

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DR. GEORGE W.
DAVIS

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. George W. Davis, a highly esteemed and beloved community leader and senior advocate who passed away on March 8 after a long illness. His legacy of service will endure for many generations.

Dr. Davis was a compassionate leader, always working on behalf of the San Francisco community. He worked tirelessly, as a gerontologist and community activist, to make life better for the underserved, especially elderly African Americans in San Francisco's Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood.

For 32 years, Dr. Davis served as Executive Director of Bayview Hunters Point Multipurpose Senior Center. He made it a welcoming gathering place and a compassionate environment where seniors could receive the therapeutic, social, recreational and health services that are so vital to their well-being. The programs and services provide the quality health care seniors need, as well as support their independence and preserve their dignity.

In 1999 Dr. Davis launched the first initiative in the United States to help formerly incarcerated seniors re-enter the community. His program provides transitional support and health care, including mental health and addiction counseling, and a myriad of services to ensure a successful new start.

Thirty years ago Dr. Davis founded the Black Cuisine Cook-Off, to be celebrated in conjunction with Black History Month every March. This soul food festival encourages a strong sense of community, bridges generations, and reminds us of the richness that is the diversity of our city and our nation. Dr. Davis attended his final cook-off this year, just a few days before he died.

Dr. Davis was sustained by his faith, and in 2000 Dr. Davis was ordained as a minister. He served as Associate Pastor of the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in San Francisco.

Above all, Dr. Davis loved his family. His wife and partner Cathy is the beneficiary of his extraordinary legacy and will carry on his work as Executive Director of the Multipurpose Center. I extend my deepest condolences to Cathy and to his brother Wesley Davis, his children LolaGerine Allen, William George Davis II, Tonya Davis, Kristy Davis, Matthew Davis, Teri Jordan and his grandchildren, nieces and nephews. I hope it is a comfort to his loved ones that many mourn his passing and are praying for them at this sad time.

HONORING DAVID WAYNE ROMICK
FOR HIS SERVICE

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent from Tucson, Arizona.

David Wayne Romick joined the U.S. Army on October 20, 1963, and was discharged on June 22, 1966. When discharged, he was awarded the Army's Good Conduct Medal (AGCM), but never received the award for his honorable service during the Vietnam War.

After waiting 44 years, David contacted my Tucson District office in December of last year for help in getting this award. At my urging, the U.S. Army reviewed David's records and concluded that he was not presented with the AGCM as per his DD-214. The Army admitted its error and on Friday, March 12, 2010, I had the honor and privilege of presenting this long overdue honor to David Romick.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank Mr. Romick for his service to our country and the U.S. Army for correcting this error.

CELEBRATING THE FESTIVAL OF
HOLI

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the people of India and the Indian Diaspora as they celebrate Holi, the Festival of Colors.

Holi is a time when communities come together after a long winter to welcome the spring harvest. It is a visually stunning event with thousands of people tossing colored powders in the air and using dyed water in an atmosphere where culture, camaraderie and oneness are celebrated. In the evening, community bonfires are lit to signify triumph over divisiveness and negativity. It is one of the largest festivals in the world, with over one billion Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists participating throughout India, Nepal, the United States and many other nations.

As a member of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans, I would like to commend the Hindu American Foundation for educating Americans about Holi and the Hindu faith and join them in recognizing this year's Festival of Colors.

HONORING MR. STEPHEN KEEFE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to

the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Stephen Keefe. Mr. Keefe served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Chautauqua County Legislature, serving district 25.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Keefe served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Keefe is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to him today.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
POLICE OFFICER THOMAS F.
PATTON II

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Cleveland Heights Police Officer Thomas F. Patton II, who courageously and selflessly rose to the call to duty and made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our community.

Being a police officer was Officer Patton's childhood dream. He was a nine-year veteran of the Cleveland Heights Police Department, and served every minute on duty with excellence, expertise, unwavering dedication and integrity. Officer Patton's kind heart and good-natured personality easily drew others to him, and his loyalty to fellow police officers, to the citizens of Cleveland Heights, and to his family, reflected every day of his life.

Officer Patton's passion and energy for police work was unmistakable, yet his greatest joy in life centered around his family and friends. I extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends and fellow police officers. He was a loving partner to fiancé Tricia Sindelar, loving new father of seven-month-old daughter, Kayleigh Evelyn Patton; beloved son of State Senator Thomas F. Patton and the late Evelyn Patton; beloved brother to Shannon, Erin, Meghan, Brigid, and Kathleen; beloved brother-in-law of Duke, Michael and Anthony; adored grandson of Rita Patton and Joan Kessler; beloved uncle of Owen and Colin Southworth; much loved cousin and nephew; and beloved close friend to many.

Madam Speaker, and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Police Officer Thomas F. Patton—gone far too soon. Officer Patton's professional excellence, commitment to protecting others, unwavering kindness, generous spirit and love for his family and friends, will be forever honored and remembered by our entire community.

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AFGHANISTAN WAR POWERS
RESOLUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H. Con. Res. 248, a resolution that would require the President to precipitously withdraw American troops from Afghanistan by December 31, 2010. While I welcome today's robust debate on such a critical issue, there can be no doubt that abandoning Afghanistan and the region in this moment is against America's national interests.

I have supported America's engagement in Afghanistan since my vote in 2001 to authorize military action against those responsible for the terrorist attacks of September 11th. After years of inattentiveness by the Bush Administration, President Obama inherited a deteriorated security environment in Afghanistan. General Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, completed a review in August 2009 that confirmed conditions to be rapidly declining, with the Taliban insurgency gaining ground and the allied NATO effort losing the support of the Afghan people.

Stability in Afghanistan and Pakistan directly impacts the safety of our citizens, and violent extremism poses a real and significant threat to global security. For this very reason, our efforts in Afghanistan have received overwhelming international support, with over 40 nations—NATO and non-NATO alike—contributing troops.

I support President Obama's strategy to provide our service men and women with the resources they need for success, to increase the commitment of our NATO allies through renewed engagement, and to build up the Afghan security forces so that our troops can come home. This work will not be quick, nor will it be easy. Still, one thing is clear: Afghanistan cannot be allowed to once again become a sanctuary for terror and extremism.

HONORING MR. JOHN FULLER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Fuller of Long Branch, New Jersey. Mr. Fuller will be honored as the 2010 Hibernian of the Year by the Monmouth County, New Jersey Division (2nd Division) of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. This prestigious honor is well-deserved in light of his tremendous contributions to the organization's continued efforts to preserve Irish culture in the United States, and its efforts to provide a continuing bridge with Ireland for those individuals of Irish origin who are generations removed from their ancestral homeland.

