

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING MARY SADINSKI

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the exemplary life of Mary Sadinski. Sadly, Mary passed away on April 17, 2014 at the age of 80. Mary was born on February 15, 1934 in Youngstown, Ohio to John and Julia Mislai.

Mary led an exemplary life of service and dedication. She was a member of the St. Stephen of Hungry Church in Youngstown along with their Senior Citizen group and choir. Not only did Mary touch the lives of those in the church community, she was incredibly loved by her family and friends, who were the center of her life. Mary always put her family first and enjoyed working part time for Floral Plus.

I offer my sincere condolences to Mary's family and friends. Mary was an extraordinary woman, and will live on in the hearts and minds of those she has touched. She will be missed by a countless number of people in the community, and most of all by her husband of 58 years, Henry S. Sadinski, her children, Kathleen Basista and Robert Sadinski, her four grandchildren, Amy and Kevin Basista, and Bobby and Leah Sadinski, and her siblings Margaret Tarcy, Julia Italiano and John Mislai.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 WAUKEGAN TOWNSHIP MEN OF DISTINCTION LUNCHEON HONOREES

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize some of the Waukegan community's finest leaders.

In education, business, government, faith and more, these 15 outstanding men embody what is best about Waukegan and demonstrate a deep commitment to strengthening our community.

It is my great pleasure to honor the 2014 Men of Distinction: Dr. Phil Carrigan; Arthur Craigen; Don Elliott; Ronnel Ewing; Chuck Gutman; Kenneth Mayo; Lucious Minor; Greg Moio; Joe Moody; Mayor Wayne Motley; Bill Newby; Martin Perez; Pastor Eugene Roberson; Mayor Leon Rockingham; Jose Rodriguez.

It takes strong leaders with vision and dedication to bring a community together and secure a hopeful, prosperous future for the next generation. With no less than their fullest commitment to the people and the township of Waukegan, these 15 honorees work each and every day to enrich their community.

As true Men of Distinction, this year's honorees deserve the highest praise and greatest

respect. I know that this honor will merely inspire them to work even harder to strengthen Waukegan and build an even better, closer community.

HONORING MR. GEORGE CARLSON'S 25 YEARS OF SERVICE FOR SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY AND THE 17TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life's work of Mr. George Carlson, who will retire in June as a librarian in our Federal Depository Library Program at Santa Clara University, after 25 years of distinguished service providing U.S. Government information to the citizens of the 17th District of California (and previously the 15th District).

Mr. Carlson came to Santa Clara as Head of Government Information in 1989, and became an outstanding and trusted resource for students, faculty, citizens, and library colleagues in the Bay Area. He provided countless hours of skilled and tireless research assistance to library users. He brought Government information into the digital age, making thousands of titles accessible through Santa Clara's online catalog, and worked closely with the Government Printing Office on a long-term project to originate or upgrade cataloging data for hundreds of hearings and documents of both chambers of Congress. Looking to the future, he carefully planned the place and role for Government information in Santa Clara's new library. He taught Government information courses to graduate students at San Jose State University, instilling in them the value and importance of open access to the documents of our democracy.

Daniel Webster said, "Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers, build up its institutions, promote all its great interests, and see whether we also, in our day and generation, may not perform something worthy to be remembered." In his career of service to our Government and his university, George Carlson upheld this ideal as he carefully kept and recorded our Government documents and made them available to all.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Carlson for his outstanding service, and in wishing him a happy and well deserved retirement among his cherished California native plants and roses, and pursuing his many volunteer interests.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. BING BURTON, PHD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an esteemed doctor in the Denton community, Dr. Bing Burton, who is retiring after 40 years of service with the Texas Department of State Health Services.

After graduating from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1973, Dr. Burton began his career in public health with the Texas Department of State Health Services in Arlington, Texas. There, he was instrumental in implementing the Passenger Seat Loan Program that provided a loaner car seat for patients who did not have them. He took the lead in implementing the State of Texas Seat Belt Program, which provided instruction on the proper use of seatbelts for children in 49 counties across Texas. He also implemented the County Health Profile program, which provided basic data for each county's needs in the realm of public health.

After working for the state of Texas for 18 years, Dr. Burton then went on to serve as Director of the DCHD for 22 years. He worked vigorously to expand and improve public health during his tenure with Denton County. He worked to expand the small health clinic services to include numerous grants that equated to millions of dollars for services to citizens of Denton County. Further, he added seven additional resources including primary care, HIV education, health education, well women/maternity care, diabetes outreach, immunization outreach, Katrina Ambassadors Rebuilding Empowering (K.A.R.E.) team, as well as adding a second health clinic in Lewisville.

Dr. Burton has won numerous awards for his devotion to the noble causes he believes in, including the Health Care Hero Award and the Texas Association of Local Health Officials Service Award, among others.

As a physician, I have tremendous respect for Dr. Burton's work. He is leaving a lasting impression on our community, and his legacy will live on for years to come.

MAJOR GENERAL ANTHONY CUCOLO III RETIREMENT

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major General Anthony A. Cucolo III in recognition of his retirement and commendable military career spanning 33 years.

In June of 2012, MG Cucolo was appointed as the 49th Commandant of the U.S. Army War College (AWC). During his tenure, he

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prioritized interaction between the Carlisle community and the AWC and in doing so, positioned the AWC as an important resource for locals and visitors alike. He has worked tirelessly to ensure the AWC remains a relevant and world class institution that continues to produce leaders both at home and abroad. MG Cucolo has truly been an asset and an ally to the base and our community.

Prior to this appointment, MG Cucolo was the Director of Force Development for the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, at the Pentagon where he aided in developing equipment solutions for the Department of the Army. His long career has included assignments with the Joint Staff at the Pentagon from 2001 to 2003 and the Strategy and Policy Directorate working on European issues.

