, an amazing woman whose legacy will forever be remembered. I extend my sincerest condolences to her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

ACKNOWLEDGING CORPORAL PATRICK C. FIELDS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE

**HON. TOM McCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Corporal Patrick C. Fields for his outstanding service in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and his work in my DC office. In 2003, after playing football for the Ducks, Corporal Fields graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. In 2005, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and after graduating Recruit Training, and Marine Combat Training Patrick joined the 3rd Civil Affairs Group, Camp Pendleton, California to work as a Field Radio Operator.

In 2006, Corporal Fields was assigned to Detachment One, Team Two and deployed to Al Anbar Province, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Radio Operator and a Civil Affairs Non-Commissioned Officer, and became Team Chief for Det One Team 2-2 in the City of Karabilah.

After returning from Iraq, Cpl. Fields deployed in support of Cobra Gold in 2007 (Thailand), MedFlag in 2008 (Republic of Mali), and Balikatan in 2009 (Philippines). He served in a variety of billets ranging from Radio Operator to Civil Affairs Team Chief during that time

and worked with various foreign and U.S. forces and agencies related to the civil affairs mission.

Cpl. Fields was promoted to his present rank in October of 2008, and maintains the billet of Civil Affairs Non-Commissioned Officer. His personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Army Achievement Medal. In his civilian occupation, Cpl. Fields was a Field Engineer for ARB Inc., a heavy industrial construction firm that specializes in power plant, refinery and pipeline construction.

Corporal Fields did all of this before coming to Washington, DC to work in my office during the fall/winter of 2009. From day one, Patrick developed a great rapport with the rest of the staff and all constituents who came in the door or who he spoke to on the phone. His positive attitude and friendly personality made him a favorite tour guide and great addition to the office.

Cpl. Fields is now scheduled to be mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with eventual deployment to the Afghan Theater of Operations. I appreciate his brave service in defense of our freedom and wish him the best and continued safety in his next assignment.

RECOGNIZING BELMONT CITY  
MANAGER JACK CRIST

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER-**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Jack Crist, who recently retired from his post as City Manager of Belmont, California.

Jack has served his Nation and his community in many ways. In 1965, he joined the United States Army, earning his Army Aviator wings a year later. He went on to fly 375 combat missions in Vietnam, resupplying Special Forces units along the treacherous border between Vietnam and Cambodia. Upon returning home, Jack trained pilots at Fort Ord before being discharged in 1969.

He graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in Economics and upon earning his CPA license, joined the City of Sacramento as Chief Accountant. His excellent work in that rapidly growing city inspired the local leaders to promote him to the post of Director of Finance, a job he held for ten years before being named Deputy City Manager. After a long run in that post, Jack moved to Modesto to become City Manager, finally landing in the post for which I honor him tonight: City Manager of Belmont.

During Jack's tenure, he oversaw the reorganization of the fire department through the establishment of a Joint Partnership Agreement with neighboring San Carlos. He also helped the City Council draft and implement the Nation's strictest no-smoking ordinance.

Jack and Margaret, his wife of more than forty years, are tireless travelers and no doubt, Jack's retirement will afford them time for more adventures. A consummate family-man who spends his free time plotting the Crist genealogy, he will surely be able to spend more time in Ohio—with daughter Patricia, her husband Roger and grandkids Kyle and Jack—and Texas, where daughter Jacklyn

lives with her husband Michael and baby Nicolas.

Madam Speaker, City Manager Jack Crist has served his fellow citizens to the utmost of his ability, whether in municipal government or wearing the uniform of the United States Army. For these reasons and so many more, I commend him and wish him a long, healthy and fascinating retirement.

TRIBUTE TO ANNE HINES FARISH—"THE MATRIARCH OF MONROEVILLE"

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with sadness and many fond memories that I rise today to acknowledge the recent passing of Anne Hines Farish of Monroeville, Alabama, a dear friend and extraordinary public servant.

Anne Farish passed away January 18, 2010, at her home after a battle with cancer. She was 83.

Her hometown newspaper, The Monroe Journal, called Anne Farish the "Matriarch of Monroeville." For the former mayor, who viewed everyone in her hometown as family, this title is certainly well chosen.

A native of Monroeville, Anne grew up the oldest of four daughters of the late Dr. Jack and Mrs. Irma Hines. Dr. Hines was Monroeville's mayor for 16 years and his presence no doubt had an influence upon his eldest daughter, who eventually followed in his footsteps.

Anne graduated from Monroe County High School in the same class as Nelle Harper Lee, another beloved daughter of Monroeville and Pulitzer Prize winning author of "To Kill a Mockingbird." Upon graduation, Anne attended Auburn University, and her late husband, Dick, served as Monroeville's postmaster for many years.

Anne will be remembered for so many things. She was indeed a political trail blazer. She was the first woman elected to the Monroeville City Council—serving from 1984 to 1992. Following that, she was the first woman elected as mayor of Monroeville—where she led the city for four terms (1992 to 2008).

During her tenure, Monroeville built its first industrial park, added to its recreational parks and constructed a new City Hall and police station.

Anne was also a successful businesswoman, owning her own brokerage firm, The Farish Agency.

As I noted when Anne retired from public service in 2008, she was the epitome of a "Steel Magnolia," a real southern lady, strong and persevering and someone who was truly an institution among the residents of Monroeville.

Everyone who knew Anne will surely miss her. Monroeville has truly lost a beloved member of its family. My condolences and prayers go out to her family, including her son, William Clifford (Christie) Farish; sisters, Rose Marie Hines Bush, Temple Hudson Hines Lazenby, Irma Jacqueline Hines Nobles; her two grandchildren and extended family.

I join with all of Monroeville and Monroe County in mourning the loss of this remarkable lady and very dear friend.

CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT  
ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 3, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4061) to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 4061, The Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2009. This legislation both addresses immediate national needs, and invests in the future. It will help protect the networks that power the nation's defense, underlie the nation's economy, and strengthen the connections of families across the nation. This legislation also helps develop our workforce for the jobs of the future, supporting Scholarships for Service to develop the next generation of network defenders.

I have the honor and pleasure of representing both Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, and I understand that our national defense requires secure networks. Trustworthy networking can be a matter of life and death for soldiers in the field and our intelligence at home.

Beyond securing military networks, this bill moves forward to protect all the critical information on the nation's networks. Our family photos, our children's grades, our life histories, our credit histories, and our retirement accounts all deserve a trustworthy network. Cybersecurity is not just a national security issue, it is an economic issue. The initiatives in this legislation will help those who participate in social networks, e-commerce, and online investments to better protect their virtual selves, their very real money, and even their children's digital domains.

Cybersecurity is also about American competitiveness and creating and preserving American jobs. As the former school superintendent in North Carolina, I know that education is the key to the future, both for students and our nation. This bill prioritizes funding for scholarships and training, so that today's students can fill tomorrow's jobs. I am pleased that the manager's amendment expanded funding for undergraduate scholarships in cybersecurity to support needed training to meet our national needs. I also applaud the expansion of Scholarships for Service. This initiative offers Americans who want to expand their skills a fair bargain: for every day we help pay for your education; you commit a day to defending the Federal networks.

This legislation will enhance our national understanding of the threats to public and private networks, and help develop the tools to address those threats. It will also enhance the ongoing efforts of the National Science Foundation and National Institute of Science and Technology to secure our digital lives.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 4061 will help protect our nation's infrastructure, and our nation's future. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4061.

IN TRIBUTE THE LOS PADRES  
COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMER-  
ICA

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute the Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America, as the Boy Scouts celebrate 100 years on February 8, 2010.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Today's Boy Scouts are tomorrow's leaders, as evidenced by the fact that more than 200 members of the 111th Congress were Boy Scouts or adult leaders, including myself. Boy Scouts alumni also include 179 U.S. astronauts, 35.5 percent of the United States Military Academy cadets, 30.5 percent of United States Air Force Academy cadets and 25 percent of United States Naval Academy midshipmen.

In 2005, the Boy Scouts of America and the Youth and Family Research Center produced a report on the "Values of Americans, A Study of Ethics and Character." The report found:

"Compared with men who were never Scouts, men who were Scouts five or more years as youth are more satisfied with their present lives and occupations, have sustained lifelong friendships, and place a higher value on family relationships. Men who were Scouts also earn higher incomes, achieve higher levels of education, and attend religious services more often than men who were never Scouts.

"Boys who are or were Scouts also agree that Scouting is a positive influence in their life. Scouting has helped them gain self-confidence, leadership skills, determination, and social interaction skills. Scouting has also impacted their academic skills. Scouting activities have helped Scouts improve their reading, science, engineering, physical fitness, and emergency preparedness skills. In addition, boys who are Scouts report earning higher grades than do boys who were never Scouts."

Furthermore, the report also found that, "Scouts are also more likely to make the most ethical decisions, not the easiest. Scouts are more likely to volunteer to be a leader, practice responsible recycling procedures, and take part in community service. They are also more likely to report a classmate with a gun and are less likely than non-Scouts to drink alcohol."

It is clear that the Boy Scouts of America has had a positive impact on our youth for a century. The Los Padres Council, which reaches across Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, is at the forefront of training tomorrow's leaders by serving more than 9,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to the Boy Scouts of America and the Los Padres Council for their dedication to molding our youth into responsible and high-achieving citizens.

CONGRATULATING WHITE RIVER  
VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate White River Valley High School in Switz City, Indiana for being recognized as one of the top high schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

White River Valley High School has developed a well-deserved reputation of academic excellence in Greene County and beyond. Students have maintained a 90.7 percent average on state tests and nearly 96 percent of them graduate. With success like this, it is no surprise that White River Valley High School is one of only 30 high schools in Indiana to be recognized this year.

The students sitting in classrooms today will be the scientists, engineers, teachers and leaders of tomorrow. The quality of education they receive has a direct impact on the strength of our economy, our communities, and our country in the future. If their success so far is any indication, I think that future looks bright.

White River Valley High School is preparing students in Greene County to go out and make a difference in our world. I am proud of their accomplishments and grateful for their continued contributions to the Switz City community.

ON 17TH ANNIVERSARY OF ENACT-  
MENT OF THE FAMILY AND  
MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, tomorrow is the 17th anniversary of the enactment of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). This landmark legislation, signed by President Clinton, established for the first time a minimum labor protection to help families balance their work and family lives. Under the law today, covered workers are entitled to up to twelve weeks of job-protected unpaid leave for the birth or adoption of a child, or to care for themselves or for a seriously ill family member.

Recently, legislation authored by Senator CHRISTOPHER DODD and myself to provide FMLA for military families has been signed into law. These are the only changes to the FMLA in its history, but as a result covered workers are entitled to up to twenty-six weeks of unpaid leave to care for seriously injured or ill family members in the armed services. In addition, workers are also entitled to up to twelve weeks of leave for matters relating to the deployment of a family member. And in 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law provisions Senator DODD and I had introduced in this Congress entitling family members of wounded or ill veterans the same twenty-six weeks of leave accorded active servicemembers.