Mr. Fuller, a first generation Irish-American, has been a dedicated member of the Monmouth County Chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (Div. 2) since 2003. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Commodore John Barry Committee of the AOH State Board. Furthermore, he is one of the founding

members, and a current organizer, of the Annual Sea Girt Irish Festival. This festival has grown into one of the largest Irish cultural events in the State of New Jersey. With fellow AOH members, Mr. Fuller has been actively involved with St. Ann Church in Keansburg, New Jersey. As a career public servant, Mr. Fuller has worked tirelessly for Senator FRANK LAUTENBERG and other public servants across New Jersey on State and Federal issues that are important to the Irish-American community. His active participation with the Ancient Order of Hibernians—Division 2 serves to further preserve the Irish heritage in our culturally diverse State and Nation.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Assistant Commissioner Fuller for his reception of the 2010 Hibernian of the Year recognition, and also for his leadership and service to the Irish-American community.

AFGHANISTAN WAR POWERS
RESOLUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in opposition to H. Con. Res. 248, The Afghanistan War Powers Resolution. This resolution calls for a premature withdrawal of our forces from Afghanistan, putting our service men and women and our Nation at risk. Make no mistake, we are in the midst of a very important war. We did not seek the Global War on Terror, but it is one we cannot abandon.

On September 11, 2001, we were attacked in the most horrifying way. 2,973 innocent people were killed. Nine buildings were destroyed. The Pentagon was hit and but for the bravery of the passengers of United Flight #93, our Capitol would have been destroyed as well.

This war, however, did not begin or end on that fateful day. Muslim extremists have been at war with America for years, but few people took notice until 2001.

In 1983, terrorists launched a suicide truck-bomb attack against the U.S. Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, killing 242 Americans.

In 1993, Islamic terrorists attacked the World Trade Center building in New York City, killing six people and injuring 1,000 more.

In 1998, Al-Qaeda bombed the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, leaving 300 dead and injuring over 5,000 people.

In 2000, the U.S. Navy Destroyer USS *Cole* was attacked by followers of Usama bin Laden, killing 17 sailors and injuring 39.

In May 2001, just over three months before the attacks of September 11, the Muslim terrorist group Abu Sayyaf kidnapped 16 people including Kansas missionaries Martin and Gracia Burnham. While some escaped, four hostages were killed including Martin. Fortunately, Gracia survived this terrifying ordeal and is now living in Rose Hill, Kansas.

On September 11, Americans awoke to the reality that we could no longer ignore the growing threat of Muslim extremists. We had a choice: either wait for the next attack, or take the fight to the terrorists. The American

people and Congress were unified in answering that we would fight terrorists before they reach American soil.

Today, the United States remains engaged in a global war against Muslim extremists. In order to protect our country, we must ensure that terrorists are not given safe haven in any nation. Most of the planning of training for the September 11, 2001 attacks took place in Afghanistan and terrorists continue to exploit vulnerabilities in Afghanistan today. Our troops have made tremendous progress in securing Afghanistan, but there is much more to do. Afghanistan needs our help to root out terrorists and ensure that terrorists no longer use their country to launch terrorist attacks around the world.

We are not naive as to the cost of this war. Over 1,000 brave Americans have been killed in Afghanistan over the past eight years, and we mourn each one. Billions of dollars have been spent on this protracted effort. This has been a long and costly war, but it is not in vain.

The cost of this war does not negate the importance of this war. Afghanistan is the central front in the war against terror. Walking away from Afghanistan will not bring peace and security to our people. We have seen firsthand what happens when Afghanistan is a safe haven for terrorists. The consequences are too great for us to simply wait for the enemy to strike.

The question is not does this war exist? Though some are in denial, we are at war even if we do not want to be. Rather, the question is where will the battle be fought? In opposing this resolution, I vote to have that battle where every American carries a gun and wears body armor, not on the streets of Wichita.

We can not leave Afghanistan until the job is done. We owe it to the Marines killed in Lebanon, the sailors of the USS *Cole*, those murdered at the east African embassies, Martin and Gracia Burnham, all those who lost their lives on September 11, and to the troops who have died defending our freedom and security on the battlefields of the Global War on Terror. We must stay strong and finish the task at hand.

I look forward to the day when our troops come home in victory, and when our people can live in peace and security—free from the fear of a terrorist attack. But today is not that day. Today we must redouble our efforts to bring security to Afghanistan, which, in turn, will bring us one step closer to that day. I urge my colleagues to oppose this resolution.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
JUSTICE PETER KELLY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Justice Peter Kelly, High Court Justice of Ireland, upon the occasion of his arrival to Cleveland, Ohio, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2010.

During his studies at University College in Dublin, Ireland, Justice Peter Kelly became a member of the prestigious Honorable Society of the King's Inn. He was called to the Irish

Bar in 1973, the Bar of England and Wales in 1981, the Bar of Northern Ireland in 1983, and the Inner Bar of Ireland in 1986. Justice Kelly was appointed Judge of the High Court in 1996 and has led the Commercial Division of the High Court since its inception in 2004.

In addition to conducting a successful legal career, Justice Kelly is active in the community. He volunteers for several organizations and is a leader on numerous boards. He is the Director of the Dublin Choral Foundation and serves as Chair of the Commercial Law Centre in Dublin.

Justice Kelly comes to Cleveland on the occasion of our annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration. For thirty-one years, attorneys Tim Collins and Thomas Scanlon have organized Cleveland's St. Patrick's Day Party and Parade. This joyous event promotes and preserves the rich traditions of the Irish homeland. On March 17, our downtown streets will spring to life as a sea of green and the spirited sound of drums and bagpipes wind their way along Euclid Avenue.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Justice Peter Kelly as we welcome him to Cleveland on St. Patrick's Day. Please also join me in recognition of Tim Collins and Thomas Scanlon for organizing the St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

"Ni dheanfaidh smaoineamh an treabhadh duit—You'll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind"—Old Irish Proverb.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN MAUDLIN

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to a fine American, John Maudlin, on an occasion when he and his business have received a prestigious honor: the International Circle of Excellence Award for 2009.

The Circle of Excellence, which is awarded by the International dealer organization of Navistar, Inc., honors International truck dealerships that achieve the highest level of dealer performance with respect to operating and financial standards, market representation, and most importantly, customer satisfaction. It is the highest honor a dealer principal can receive from the company. Under John's leadership, Maudlin International Trucks has grown into one of the preeminent truck dealerships in the Southeast and the entire nation, with 153 employees and five dealer locations in Orlando, Ocala, Jacksonville, Daytona Beach and Palm Bay. In 2007, the dealership also opened two parts and service locations. With this most recent award, Maudlin International has now received the Circle of Excellence Award a total of nine times.

John has achieved this level of accomplishment and recognition through many years of hard work and service to his industry and community. He serves the International dealer network as a member of its Sales, Marketing and Finance Dealer Advisory Board. He is a strong supporter of the Metro Orlando economy through not only his International dealership, but also his successful truck leasing business, Ideal Lease of Orlando. That leasing

business is a multi-year winner of the Ideal Gold Award for Excellence. Maudlin International Trucks is also very active in service to the community, staging the holiday party for the kids at the Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital, and engaging in annual adopt-a-family programs with the Orlando Rescue Mission and the Seminole Party Fire Department. John is also a strong supporter of the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando—as well as a die-hard University of Alabama football fan.

Through his commitment to hard work and outstanding customer service, he has built an economically vital business of which he can be justly proud. Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join with me in congratulating John Maudlin for his record of accomplishment and for his many contributions to his community, State and Nation.