Commissioned as a second lieutenant of infantry in 1979, he served 18 of the past 33 years in infantry and armored divisions. He commanded two companies, a mechanized infantry battalion and an armored brigade combat team and was a deputy commanding general for a light infantry division. His career has included deployments to Bosnia for the Nato Implementation Force in the Balkans from December 1995 to November 1996 and Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom, where he served as the Deputy Commanding General of the Combined Joint Task Force 180 from 2003 to 2004. From 2004 to 2006, he held the role of Director of the Joint Center for Operational Analysis, US Joint Forces Command and as the Army's Chief of Public Affairs from 2006 to 2008.

His most recent operational assignment was spent as Commanding General of the 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield in Georgia from July 2008 to April 2011. From October 2009 to November 2010, he deployed to Iraq to command the US Division North/Task Force Marne. During their 13 months in Iraq, Task Force Marne conducted counterinsurgency and stability operations resulting in Arab-Kurd confidence building measures that were implemented along the interior ethnic fault line and successfully ending Operation Iraqi Freedom and opening Operation New Dawn in northern Iraq.

MG Cucolo holds a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy and a master's degree from the University of San Francisco. He is also a graduate of the AWC Class of 1998. He is married to Ginger Cucolo and together they have three children: Tony-Allen, Mackie, and Abbie.

Mr. Speaker, for his outstanding service to our community and our country, I commend and thank Major General Anthony Cucolo III and wish him the best in his retirement.

HONORING COMMISSIONER DANIEL NIGRO

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel Nigro, who was sworn in this week as the 33rd Fire Commissioner of the New York City Fire Department. Commissioner Nigro is a resident of Whitestone, NY and a lifelong resident of New York City.

Commissioner Nigro joined the FDNY in 1969 and quickly rose through the ranks; fire-

fighter, lieutenant, captain, battalion chief all the way to the esteemed rank of deputy chief. As Deputy Assistant Chief, he was instrumental in merging EMS into the FDNY, which later led him to become the Chief in Charge of EMS.

In 1999 Commissioner Nigro was promoted to Chief of Operations—the second highest uniformed rank in the FDNY. It is in this capacity that he served on that fateful day of September 11, 2001, when NYC, New York, and the United States would change forever.

Commissioner Nigro was on the ground on September 11, assisting his friend and colleague, former Chief Peter J. Ganci Jr., in establishing an Incident Command site, which coordinated the rescue efforts for the Twin Towers. Upon Chief Ganci's death in the collapse of the North Tower, Commissioner Nigro assumed command of the rescue operations and is responsible for the rescue of hundreds of citizens and first responders.

Commissioner Nigro was named Chief of Department and led the FDNY's officers through those dark days and months following 9/11. He helped heal and rebuild our proud fire service until his retirement in 2002.

It is with my deepest respect and appreciation that I rise to thank Daniel Nigro for his service to New York and our country and I congratulate him on becoming the FDNY's 33rd Fire Commissioner. We are lucky to have a man of his experience and heroism at the helm of the New York City Fire Department and I am honored to represent him here in Congress.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4800) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the Committee report language from the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2015 that relates to the FDA's proposed "menu labeling" rule.

The most recent FDA draft rule fails to provide sufficient flexibility in allowing chain restaurants and other retailers to provide menu labeling information in the most efficient and effective way possible. Only through government bureaucracy in Washington, DC would a grocery store that cuts a piece of fruit into slices for customers be considered similar to a chain restaurant. FDA's initial proposal would essentially require in-store nutrition lab testing and new signage any time a grocery retailer assembles a salad from the produce area or sells a cup of soup using fresh ingredients. As

a result, independently-operated grocers would not have the flexibility to offer the freshest and healthiest foods to their customers. Some may stop offering salads and other fresh foods altogether.

Or, just look at the pizza industry. These small businesses that offer highly customized, made to order items and primarily service customers outside the restaurant are being forced to provide nutritional information not just for a few items but for every made to order option available.

Like so many other pieces of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the menu labeling provision in the law is being interpreted as overly broad and leading to widespread unintended consequences. This is why I have introduced legislation that addresses the issue, and am grateful to Chairmen ADERHOLT and ROGERS from including pertinent language in the Committee report.

I support consumers being provided with important nutrition information; however, the FDA should find more common sense and flexible ways for retailers to be able to comply with these regulations. H.R. 1249, the Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act will provide those common sense solutions should the FDA fail to do so.

URGING AFGHANISTAN TO PURSUE A TRANSPARENT, CREDIBLE, AND INCLUSIVE RUN-OFF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

SPEECH OF

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 600, to extend my gratitude to Chairman ROYCE, and to urge my colleagues' support as well.

This Saturday, the people of Afghanistan will travel to the polls to elect a new President in a runoff election. The victorious candidate will replace Hamid Karzai, who has led Afghanistan since 2001.

House Resolution 600 recognizes this important moment in history and urges the Government of Afghanistan to pursue a transparent, credible, and inclusive runoff Presidential election while ensuring the safety of voters, candidates, poll workers, and election observers.

So far, the U.S. Government has contributed more than \$100 million toward the 2014 Afghanistan election, and numerous United States and coalition soldiers have sacrificed their lives in efforts to secure Afghanistan and prepare it for this crucial moment of peaceful transition of power.

I think that it is important to recognize these facts, and that is part of what House Resolution 600 seeks to do.

On April 5, the Government of Afghanistan held the first round of a Presidential election, in which almost 60 percent of eligible voters participated. Now, according to the Afghan Constitution, because no single candidate claimed more than 50 percent of the vote, a runoff election between the top two candidates will be held.