More than hundred million job-protected leaves have been taken as a result of the

FMLA. However, only a small percentage of those workers entitled to the leave actually utilize it, and the number one reason why is that it is unpaid.

We lag far behind other countries in providing “family friendly” policies, such as paid leave, to our workers. That’s why in successive Congresses I have introduced H.R. 3047, The Balancing Act, which establishes a host of supports families need to balance their work and family lives.

President Obama recognizes the need for “family-friendly” supports, and I was also pleased to learn that his budget for Fiscal Year 2011 proposes \$50 million for a State Paid Leave Fund that will provide competitive grants to help states launch paid-leave programs. In May 2009, I introduced H.R. 2339, the Family Income to Respond to Significant Transitions (FIRST) Act, which provides \$1.5 billion to states to start or improve paid-leave programs

On this anniversary of the FMLA, it’s good to reflect on how far we have come. But with half of women in the workplace, we need to move forward and enact legislation that provides paid leave and other supports to working families.

“YOU CAN’T SUCCEED AT DEFICIT REDUCTION WITHOUT REALLY TRYING”

### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, there is wide agreement that we should be taking tough measures to reduce the budget deficit. There appears at present to be a powerful myth that this can be done without attacking the biggest single area of increase in the federal budget in recent years, the military budget.

The transition from the Clinton to the Bush administration, which meant a transition from a surplus to a deficit situation, had as its single most important cause a decision by President Bush to fight two wars with five tax cuts. While President Obama has not repeated that same pattern, his announcement that he is going to begin deficit reduction, while exempting the ever-increasing military budget from the same scrutiny that goes to other Federal expenditures, means either that deficit reduction in both the near and long term is either doomed to failure, or that devastating cuts will occur in virtually every Federal program that aims at improving the quality of our lives.

I intend to work with many others to make the case that over the next 10 years we can save substantial amounts of money—a trillion or more of currently proposed expenditures—by reexamining some of the fundamental premises of American military policy. Some of those are based on Cold War assumptions—the need for three separate delivery systems for several nuclear weapons, which was designed in an era of confrontation with the Soviet Union. We also must suggest the notion that America can be the world’s pacifier, policemen etc. Our security interest must be pro-

TECTED, and there are beleaguered nations threatened with hostile, foreign assaults where our support is justified. But our range of commitments goes far beyond that and must be scaled back.

There are also obviously places where the current military budget can be cut, even before we begin to reduce the level of commitments. In the very useful publication *Congress Daily* for Monday, February 1st a thoughtful and experienced journalist, who is an expert on the military budget, George C. Wilson, cogently rebuts the President’s assertion that military requirements mean that we cannot subject the huge and growing Pentagon budget to the kind of scrutiny that goes elsewhere. Note that Mr. Wilson is talking primarily about a budget aimed at the current level commitments. A serious review of those commitments, which should result in a reduction in their scope, would allow us to go much further in reduction, reaching the magnitude of savings that are needed for us to be able to have the military budget make a substantial contribution to deficit reduction.

Madam Speaker, no issue before us is more important than the need for people to include a realistic assessment of military spending in any effort to reduce the deficit much less this year, or over the next ten. I ask that George C. Wilson’s extremely well-argued article, which makes such an essential contribution in this debate, be printed here.

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FATTEST LADY SINGING

(By George C. Wilson)

In declaring in his State of the Union address that he won’t cut the Pentagon budget, President Obama is like a trainer telling the fattest lady in his class that she need not do her exercises. Why didn’t Obama order the fat Defense Department to join the government-wide effort to reduce the deficit by killing off weapons that no longer make sense?

Two-thirds of our casualties in the Iraq War were inflicted by hidden bombs that the bad guys set off by cell phones or other simple devices available at Radio Shack. Neither our new aircraft carriers costing \$12 billion apiece nor our new F-22 fighter aircraft costing \$350 million a plane can keep our troops from being killed or wounded by cheap improvised explosive devices.

This doesn’t mean that deficit cutters should cancel such super weapons willy nilly. More conventional wars than the ones in Iraq and Afghanistan may well be in America’s future. But Obama and Congress should at least order Defense Secretary Gates and his deputies to justify every major weapon by explaining what red-hot threat out there justifies spending fresh billions on it.

The GAO drew a good road map for conducting such a review last year in its devastating report on Pentagon cost overruns. Entitled “Defense Acquisitions: Assessments of Selected Weapon Programs; the GAO studied 96 major weapons in 2008 and discovered that the contractors’ original price tag had nothing to do with reality.

The cost overruns on the weapons studied totaled \$296.4 billion. Just making the contractors, not the taxpayers, eat their own cost overruns would reduce the deficit by almost \$300 billion.

Instead of making such a demand, Obama last Wednesday gave defense contractors, their overseers in the Pentagon and Congress a pass: “Starting in 2011 we are prepared to

freeze government spending for three years. Spending related to our national security, Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security will not be affected. But all other discretionary government programs will.”

Where is Congress in this supposed war against the deficit that Obama just declared? The Founding Fathers in Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution gave Congress the power to “provide for the common defense,” not the president.

When are the lawmakers going to start cutting Pentagon programs like outrageously expensive warships, planes that soar over the price tags contractors originally put on them and missile defenses that have a lot bigger flaws than Toyota’s stuck gas pedals?

“Never,” is the answer I get from some of the walking wounded who fought in past battles of the Pentagon budget. They say any weapons, whether justified by today’s threats or not, get protected by lawmakers as long as they provide jobs back home.

Congress, these vets contend, to reassert its constitutional right to provide for the common defense, should deny money to produce any weapon before it is thoroughly tested; forbid congressional add-ons to the Pentagon budget unless CBO and GAO have determined what the pet project would cost and, if deemed worthy, conduct an open competition to build it; forbid any congressional staffer from vaulting to a job in the Pentagon or defense industry.

Obama did take one step toward making congressional wheeling and dealing on add-ons more transparent by declaring in his address that “I’m calling on Congress to publish all earmark requests on a single Web site before there’s a vote so that the American people can see how their money is being spent.” That might help some but not much. Voters in the lawmaker’s district or state might not object to getting earmarked for goodies.

As one who has studied the military-industrial-political-intelligence complex for almost 50 years now from the front row seat a defense reporter gets, I think the deficit, unemployment, cost overruns on weapons that don’t work and/or have nothing to do with winning the war against terrorists—along with voter disgust with Washington’s spending binge—will eventually force the president and Congress to rein in their spending on dubious weapons.

The overseers will realize that real national security means fixing the national economy, not letting the Defense secretary and Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps continue to drive the taxpayers to the poor house in Cadillac.

As one who spent seven and a half months on an aircraft carrier, let me fuel the eventual battle of the Pentagon budget by asking right here and now whether it makes sense in these economic times to build all three of the new carriers of the class named after the late President Gerald R. Ford.

In its latest Selected Acquisition Report, the Pentagon projects that three of these Ford class carriers will cost a total of \$35 billion, or almost \$12 billion each. A pilot who really knows carriers from taking off and landing on them thousands of times told me that the bad guys could disable the carrier flight deck with comparatively cheap missiles or do what our own Navy frogmen have already done: Sneak aboard a carrier at night undetected by climbing up its steel sides on magnetic shoes. “They can make it rain longer than we can swim; the pilot said of those bent on dethroning the queen of the Navy fleet.

CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT  
ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. JARED POLIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 3, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4061) to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes:

Mr. POLIS. Madam Chair, I rise today to offer an amendment to H.R. 4061, the Cybersecurity Act of 2009.

I would like to thank Chairman GORDON, his staff, and Representative LIPINSKI for their leadership on a critical, bipartisan bill that will train the experts we need to tackle tomorrow's challenges and enable the United States to stay competitive in the realm of cybersecurity.

In a world of blogs and widgets, smart phones and e-mail, we are a global community growing ever closer and interconnected. The average citizen cannot help but be a part of an extended electronic family. Technological progress has enhanced our personal and work lives, regardless of our job or position.

As someone who has founded and run several small businesses, I can speak to the advantages of working in this age of e-commerce and how it has improved my ability to represent Colorado's Second Congressional District.

My amendment expands the proposed internship opportunities available to participants in the Federal Cyber Scholarship for Service Program to include placements in the private sector. I believe it will serve tomorrow's cybersecurity professionals and our national security interests to open up this program to a diversity of experience. For the future recipients of these scholarships, it will provide the occasion to serve not only in the Federal technology workforce, but also at the abundance of small, medium, and large businesses that help to make up our nation's economy.

My district provides a clear illustration of where institutions of higher education, small businesses, and the Federal Government can cooperate to benefit each other and the rest of the nation.

We have a thriving community of startups, lower than average unemployment, and a history of growing small businesses. With the collaboration of budding cybersecurity professionals from the University of Colorado, in Boulder, these companies can benefit from their education and, in turn, impart the practical knowledge that will build each student's portfolio of experiences.

Having gained and grown from these experiences, I am positive that their education in the private sector will help to provide unique solutions to daunting tasks during their time in the Federal Government. What originally seemed like a strategy only applicable to a small high-tech company in Boulder, can now serve as a useful tool when confronted with the task of fending off cyber attacks.

The state of cybersecurity is fast becoming one of the great challenges of the 21st century. It is apparent that despite increased spending on research and development, our technological infrastructure is still vulnerable.

China's recent intrusion into Google's operations should serve as a call to preparedness for both the private sector and the Federal Government.

This past May, President Obama's "Cyber-space Policy Review" highlighted the importance of developing partnerships between the Federal Government and the private sector. We must heed his call to broaden the scope of our experience. The limits of cyber growth are constantly expanding and, consequently, so must our plans to address the plethora of issues that crop up.

As Secretary Clinton put it recently, "the Internet, though a blessing, can be a threat to those who would fall prey to cyber terrorism." It is our job as inventors and stewards of the Internet to ensure unhindered access to information and technology that enriches the lives of everyone. By boosting our training capabilities we are ensuring a safe and free Internet experience, informed by the latest discoveries and implemented by practiced professionals.

This amendment helps to guarantee that we are addressing the long-term challenges inherent to cyber security. It will create ties with the private sector and cultivate a workforce with a skill set that will serve in a variety of scenarios.

Madam Chair, this amendment and this bill are critical to protecting our nation's sensitive information, ensuring a competent cybersecurity workforce and boosting our economic competitiveness. I urge passage of this amendment and the underlying bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF M.  
HOLLIS CURL**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my deep personal sadness at the passing of M. Hollis Curl, a longtime friend, an award winning journalist, and perhaps Wilcox County, Alabama's greatest advocate.