HONORING MR. RON STARK

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ron Stark of Middletown, New Jersey. Mr. Stark will be honored as the "2010 Irishman of the Year" by the Monmouth County, New Jersey Division, 2nd Division, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. This prestigious honor is well-deserved in light of his tremendous contributions to the organization's continued efforts to preserve Irish culture in the United States. The Ancient Order of Hibernians works tirelessly to connect those individuals of Irish origin who are generations removed from their ancestral homeland to Ireland.

As a member of Division 2 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for the past twenty years, Mr. Stark has been actively involved in preserving Irish music through his participation in various bagpiping competitions. Mr. Stark began playing the bagpipe in 1997 and has competed as a Grade 4 Senior Soloist, and with a Grade 5 band which won 4th place in a 2001 competition. This achievement helped the band receive a Grade 4 upgrade from the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association. Mr. Stark has piped with fellow AOH members at various Hibernian functions over the years, and is now involved with a group of dedicated AOH members who are looking to form a Division 2 Bagpipe band. His achievements as a successful bagpiper serve to further preserve the Irish heritage in our culturally diverse state and nation.

Mr. Stark has also made great strides in bringing our Irish-American citizens closer to their ancestral homeland. During a 2004 trip to Ireland, he played the bagpipe during the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Galway City with his sons, Daniel and Liam, and met with extended family members who still live on the same land where his grandfather was born. His attempts to remain connected to his ancestral homeland help to foster American-Irish cooperation, and will help preserve the presence of Irish culture in the United States, which is important to millions of Irish-American citizens.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mr. Stark for his reception of the "2010 Irishman of the Year" recognition, and also for his lead-

ership and service to the Irish-American community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night I was unable to cast my votes on H. Res. 1145, H. Res. 1170, H. Res. 1163 and H. Res. 67. I was speaking at Mahomet-Seymour High School BullDog Pride Night at Mahomet-Seymour High School and I was unable to arrive in Washington, DC to cast my votes.

Had I been present on Roll Call #112 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 1145, Recognizing the University of Arizona's 125 years of dedication to excellence in higher education, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present on Roll Call #113 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 1170, Congratulating the winners of the Voice of Democracy national scholarship program, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present on Roll Call #114 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 1163, Recognizing Washington State University Honors College for 50 years of excellence, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present on Roll Call #115 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 267, Recognizing the cultural and historical significance of Nowruz, expressing appreciation to Iranian-Americans for their contributions to society, and wishing Iranian-Americans and the people of Iran a prosperous new year, I would have voted "aye."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE SCULPTURE OF HUNGARIAN STATESMAN LAJOS KOSSUTH, IN THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker and Colleagues, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 20th Anniversary of the ceremonial placing of the sculpture of Hungarian Statesman Lajos Kossuth, which occurred on March 15, 1990, in the United States Capitol Rotunda.

Lajos Kossuth is known as the Father of Hungarian Democracy. A lawyer and political columnist who was popular for his criticism of the government, he was imprisoned for his writings between 1837 and 1840. After his release, he worked to empower citizens and was a key leader during the 1848 Hungarian Revolution. Mr. Kossuth's activism on behalf of the people of Hungary resulted in the passage of the 'March Laws' that eradicated the privileges of nobles, freed the peasants, and established a legislature.

The 1990 dedication was made possible by legislation sponsored by my dear friend and colleague, the late Congressman Tom Lantos

of California. The dedication was attended by Interim President of the Republic of Hungary, Mr. Matyas Szuros, former House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, Secretary of Labor, Elizabeth Dole, Senate Republican Leader Robert Dole, Deputy Secretary of State of Lawrence Eagleburger, and several U.S. Representatives and Senators.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, I am honored to commemorate the life of Freedom Fighter and Hungarian statesman, Lajos Kossuth, in collaboration with the Ambassador of the Republic of Hungary, Bela Szombati, Majority Leader STENY H. HOYER, and Mrs. Annette Lantos, Chairwoman of the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice. Mr. Kossuth, a man of courage and conviction, paved a path to freedom in Hungary. His life and works will forever live as a testament to the power of commitment to freedom.

"The time draws near, when a radical change must take place for the whole world in the management of diplomacy"—Lajos Kossuth.

AFGHANISTAN WAR POWERS RESOLUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this resolution.

As a proud veteran of the United States Army, I have always worked to serve our men and women in uniform, our veterans, military families and their communities. In the U.S. House, I have the honor of representing Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base.

I recently traveled to Afghanistan to visit our troops and get a firsthand view of the situation on the ground. I met with 82nd Airborne troops as well as those from the North Carolina National Guard. They are doing a great job under the most trying of circumstances, and they make us all proud.

After the end of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, the United States simply walked away from a failed state. We know the impact that that decision has had on our history. We cannot simply walk away again. We must empower the Afghan army, security forces and the Afghan people themselves to tend to their security needs and build functioning civil institutions. We must not allow the Taliban to return to power in Afghanistan and once again use that country to become a staging ground for Al Qaeda terrorists targeting America and our allies. And we must stabilize this fragile region that includes the nuclear armed republic in next door Pakistan. These are daunting challenges, but our military men and women and their civilian counterparts are making progress and deserve our support.

Mr. Speaker, we should give our troops all of the resources they need, and make sure that we keep them in our prayers and appreciation. I am sure that my colleagues will join me in expressing our thanks. I thank first and foremost the Americans serving in Afghanistan. I thank their families for their tremendous sacrifice at home. I thank our allies, who would be left with an overwhelming task should we neglect our national commitments

and suddenly depart. I thank the vast majority of the Afghanis, who are working with us for their own futures in a functioning state. It is for their efforts, and all of their reasons for continuing to work tomorrow, that we should reject this resolution.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of our troops and in opposition to this resolution.

HONORING THE LIFE OF K.D. KILPATRICK

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of Mr. K.D. Kilpatrick, who passed away on March 14, 2010.

Among his impressive list of endeavors, Mr. Kilpatrick was a prominent businessman and former state senator. He was the retired co-owner of Kilpatrick Funeral Homes, Inc., Central American Life Insurance Company, Inc., and Ashley Life Insurance Company.

He will surely be remembered by all as a loving husband and father, a successful businessman and an important part of the North Louisiana community. His legacy will continue to thrive in those who he leaves behind.

Mr. Kilpatrick was a friend to many, and deemed a gracious and hardworking person by all who knew him. I wish to express my deepest condolences to his family, and may God continue to bless the memory of a man who will truly be missed by his family, his friends and his community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the late K.D. Kilpatrick, a true representative of the spirit of North Louisiana.

HONORING SERGEANT GUSTAVO RODRIGUEZ

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Army Staff Sergeant Gustavo Rodriguez for his exceptional service to the United States Army, his fellow medics, and corpsmen.

A native of Harford County, Sergeant Rodriguez was inspired by his father, a Vietnam veteran, to join the military and become a combat medic. His 15 years of service include three tours to Iraq and the receipt of the Bronze Star.