The first round of elections were promising in terms of increased voter turnout, no civilian

deaths in attacks on election day, and a quick certification of results in order to set the stage for a runoff election, but more work remains to be done.

Votes from 331 polling stations were invalidated and removed from the final tabulations. Reports of voter and election monitor intimidation persist. Reports of attempts to bribe election monitors have occurred. Reports of SMS and texting capabilities being suspended on election day exist. Concerns remain about the lack of transparency and activities of the Afghan Independent Election Commission and the Electoral Complaints Commission. Seventeen members of the Afghan National Security Forces were killed in attacks on election day. And female voter participation and protection remains at a level below what Afghan males enjoy.

In light of these issues, House Resolution 600 commends the Government of Afghanistan for holding the first round of elections and scheduling a second; expresses support for a credible, inclusive, and transparent runoff election; supports the mandate of Afghan electoral bodies to prevent voter fraud and misconduct; encourages the Government of Afghanistan to implement measures that will increase voter participation, particularly among Afghan females; and urges the security force to continue to provide protection to vulnerable areas of the country during the election period, as well as recognizing the sacrifices of those forces that have contributed and will continue to contribute to the security and stability of Afghanistan.

This is an exciting time for Afghanistan, Mr. Speaker, and this election is an important one. American forces have been in Afghanistan now for a decade, and most of them are now coming home. This election will be crucial in proving to the world that Afghanistan is ready again to chart its own course and to provide its own security.

I wish the Afghan people well in this endeavor.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 4412, the NASA Authorization Act of 2014, which was approved by the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology with unanimous bipartisan support.

The bill reaffirms Congress's commitment to space exploration, both human and robotic, and the bill makes clear that human spaceflight to Mars is NASA's primary goal. Taking into account the unfortunate—but realistic—budget constraints on NASA, the legislation affirms a stepping stone approach to exploration in a go-as-you-can-afford-to-pay manner by requiring an exploration roadmap.

I believe a sustained presence on the Moon would be an indispensable part of such a roadmap to Mars, and I introduced bipartisan

NASA authorization legislation last year to accomplish this. I would expect a realistic roadmap to Mars to include lunar exploration, and should this roadmap approach become law I look forward to future discussions with NASA on meaningful missions that will get us to Mars.

The legislation continues the consistent guidance Congress has given to NASA for the development of the Space Launch System and the Orion Crew Vehicle to move forward with serious human exploration of space. Currently, the bill supports a robust commercial crew effort to restore American access to low earth orbit and the International Space Station. Considering certain geopolitical events in the news, it is paramount to ensure that we can launch American astronauts on American rockets from American soil as soon as possible.

Finally, I would like to thank Chairman SMITH for working with me on bill language to improve security for NASA's information, technology and operations. NASA facilities, personnel, technologies, and information are highly regarded and of great interest to the world. That interest extends to some countries, governments, organizations, and individuals whose intent is to compromise those facilities, co-opt the personnel, and steal those technologies and information. The bill includes language to help mitigate this threat.

HONORING MR. MATTHEW A. MAYEAUX AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY CLASS OF 2014

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Matthew A. Mayeaux as a member of the United States Military Academy Class of 2014.

Matthew graduated from the U.S. Military Academy with a degree in Human Geography and he received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army on May 28, 2014.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Matthew's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation. The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

The challenge for this young man will be to retain as much as possible, pass what he learns to others, and live life for every moment.

South Mississippi is proud of Matthew and his accomplishments, and we look forward to his continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Army officer.

As Matthew embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Military Academy.

I would like to send Matthew my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavor.

ors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

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Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition of the proposed language that provides schools with waivers for meeting school meal standards. As the House considers the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, I press my colleagues to support an amendment striking this waiver from the bill.

Congress has made great progress in improving the health of our nation's students. Since the passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 school lunches and breakfasts have become healthier.

In my District's Gahr High School, Food Service Cafeteria Manager, Linda Harbin, notes that the menu at Gahr High School and other schools in the ABC Unified School District changed drastically since the new school food guidelines began implementation. On average, Gahr High School serves 450 meals for lunch and before the new meal requirements they were only serving about 250 meals. Harbin meets monthly with about 100 other school food service workers in my District, and is hearing they are having similar experiences with increases in meals being purchased and decreases in "plate waste". Requiring school meal standards is working.

Students are currently served lower calorie meals with more fruits, vegetables and whole grains, helping reduce their risk for obesity, type 2 diabetes and other chronic diseases. For many children, the meals they eat in school are the most nutritious meals they eat all week. With increasing rates of childhood poverty and obesity, coupled with a difficult economy and rising food costs, many families cannot afford more nutritious foods and rely on school meals as a quality source of nutrition for their children.

We cannot waiver our support for improving the health of our students.

As the House considers the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, I ask that my colleagues join me in opposing language that provides schools with waivers for meeting school meal standards. Let's work together to keep our kids healthy.

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING
CENTER OF CHATHAM 25TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the time to congratulate the Early Childhood Learning Center in Chatham for its 25 years of service.

The ECLC is an accredited, non-profit organization that strives to educate students ages 5 to 21 with moderate to severe learning and/or language disabilities.

In 1970, a group of devoted parents formed the ECLC of New Jersey as a means of providing early intervention services to pre-school children. By 1983 the ECLC expanded its services to offer classes for children up to age 16. Today the ECLC accepts over 700 students in New Jersey. The Chatham Campus alone educates over 220 students; plus 26 adult clients in enrichment classes. This organization has come a long way from its small six-student pre-school.