Hollis, the editor and publisher of The Wilcox Progressive Era in my hometown of Camden, Alabama, passed away on February 2, 2010 at the age of 74.

It's been said that real newspapermen bleed ink. I have no doubt that Hollis would fit into that category. While he would downplay his life's work as mere "newspapering," no one could ever question that Hollis was a consummate professional born with a lifetime love for print journalism and a remarkable passion for his community.

Hollis began his "newspapering" career as a young man by hawking copies of his hometown paper, The Red Bay News, from a shoeshine stand. During World War II, his family moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he got a paper route carrying the Knoxville News Sentinel. Not satisfied with selling other people's papers, he soon started his own neighborhood publication—a single sheet which he sold for five cents a copy.

Hollis attended Ole Miss and following college, he worked at newspapers in Tennessee before returning to Alabama in 1960 to join The Dothan Eagle. From there, he moved to Butler, where he served as publisher for The Choctaw Advocate and began winning awards

from the Alabama Press Association (APA). He purchased The Choctaw Advocate in 1968, and later, he co-owned The Demopolis Times.

In 1969, he and his wonderful wife, Glenda, bought The Wilcox Progressive Era in Camden, a newspaper that decades earlier had been in my family. Throughout the years, Hollis Curl also owned newspapers in Montevallo and Marion.

Hollis gained national recognition in 1997 when he was selected by Sigma Delta Chi as the first weekly newspaper editor to receive the Ethics in Journalism Award presented at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. In addition, the Alabama Press Association awarded Hollis with its first Lifetime Achievement Award.

Over his four-decade-long career in Camden, Hollis took more than a few politicians to task on his editorial page and in his award-winning, weekly column, "For What It's Worth." A proud and lifelong Democrat, Hollis penned the very first editorial endorsement for my candidacy for Congress back in 2002, even though I was running as a Republican in a congressional district that was different from his own.

Hollis was perhaps best known to those outside of Wilcox County for the national publicity he received for his tireless efforts to restore ferry service to Gee's Bend, Alabama—an area that for nearly 40 years had been isolated from the county seat of Camden. The resumption of the ferry—which took many years of hard lobbying on the part of local residents, backed by Hollis' powerful voice—meant the prospect of a better life for many.

Madam Speaker, I join all of Wilcox County—and everyone else who was privileged to call Hollis a friend—in expressing my deepest sympathies to his wife, Glenda, their children, Mark and Julie, and their grandchildren. Thank you for sharing this extraordinary person with us for all these years. You all are in our prayers.

ACADEMY NOMINEES FOR 2010  
11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
NEW JERSEY**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, every year, more high school seniors from the 11th Congressional District trade in varsity jackets for Navy pea coats, Air Force flight suits, and Army brass buckles than most other districts in the country. But this is nothing new—our area has repeatedly sent an above average portion of its sons and daughters to the nation's military academies for decades.

This fact should not come as a surprise. The educational excellence of area schools is well known and has long been a magnet for families looking for the best environment in which to raise their children. Our graduates are skilled not only in mathematics, science, and social studies, but also have solid backgrounds in sports, debate teams, and other extracurricular activities. This diverse upbringing makes military academy recruiters sit up and take note—indeed, many recruiters know our towns and schools by name.

Since the 1830s, Members of Congress have enjoyed meeting, talking with, and nominating these superb young people to our military academies. But how did this process evolve? In 1843, when West Point was the sole academy, Congress ratified the nominating process and became directly involved in the makeup of our military's leadership. This was not an act of an imperial Congress bent on controlling every aspect of Government. Rather, the procedure still used today was, and is, a further check and balance in our democracy. It was originally designed to weaken and divide political coloration in the officer corps, provide geographical balance to our armed services, and to make the officer corps more resilient to unfettered nepotism and handicapped European armies.

In 1854, Representative Gerritt Smith of New York added a new component to the academy nomination process—the academy review board. This was the first time a Member of Congress appointed prominent citizens from his district to screen applicants and assist with the serious duty of nominating candidates for academy admission. Today, I am honored to continue this wise tradition in my service to the 11th Congressional District.

My Academy Review Board is composed of six local citizens (several of whom are Academy graduates and veterans) who have shown exemplary service to New Jersey, to their communities, and to the continued excellence of education in our area. Though from diverse backgrounds and professions, they all share a common dedication that the best qualified and motivated graduates attend our academies. And, as true for most volunteer groups, their service goes largely unnoticed.

I would like to take a moment to recognize these men and women and thank them publicly for participating in this important panel. Being on the Board requires hard work and an objective mind. Members have the responsibility of interviewing upwards of 60 outstanding high school seniors every year in the academy review process.

The nomination process follows a general timetable. High school seniors mail personal information directly to the Military Academy, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy once they become interested in attending. Information includes academic achievement, college entry test scores, and other activities. At this time, they also inform my office of their desire to be nominated.

The academies then assess the applicants, rank them based on the data supplied, and return the files to my office with their notations. In late November, our Academy Review Board interviews all of the applicants over the course of two days. They assess a student's qualifications and analyze character, desire to serve, and other talents that may be hidden on paper.

This year our board interviewed 38 applicants. Nominations included 10 to the Naval Academy, 9 to the Military Academy, 7 to the Merchant Marine Academy, and 9 to the Air Force Academy—the Coast Guard Academy does not use the Congressional nomination process. The recommendations are then forwarded to the academies by January 31, where admissions staff reviewed files and notified applicants and my office of their final decision on admittance.

As these highly motivated and talented young men and women go through the acad-

emy nominating process, never let us forget the sacrifice they are preparing to make: to defend our country and protect our citizens. This holds especially true at a time when our nation is fighting the war against terrorism. Whether it is in Afghanistan, Iraq, or other hot spots around the world, no doubt we are constantly reminded that wars are fought by the young. And, while our military missions are both important and sometimes dangerous, it is reassuring to know that we continue to put America's best and brightest in command.

ACADEMY NOMINEES FOR 2010  
11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NEW JERSEY  
*Air Force Academy*

Michael J. Crampton, Kinnelon, Kinnelon H.S.

Ian R. Enriquez, Long Valley, West Morris Central H.S.

Menachem M. Feltzenberg, West Point, Homeschooled

Sergio R. Jimenez, Lake Hopatcong, Jefferson H.S.

Andrew Lim, Randolph, Randolph H.S.

Rebecca M. Lobrovich, Montville, Montville H.S.

Michael M. Longhi, Succasunna, Seton Hall Prep

Jacob H. Podolnick, Flanders, Mt. Olive H.S.

Jaemin Seo, Whippany, Whippany Park H.S.

*Merchant Marine Academy*

Vincent M. Falcone, Short Hills, Millburn H.S.

Robert A. Femia, Jr., Kinnelon, Georgetown Prep

Dalton R. Harbula, Parsippany, Parsippany Hills H.S.

Brandon Hatzel, Montville, Montville H.S.

Andrew J. Kratsch, Caldwell, James Caldwell H.S.

Daniel P. Pierce, Caldwell, James Caldwell H.S.

John C. Ramirez, Morris Plains, Seton Hall Prep

*Military Academy*

Kimberly M. An, Oak Ridge, Jefferson H.S.

Austen Boroff, Chatham, Chatham H.S.

Lindsey G. Danilack, Montville, Montville H.S.

Timothy A. Dore, Madison, Madison H.S.

Kung Min Han, Short Hills, Millburn H.S.

Tyler M. Lahey, Chester, West Morris Mendham H.S.

Danielle E. Martinez, East Hanover, Academy of St. Elizabeth's

Natalie R. Miller, Chester, West Morris Mendham H.S.

Stasia M. Rogacki, North Caldwell, Mt. St. Dominic's Academy

*Naval Academy*

Brayden R. Abbey, Sparta, Pope John XXIII H.S.

Charles D. Boles, Chatham, Chatham H.S.

David A. Guerin, Millington, Koinonia Academy

Matthew Infante, Chester, Delbarton School

Marykate B. Moore, Chatham, Villa Walsh Academy

John E. Muti, Mountain Lakes, Mountain Lakes H.S.

Gregory Oh, Madison, Madison H.S.

Christopher M. Rec, Long Valley, West Morris Central H.S.

Mark J. Santamaria, Randolph, Randolph H.S.

Kevin C. Sullivan, Mountain Lakes, Mountain Lakes H.S.

THE BENEFITS OF FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SILICON CARBIDE POWER MODULES AND NANOTECHNOLOGY FOR ANTI-REVERSE ENGINEERING

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, contained in H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY 2010, is funding for investment in projects in Arkansas, which I requested for FY 2010. The legislation contains funding for the development of Nanotechnology for Anti-Reverse Engineering in the FY10 Defense Appropriations bill, Research, Development Test & Evaluation, Navy, account by Space Photonics, Inc., 700 Research Center Blvd., Fayetteville, AR 72701. This project will develop and integrate nanotechnology-based anti tamper solutions for unmanned aerial vehicles and prepare for flight qualification. Anti tamper capability is required for all DoD new start programs as of 2001, all pre-planned product improvement (P3I) or technology insertion efforts, and all programs that did not reach Milestone B by May 1, 2000. U.S. anti tamper technology must continually evolve and improve to keep ahead of the capabilities of our adversaries. As such, developing and maintaining a strong technology base is a stated objective for the DoD anti tamper program. Electronics are a major area of vulnerability in weapon systems, particularly advanced microchip and circuit design used on sensors and communications equipment flying on UAVs.

Nanotechnology is proving to be a very promising area for AT solutions. Nanotechnology based technologies and techniques have the potential to be undetectable and have been demonstrated to inhibit circuit exploitation and/or reverse engineering. Nanotechnology techniques can also support passive self-destruction of devices.

Funding was also included for Silicon Carbide Power Modules for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter by Arkansas Power Electronics International, Inc., 535 W. Research Center Blvd., Fayetteville, AR 72701. This project will produce flight-qualified silicon carbide (SiC) motor drives for aircraft flight control systems. SiC electronics are required to accommodate the high power densities and voltages necessary for motor drive operation. The Air Force's More Electric and All Electric Aircraft (MEA/AEA) design philosophy mandates the replacement of costly and bulky mechanical hydraulic aircraft flight control systems with lighter weight, high-reliability, low-maintenance electric motors and drives. SiC motor drives provide an order of magnitude size reduction and high temperature operational capability for the F-35's flight control surface actuator drives, which are critical components of the aircraft's combat performance capability.

Conversion to SiC motor drives can contribute significantly to meeting aircraft weight reduction targets for the production version of the F-35, as well as enable improved performance of UAVs and hybrid electric military vehicles. For these reasons, I believe these to be an appropriate investment of taxpayer dollars.

## DIXIE-NARCO ADDS JOBS

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Dixie-Narco, Inc. is a company in South Carolina's Second District that produces vending machines. In late 2007, Dixie-Narco Company was acquired by Crane Corporation and they make 65 percent of all of the vending machines in North America.