Sergeant Rodriguez, nicknamed Doc by his fellow soldiers, provides exceptional medical care and serves as a mentor and comrade to his colleagues. For his dedication and stellar commitment to the service, the Armed Services YMCA will award Sergeant Rodriguez with the Angels of the Battlefield Award. His bravery and honorable service saves lives each and everyday on the battlefield.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Army Staff Sergeant Gustavo Rodriguez. His tremendous contributions to the United States military do not go unnoticed.

IN RECOGNITION OF WADLEY TOWN COUNCIL DECLARING ZULA BATTLE DAY TO COMMEMORATE HER 108TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to Ms. Zula Battle who is celebrating her 108th birthday on March 22. The Wadley Town Council in Randolph County has helped highlight this special occasion by declaring March 22 as Zula Battle Day. According to Mayor Jim Dabbs, Ms. Battle has had more birthdays than the town itself.

On March 19, Ms. Battle is planning to celebrate her birthday at the home of Tom Radney. Many local residents close to Ms. Battle are planning to be in attendance, and the invitation is open to everyone in town.

Ms. Battle's 108th birthday is such a remarkable event that deserves all the praise given. I wish Ms. Battle a very happy birthday, and a wonderful Zula Battle day.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS' RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, information is the ultimate tool for empowering consumers. The more people know about the things they buy, the better able they are to match their needs and budget to the appropriate product and quantity of that product. This principle has been applied to help consumers make more fully-informed decisions on everything from corn flakes to cars, but never to electricity. Today I am introducing the Electricity Consumers' Right to Know Act (e-KNOW) to establish the consumers' right to access their electricity information. Encouraging energy efficiency and conservation in our homes and businesses is one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to strengthen our energy security and reduce global warming pollution. e-KNOW is a simple way to ensure that electric utility consumers have access to free, timely, and secure data regarding their electricity prices and usage patterns so they can take charge of their energy use and save money on utility bills.

The Pacific Northwest National Lab has found convincing evidence that consumers will change their energy consumption behavior in response to feedback they get regarding prices and patterns of use. When people see just how expensive electricity is when demand peaks on a hot summer day, they find ways to conserve energy or defer usage to a later time. This saves consumers money directly and also reduces the need for utilities to build more power plants, thereby indirectly saving consumers money through avoided rate increases in the future.

Rapid developments in Smart Grid technologies are providing a golden opportunity to

bridge the consumer information gap, but without regulatory reforms to ensure customers and their third party designees can access their electricity information, the potential of these technology advances will not be fully realized. The Recovery Act provided \$4.5 billion to accelerate standardization and deployment of the Smart Grid, including assistance in deploying millions of "smart meters" that can provide customers real-time usage and pricing information through two-way communications with the utility. The Electric Power Research Institute estimates that the U.S. will spend \$165 billion over the next 20 years building the Smart Grid, and FERC estimates that smart meters deployments will rise ten-fold over the next decade, from 8 million today to 80 million in 2019.

With full roll-out of smart grid technologies, the Pacific Northwest National Lab estimates that conservation efforts resulting from consumers' access to information will reduce residential and commercial electricity demand by 6 percent. This would save businesses and consumers more than \$15 billion annually and reduce carbon dioxide emissions significantly: 92 million metric tons annually in 2030, equal to the emissions of 16 large coal power plants. Providing customers with access to the data will not happen by itself. One recent study of a number of large utilities found that of the almost 17 million new meters being planned or deployed by respondents, only 35 percent had clear plans to provide customer access to the data. Less than 1 percent of these utilities' customers have real-time access to electricity data today.

States and utilities need not wait for full smart meter deployments to see benefits from adopting more transparent consumer data policies. Even without price incentives, simply providing consumers better information about their energy use has been shown to reduce total consumption by 5 to 15 percent, providing annual savings of \$60 to \$180 for the average American household. Even without smart meters, customers with access to historical electricity usage and price data can analyze their energy usage over time, evaluate prospective energy-efficiency investments, and compare electricity consumption against similarly sized houses. Improved access to this very basic data will also let new buyers of homes or buildings factor energy efficiency information into their purchase decisions.

Making energy data readily accessible to end-users will also open a whole new market and unleash massive innovation in the area of home and building energy management. Google and Microsoft are among the many innovators that have already released Internet-based visualization tools that are helping consumers better manage their energy use.

This legislation implements critical recommendations regarding increased consumer access to energy data that were included in the Federal Communications Commission's National Broadband Plan that was also released today. e-KNOW is critical to empowering energy consumers in the near-term, but it is also one part of an evolving national Smart Grid policy that will encourage entrepreneurs to use new technologies and business models to create a variety of energy management and information services over the longer-term. Making energy data available to electricity customers and their authorized third parties is fundamental to unleashing this vast potential for innovation.

The e-KNOW Act amends Title II of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 by adding Section 215, Electric Consumer Right to Access Electric Energy Information.

Under this legislation, U.S. electricity consumers, and any third parties they designate, would have the right to access their electricity usage and pricing information from their retail electricity provider in a free, timely, and convenient manner that ensures privacy and data security. To help implement this consumer right of access, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), in consultation with State regulatory authorities, the Secretary of Energy, and other appropriate Federal agencies, would—within six months of the date of enactment—establish guidelines identifying minimum national standards that States and utilities could adopt to ensure customers this right. These standards would incorporate and build upon the pioneering work done in this area by innovative States, including California, Pennsylvania, and Texas, which have already adopted standards to ensure consumer access to electricity data.

If, one year after the promulgation of the FERC guidelines, a retail electric utility fails to uphold the minimum national standards for ensuring consumer access to electricity data, the State may bring a civil action against the utility on behalf of its electric consumers to ensure compliance with the Act. If no civil action is brought by a state authority, any electric consumer may bring a civil action against their retail electric provider to require compliance with the Act. Enforcement authorities would not apply against utilities that FERC has, within the most recent two years, determined have adopted and implemented a policy that complies with the minimum standards set forth by FERC.

A TRIBUTE TO BUDDY TUDOR

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and achievements of Robert "Buddy" Tudor, Jr., who passed away on March 14, 2010.

Buddy was a dedicated public servant, and it is his connection and involvement in his community for which he will always be remembered. After serving in the U.S. Army, Buddy went on to become a third-generation owner of Tudor Construction Company in Alexandria who later founded the statewide and regionally based Tudor Enterprises. Perhaps some of his most recognized properties include The Hotel Bentley, Jackson Place, The Commercial Building and the Diamond Grill restaurant.

An inspiration to all who knew him, Buddy was also a community leader, serving on the boards of numerous civic organizations. He was a past president of the Alexandria Rotary Club, the first chairman of the Rapides Area Planning Commission. Also among his impressive list of endeavors and recognitions, Buddy received the Louisiana Preservation Alliance Award for preservation of The Hotel Bentley and the National Trust for Historic Preservation Honor Award in 1986.

A man of many dimensions, Buddy was also devoted to his family and church. He is sur-

vived by his wife, Patsy, five children, three stepchildren, 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Buddy served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Pineville's First Baptist Church.