The success of this organization can be attributed to its innovative and extensive programs. ECLC takes a unique approach to education by promoting self-sufficiency and success. The pre-vocational program called SKIL (Seeking Knowledge for Independent Living) teaches appropriate work-related behaviors and places students in volunteer jobs in the community. Students have the opportunity to participate in after-school activities, such as bowling, sleepovers, and dinner and a movie, where they can have fun with friends, instead of watching from the sidelines. Because of the small classroom sizes, the students receive the attention they need. The student-teacher ratio at the schools is 4:1 with the maximum number of 12 students per class. As a result of this intimate environment, the students feel comfortable to learn and explore.

Graduates of the ECLC participate in Alumni Activities, which give them a chance to get together with old friends by participating in dances, bingo, or movie night. The relationships made at the ECLC do not end once the students graduate, and the ECLC seeks to promote these bonds. In addition to Alumni Activities, Community Personnel Services, helps graduates find jobs in their home communities and coaches them to success. Evening Adult Enrichment classes are offered to alumni to further their education in subjects, such as computers, cooking, painting, reading, and banking, so they can continue their path of learning for an independent future.

The men and women at the ECLC of Chatham deserve both recognition and praise. Without these hard working and dedicated individuals, the ECLC would not be as successful as it is today. They help our fellow citizens become independent and educated despite mental challenges. For 25 years, these committed individuals have worked both in the classroom and behind the scenes to ensure that their students lead happy and meaningful lives. The Foundation raises money with their annual fund-raising events, which include gala dinners organized by staff and parents; a summer golf outing; and the Chatham Jaycees "Fishawack" 4-mile run. The enthusiasm and dedication of the ECLC teachers and staff en-

sure the future success of this important organization.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Early Childhood Learning Center in Chatham as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN K. DELANEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, on June 10th, 2014, I was unable to cast votes for the following amendments:

Denham Amendment, rollcall vote 288. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Blackburn Amendment, rollcall vote 289. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Schock Amendment, rollcall vote 290. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Gosar Amendment No. 1, rollcall vote 291. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Gosar Amendment No. 2, rollcall vote 292. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Schiff Amendment, rollcall vote 293. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Sessions Amendment, rollcall vote 294. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Gingrey Amendment, rollcall vote 295. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I was also unable to cast votes for the following:

Democratic Motion to Recommit. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Final Passage of H.R. 4745, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNIZING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF GINA DUNCAN

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Gina Duncan. She was born into a large family in Cookeville, Tennessee on October 24, 1955. Gina was originally named Greg Pingston at birth by his parents, Edward and Rae Pingston. Along with his two brothers and two sisters, he lived in 12 states and Europe before the family settled in Merritt Island, Florida in 1964.

At an early age, "Greg" excelled in sports and leadership. At Merritt Island High School in 1973, "Greg" was class president as well as the captain and middle linebacker of an undefeated state championship high school football team. His senior year, he was named to the Florida All-State Team. "Greg" received a football scholarship to East Carolina University and started as strong safety under Head Coach, Pat Dye. While at East Carolina, "Greg" was also elected Student Government Vice President, becoming the first non-fraternity/sorority elected officer.

In 1977, "Greg" returned to Central Florida to start a family and his career in mortgage

banking. He was named Central Florida Area Manager for Wells Fargo and Company in 1997, and was promoted to Regional Manager for the firm in 2006, overseeing 26 branches, 250 employees and a multi-million dollar budget. During that time, "Greg" served on the Board of Directors of the Mid-Florida Home Builders Association and as President of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Central Florida.

After a lifelong struggle with gender identity disorder, in 2007, Greg Pingston transitioned to her authentic self, Gina Leigh Duncan.

Since her gender transition, Ms. Duncan has been a visible and articulate advocate for the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender communities. Gina was the first transgender president of a major chamber of commerce in the country, being elected to head the Metropolitan Business Association in 2010. Gina also served on the National Business Council of the Human Rights Campaign and on the Central Florida Steering Committee of Equality Florida.

In 2012, Ms. Duncan retired from mortgage banking and ran for public office. Garnering over 40% of the vote in an unsuccessful bid for the office of Orange County Commissioner, she was the first openly transgender candidate to run for office in Central Florida.

Also in 2012, Ms. Duncan released her first book entitled, *Attraversiamo*, "Let's Cross Over": A Story of Gender Transition.

Gina Duncan is now the Transgender Inclusion Director for Equality Florida, the state's largest LGBT advocacy organization. She is recognized as a national and international corporate trainer and speaker specializing in corporate transgender inclusion. She works with major corporations, elected officials, school boards, colleges, universities and non-profit organizations to improve knowledge and understanding of the transgender journey; and the development of competencies in supporting transgender people in the workplace. She provides firsthand knowledge of the dynamics of the transgender community, with the belief that embracing diversity and inclusion in the workplace allows people to be their true selves. This provides for an open and equal corporate culture, and increases economic well-being in society overall.

I am happy to honor Gina Duncan, during LGBT Pride Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community and to furthering equality in corporate culture.

HONORING MS. KAREN KALLENS,
RN, AND THE HUNTERDON COUNTY
MEDICATION ACCESS PART-
NERSHIP

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Karen Kallens, RN, for her outstanding contributions to Hunterdon Medical Center and the Hunterdon County Medication Access Partnership. Ms. Kallens has been committed to underserved patients in Hunterdon County. As coordinator of the Hunterdon County Medication Access Partnership, Ms. Kallens has brought prescription medication assistance and access and disease education to many residents in need.

The Hunterdon County Medication Access Partnership is a successful model where dedicated staff assist patients in evaluating their prescription medication needs and educating the community on affordable prescription medication opportunities through programs such as pharmaceutical company patient assistance programs, local pharmacy generic medication programs and Medicaid and Medicare. Ms. Kallens has helped over 4,000 patients thanks to the team at HCMAP who diligently and passionately assist numerous patients who would not otherwise receive the medications they need to live their lives in full.