I want to thank Dixie-Narco for their economic commitment to our great state and I look forward to working with them to continue to grow jobs in South Carolina. I have enjoyed working with business, state and local officials to help secure these jobs led by Eric Fast, President, CEO, and Director of Crane Company, Marty Martin of Barnwell County Development Commission, Mayor Tommy Rivers of Williston, Danny Black and Kay Maxwell of Southern Carolina Alliance, and Joe Taylor of the State Department of Commerce. But mostly, I want to thank the employees at Dixie-Narco's Williston facility for their strong work ethic—which led to the company's expansion from 500 employees to now nearly doubling.

100 millions Americans use vending machines each day and companies like Dixie-Narco are revolutionizing the industry. They offer substantial design improvements for increased volumes, dependable reliability, and increased productivity.

We appreciate Dixie-Narco adapting to this changing economy and working to promote this green industry that doesn't require customers to drive from the workplace or school for products.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

## TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM EDWARDS

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, today I rise to speak about a young man in the Eighth Congressional District who earned recognition as a semifinalist in this year's Intel Science Talent Search.

Intel's Science Talent Search is our country's oldest and most prestigious pre-college science competition, and attracts some of the brightest students across the nation. Intel provides each semifinalist with a \$1,000 award and does the same for each individual school represented.

William Edwards, a student at Bonney Lake High School and a resident of Lake Tapps, WA, earned his place on this prestigious list along with 299 other innovative and inventive minds from around our Nation. It is a thrill to congratulate a hard-working and intelligent young man, William, for standing alongside the best our Nation has to offer in the fields of math, science and technology. William serves as an example of excellence, and encourages a spirit of curiosity and innovation that we must continue to foster among young people across this great nation.

The competition encourages students to tackle the challenging scientific questions of both the present and the future. I thank Intel for its leadership in this endeavor and congratulate their success in this annual competition.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF THE REVEREND FATHER JOSEPH W. KUKURA****HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Father Joseph Kukura, President of the Catholic Health Care Partnership of New Jersey, who passed away on February 1, 2010.

Fr. Kukura was a scholar, an ethicist, a trusted counselor, a generous and intelligent man of faith, and a friend to many. As a parish priest at Corpus Christi in Hasbrouck Heights, as director of the Bergen County Catholic Youth Organization and through his role with the Catholic Health Care Partnership of New Jersey he served the people of my district and the entire state of New Jersey for many years. He will be greatly missed.

Madam Speaker, I know that my colleagues will join with me in honoring the life of this special man. We should all be so fortunate to leave such a wonderful legacy. I enter his obituary, which appeared in the Newark Star-Ledger on February 3, 2010, into the RECORD.

[From the Newark Star-Ledger, Feb. 3, 2010]

Rev. Joseph W. Kukura, 69, formerly of Hasbrouck Heights, a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark for 43 years, entered eternal life on Feb. 1, 2010. Rev. Kukura was the current president of the Catholic Health Care Partnership of New Jersey in Princeton, where he served for the past 10 years. "Father Joe," as he was affectionately known, was a graduate of St. Peter's Prep High School in Jersey City, and attended Seton Hall University and the Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium. Father Joe was ordained into the priesthood on June 24, 1967. As a young priest, he served at Corpus Christi R.C. Church in Hasbrouck Heights for five years, focused on youth and family ministry, and soon gained a large and faithful following in the parish. As director of the C.Y.O. in the early 1970's, he initiated powerful and popular retreat programs for high school youth. He also served as a member of the team ministry at St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Oradell. Father Joe then entered the doctoral program in moral theology at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. From there, he joined the faculty at Immaculate Conception Seminary, where he taught Christian Ethics for 15 years. He left the seminary to serve for 10 years as vice president for pastoral services at the Catholic Health Association, a national organization of Roman Catholic hospitals, headquartered in St. Louis, Mo. Father Joe returned to New Jersey in 1994, and continued his service through the Catholic Health Care Partnership of N.J., where he provided ethical consultation to New Jersey's Catholic hospitals. Father Joe served in various parishes as a visiting weekend priest, including Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in Sparta, St. Pio in Lavallette and St. Aloysius in Jackson. He maintained contact with many of his former

parishioners, officiating at their weddings, baptizing their children, burying their loved ones, and attending special events. Always there when needed, his generous and loving spirit drew people close to him and his Christ-like example drew them closer to God. His motto was "it's the little things that count" and he lived it by his thoughtful and loving presence in the lives of those who shared his love and became his "parish." Father Joe was the loving son of the late Anna and Joseph Kukura of Bloomfield, and a dear friend to many.

**HONORING THE WORK OF POLLY DYER, A WASHINGTON STATE ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER****HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Polly Dyer for her more than fifty years of leadership and hard work improving and protecting the environment of our nation.

Polly, along with her husband John, played a leading role in the passage of the 1964 Wilderness Act, which preserved millions of acres of land throughout the nation—the equivalent of almost 10 percent of Washington's land mass. She has made a special contribution to the protection and enhancement of the Olympic National Park and to the underwater domains of the Pacific Coast National Marine Sanctuary. Her efforts directly contributed to the development and preservation of the North Cascades National Park. She had a major role in the creation of the North Cascades Conservation Council, the Puget Sound Alliance, and was a key player in the formation of the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority.

My family and I have hiked the trails and slept under the stars on land she fought hard to save for future generations. We know and honor the great heritage she is preserving for our nation.

Polly Dyer has mentored, inspired and nurtured several generations of wilderness leaders in Washington State. On and off the trail, in and out of the halls of Congress, Polly Dyer is the exemplar of a wilderness leader. Thank you, Polly Dyer, for everything that you have done.

**RECOGNIZING THE TRANSPORTATION TRADES DEPARTMENT, AFL-CIO ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY****HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO as it marks its 20th anniversary as an advocate for our Nation's transportation workers. TTD serves an important role in helping policymakers and the American public understand the critical need to improve transportation and to support the men and women who help keep our Nation moving.

As the Representative for the 2nd Congressional District of New Jersey, transportation is

one of my top priorities. My State's transportation needs are growing and ever-changing. I frequently hear my constituents speak of their frustration at the steep personal and financial costs of transportation delays and inefficiencies. Our Nation's quality of life and our economic vitality are closely linked to the quality of our transportation networks. As Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation, I know how important it is to have safe and secure ports and waterways. It is critical that our Nation invest in this vital part of our economy, and that the men and women who work in the maritime industry are given the respect and support that they need to carry out their important work.

I am proud to work closely with TTD in pursuit of these shared goals. TTD is a serious, substantive organization—one truly committed to achieving results, not scoring political points. TTD understands that the transportation needs of our Nation know no partisan boundaries, whether it is average Americans traveling or commuting to work, or businesses needing reliable delivery of goods and services. Our entire Nation, regardless of region and local leadership, stands to gain from a safer, more modern transportation network, run by experienced, well-trained workers. TTD recognizes this and helps guide our shared bipartisan commitment to sensible transportation policies.

I congratulate TTD for its many accomplishments during its 20-year history. Transportation workers are at the core of our Nation's economic engine, and they have a well-respected voice and ally in the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO. I look forward to continuing to work closely with them in the years to come.

#### FAFSA SEASON

### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, which helps make college a possibility for many young Americans.

The 2010–2011 form is now available and has been improved by eliminating 22 questions and 17 Web screens from the overall application.

These improvements—which will lessen obstacles for accessibility and financial aid—will help achieve President Obama's goal of generating the highest number of college graduates by 2020.

The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act which I proudly supported, further enhances FAFSA and brings us a step closer towards accomplishing the President's goal.

Every student, regardless of their parents' economic status, should be able to attend college.

For years I have teamed up with schools and stakeholders to sponsor "FAFSA Nights" for parents and students; in my district.

This year I will hold a total of three "FAFSA Nights" in my district. The first two events drew close to 500 people and we anticipate that over 300 will attend the third event.

I encourage my colleagues to hold similar events.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 and Wednesday, February 3, 2010.

For Tuesday, February 2, 2010, I would have voted "Aye" on Rollcall vote #26 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4495), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #27 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 957), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #28 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1014).

For Wednesday, February 3, 2010, I would have voted "No" on Rollcall vote #29 (on ordering the Previous Question to H. Res. 1051), "No" on Rollcall vote #30 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1051, which provides for consideration of H.R. 4061), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #31 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1043), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #32 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 901), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #33 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1044), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #34 (on agreeing to the Hastings (FL) amendment to H.R. 4061), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #35 (on agreeing to the Flake amendment to H.R. 4061), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #36 (on agreeing to the Dahlkemper amendment to H.R. 4061), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #37 (on agreeing to the Cuellar amendment to H.R. 4061), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #38 (on agreeing to the Connolly (VA) amendment to HR. 4061).

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the League of Women Voters as they celebrate their 90th anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone for this outstanding organization and I am glad to have this opportunity to pay tribute to their many invaluable contributions.

Founded in 1920, just before the 19th Amendment was ratified, the League of Women Voters was designed to help women carry out their new responsibilities as voters—to engage them in government and to encourage them to use their newfound rights to shape public policy. Though they encourage their members to be political themselves, this grassroots organization has a long and proud history of nonpartisanship which has allowed them to play a unique role in our communities and the national debate. At its core, the League has always been about educating voters and sharing with them how their voice can impact public policy at every level of government.

What began as a "mighty political experiment" has grown into one of the most re-

spected and dynamic advocacy organizations in the country. With more than 900 state and local leagues—represented in each of the fifty states as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Hong Kong—the League continues to build on the successes of the past. Through its grassroots citizen network, the League and its members are making innumerable contributions to our communities. Whether sponsoring local candidate forums or weighing in on the issues facing our nation, the organization is remaining true to its most basic purpose—to make democracy work for all citizens.

Though it grew out of the women's suffrage movement, over its ninety year history the League of Women Voters has grown into an advocacy organization for all of America's citizens. It has remained committed to ensuring that Americans fully participate in the political process and use their power as voters to effect meaningful change in public policy. It is organizations like the League of Women Voters that make our nation—our democracy—so strong.

Today, as they reflect on the ninety years that have passed, the League of Women Voters can be proud of all that they have accomplished. I wish them all the best as they celebrate their 90th anniversary and extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to the organization and its thousands of members for their dedication, commitment and good work.

#### THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE IMMACULATA CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CINCINNATI

### HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Immaculata Catholic Church in Cincinnati.

On December 9, 1860, Archbishop John B. Purcell celebrated the Immaculata Church during a special High Mass. This first mass marked the fulfillment of a heavenly promise that Archbishop Purcell made as a passenger aboard a ship sailing through a storm. As the storm raged, he promised to build a church on the most prominent point in Cincinnati.