It is my pleasure to honor the late Buddy Tudor, a man who served the people of Central Louisiana to his fullest capacity. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Buddy Tudor for his exceptional contributions to his community and unparalleled influence on those of us who were blessed to have known him.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JOSEPH GOULD FOR HIS SERVICE AND HIS POEM, OLD GLORY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to United States Navy Captain Joseph Gould (Retired), who bravely served his country in time of war and continues to play a role in honoring America through his authorship of a much revered poem, Old Glory.

Captain Gould was born in Brunswick, Georgia, in 1920 and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in May of 1942 before being deployed in World War II.

Captain Gould's 23 years as a Navy officer include service as commander of the LSM449 Amphibious Ship, executive officer of the USS *Radford* Destroyer, commander of the USS *Silverstein* DE534 Destroyer Escort, and commander of 15 ocean mine sweepers. He concluded his military service assigned to the Pacific Fleet as a Fleet Intelligence Officer at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Captain Gould retired from the United States Navy on November 1, 1965.

A resident of Fairhope, Alabama, Captain Gould penned a patriotic poem, Old Glory, to honor our nation's flag. This inspiring tribute has been adopted by the Baldwin County Commission in its presentations to honor local World War II veterans.

I would like to include Captain Gould's poem in the RECORD, and on behalf of a grateful nation, I thank Captain Gould for his service to America.

OLD GLORY

(By Joseph Gould)

I have survived quite a lot of hype
Since Betsy Ross designed my prototype,
Some have been false, some have been true;
I've selected some pertinent facts for you.

I was with Paul Revere at the end of his ride;
The first man on the moon had me at his side.

I was with the lads at Bunker Hill,
Aboard "Old Ironsides" I'm flying still.
I went with George across the Delaware,
Inspired Francis Scott Key in the rockets' red glare.

Abe Lincoln flew me from a Gettysburg steeple
And ever since then I've been liberating people.

I stormed ashore with Marines at Guadalcanal,
Climbed Mount Suribachi with a G.I. pal.
I rode with Patton 'til we reached the Rhine,
And only stopped when the Allies drew the line.

I've seen our enemies brought to their knees
Including the Germans and Japanese.
I watched Ronald Reagan as he stood tall
and said, "Mr. Gorbechev, tear down this
wall!"
I've sailed the seven seas with the boys in
Navy blue,
Made the journey to the North and South
poles too.
I've basked in the sun on many a tropic isle;
I've marched city streets in grandiose style.
Today you can find me in the Middle East
Helping to suppress the Terrorist Beast
That hates and despises our way of life and
Continually causes much worldly strife.
Now that you've heard my story true
I have a request to make of you;
Promise that evermore I shall wave
Over the land of the free and home of the
brave.
I am Old Glory, the Stars and Stripes—forever!

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY MARCH 16,
2010

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the success of Chapman University and their commitment to Holocaust education. The Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education, The Stern Chair in Holocaust Education, and the Sala and Aron Samuelli Holocaust Memorial Library were founded on the mission of educating, remembering, and inspiring.

These centers not only provide academic resources on this important topic, but also motivate students to stand up against racism, prejudice, and bias-related violence.

It will be my pleasure to join with Chapman as they host Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel on April 25th, 2010 to honor Professor Marilyn Harran for her exemplary dedication to Holocaust education, remembrance and witness. Chapman's Holocaust Art and Writing Contest, the Holocaust studies minor and the Sala and Aron Holocaust Memorial Library are just a few of the meaningful programs under her leadership.

I want to specifically recognize the leaders of these institutions and the event: Chapman University President James Doti; Dr. Marilyn Harran; Elie Wiesel; and Co-Chairs Nancy and Irving Chase, Rosemary and William Elperin, and Shelia and Mike Lefkowitz. Their commitment enlightens and empowers not only Chapman students but all who wish to bear witness to the tragedy of the Holocaust.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Dr. Marilyn Harran and look forward to celebrating her achievements with the Chapman community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF
SPECIALIST LAKESHIA M. BAILEY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention

today to recognize the life of a proud American hero, Specialist Lakeshia M. Bailey.

Specialist Bailey, of Columbus, Georgia, died in Iraq on March 8, 2010, in service to our nation. She is survived by her husband and parents.

Like all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in this conflict, words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for her family, and the gratitude our country feels for her service. Specialist Bailey died serving the United States and the entire cause of liberty, on a mission to bring stability to a troubled region and liberty to a formerly oppressed people. She was a true patriot for serving our nation, and she will be missed.

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

HONORING MRS. SYLVIA YVONNE
DRAKEFORD

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the life of Mrs. Sylvia Yvonne Drakeford. Mrs. Drakeford, a resident of Englewood, New Jersey, passed away on March 6, 2010 after decades of public service with the Englewood City Department of Education and Department of Recreation.

During the past 30 years, Mrs. Drakeford served as the playground supervisor for the Department of Recreation. As supervisor, she was instrumental in restructuring the city's camping trip program to include affordable, package deals for the city's children. Prior to her time at the Department of Recreation, Mrs. Drakeford served as a teacher's aide at Cleveland and Quarles Schools in the city of Englewood for 27 years. For 15 of these years, she spent the first half of the day educating school children, and the second half entertaining them as the coordinator of the schools' after-school program. Mrs. Drakeford's contributions to the city touched generations of Englewood residents.

Mrs. Drakeford leaves behind a loving and adoring family. Her son Teddy Drakeford, who I have known for nearly two decades, was a valued staffer in my office from 1996 until last year. He recently left my office to continue his mother's proud legacy of working with children.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Mrs. Drakeford for her lifetime of dedicated support to the children and residents of Englewood.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE WERNETH,
VETERAN MOBILE PRESS-REGISTER
REPORTER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, on Sunday, January 24, 2010, George Werneth, a veteran

reporter for the Mobile Press-Register in my congressional district passed away at that age of 65.

George Werneth was an institution in Mobile journalism, covering maritime operations and military news for approximately four decades before his retirement.

George had a reputation for sound reporting and fact checking as noted in the Press-Register's own story about his passing.

He was absolutely devoted to rooting out the truth and took great pains to verify all details. It was said that the newspaper never had to run a correction for any of his news stories: he was that reliable.

George was well known and respected by Mobile area veterans for his devotion to military news coverage, which was his beat for approximately half of his reporting career.

He loved the military and shared a bond with those who donned the uniform of our country.

In honor of his efforts, George was made an honorary member of the Marine Corps League at the American Legion Post 88 in Mobile. His departure from local reporting was keenly felt when he put down his pen and pad for retirement in November 2008.

George Werneth's absence in the lives of his family, friends, former colleagues—the community he loved—will be even more profoundly felt.

I offer my condolences and prayers to his family, including his son Joseph Carey Werneth, his brother Carey Werneth and his two grandsons, Skylar Carey Werneth and Dylan Mesean Werneth.

MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, the American Red Cross has provided assistance and comfort to communities stricken by disasters large and small since it was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton. President Woodrow Wilson was the first to proclaim "Red Cross Week" in 1918, as a time for our citizens "to give generously to the continuation of the important work of relieving distress." For over 100 years, the American Red Cross has continued to help ensure our communities are more ready and resilient in the face of future disasters. This March, I urge all Americans to not only recognize the depth and breadth of services offered by the American Red Cross, but to also join the effort and increase awareness of humanitarian work.