Ms. Kallens does what most physicians cannot—follow each filed application and appeal the case if it is unjustly rejected and ensure compliance with prescription medicine.

I thank Ms. Kallens and the staff at the Hunterdon County Medication Access Partnership for their dedicated public service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SANDY HOOK LIGHTHOUSE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sandy Hook Lighthouse as it celebrates its 250th Anniversary this year. The Sandy Hook Lighthouse has served as a beacon for the New Jersey coastline and the New York Harbor since it was first illuminated on June 11, 1764. Its historical significance is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

The oldest original, operational lighthouse in the United States, the Sandy Hook Lighthouse is one of the 11 lighthouses built during the colonial era. First lit by whale oil, the lighthouse is currently illuminated by electricity, which became the standard for most lighthouses in the 1930s. To accommodate the increased harbor traffic, two beacons were added in 1817, for a total of 3 lights and 32 lamps and reflectors. With the increased work, three assistants were assigned to help the lighthouse keeper in 1857. Also that year, the lighthouse was renovated to include its glass Fresnel lens, an iron lens house, brick interior lining for stability and an iron staircase.

During the American Revolution, the Sandy Hook Lighthouse served as a significant navigational aid. Held under British control for much of the war, it was a target due to its important location. Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Tupper and his troops attempted to destroy the tower in March of 1776. After the attack, the lighthouse was closely guarded by British loyalists with the support of the British Army and Navy.

The Sandy Hook Lighthouse was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1964. With the introduction of electricity, a lighthouse keeper is no longer necessary. Today, its tower is maintained by the National Park Service and its light is maintained by the United States Coast Guard.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in recognizing the Sandy Hook Lighthouse and marking its 250th Anniversary.

OPPOSITION TO H.R. 4660, THE FY15 COMMERCE-JUSTICE-SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS BILL

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in reluctant opposition to H.R. 4066, the Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2015.

I commend Chairman WOLF and Ranking Member FATAH for their dedicated work on crafting this legislation. However, I cannot vote for it in its current form. While I can support the overall \$51.2 billion in discretionary spending, a number of specific programs were short-changed. For example, the bill cuts important investments in key areas such as law enforcement, access to justice for the poor, and climate research. In addition, a number of pernicious policy riders were added on the House floor which poisons the overall bill.

With respect to funding levels, I have serious concerns about cuts that were made to a number of programs within the Department of Justice. This bill cuts the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program by \$117.5 million from FY14 and is \$177.5 million below the Presidents' request. And while an amendment was adopted to increase funding for COPS by \$110 million on the House floor this came at the direct expense of the Census Bureau, which was already funded below the Administration's request. This is a false choice that is both unnecessary and arbitrary.

I also oppose reductions in funding for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), which is the single largest funder of civil legal aid for low-income Americans, including many military families and veterans. This bill would reduce funding for LSC by \$15 million in FY15 and would be \$80 million below the President's request. Over 1,000 full time employees have been terminated as a result of cuts to LSC in recent years and a continued lack of funding will result in tens of thousands of Americans being denied vital legal assistance.

I am also disappointed in the arbitrary and short-sighted cuts to climate research at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that will limit our understanding of mid-term weather forecasting, including drought. These damaging cuts will hinder our ability to understand and respond to changing weather patterns across the country.

I also strongly object to many of the policy riders that were included in the final passage of H.R. 4066. I was disappointed that an amendment offered by Rep. MORAN to strike sections 528 and 529 was not adopted, leaving in place the misguided provision to continue funding restrictions on the construction or modification of detention facilities in the United States to house Guantanamo detainees. As the President made clear in his State of the Union Address earlier this year, we cannot wait any longer to lift the remaining restrictions on detainee transfers and close down this facility once-and-for-all.

The legislation also includes language that severely limits the ability of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

(ATF) to combat illegal gun trafficking. Specifically, the ATF is prohibited from denying an application to import particular models or configurations of a shotgun that do not meet the statutory "sporting purposes" test.

There were also many amendments adopted on the House floor that I strongly opposed. An amendment introduced by Rep. SCOTT GARRETT would prohibit funds from being used by the Justice Department to pursue litigation using the "disparate impact" legal theory. This not only flies in the face of the Civil Rights Act but would prohibit the Justice Department from getting involved in litigation where whole classifications of individuals are being systematically discriminated against.

I was also disappointed that an amendment passed on the House floor that would not allow for funds to be used to transfer or assign employees to the Pardon Attorney's office for the purpose of screening clemency applications. This severely undermines the Justice Department's efforts to scale back prison sentences for individuals incarcerated for non-violent drug offenses. Another ill-conceived amendment offered by Representative STEVE KING would handcuff Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) by limiting its use of prosecutorial discretion.

Despite my opposition to the overall legislation, I was encouraged that a bipartisan amendment led by Rep. MIKE THOMPSON and Rep. PETER KING to lift funding for the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) was adopted. This increased funding matches the level of funding requested by states for NICS grants in FY14 and will ensure that Maryland has the necessary resources to implement the technology to automate criminal history and mental health records in our background check system.

In addition, I supported the funding levels of many other programs and priorities. Within the Department of Justice, I was encouraged that Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution programs, Byrne-JAG formula grants, and the Youth Mentoring program all received funding at or above the President's request.

I will continue to monitor the progress of this bill and it is my hope that my concerns are resolved in conference with the Senate and I will be able to vote for it in its final form.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,555,165,805,212.20. We've added \$6,928,288,756,299.20 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. On rollcall vote No. 302, on the amendment offered by Mr. ROYCE, providing \$10 million for local and regional purchase for international food aid programs, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall vote No. 307, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall votes No. 298, 299, 300, 301, 303, 304, 305 and 306, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JENNIFER FOSTER

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Jennifer Foster. The daughter of Edward and Linda Foster, Jennifer was born and raised in Hicksville, Ohio. She attended the University of Cincinnati where she earned an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. Jennifer went on to the University of Michigan where she graduated Summa Cum Laude, with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Business Administration.