While most Catholic churches were built by local communities, the Immaculata Church was quite different. Archbishop Purcell actually purchased the land, donated the stone, and supervised construction from start to finish. And, just to be certain that his promise was fulfilled, he urged parishioners to walk up the hill where the church was being built, and pray for its success along the way.

In 1970, the Immaculata Parish joined together with neighboring Holy Cross Parish. While the parish's name changed to Holy Cross Immaculata, its traditions continued. Each year, an estimated 10,000 individuals walk up the church's steps on Good Friday, stopping to say a prayer on each step.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Immaculata Church and wish the parish continued success in the future.

COMMENDING THE LORD'S PLACE  
FOR ITS 3RD ANNUAL SLEEPOUT  
EVENT

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the astonishing accomplishments of The Lord's Place, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children from the unrelenting grasp of homelessness. Currently our Nation is faced with the sad reality of more than half a million Americans without a place to call home, and some without any shelter at all. To make my district aware of the sheer magnitude of this problem, The Lord's Place will host its 3rd Annual SleepOut event on February 5, 2010, aimed at both fundraising for a solution and giving Americans a glimpse into the lives of the thousands of homeless men, women, and children sleeping either in a shelter or on the streets every night.

For decades now, the steps taken by The Lord's Place have improved the lives of homeless families and individuals throughout Palm Beach County. The organization's main goal is to provide and secure economic stability for homeless men, women, and children, and for 30 years they have hosted events and organized programs aimed directly at fulfilling their mission. I admire the work of the volunteers and staff members at The Lord's Place. On a daily basis these hardworking and devoted individuals organize programs, which leave the most forgotten members of our society with a place to call home every night and walk away with something far more valuable than a hefty paycheck.

This Friday night, the dedicated staff members and volunteers of The Lord's Place will aim to make the more fortunate members of our community aware of a typical night endured by homeless families and individuals. The 3rd Annual SleepOut in downtown West Palm Beach will feature a performance, presentation, and finally a movie before the participants call it a night and attempt to sleep through the bitter cold conditions faced by so many homeless men, women, or children. The main focus of the SleepOut is what The Lord's Place calls the "2% Solution." If just 2 percent of our community commits to addressing the problem of homelessness, this critical issue can and will be resolved as a result of the community's hard work.

I would like to extend my gratitude to those men and women who stepped out of their comfort zones and helped raise both awareness and funds for the mission of The Lord's Place. I commend The Lord's Place for helping to break the vicious cycle that has created homelessness in our community. It is because of their perseverance and compassion that a future in which the right to basic shelter is available to every man, woman, and child in Palm Beach County.

As American citizens, it is not only our desire to help those in need. It is our duty to provide every homeless man, woman, and child with a warm place to sleep at night and an opportunity to sustain economic stability.

Madam Speaker, I am truly honored to recognize The Lord's Place for all that they do to

help the Palm Beach County community and I wish them much success during their 3rd Annual SleepOut.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND  
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MIL-  
DRED "BILLIE" FRAUMAN

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mildred "Billie" Frauman who passed away on January 25, 2010.

Mrs. Frauman was always conscious of the community around her and never faltered in her civic duty. She was born in 1921 and received degrees from the University of Chicago and Oklahoma University, and after settling in Dallas she became an advocate for racial tolerance and understanding in a city that was becoming increasingly diverse. She served as the area director of the American Jewish Committee and was later honored by this group with its Community Relations Achievement Award. Additionally, she was an officer on the board of Temple Emanu-El and served as its Sisterhood president.

One of the most remarkable things about Mrs. Frauman was her ability to confront difficult situations with strength, ease, and grace. At a racially volatile time in Dallas, she conducted several workshops for the city of Dallas, the Dallas Police Department, and the Dallas Independent School District on ways to meet the challenges of change in a diverse community. This service benefitted Dallas immensely and helped to make it a more understanding and cosmopolitan city.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mrs. Frauman whose work and commitment to Dallas will never be forgotten.

THANKING THE JUNIOR CLASS OF  
HAY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I would like to take the time to recognize a group of students from Nebraska's Third District, who have decided to put aside personal benefit in order to help those in need. The junior class at Hay Springs High School, like high schools throughout the nation, spent the school year raising funds for their annual prom. However, this class has decided to forgo their "expensive" prom to help the less fortunate.

A destructive earthquake struck the island of Haiti in January, causing tremendous damage and loss of human life. The survivors now face collapsed buildings, limited resources, and a ruined country.

For the entire school year, the junior class have sold magazines, offered soup suppers, and held raffles to help finance prom. Their fund raising efforts earned them more than \$5,000, but this money will not be used to

support their prom. Rather, it has been designated for a non-profit organization helping in the recovery by setting up hospitals and schools in Haiti.

When such a devastating event takes place, we must come together as a people in order to help the less fortunate. I want to take this opportunity to thank the junior class of Hay Springs High School for their selflessness and their willingness to help in a time of crisis.

CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT  
ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 3, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4061) to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 4061, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2009.

I'd like to thank Representative LIPINSKI, Chairman GORDON and Ranking Member HALL for crafting this important piece of bi-partisan legislation.

Cybersecurity is a critical issue in a world with increasing reliance on information systems. So much of our personal lives, from bank accounts to medical records are online. And much of our world, from traffic signals to water purification, operate with industrial control systems that are vulnerable to hacking. Indeed, a Wall Street Journal article in April of this year reported that cyberspies had penetrated the U.S. electrical grid and left behind potentially-disruptive software programs and, more recently, the Chinese government was accused of being behind a number of cybersecurity attacks which targeted U.S. networks, including a breach of Lockheed Martin's F-35 fighter development program.

Congress takes this growing threat to the Nation's cyber network seriously and has gathered here today to consider a bill designed to harness relevant U.S. government resources into a coordinated approach to the problem.

The Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2009 authorizes \$395 million for the National Science Foundation programs aimed at improving cybersecurity research—\$69 million in FY 2010, \$73.5 million in FY 2011, \$79 million in FY 2012, \$84 million in FY 2013, and \$90 million in FY 2014. It reauthorizes existing research and development programs and includes "identity management" as a new supported research area.

The bill reauthorizes cybersecurity workforce and traineeship programs at NSF, as well as cybersecurity research program, and authorizes \$609 million in FY 2010 through FY 2014, and \$319 million after FY 2014, for NSF programs.

A key player in the Nation's cybersecurity effort will be National Institute of Standards and Technology, which has already done pioneering work in information security. I am proud to have NIST in my Congressional district.

This measure places a number of new requirements on NIST, which is responsible for

setting cybersecurity standards for nonclassified Federal networks. Among its many important provisions is a requirement for NIST to develop a coordinated plan for U.S. involvement in the development of international cybersecurity technical standards that ensures adequate U.S. Government representation; the bill requires NIST to develop a cybersecurity awareness and education program that would disseminate best practices and technical standards for individuals, small businesses, state and local governments, and educational institutions; NIST is required to engage in research and development programs to improve identity management systems, which include health information technology systems; and, NIST is required to establish technical standards to improve interoperability, authentication methods, privacy protection, and usability of identity management systems.

The bill authorizes \$30 million in FY 2010 through FY 2014 for these programs.

According to the Office of Management and Budget and The Government Accountability Office, despite spending an estimated \$6 billion a year protecting nearly \$72 billion in information technology infrastructure and more than \$350 million in cybersecurity research and development each year, U.S. information technology infrastructure remains vulnerable to attacks, and agencies tasked with its protection are not fulfilling their responsibilities.

Dennis Blair, the director of national intelligence, told members of the Senate Select Intelligence Committee yesterday, that "in the dynamic of cyberspace, the technology balance right now favors malicious actors rather than legal actors, and is likely to continue that way for quite some time."

Madam Chair, this bill and the important amendments we will also consider today are part of Congress's ongoing efforts to meet this growing challenge to the cyber and national security infrastructure of the country. I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting the bill.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures on February 2, 2009. If I were present for rollcall votes, I would have voted "yea" on each of the following:

Roll 26, February 2, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass: H.R. 4495, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the Jim Kolbe Post Office.

Roll 27, February 2, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Res. 957, Honoring Jimmie Johnson, 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Champion.

Roll 28, February 2, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Res. 1014, Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of North American Inclusion Month.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, in accordance with House Republican Conference standards, and Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I submit the following member requests for the RECORD regarding the conference report on H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project: Adaptive-Defense HIPPIE (High-speed Internet Protocol Packet Inspection Engine) on a Chip.

Account: Department of Defense, Army, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: TechGuard Security, LLC

Address of Requesting Entity: 743 Spirit 40 Park Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005

Description of Request: Provide \$1,004,000 to enhance the Army's Cyber Security. This project puts the rapid and power-conserving High-speed Internet Protocol Packet Inspection Engine's (HIPPIE) security capability on a silicon chip. This funding will allow for development of a Nano-power supply and a nano-memory capability. It will enhance the coalition warrior and the U.S. Warfighter's communication security and access control through discreet deployment with secure remote-controlled chip-level destruction in the event a device is compromised. This enhanced capability at the chip-level allows for deployment directly into the hands of the warfighter engaged in traditional and irregular warfare.

Project: Aircrew Body Armor and Load Carriage Vest System

Account: Other Procurement—U.S. Air Force

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eagle Industries.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1000 Biltmore Drive, Fenton, MO 63026

Description of Request: To provide \$2,400,000 to issue the Aircrew Body Armor Load Carriage Vest System, an integrated body armor vest system, to aircrew personnel. The system provides fire retardancy and ballistics protection from a wide array of threats including small arms fire, fragmenting shrapnel and spall, while decreasing the heat stress and weight burdens faced by airmen. Currently issued aircrew flight equipment survival vests are not body armor-compatible due to weight, heat, and survivability concerns. Current issue is not fire retardant and fails to meet the present needs of the U.S. Air Force. Of the \$3 million, approximately 25 percent is for materials; 25 percent is for labor; and 50 percent is for armor and armor integration.

This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Air Force—Other Procurement account. If funded in full, this is a one-time funding request with the goal of the Air Force using internally budgeted funding to continue fielding the system to aircrew personnel.

Project: Air Filtrations Systems for Helicopters

Account: Department of Defense, Army, Aircraft Modifications

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Aerospace Filtration Systems, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4 Research Park Dr, Suite 200, St. Charles, MO, USA

Description of Request: To provide \$800,000 to install barrier filtration systems on National Guard aircraft. This request would allow the National Guard to obtain dramatic savings by reducing engine replacements and thus maintenance, keeping overall engine performance from being reduced due to erosion and Foreign Object damage (FOD), and increasing readiness rates of the ARNG fleet. The earmark will address a portion of the ARNG fleet to include: AH-64A APU Barrier Filter—32 Aircraft, AH-64D APU Barrier Filter—48 Aircraft, CH-47 APU Barrier Filter—80 Aircraft, and OH-58A/C Engine Barrier Filter—50 Aircraft.