From rebuilding former adversaries after World War II, to combating HIV/AIDS in Africa, to saving lives after the tragic earthquake in Haiti, the American people have an unmatched tradition of responding to challenges at home and abroad with compassion and generosity. The American Red Cross has had an ongoing presence in Haiti since 2004 supporting local disaster preparedness, HIV education, malaria prevention and measles immunization initiatives. In just over one month since the earthquake, the Red Cross has provided assistance to more than 1.3 million people and will continue to aid hundreds of thousands more in the months ahead.

At home and abroad, one in five Americans is touched by the Red Cross every single year. The American Red Cross was instrumental in providing immediate response to the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti in January of this year. Currently, more than 100 people are representing the American Red Cross in Haiti. This includes 30 specialists providing relief distribution and telecommunications support and 14 employees, who were permanently based in Haiti prior to the earthquake and are helping to guide the response, in addition to over 50 Creole-speaking interpreters on the USNS *Comfort*. The American Red Cross is also responding to the 8.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Chile on February 27, making an initial \$50,000 pledge from its International Response Fund for relief operations. In addition, the American Red Cross will continue to monitor the potential impacts of Saturday's tsunami and is prepared to help the people of Hawaii and the U.S. territories in the Pacific, if there is a need.

In addition to deploying relief workers and other disaster management specialists, the American Red Cross is providing relief supplies for 130,000 Haitians including blankets, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, water containers and mosquito nets. The Red Cross has also provided three million pre-packaged meals to the United Nations World Food Programme in Haiti as well as funding to help feed an additional 1 million people for a month. The organization has also partnered with Population Services International to provide more than 1 million water-purification sachets, to ensure that Haitian families have access to clean drinking water. The Red Cross has also provided nearly 750 units of blood for Haiti earthquake survivors. As of early February, the American Red Cross has received over \$225 million for the Haiti relief and recovery effort, and 91 cents of every dollar is going directly to critical humanitarian services and programs. That is why I partnered with the Red Cross of Greater New York to help with Haiti response efforts.

Just one week after the 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti, the NY Red Cross, working in partnership with Local 1199SEIU, NAACP, Haitian Americans United for Progress, Councilman Mathieu Eugene and my office, was able to provide volunteer translators. The Red Cross of Greater New York has since deployed over forty Creole-speaking volunteers, to serve on the US Navy's hospital ship, the USNS *Comfort* anchored off the coast of Haiti. The Greater New York chapter has also helped thousands of Haitian Americans in my district connect with their family members in Haiti. Representing the second largest concentration for first and second generation Haitian immigrants, I applaud the Red Cross' Resorting Family Links programs, which has worked to register over 30,000 people affected by the earthquake. To date, the Red Cross of Greater New York has facilitated nearly 2,000 phone calls between earthquake survivors and their family abroad. Throughout the Greater New York region, the Red Cross provides invaluable services that protect the life and health of all New Yorkers.

The American Red Cross of Greater New York is a key humanitarian partner providing immediate aid to as many as 100,000 New Yorkers affected by local disasters each year. When disaster strikes a densely populated urban area, the emergency-care needs are

huge and immediate. Recently in my district, the Red Cross of Greater New York launched their "March to 200" campaign with the goal of training 200 Red Cross volunteers in shelter leadership roles. It is this dedication to service and preparedness which makes the Greater New York Red Cross a valuable asset to all New Yorkers.

The Red Cross of Greater New York would not be what it is today without the priceless work of CEO Terry Bischoff. Her dedication and compassion have inspired us all, and her leadership has transformed the capacities of this organization. She will most certainly be missed, but the effects of her work will be lasting. Whether it is an earthquake or a single family home fire; a call for blood or a call for help, the American Red Cross is there. I ask all my colleagues join me today in applauding the hard work of the American Red Cross volunteers and celebrating March as American Red Cross Month.

THANKING THE PERSHING
ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a group of Nebraskan students for doing their part to help in the Haiti relief efforts. Pershing Elementary students in Lexington, Nebraska decided to get involved and each class took part in a penny drive in order to provide money to the victims of the earthquake.

While the entire elementary school took part in the fundraiser, it was the third grade class which was the driving force behind raising money for Haiti. The students had seen images of the victims and the horrible destruction which took place on the island and they took it upon themselves to go classroom to classroom, raising \$877. The third graders raised money so the victims could "buy supplies and build hospitals."

I am extremely proud of the elementary students in Lexington. Their efforts to help those in need are inspiring; and I thank them for helping spread Nebraska generosity. I am grateful to have such excellent students in my district.

HONORING GUEST CHAPLAIN,
JOHN L. BEAVER, NATIONAL
CHAPLAIN, THE AMERICAN LE-
GION

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to personally welcome to the House, our guest chaplain, John L. Beaver of Mobile, who hails from the First Congressional District of Alabama.

John L. Beaver was appointed National Chaplain of The American Legion on August 17, 2009, during the closing session of the 91st National Convention in Louisville, KY.

A retired U.S. Air Force veteran with more than 20 years military service from the Viet-

nam War era to the time of the Lebanon/Grenada conflicts, Chaplain Beaver has performed religious duties at the local Post, District, State and National levels since joining the American Legion in 1989.

Chaplain Beaver is well known and respected in South Alabama for his humanitarian work with an emphasis on aiding homeless persons.

In the aftermath of the September 2005 crisis following Hurricane Katrina, Chaplain Beaver coordinated regional relief efforts on behalf of The American Legion, a fellow veterans' service organization and church organizations.

He was instrumental in the operation of supply depots and distribution sites to aid storm victims all along the stricken Gulf Coast.

A pastor assistant and Sunday school superintendent, Chaplain Beaver's primary ministry is the visitation of—and care for—shut-ins at area hospitals, assisted living facilities, veteran's homes and homeless shelters through the ministries of the Fowl River and Kingswood United Methodist Churches in the Mobile, Alabama area.

I join my colleagues in welcoming Chaplain Beaver to the U.S. House and in thanking him for his service to our veterans and our community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,636,662,956,140.07.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$1,998,237,209,846.20 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$60,984,093,238.39 since just yesterday.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during Friday's three rollcall votes and Monday's four rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall numbers 109 and 110, and "yes" on rollcall numbers 111 through 115.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 (H.R.
2701)

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in support of H.R.

2701, a bill to authorize appropriations for intelligence-related activities in fiscal year 2010. This bill strengthens the safety and security of every American family with targeted investments in our intelligence capabilities.

By containing not a single earmark, H.R. 2701 authorizes only essential spending to support our troops overseas and improve America's national security. I support this bill because it will prepare America for the threats of tomorrow, with strategic investments in our cybersecurity infrastructure here at home, and human intelligence gathering in emerging areas of concern such as Yemen and the Horn of Africa.