In 1999, Jennifer founded Foster Productions, Inc. after years of freelancing in the Detroit, Michigan video production industry. Jennifer relocated the company to Orlando, Florida in 2001. She has written, produced and directed both industrial and broadcast projects for many of the most prestigious corporations in the world. Jennifer has produced a wide range of media including commercial, documentary, learning development, marketing, animation, and broadcast media. Her award-winning work can be seen everywhere, including Fortune 500 companies, museums, the worldwide web, broadcast television programs, and commercials.

In March of 2013, Jennifer founded Kids' Wellness Alliance, LLC (KWA!), a children's health and wellness "edutainment" company. KWA! is expected to launch its first program, YogaDog!, in the fall of 2014. Jennifer is the Chief Executive Officer and oversees all business and creative aspects of KWA!'s development projects.

Jennifer is a long-time member of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) and the Co-Founder of the local Orlando HRC community. During her eight years of volunteer leadership, Jennifer helped create one of the most vibrant and politically effective local HRC volunteer communities in the country. Serving on the Board of Governors for the national organization, Jennifer earned numerous awards during her time with HRC including the prestigious Founder's Award.

Jennifer is also a long-time member of the Metropolitan Business Association (MBA) of Orlando, Central Florida's LGBT Chamber of

Commerce. She was honored with the 2011 Debbie Simmons Community Service Award and named the 2014 Business Woman of the Year award recipient.

An active member of her community, Jennifer was twice nominated for the Orlando Business Journal "Women Who Mean Business" award. She supports a variety of local non-profit and political organizations including Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Florida, Florida Little Dog Rescue, Hope and Help of Central Florida, Libby's Legacy Breast Cancer Foundation, Planned Parenthood of Central Florida, and the Zebra Coalition.

Jennifer's greatest achievement is her marriage to her long-time life partner, Mary Anne Metaxas. They were legally wed in Washington, D.C. on December 13, 2013—their 10 year anniversary. They reside in Orlando, Florida with their three dogs, Matti, Maci, and Patrick, two cats, Graci and Kevin, and occasionally rescue puppies that they are temporarily fostering. I am happy to honor Jennifer Foster, during LGBT Pride Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida Community.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4800) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong opposition to using the appropriations process to weaken federal child and school nutrition programs. Following the passage of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, the United States Department of Agriculture proposed rules regarding implementation of meal standards in schools. Unfortunately, House Republicans are playing politics with our children's health.

The Agriculture appropriations bill now contains a proposal that would allow schools to take a waiver to opt-out of school nutrition programs. House Republicans say that schools are having financial trouble meeting new standards, but data show that 90% of schools are currently meeting these updated standards.

In a meeting with First Lady Michelle Obama, school officials from across the country stated that they have been successful in implementing these standards and serving students more grain rich products, fruits, and vegetables. The USDA and local officials have relied on feedback from students and school officials to formulate new menus.

Even though some schools cite financial troubles in meeting new nutritional standards, we should not allow any and all schools to abandon implementing new standards with a waiver. The majority of schools has implemented these changes and seen success.

For decades, Congress has based decisions regarding federal nutrition programs on science. I strongly believe that we must continue this practice for the benefit of our children. I urge my colleagues to oppose this provision and instead to support Congressman SAM FARR's amendment to strike the waiver from the bill.

THANKING CORPORAL KYLE CARPENTER

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following in honor of the presentation of the Medal of Honor on June 19, 2014, by President Obama at the White House to Corporal Kyle Carpenter the United States Marine Corps, a poem in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

IN HONOR, IF?

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

In . . .
 In Honor, if?
 No greater gift!
 Then all of this!
 To lay down one's life. . .
 No brighter light!
 So sacrifice!
 I but ones life!
 The greatest treasure!
 That Last Full Measure!
 Whenever brave hearts endeavor!
 To turn the dark into the light!
 Oh this most brilliant sight!
 So sacred rite!
 I Honor, if?
 As you Devil Dog,
 shone bright!
 Willingly to give up your life!
 As Kyle,
 your great heart took flight!
 When, who lived and died. . .
 so all depended on you!
 As the angels cried!
 While, watching your courage rise!
 All in honor your so divine!
 As yours grew!
 All in your most brilliant shades of green
 this hue!
 Oooh. . . rah. . .
 you one fine United States Marine!
 Right at the crossroads of death,
 as your fine heart would crest!
 And grew and grew!
 As upon that grenade yourself you threw!
 But for the greater good!
 In all you could!
 All in Honor's Light,
 You Devil Dog so bright!
 And what child may be born?
 From your love now so warmed. . .
 Who might save the world,
 all in your love unfurled!
 In Honor, If?
 We choose this gift!
 Because, moments are all we have!
 Minutes, to turn the good from bad!
 To make a difference with it all,
 and answer that clarion call!
 America's son,
 on earth in Heaven as thy will be done!
 And why on this day,
 upon your strong shoulders this Medal of
 Honor we proudly place!
 All In Honor's grace!
 For all you saved. . .
 For your Valor so ready to die this day!
 While, all In Honor you so led the way!

Could we?
 Would we? . . .
 But such gifts so give?
 In Honor, If?
 Ooooh. . . Rah!

HONORING BOB TRUSELA

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Bob Trusela, a distinguished restaurateur in San Pedro who passed away on June 6, 2014. As a longtime resident of the Los Angeles Harbor Area, Bob was well-known in the community for his exceptional Italian dishes, his unforgettable smile, and his unique ability to make every customer feel like they were part of the Trusela family. The community's praise of his delicious cuisine attests to the lasting imprint that his positive character will leave on those within the Los Angeles Harbor Area community and beyond.