AFS Barrier Filtration Systems capture 99 percent of the dirt and debris that would otherwise enter the engine or APU and cause a significant loss of performance. This prevents engines/APU's from being removed from the aircraft for costly maintenance or overhaul. Engine overhaul costs could cost as much as \$300,000 on one engine. By extending the life of the engine/APU up to 11 times, the savings from one installation kit could be as high as \$6.6M on one AH-64 helicopter alone. AFS barrier Filters in use by the U.S. Army in the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan have been proven extremely effective. These kits have allowed engines to reach TBO and have been a major part of unprecedented readiness rates for the aircraft fleets.

Project: Backpack Medical Oxygen System (BMOS)

Account: Department of Defense, Air Force, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Essex Cryogenics of Missouri Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 8007 Chivvis Drive St. Louis, MO 63123-2395

Description of Request: To provide \$800,000 for improving Air Force oxygen generation technology for emergency field medical rescues. With modification, the Backpack Medical Oxygen System (BMOS) is the system that satisfies the USAF Requirement for a small deployable oxygen generator system. This spiral development program for the BMOS system will significantly decrease the time and funds required to field critical capabilities needed today by our warfighters. The U.S. Air Force requirement for oxygen is a minimum of 93 percent pure oxygen at 6 liters per minute for critically injured personnel and the BMOS satisfies that requirement.

Project: Hyperspectral Imaging for Improved Force Protection (HYPER-IFP)

Account: Department of Defense, Army, RDT&E, (CERDEC, NVESD, Special Projects)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clean Earth Technologies, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 13378 Lakefront Drive, Earth City, MO, USA

Description of Request: To provide \$1,600,000 for the Hyper-IFP (Hyper spectral Sensor for Improved Force Protection) Program. The introduction of a Hyper-IFP in FY08 is allowing the detection and recognition of humans (with a near zero false alarm rate) and providing indication of other certain physiological triggers that can indicate that a person is under extreme stress such as contemplating "bad" behavior. To date successful development, test and evaluation has been done in the lab, though these systems have not been fully optimized for theatre operation or for costs. The continued funding of Hyper-IFP will operationalize and integrate the knowledge

gain in the lab and apply it in a true-fielded application at an affordable cost. The Hyper-IFP system will also be environmentally hardened to allow field deployment and allow integration with other FP sensors in the last quarter of 2009. Hyper-IFP is focused on the missions of Perimeter Security, Suicide Bomb Detection and Urban Route Recon. Utility will be demonstrated through an evaluation in both the Southwest border and contingency mission in Southwest Asia. This effort will require leveraging the current Force Protection sensor suite designs for the missions sites to maintain interoperability. In the end, this request focuses on both achieving data verification, and the delivery of sufficient hardware to validate the Technical Data package for re-procurement as well as demonstrate the system's ability to deploy to DoD/DHS users for the missions described. The Night Vision Electronic Sensors Directorate, Ft. Belvoir Virginia, is very supportive of this project.

HONORING THE TALL PINE  
COUNCIL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Tall Pine Council as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. To mark the occasion an exhibition at the Alfred P. Sloan Museum in Flint, Michigan will begin on Monday, February 8th to honor the contributions of Boy Scouts and the Tall Pine Council.

W.D. Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910 and a tradition of service, character development, citizenship and physical fitness began. The Boy Scouts of America spread and by 1912 there were troops in all states. Over the past 100 years the Boy Scouts of America has performed invaluable service to the people of our nation. They provided nationwide service during the 1918 influenza epidemic and collected over 1 million items of food and clothing to help the needy and suffering during the 1930s. Boy Scouts worked with the Office of Civil Defense Mobilization as messengers, emergency medical personnel and firefighters during World War II. This tradition of service continues today with the Boy Scouts of America partnering with the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity for the national Good Turn for America program to address the problems of hunger, homelessness and poor health. In addition, Boy Scouts are assisting with relief efforts for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

The first troop in the Flint area was formed in 1912 at the Oak Park Methodist Church. Troops operated independently until 1917 when the Flint Council was formed. Approximately 248 scouts participated in activities during this time. During the Council's first five years there were 63 units formed and 2,720 boys participated including spending time at the Boy Scout Camp on Lobdell Lake. The Flint Council quickly grew and eventually covered Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee Counties. In 1937 the Council was renamed the Tall

Pine Council. Currently the Tall Pine Council operates Camp Holaka near Lapeer and Camp Tapico near Kalkaska.

Over the past 100 years the Boy Scouts of the Tall Pine Council have joined their fellow scouts working for our nation by selling bonds during the two World Wars, distributing get-out-the-vote door hangers, collecting food and working on community beautification projects. They raise money through their annual popcorn sales to support their packs and troops. During 2009, the Tall Pine Council served over 11,000 youngsters, 77 boys earned the Eagle Scout distinction and 200 boys earned the Cub Scout's Arrow of Light Award. More than 3,000 adults serve as role models and mentors, I have served as a Boy Scout adult volunteer, and a member of my staff, Lucetia Manwaring, is currently a Cub Scout Den Mother.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the achievements, perseverance and pride of the Tall Pine Council and the Boy Scouts of America. For 100 years they have helped youngsters grow into enthusiastic, caring men committed to community service, and preserving our natural resources. I commend them for the wonderful work they do and hope they will continue for many, many years to come.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN  
HOSKINS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that John Hoskins has recently retired as the Director of Missouri's Department of Conservation after a career in conservation that spans more than three decades. A steadfast steward of Missouri's beautiful natural resources, Mr. Hoskins has spent his life protecting our environment so that future generations may enjoy Missouri's God-given beauty.

A lifelong Missourian, Mr. Hoskins grew up on a small Ozark farm where he learned the value of a clean environment and the special connection we enjoy with our natural surroundings. After graduating with a bachelor's degree from Southeast Missouri State University in 1975, he went on to complete a Master of Public Administration degree at my alma mater, the University of Missouri.

Throughout his tenure with the department, Mr. Hoskins has balanced competing priorities with a fixed budget. Under his leadership, the department has expanded conservation education facilities across the state and created new school programs to teach young Missourians the importance of caring for our precious natural resources.

On a personal note, the magazine of the Department of Conservation, the Missouri Conservationist, has been a mainstay of my office for many years now. My fellow Missourians and I have long enjoyed the magazine's interesting articles and the beautiful pictures of Missouri's great outdoors.

Madam Speaker, I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in recognizing John

Hoskins, a man who has dedicated his life to the effective stewardship of Missouri's environment.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRANSPORTATION TRADES DEPARTMENT, AFL-CIO

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Transportation Trades Department of the AFL-CIO (TTD). It is my distinct pleasure to honor TTD, as it has firmly established itself as an effective advocate for American workers and is a well-respected leader in transportation policy debates.

The threats facing the United States in the 21st Century require all of us to be on the frontlines. Accordingly, TTD has brought workers together from across all sectors of the transportation industry. From aviation to surface transportation, threats to transportation security are broad and cross-cutting, and TTD has helped to bring diverse groups of workers together to speak with a clear, strong voice on issues of common concern.

As Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, I know how important transportation workers are to the National homeland security mission. On September 11, 2001, transportation workers witnessed the destruction firsthand, and some workers' lives were, unfortunately, cut short. Since that day, under the leadership of TTD, these men and women have become educated and effective allies and advocates in improving our homeland security. TTD workers are on the front lines, working under stressful, rapidly-changing conditions. Under my leadership, the Committee has taken efforts to support these tireless and dedicated workers by providing them with the tools, training, and protections they deserve. To keep our homeland secure, transportation workers must be trained, prepared, and supported.

TTD has been a strong advocate for ensuring that workers have the training and tools they need to protect their passengers from harm, and their freight shipments from foul play. It has helped workers be free to identify security gaps in an appropriate manner without fear of retribution from their employer. TTD has also been a leading proponent for a strong federal investment in transportation security, one that recognizes that all modes must be fully secured. And it has been invaluable as background check and security credential programs are created for workers—making certain that we are improving security, not just making it more difficult for people to do their jobs.

We are continually reminded that our efforts to strengthen transportation security are far from complete. In these complicated times, the bold and effective voice of TTD is needed more than ever. I congratulate TTD on the important progress it has made on behalf of workers in its first 20 years, and look forward to working with them in the years ahead.

SUPPORT FOR NORTH AMERICAN  
INCLUSION MONTH**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Representative TOWNS on H.R. 1014 which recognizes and supports the goals and ideals of North American Inclusion Month. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution which demonstrates Congress' support for ensuring that all individuals are included in communities across the Nation. I would also like to commend Yachad and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America for their continued support of disabled Americans.

I recently introduced two bills that support the ideals and goals of North American Inclusion Month, H.R. 4533, the Technology Bill of Rights and H.R. 1408, the Inclusive Home Design Act.

The Technology Bill of Rights would allow the blind and visually impaired equal access to rapidly advancing electronics, which millions of Americans use every day. Because the blind are currently not able to interact with many new technologies, they must overcome barriers of which other Americans may not even be aware.

The visually impaired are not able to use touch screens and visual displays, which have replaced knobs and buttons on many appliances. They face challenges in choosing new stoves, microwaves, fax machines, and cell phones. These technologies have become essential for many Americans, and inaccessibility has challenged the independence of and work opportunities of the blind. Even in good economic times, the blind face enormous barriers in their attempts to join the workforce, because of the inability to use many office technologies that require visual interaction. The recent economic downturn has amplified these hurdles to employment.

H.R. 4533 would ensure blind and visually impaired Americans equal access to these new technologies. The bill would mandate that consumer electronics, home appliances, kiosks, and electronic office technology are designed with nonvisual access components so that they are usable by all people. There are already inexpensive mechanisms that have been created which manufacturers can use to ensure equal access. This includes text-to-speech technology that has unfortunately not seen widespread implementation. This bill would increase the implementation of existing technologies and create new jobs as new technologies are developed to ensure that products are accessible for the visually impaired.

The Inclusive Home Design Act would mandate that all new homes built with the assistance of Federal funds would be accessible for the disabled. This legislation is based on the principle of integrating basic accessibility, establishing "visitability" standards, and allowing elderly Americans to "age in place" rather than being forced to move, be institutionalized, or spend thousands of dollars on home renovations. This is a sustainable, affordable, and inclusive design approach. It would require the new homes to meet four accessibility standards. First, it would require at minimum one

accessible entrance into the home. Second, doorways on the first floor must be large enough to accommodate wheelchairs. Third, at least one bathroom must be wheelchair accessible. Finally, the light switch and thermostats are required to be at a reachable height for those in a wheelchair. I am proud to have the support of Access Living and the Paralyzed Veterans of America in passing this legislation.