Most importantly, this bill will keep America safe without sacrificing American values. It prohibits private contractors from participating in CIA interrogations, requires the video recording of interrogations, and expands Congressional oversight of all intelligence activities to prevent the abuses of the past decade.

HONORING ROBERT E. DOYLE

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifetime of committed service to the United States of America and many of its critical federal agencies by a true public servant, Mr. Robert E. Doyle. This year, Mr. Doyle will retire following 36 years of dedicated civil service. Originally from Massachusetts, Doyle earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the College of the Holy Cross in 1971 and a Masters in Public Administration from Southern Methodist University in 1974. He also holds a certification in Financial Planning.

Mr. Doyle began his career in 1974 at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), where he worked his way up through the ranks within the management and administrative fields. After his successful tenure at HUD, Mr. Doyle changed agencies to work at the U.S. Bureau of Mines (USBM), under the Department of the Interior. There, he served as the Director for Finance and Administration for over 10 years. At the USBM, Robert aided in the protection of our nation's natural resources and worked to identify and develop new processes to improve the extraction of these national assets. After the USBM was restructured in 1995, Mr. Doyle is credited with making the transition to new positions within the government easier for his staff through his excellent guidance.

Mr. Doyle later moved on to the Bureau of Land Management, where he served as the Chief Financial Officer, and later, as the Assistant Director of Business and Fiscal Resources. As the Assistant Director, he led efforts to employ an integrated management system for improving the agency's performance and accountability. Under Mr. Doyle's leadership, the BLM was chosen as a finalist for the Presidents Fiscal Year 2002 Quality Award, recognizing budget and performance integration.

Robert's final stop on a distinguished trek through the civil service was with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), where, for almost 5 years, he served as the Chief Operating Offi-

cer and Deputy Director. During his time at the USGS, Robert provided key leadership to reorganize the agency's regional hubs and realigned operations to improve the structure of the agency's new Bureau for Science Strategy. Mr. Doyle also introduced a plan to open the USGS's huge store of satellite photography for public and commercial use. Additionally, he facilitated systematic and fundamental changes that restored financial integrity to the Federal Housing Insurance Fund through his extensive knowledge of finance systems and the mortgage insurance underwriting process.

Today, we honor Mr. Doyle's long, distinguished career and congratulate him on his retirement. Robert is the epitome of a true public servant. His service to the government has contributed immensely to our country. He has been a true model to others who wish to succeed in federal service.

TRIBUTE TO MONROE COUNTY
COMMISSIONER CHARLIE
MCCORVEY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise out of sadness to note the recent passing of a good friend and a long-time public servant. Monroe County Commissioner Charlie McCorvey passed away at the age of 59 on February 24, 2010, after an extended illness.

Charlie McCorvey loved helping others and his many achievements are measured in the lives of the many students at Monroeville Middle School where he taught for 35 years, as well as in the support and respect he earned from the people of Monroe County who benefitted from his leadership as county commissioner for over two decades.

Commissioner McCorvey was native to Monroe County and South Alabama where he was dedicated to inspiring his students to reach for their dreams while he also labored hard in local government to improve the lives of all citizens.

A graduate of Hope College in Holland, Michigan, Charlie worked as a teacher in New York state before eventually returning to South Alabama.

Charlie was more than a passionate school teacher and public official, he was also among Monroe County's most noted ambassadors. For over 14 years, he traveled across the United States and around the world as a major cast member of the play "To Kill a Mockingbird," based on the book by another Monroe County native, Harper Lee.

Charlie portrayed the character of Tom Robinson with a style that mesmerized audiences of all ages.

Charlie was also an active member of the Alabama Education Association, serving as a state and national delegate. He also served as treasurer of the Monroe County Education Association and the Monroe County Democratic Conference. His volunteer activities included serving as a board member of the American Red Cross in Monroe County.

Commissioner McCorvey is survived by his partner, Sandra Farr and three children, Stephanie Lauren, Justin Ryan and Charles Quarles and nine brothers and sisters.

On behalf of the people of Monroe County, I extend my prayers and condolences to his family.

DOROTHY GOLUSH AND PEG
HANNIGAN

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I ask your indulgence and that of my colleagues to celebrate two wonderful events: the 90th birthdays of two extraordinary women, each of whom has been very important in my life. We spoke often here about some of the problems people face as we age, and it's appropriate for public policy to be focused on that. But that can lead to an unfortunate impression of older people as always the objects of other people's help, and of the difficulties that they face. There is of course another side to that story—the satisfaction that comes to people who have led loving, productive lives, in which they have been of great service to others, and who are now able to enjoy their years and look both back and around at the people they have loved and nurtured.

One of these two extraordinary women is Dorothy Golush, the widow of my Uncle Abe, who was one of my mother's older brothers. My mother was part of a remarkable family of three brothers and three sisters, children of immigrants, who created a warm, loving extended family. A few years ago, the four surviving siblings died within an eighteen month period, at ages ranging from ninety-two to one hundred and five. The one survivor of that generation, who is an inspiration for myself, my siblings and my cousins, is our Aunt Dot—who recently turned ninety. She is blessed with the vigor and acuity that has marked her life, and for me, it is a pleasure to come home after a long day here and pick up my phone and listen to a wonderful message of encouragement from her, after she's read about some particularly important piece of work that we have done.

Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to be able to offer a Happy Birthday to Dorothy Golush, on behalf of all of us in the generation after her, who have so benefitted from her life.

And while paying tribute to my aunt here, I also want, Madam Speaker, to pay tribute to a woman who is widely known in the Greater Newton area as "The Godmother." Peg Hannigan will turn ninety this month. I regret very much that I am unable to be at the celebration of this event at the Scandinavian Home where she now lives on March 25, so I am sending this along in my absence.

Peg Hannigan's political work began in 1947, when she got involved in John Kennedy's campaign for Congress. In the ensuing years she became an increasingly more important figure for those of us interested in political life. For cynics who believe that there is some conflict between political idealism and political practicality, Peg Hannigan is a living, breathing, absolute refutation. No one I have met in my own years in elected office has been more dedicated to the values of fairness that represent America at our best, and no one has been a more effective ally to those of

us seeking elected office to promote this. I share with former Governor Michael Dukakis, former Attorney General Frank Bellotti, my predecessor, the late Robert Drinan, and a number of other people in elected office the status of being very much in her debt.

Madam Speaker, I indulge myself personally by these comments, but they have a broader point as well: for young people who are skeptical that politics can be both a valuable and honorable way of spending one's time, Peg Hannigan's life is an extraordinarily valuable lesson and I hope that at least some people reading these words will be motivated to learn a little bit more about her, and even want to emulate her.

Madam Speaker, through you I wish a very Happy 90th Birthday to two wonderful women.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER STATE
SENATOR BILL MENTON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with genuine sadness that I rise to note the passing of former State Senator Bill Menton, of Irvington; a long-time public servant and beloved friend to many in South Alabama. He passed away on February 15, at the age of 90.

Bill Menton was a native of Paterson, NJ, coming to Mobile, Alabama after having been awarded multiple sports scholarships to Spring Hill College. After graduation, he coached at Spring Hill College and then UMS Preparatory School.