When he was a young man, Bob's desire to enter the restaurant industry led him to pursue a job as a busboy in Scottsdale, Arizona. He later worked at various restaurants in Nevada and California. In 1992, Bob's love for the restaurant business ultimately led him to meet his wife, Josephine. That year, both were working at Josephine's uncle's restaurant in San Pedro. In 2007, the couple opened Trusela's restaurant on the same spot where they met sixteen years earlier, a restaurant where I enjoyed countless fabulous Italian meals and memories. Just a few months ago, Bob and Josephine opened their new restaurant in San Pedro, Otto Trattoria, which has already proven to be a local favorite for many residents. Los Angeles is famous for its cultural diversity, which is reflected in the wide array of restaurants that feature cuisines from across the globe. I am proud to say that Bob played a major role in this part of the community while touching so many lives in the process.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine, as well as his five children: Bobby, Louis, Tony, Dominic, and Isabella.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all Members of the House join me in a moment of silence to commemorate the life of Bob Trusela.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOSEPH W. GREENE, SR. FOR HIS DEDICATED CAREER AT KANSAS CITY POWER AND LIGHT

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding dedicated employee of Kansas City Power & Light. On Friday, June 13, Mr. Joseph W. Green, Sr. will officially retire from the electric utility, having served for sixty-eight years. His commitment to the service of KCP&L is unparalleled, as he is the company's longest serving employee. Mr. Greene is a trailblazer, civil rights activist, a devoted family man, and a community leader who has devoted his life to the fight for justice and equal rights for everyone.

Greene, affectionately known as "Mean" Joe Greene, was born in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1925. When he was just sixteen years old, he joined the Masonic Lodge where he ascended to the rank of Wisdom Master, 30 degree. Four years later, he joined KCP&L, in 1945, and began as janitor. Through his years he has worked as a machinist, apprentice mechanic, tool room attendant at Hawthorne Station, and Union Steward for IBEW Local 412. An investor-owned, regulated electric utility, Kansas City Power & Light serves more than 800,000 customers in 47 Missouri and Kansas counties. Mr. Greene helps to serve approximately 18,000 square miles, with more than 3,000 miles of transmission lines, 24,000 miles of distribution lines, and more than 400 substations to deliver power to their customers.

Greene joined the NAACP in 1963 where he served in various capacities, including on their Board of Directors and as a delegate to many of the annual conventions. For many years, he was the top membership recruiter for the NAACP. Greene also served on the Board of Kansas City's Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"Mean" Joe Greene has never been afraid to speak up and fight for his beliefs. Of his activism, he once said, "It's been a struggle and I hope I've been able to help lay the groundwork for the acceptance of minorities to come into mainstream America and be given equal opportunities to do what they can and to the best of their abilities." One of the highlights of his life was the election of President Barack Obama, the nation's first African American President.

Greene was married to the late Thelma C. Greene for 56 years. He is the father of three sons, Joseph Greene, Jr., Earl Greene and Dr. Wesley E. Greene, and one deceased daughter, Joan Greene. He also has several grandchildren, including two medical doctors, one attorney, one completing law school, a former NFL football player and an aspiring film producer. He says of his family, "I am going to do everything I can while I'm alive for my family, my community and my people."

Mr. Greene has been a lifelong proponent of education and, in conjunction with KCP&L and the University of Missouri—Kansas City, supported an annual Spelling Bee for fourth and fifth-grade students from an inner city school.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and our colleagues in recognizing and honoring Mr. Joe Greene for a lifetime of devoted commitment to Kansas City Power & Light and our community. While he embraces this next phase of life in retirement, I wish to thank him for his tireless service over the last 68 years. His life's motto, "We will get along fine as long as you respect and treat me right," will continue to guide his colleagues and all of us in the days ahead. Demonstrating unparalleled dedication, Joe serves as an inspiration and role model for our community.

IN HONOR OF LGBT PRIDE MONTH

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and celebrate the

month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month. As the proud sponsor of H. Res 416, Encouraging the Celebration of the Month of June as LGBT Pride Month, along with my fellow LGBT caucus members, this is an issue near and dear to my heart.

Too often have the contributions and the struggle of LGBT individuals for full recognition and equal protection under the law been intentionally ignored. That is why I join with my LGBT brothers and sisters this June in celebrating the positive progress we have seen across the country toward full recognition and equal protection for LGBT individuals. I also join with them to recognize the multitude of positive LGBT role models and public figures who are able to live their lives in such a way as to prove it really does "get better" to those around the world who struggle with their LGBT status.

I firmly believe everyone should be treated fairly and equally regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. I believe that Dr. King's words are as true now as they ever were in light of the continued invidious discrimination, hate, and bias we see against LGBT individuals in our world community: 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.' An injustice against a member of the LGBT community is a threat to justice in every community.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, as we recognize and celebrate the month of June as LGBT Pride Month, let us recognize the LGBT trailblazers that have made this month possible and let their example guide us as we continue to seek equal protection under the law for all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote number 273 on the Broun Amendment H.R. 4745, I mistakenly recorded my vote as "yes" when I should have voted "no."

ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA (ISIS)

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, as the author of the legislation that created the Iraq Study Group, also known as the Baker-Hamilton Commission, which helped lay the groundwork for the successful "surge" strategy that restored security to Iraq in 2007 and 2008, I am deeply troubled by what is unfolding in Iraq today on the Obama Administration's watch.

The rapid fall of multiple Iraqi cities to the terrorist Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) brings the militant group notably closer to its declared aim of establishing a caliphate that spans the northern sections of Syria and Iraq.