I encourage my colleagues to support the resolution recognizing North American Inclusion Month, and I look forward to continuing to work with them to ensure equal access for all.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD  
"DICK" SPOTO, FORMER PRIN-  
CIPAL AND HEADMASTER**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and contributions of Richard "Dick" Spoto—and to acknowledge his dedication to the teachers, students and his neighbors in the Tampa Bay Area.

Mr. Spoto was born in Tampa, Florida in 1917. He was the youngest of 13 children born to Guiseppina and Pietro Spoto. He started his 41-year career in education as the assistant football coach at Hillsborough High and then the head coach at Jefferson High until he became the county's first director of health and physical education in 1949. Shortly after, Mr. Spoto returned to school and received his master's degree in administration from the University of Florida in 1952.

Mr. Spoto realized soon after receiving his masters that his true calling resided in the school system. So he returned to become principal of Tampa Bay Boulevard Elementary from 1953–1961, then Sligh Junior High from 1961–1966 and finally Hillsborough High from 1966–1970. After leaving the school district, he went to work as headmaster at Saint Mary's Episcopal Day School before retiring in 1980.

For 41 years, Mr. Spoto was dedicated to enriching the lives of his students and colleagues. His mentor and friend Richard "Norm" Pettigrew, with whom he created the group Athletes from the Past, described him as "a friend to everyone—an inspiration really . . . he would instill good habits and kept you on track."

While Mr. Spoto may be gone his lifelong commitment to athletics and education has been celebrated with many honors, culminating in 2005 with the dedication of Richard C. Spoto High School.

Mr. Spoto is survived by his two daughters, Susan Spoto Shobe, Elizabeth "B.J." Spoto-Russell along with his four grandchildren, Ashley Shobe Gilkison, David C. Shobe Jr., Kathleen Elizabeth Johns, and Allison Elayne Russell and his two great-grandchildren, Richard "Bo" Gilkison and Elizabeth Marie Johns. The Tampa community honors the life of Mr. Spoto for his outstanding contributions as an educator.

His service to the Tampa Bay community has made a lasting mark that will not soon be forgotten.

THE RENEWABLE ENERGY  
EXPANSION ACT**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, the impacts of a changing climate are far-reaching, representing a threat not only to our natural ecosystems but to our national security as well. To help avoid the worst effects of carbon pollution, consumers must have a dependable supply of energy that is clean, renewable, and American. The right combination of tax incentives, regulatory changes, and investment in research and development for cleaner energy can expand the renewable energy market, put renewable energy on an equal footing with traditional fossil fuels, and create good domestic jobs in the clean energy industry.

During the economic crisis, renewable energy investors were unable to take advantage of tax credits offered by the federal government to spur renewable energy investment and production. For example, many industry analysts anticipated that in 2009 wind power development would drop by as much as 50% from 2008 levels, with equivalent job losses.

To avoid this outcome, the federal government shifted its tax credit contribution to these projects into cash grants for qualifying projects. This program was extremely successful: in 2009, as a result of these policies, the U.S. wind industry broke all previous records by installing nearly 10,000 megawatts of new generating capacity in 2009. Other renewable energy providers reported similar gains.

This grant program expires on December 31, 2010. The legislation that I am introducing today, the Renewable Energy Expansion Act, will ensure that these benefits are not lost and will ensure that consumers continue to gain better access to sources of clean, renewable energy.

The Renewable Energy Expansion Act allows taxpayers to elect to receive a tax credit that functions as a direct payment for investing in or producing renewable energy. The amount of the payment is tailored to equal the subsidy provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's energy grant program. The legislation provides taxpayers the option to receive this new credit or to use the ARRA-created grant program, depending on which program best matches their needs. The legislation also ensures the smooth continuation of our underlying commitment to clean, renewable energy by carrying forward existing guidance and making technical changes to improve the underlying program. Finally, the legislation extends the credit until January 1, 2013.

The legislation makes several technical improvements to the underlying grant program. First, it eliminates an unintended consequence of the normalization rules that limited the ability of regulated utilities to develop renewable power facilities, even if the project otherwise met the prudency tests required by their public utilities commissions. I look forward to seeing added renewable power capacity in my state as a result.

Second, the legislation also improves the investment climate for renewable projects by streamlining access to these investments by

investment funds with tax-exempt investors. The proportional disallowance rules that are part of the legislation provide an important balance between protecting federal investments while opening up increased sources of development capital for renewable power developers. In that same vein, this legislation adopts changes that will increase the ability for real estate investment trusts to access these investments and I look forward to an expanding pool of investment capital for these projects in the future.

Finally, it is important to emphasize that the regulatory guidance that has been developed under the American Revitalization and Recovery Act's section 1603 grant program will be adopted by this legislation. It is important for the renewable energy industry—and for the investment community that supports it—to have certainty in the nature of the federal commitment. Having built a smoothly functioning guidance structure under the 1603 program, it provides no benefit to unsettle that understanding. It is my expectation that within 60 days of the enactment of this legislation the Treasury Department will issue guidance integrating the existing guidance into this new framework.

This legislation will help transition America to a clean energy economy. I look forward to working with my colleagues to realize that goal.

HONORING KATHERINE O. HENDERSON, RECIPIENT OF THE 2009 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD

**HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Katherine O. Henderson for receiving the 2009 Milken Education Family Foundation National Educator Award.

Ms. Henderson, a teacher at West Ashley High School in Charleston, joins a prestigious group of Milken Educator Award recipients, and I am proud to have one of my constituents recognized as one of these talented educators. She has made a remarkable impact on the youth of South Carolina through her innovative teaching strategies and inspirational teaching quality. Not only has she provided models of excellence for the profession, but has motivated students, colleagues and members throughout her community.

The Milken Educator Awards motto states, "The future belongs to the educated." With that said, thank you, Katherine O. Henderson, for your outstanding commitment and influence on the future generations of South Carolina's First District.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican Conference standards regarding Member initiatives, I am

submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding projects received as part of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010 Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Auburn University/Frontier Technology, Inc.

Address of Receiving Entity: 102 Samford Hall, Auburn, AL 36849/1400 Commerce Blvd., #27, Anniston, AL 36207

Description of Request: Provide \$2,800,000 for the Enhanced Military Vehicle Maintenance System Demonstration Project. Auburn University and partner Frontier Technology, Inc. will partner and use these funding will go towards system analysis, development, integration, validation and training, as well as toward field installation, optimization and support. Additionally, these efforts should create new high tech jobs, and will continue to demonstrate that Auburn University is a premier research and development university. The Enhanced Military Vehicle Maintenance System identities difficult to detect failure modes that must be serviced while the vehicle is undergoing maintenance. It models vehicle conditions to ensure that the vehicle is restored to an optimum state of operation prior to return to service. This technology can be modified for various military vehicles to detect problems not typically reported using threshold or trend systems. It detects problems before they happen, preventing breakdowns in battlefield environments. The system successfully verifies that vehicles repaired at the Depot have been restored to an optimum state of operation prior to redeployment. The system provides the cutting edge, cost effective technology that helps ensure more rapid and reliable deployment of critical military vehicles during this period when our equipment is under extreme and extended use. Auburn and FTI are now starting to implement the system at Anniston.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010 Account: OM, Army

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Intergraph Corporation

Address of Receiving Entity: 170 Graphics Drive, Madison, AL 35758

Description of Request: Provide \$4,000,000 for the Fort Benning National Incident Management System (NIMS)—Compliant Installation Operations Center. Funding will be used to establish a NIMS-compliant installation operations center, hardware, software, services and training at Fort Benning, Georgia. This funding will go towards meeting the implementation of a NIMS-compliant installation operations center that will directly support Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5 by providing interoperability and cross-jurisdiction capabilities among local and multi-state response agencies. The request will allow Fort Benning to create a NIMS-compliant state-of-the-art operations center. This system will provide Fort Benning with the critically needed capability to track and protect new incidents and existing activities. The final solution will integrate first responder force protection and the fire fighting common operational picture into

one comprehensive command and control/decision support capability that will provide visibility to the commander to gain status and direct response, analyze the current anti-terrorism and force protection mission, and allow for appropriate reporting to other operations centers throughout the country.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010 Account: RDT&E, Army

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: John C. Calhoun Community College

Address of Receiving Entity: P.O. Box 2216, Decatur, Alabama 35609

Description of Request: Provide \$3,360,000 for the ART-SAM (Adaptive Robotics Technology for Space, Air and Missiles). Funding will be used to establish a national robotics Research and Development center at the Robotics Technology Park, located at Calhoun Community College, to develop robotics capability for space, air, and missile defense missions for a variety of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC) projects, programs, and core mission needs. This funding will go towards implementation of the infrastructure and development of robotic hardware and software. This includes evaluating initial concepts for implementation, establishing operational capability, and demonstrating initial operational capability. This is the first year funding will be needed; this project will be accomplished over a three year funding cycle. Alabama's 3rd District will be impacted indirectly, and the opportunities for job creation and workforce development across the state are considerable. Additionally, the strong military-oriented mission for ART-SAM should apply directly to military operations and associated personnel in District 3. The implications of the ART-SAM vision will be readily apparent to any District 3 constituent already involved in battlefield simulation and robotics.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010 Account: RDT&E, Army

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: QinetiQ North America—Systems Engineering Group

Address of Receiving Entity: 890 Explorer Blvd., Huntsville, AL 35806

Description of Request: Provide \$3,360,000 for Scenario Generation for Integrated Air and Missile Defense Evaluation. This funding will be used for the Army Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Software Engineering Directorate (SED) for development of ground test scenarios required to execute the Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) Battle Command System Milestone B Test and Evaluation Master Plan (TEMP). Funding for this scenario development effort addresses a portion of a documented AMD UFR associated with System of Systems development and acquisition funding profile. Investment in this scenario development during FY10 will maintain the critical milestone schedule, including Milestone C and Initial Operational Capability (IOC).

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010 Account: RDT&E, Army

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: PeopleTec, Inc.

Address of Receiving Entity: 4901-D Corporate Drive, Huntsville, AL 35806

Description of Request: Provide \$3,120,001 for the Enhanced Rapid Tactical Integration for Fielding of Systems (ERTIFS). Funding will leverage and evolve ERTIFS developed Aviation and Missile interoperability technologies and systems. Funding will be used for engineering and development of the Army Battle Command System—Brigade Architecture (ABCS-BA), procurement, integration and testing of the ABCS-BA hardware, and ABCS-BA project to support four additional types of required interoperability Tests: 1) Individual System, 2) System of Systems (e.g., Software Blocking), 3) Backwards Compatibility—Interoperability and 4) Regression Testing.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY TO PROMOTE WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH AND HEALTH PARITY

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me as I recognize National Wear Red Day this Friday, February 5, to raise awareness of and support women's heart health.

Heart disease is the number one killer of women. In Michigan, more than 43 women die each day from heart disease and stroke. In fact, since 1984, more women than men die of heart disease each year and the gap between men and women's survival continues to widen.