Senator Menton had a strong belief in our young people and is credited with helping to build the juvenile division of the Mobile County Sheriff's Department, where he served as a juvenile probation officer.

Continuing his interest in law enforcement, Mr. Menton later served as police chief of Bayou La Batre and separately worked for the Mobile County School System as a crime prevention officer.

He was the voice of the Mobile Bay Bears baseball team throughout the 1940s and 1950s and a popular host of a local radio football scoreboard program.

Bill Menton entered politics in 1982, winning a state senate seat representing Mobile County in Montgomery until 1988. In 1988, he came home to run in for the Mobile County Commission, a seat he won and held until 1992.

In 1996, he returned to support the profession he loved—law enforcement—by assuming the position as executive director of the Alabama Fraternal Order of Police.

Senator Menton also loved south Mobile County and he gave much of his life to making it a safer, better place to live. He dedicated an equal measure of devotion to bettering the lives of our young people, guiding many to learn from early mistakes in judgment and to take the path of responsible young adults.

I wish to offer my condolences to his wife of 65 years, Carmen Santana Menton; their eight children, Grace M. (Bob) Overmeyer, William J. (Pat) Menton, Jr., Mary Jane Menton, Edward C. (Brenda) Menton, Regina F. Menton, John Samuel (Janie) Menton, Thomas P. Menton and Charles M. "Chip" Menton; six

grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Senator Menton's many contributions to our community will never be forgotten.

COMMENDING LANCE MACKEY ON
WINNING A RECORD 4TH
STRAIGHT IDITAROD TRAIL
SLED DOG RACE

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker: Whereas Lance Mackey was born and raised in Alaska and currently resides in Fairbanks, Alaska; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey comes from a long line of successful mushers, including his father Dick and his brother Rick, each of who has won the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey is married to his high school sweetheart Tonya, who is also a musher, and has three children: Amanda, Brittney and Cain and one new grandchild, born on the seventh day of the nine-plus Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey and his family run the Comeback Kennel in Fairbanks, Alaska; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey was diagnosed with throat cancer in 2001, took a year off from sled-dog racing to recover from the disease and is now cancer-free; and

Whereas, the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, which has been called the "Last Great Race on Earth," is a grueling 1,150 mile sled dog race across Alaska's jagged mountain ranges, frozen rivers, dense forests, and windswept tundra; and

Whereas, running the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is a year-long commitment to training and caring for one's sled dogs; and

Whereas, the Yukon Quest is an equally grueling 1,000 mile sled dog race from Fairbanks, Alaska to Whitehorse, Yukon; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey is the only 4-time consecutive Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Champion, the only 4-time Yukon Quest Race Champion and the only man to win both the Yukon Quest and Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races in the same year, which he did in both 2007 and 2008; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey, guided by his two lead dogs "Maple" and "Rev," mushed his team of Alaskan Huskies along the path of the 38th Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race from its start in Anchorage to the finish line in Nome in just 8 days, 23 hours and 59 minutes and nine seconds; and

Whereas, both "Maple" and "Rev" exemplify all the essential qualities for good lead dogs, including intelligence, initiative, common sense, and the ability to find a trail in bad conditions; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey, who despite retiring "Larry," the lead dog with whom Mackey won his first three Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races, was still able to convincingly win his 4th consecutive Iditarod; and

Whereas, the Iditarod Trail, a National Historic Trail, is staffed by thousands of volunteers who monitor and assist all competitors; and

Whereas, each checkpoint along the Iditarod Trail has coordinators, health care

professionals and licensed veterinarians who carefully monitor the health and safety of all dogs and mushers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) Commends Lance Mackey on his record-breaking 4th consecutive Iditarod victory during the 2010 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

(2) Applauds each and every musher who was courageous enough to compete in the 2010 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

(3) Expresses appreciation to all the volunteers and staff who help make this great Alaskan race possible each and every year.

THE USO

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I will never be able to express the gratitude I have for all of the brave men and women who have so proudly worn the military uniform. So today, I am humbled to honor the United Services Organizations for their 67 years of unrelenting service and dedication to our troops.

The United Service Organization was congressionally chartered before World War II on February 4, 1941, by former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The organization is a non-profit, private establishment set up to create a way for the American public to volunteer and provide a wide variety of support services for military members and their families.

What started as an idea has transformed into a conviction. Today, the U.S.O. has more than 130 centers all over the world and provides its programs to over 1.4 million active duty service members and 1.2 million National Guard and Reserves.

These soldiers give their heart and soul for our country and the U.S.O. understands how vital our servicemen and women are to this great nation. The U.S.O. provides unmatched morale, welfare, social and entertainment needs. They show respect for our troops, their families, and our community by conveying that the American people are forever indebted to their commitment and sacrifice in the continual fight for freedom.

The Second Congressional District of Texas commends the United Services Organization for bringing a piece of home to wherever our troops may be. The individuals who willingly participate in this remarkable group emulate integrity and pride that this nation deserves. Their efforts will never go unappreciated and their actions will always be cherished.

AMY SCHULZ CHILD ADVOCACY
CENTER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the 20th anniversary of the Amy Schulz Child Advocacy Center in Mount Vernon, Illinois.

The center was born from tragedy when, in 1987, 10-year-old Amy Schulz of Kell, Illinois,

was murdered. Her father, Dennis Schulz, was determined to do all he could to see that no other families had to face the kind of devastating tragedy like that which afflicted his family. Mr. Schulz lobbied legislators for greater protection of children from violent criminals and started the Amy Center to keep the advocacy work going.

Starting with just a one-room office twenty years ago, the Amy Center has expanded and helped more than 100,000 children in several counties in south-central Illinois. Its advocacy efforts and education programs have had a lasting, positive impact.

I stand before this House to thank Dennis and Esther Schulz for their determination to protect children from violence. I also commend Executive Director LaDonna Richards and the staff of the Amy Center, past and present, who have done so much good work for the children of south-central Illinois. Their positive efforts and big hearts have done much to

make our community a better, safer place to live. I extend my appreciation on their 20 years of service.

IN MEMORY OF PFC JAICIAE
PAULEY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of Private First Class Jaiciae Pauley, who lost his life on December 11, 2009, while serving this grateful Nation in Iraq.

PFC Pauley joined the United States Army in 2008 and served as a combat medic in HQ Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division based in Fort Stew-

art, Georgia. PFC Pauley was posthumously awarded the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

Born to Julia Caitlin Ramshaw of Fort Pierce, Florida and Roger Pauley of Muncie, Indiana on April 11, 1980, PFC Pauley leaves behind a legacy of dedication and service that ended far too soon.

Thanks to the bravery and courage of patriots like PFC Pauley and all those who have defended this country by donning the uniform, freedom and democracy continue to exist. As a Nation, we will forever owe a debt of gratitude to PFC Pauley and his family that can never be repaid.

As we mourn Private First Class Jaiciae Pauley's passing, let us remember his mother, Julia Caitlin Ramshaw; father Roger Pauley (wife, Teressa); grandparents, Marshall and Flossie Bias, and Harold Hale in our thoughts and prayers.