These deaths are largely preventable. For too long, medical professionals and the public at large have viewed heart disease as a "man's disease." This attitude is still manifested today. Women comprise only 24 percent of participants in all heart-related studies. Women wait longer than men to go to an emergency room when having a heart attack and physicians are slower to recognize the presence of heart attacks in women because "characteristic" patterns of chest pain and EKG changes are less frequently present. After heart attack, women are less likely than men to receive beta blockers, ACE inhibitors and aspirin—therapies known to improve survival. This contributes to a higher rate of complications after heart attacks in women, even after adjusting for age. Consequently, 38 percent of women, compared to 25 percent of men, will die within one year of a first recognized heart attack.

Heart health is just one area of the health care disparities between men and women, so the Wear Red Campaign is critical to leveling that playing field. But along with heart health, we must do more to ensure health parity for women in all aspects of health care. So, I am so proud today to stand with the American Heart Association and the hundreds of thousands of women and men who support this important cause and I am proud to continue to fight in Congress and support health parity for women in all aspects of health care.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. NADLER of New York. Madam Speaker, due to other business, I missed one vote on February 3, 2010. Had I been able to, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 34, an amendment offered by Mr. HASTINGS (D-FL) to the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2009 (H.R. 4016).

### INNOVATIVE EFFORT TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

#### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I would like to draw my colleagues' attention to a new and extremely innovative campaign to encourage businesses to employ workers with disabilities. I also want to congratulate Health and Disability Advocates for overseeing the campaign. Health and Disability Advocates, a non-profit organization located in Chicago, is a leading voice on disability issues and, under the talented leadership of Barbara Otto, has been a valuable resource for Illinois and the nation.

As of December 2008, 54.4 million people in the United States—18.7 percent of our population, or nearly one in five Americans—reported some level of disability. Official figures show that unemployment among persons with a disability was 13.8 percent this past November, compared to 9.5 percent among non-disabled people, but this doesn't include many people who are too discouraged to even look for work. When disabled persons are employed, promotion opportunities may be scarce.

The cost of employing a person with a disability is minimal, averaging only \$313 in 2007. Employees with disabilities had nearly identical job performance ratings to those without disabilities according to a 2007 study by DePaul University researchers. Employers say that employing a disabled person is well worth the expense, finding these individuals to be loyal, reliable, and hard-working, serving long tenures with low absenteeism rates. Additionally, hiring disabled employees serves to diversify the work environment, which has an overall positive impact.

Health and Disability Advocates has undertaken a campaign to highlight the importance of hiring people with disabilities that is imaginative and persuasive. I hope that my colleagues will take an opportunity to read the following article that ran in the New York Times on January 29 to read about it.

#### USING HUMOR IN A CAMPAIGN SUPPORTING DISABLED PEOPLE

A national effort to encourage businesses to employ workers with disabilities is not your father's hire the handicapped campaign.

One difference is that the new ads are paid rather than pro bono, with an estimated budget of \$4 million for the first two quarters of 2010. The ads will appear on tele-

vision, in print, online and outdoors; there is also a sponsorship deal with NPR.

The ads are being financed largely by agencies in 30 states that provide employment services as well as health and human services to their citizens who are disabled. The agencies have set a goal of raising \$10 million for the campaign's budget for the full year.

Typically, ads that seek to make a case for employing people with disabilities run as public service announcements. That makes them dependent on the kindness of media outlets to place them prominently on television, in print or online.

"We'll never have enough money to oversaturate the media," said Barbara Otto, executive director at Health and Disability Advocates in Chicago, which is overseeing the campaign, "but we wanted to do something different, something that didn't look like a P.S.A."

To that end, the campaign takes a light-hearted tack rather than a sober or earnest tone. The ads try to challenge conventional wisdom about workers with disabilities by offering humorous examples of people with "differences" already employed.

For instance, in a television commercial, a worker in a wheelchair points out her colleagues who "you could label as 'different.'" Among them are a woman dressed in a night-mare wardrobe of clashing patterns, who is "fashion deficient"; a klutzy young man at the copier, who is "copy incapable"; and a shouting man who suffers from "volume control syndrome."

The punch line of the commercial is that the worker in the wheelchair is different, too: Her skills at a basic office function are so bad that she is labeled "coffee-making impaired."

Print ads introduce employers to a man in a suit whose awkward dance moves make him "rhythm impaired" and an awkward man who is hard to understand because he is "jargon prone."

The text of the ads elaborates on the point the campaign strives to make.

The ad with the worker who is rhythm impaired declares: "Just because someone moves a little differently doesn't mean they can't help move your business forward. The same goes for people with disabilities."

The ad with the jargon-spouting worker reads: "Just because someone talks differently doesn't mean they don't bring something of value to the conversation. The same goes for people with disabilities."

The tongue-in-cheek differences in each ad appear as Dymo-style labels across the faces of the employees, to set up the theme of the campaign, "Think beyond the label." The theme is repeated in the address of a microsite, or special Web site ([thinkbeyondthelabel.com](http://thinkbeyondthelabel.com)), where additional information is available about, as the home page puts it, "just how silly labels can be."

The concept was tested, Ms. Otto, said "to get that employment decision-maker thinking that everyone in the workplace is different," but not so much that it would make anyone—with disabilities or otherwise—feel uncomfortable.

"We knew it needed to be disruptive," Ms. Otto said, "but we wanted it to be tasteful." In the research, "people said they liked the funny and human tone," she added.

The tenor of the campaign was endorsed by the actor in the wheelchair, Alana Wallace, who is an advocate for people with disabilities as well as a performer.

"I knew I needed to be a part of this campaign," Ms. Wallace said, because "there were enough of the pity-party approaches" to the subject.

The commercial "speaks to our similarities in that we all have a label someone

could put on us," she added. "We never use the word 'disability' throughout the entire ad."

Among those collaborating on the campaign are Wirestone; Kelly, Scott & Madison; and Fuor Digital, a unit of Kelly, Scott & Madison, all based in Chicago.

"People go through life labeling other people: 'the funny guy,' 'the bald guy,' 'the girl with the glasses,'" said Brian Addison, director for brand strategy at Wirestone. "The labels can go from harmless to hurtful."

"We're saying, before you label someone, think twice whether it correlates to productivity in the workplace," he added.

In developing the creative approach, "we wanted it to be on that fine line of provocative but not polarizing," Mr. Addison said, adding that he believed the campaign accomplished being "human instead of being overly serious."

The ads are being concentrated in media outlets preferred by the intended audience of people who ought to, as the campaign suggests, "evolve your work force," those who influence hiring decisions at small, midsize or large companies. They include senior managers, executives and staff members of human resources departments and hiring managers.

The commercial is to run during Sunday morning news programs on ABC, CBS and NBC and on cable channels like BBC America, CNN, ESPN and HLN.

The print ads are to appear in publications like Fast Company, HR Magazine, Inc., Time, The Wall Street Journal and The Week.

Among the Web sites scheduled to run the digital ads are CNN.com, ESPN.com and WSJ.com. There will also be search-engine marketing tied to keywords on Web sites like Google.

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**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a few moments today to acknowledge a great group of Nebraska students who have graciously put forth efforts to aid the people of Haiti in their time of need.

After the destructive earthquake which hit the island of Haiti, many are surviving without basic necessities. A third-grade class in Arnold, Nebraska had been studying citizenship when the crisis in Haiti occurred. When a student suggested the class aid in the efforts to help Haiti recover from the earthquake, the rest of the class sprung into action.

The students gathered as many clothes, blankets, medical supplies and shoes as they could and teamed up with the Grain Train, an

organization which has been sending supplies to the Haiti orphanages for years.

Their efforts should not go unnoticed, and I am grateful to have such outstanding students doing what they can to extend Nebraska's "Good Life" worldwide.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM COELHO FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the community of Milford, Connecticut as they gather to pay tribute to William "Bill" Coelho—an outstanding individual who has dedicated countless hours to enriching the lives of others and making his community a better place to live, work, and grow.

Bill is an extraordinary man whose generosity, compassion, and commitment to public service has touched the lives of many. He, like so many of us, learned about the importance of community service and caring for others from his parents, Rose and Julio Coelho. Bill has taken those lessons and dedicated a lifetime to improving the quality of life for friends, neighbors, and strangers alike. He is a reflection of the very best of our community.

Bill is a legend in Milford—particularly in the sports community. He was an All-State tackle and Heavyweight Division State Champion at Milford High School where the gymnasium would be packed to witness his next conquest. As an adult, raising his own family in Milford, Bill organized the Milford Raiders Football Program and started a Wrestling Clinic for young athletes. Through these programs, Bill has helped to instill in hundreds of our young people the value of team work, practice, camaraderie, sportsmanship, and commitment to excellence—skills that will serve these young people well as they begin to leave their own mark on the world.

The difference that Bill has made in the lives of others is immeasurable. However, what he means to this community is reflected in the faces of all of those who have gathered this evening to pay him tribute and support him in his time of need. Bill has been struggling with lung cancer for some eighteen months now. I have no doubt that Bill will win his battle—if nothing else, Bill is a fighter, determined to regain his health and to continue his work in our community.

For the many invaluable contributions he has made and his lifetime of service to the community, I am proud to stand today and extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to

William "Bill" Coelho. My very best wishes to Bill, his wife, Deb, and his son, Zachary as they share this very special evening of friendship and support.

JANUARY, 2010: NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 4, 2010*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of National Mentoring Month. On the 26 of January, this House passed a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month, which we recognize each January. Last year I honored an organization that operates in and around the Eighth Congressional District that truly exemplified the spirit of selflessness and community that we look for in our Nation. This year, I've selected another honorable organization to highlight.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound is a wonderful organization. Despite rough economic times they have persevered and continue working to match boys and girls in Western Washington with willing and energetic mentors to build relationships that sometimes last a lifetime. In 2009 alone, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound made and funded more than 2,000 matches in Western Washington. "Bigs" head to their "littles" schools or neighborhoods to study or play. "Bigs" in Western Washington may go to Safeco Field with their "little" to watch the Mariners play, or board a ferry to get an up-close glimpse of the beautiful Puget Sound.

It is during difficult economic times that wonderful organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sister can "slip under the radar" and struggle mightily—and silently—while trying to achieve their goals. I encourage everyone to support your local chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters, and any other businesses, or nonprofit, religious or civic organizations who put the youngest among us first. We all know the devastating stories of young people whose futures are derailed because of poor decision-making, violence, or apathy. Mentoring holds a remedy. Mentoring is proven to change lives—the lives of "bigs" and "littles" alike.

In 2009, Patrick D'Amelio took over for Tina Podlowski as President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound. I look forward to working with Patrick on issues of mentoring and education, and I wish him all the best in the coming year. Again, I encourage this body to support mentoring across our great Nation, because the work done by our mentors is invaluable and lasting.