In essence, this jihadi extremist group, with origins in al Qaeda, is effectively carving out a terrorist state in the heart of the Middle East before our eyes and the Obama Administration appears to have no plan to respond.

Let's be perfectly clear about what this group represents. A June 11 New York Times article describes ISIS in the following way: "They have attracted the most attention with their draconian enforcement of a fundamentalist interpretation of Islamic sharia law, including crucifixions of Christians and Muslims deemed kufar, or infidels."

It is inconceivable that places I, and other Members of Congress, visited just a few years ago—and that American men and women gave their lives to help secure—are now falling to hard-lined jihadists.

In an opinion piece in today's Washington Post, veteran John Nagl, who served in both Iraq wars, wrote: "We are reaping the instability and increased threat to U.S. interests that we have sown through the failure of our endgame in Iraq and our indecisiveness in Syria. There is a clear lesson here for those contemplating a complete withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan. Having given al-Qaeda a new lease on life in the Middle East, will we provide another base where it began, in Afghanistan and Pakistan? This is not the end state my friends fought for and died for."

I could not agree more with Nagl's analysis. The swift fall of these strategic cities to this terrorist paramilitary force is quite literally the dividends of the Obama Administration's failed policies in Iraq and Syria. I also fear it could foreshadow what we will see in Afghanistan and Pakistan in the coming years as a result of the administration's actions.

The president's precipitous withdraw from Iraq and continued failure to develop a coherent policy to fight extremists in Syria has undermined the ability of the U.S. and our allies to prevent these troubling developments which have seismic consequences for the region and U.S. national interests.

The utter lack of urgency on the part of the administration with regard to ISIS's efforts to solidify its territorial gains is baffling at best, and inexcusable at worst.

Thousands of innocents will be affected in unimaginable ways, not the least of which are vulnerable religious minorities which for centuries have inhabited these lands. Consider Iraq's ancient Christian community, which has been decimated in recent years. Those who have remained in the country have largely fled to Mosul and the Nineveh Plain. To people of faith, Nineveh is familiar name: the site of a dramatic spiritual revival as told in the biblical book of Jonah.

Where now will these Christians flee? In the words of Nina Shea of the Hudson Institute's Center for Religious Freedom, writing in National Review Online this week: "Once upon a time, some of the Mosul Christians might have fled to Syria, but they now have few options. More will give up on the region altogether and join their relatives and former neighbors in Michigan, California, Sweden, and elsewhere in the West. The fall of Mosul is a serious blow for the Iraqi state, and the implications for Iraq's Christian community are devastating."

She lamented: "In other words, the religious cleansing of Christians from Iraq is entering the end game."

Mr. Speaker, it's time for this administration to recognize just how serious this development is and develop a plan to address it. America's credibility and national security depend on it.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF KEITH MORRISON

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Keith Morrison. Born in Jamestown, New York, Keith moved to Central Florida in the late 1970s where he quickly became an advocate for social justice. He became involved with Joy Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), an open and affirming church that reaches out to the LGBT community. Keith worked with Joy MCC on social justice issues such as feeding the homeless and informing the community of safe spaces for LGBT meetings.

Keith has worked with a variety of community organizations. In the early 1990's he worked with Central Floridians United Against Discrimination. This group fought to stop discrimination based on sexual orientation on a local and state level. He also worked with the Orlando Regional Pride on their early parades. These events gave the community the opportunity to express their pride in themselves and in the LGBT Orlando community.

Keith is a founding member of several local groups. In 1991, he helped found the Metropolitan Business Association (MBA), a LGBT business association. He and Debbie Simmons served as the first co-chairs of MBA. In 1993, Keith helped found the Rainbow Democrats Club of Orange County and served on its Board of Directors for five years. The organization worked to empower the LGBT community by registering residents to vote, educating people about the importance of their vote, and motivating them to get involved. In 1996, Keith worked with the State Democratic Party to form a state-wide LGBT caucus.

Keith is also the founding President of the Triangle Democratic Caucus, which gave the LGBT community a place at the political table in Florida. While serving as President of the Rainbow Democrats and the Triangle Democratic caucus of Florida, Keith worked with Congressman Barney Frank and other LGBT leaders from around the country to found the National Stonewall Democratic Federation. Keith served as the first Executive Director and helped establish offices in Washington, D.C., where the organization served as a voice and advocate within the party for LGBT equality.

Keith has also worked for local candidates that support equal rights for LGBT citizens. He ran the campaign for the first open candidate for Orlando City Council, Patty Sheehan, and the first open candidate for Florida State Representative, Tom Runyan.

Keith returned to Central Florida in 2000, where he remains an active member of Joy Metropolitan Community Church. He also works with Equality Florida and the Zebra Coalition to end discrimination based on sexual orientation, to strengthen women's reproductive rights, and to seek social justice for all without regard to socio-economic status.

For more than 30 years, Keith has worked for justice for his religious beliefs and sexual orientation. He is proudest of his 20 plus years of political work to empower LGBT voters in

order to obtain full equality for members of the community.

I am happy to honor Keith Morrison, during LGBT Pride Month, for his tireless work to empower and achieve equality for the LGBT community in Central Florida and around the country.

HONORING MR. EVAN GAINES LADNER AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY CLASS OF 2014

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Evan Ladner as a member of the United States Naval Academy Class of 2014.

Evan graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a degree in Economics and he received a commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy on May 23rd, 2014.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Evan's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation. The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

The challenge for this young man will be to retain as much as possible, pass what he learns to others, and live life for every moment.

South Mississippi is proud of Evan and his accomplishments, and we look forward to his continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Navy officer.

As Evan embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Naval Academy.

I would like to send Evan my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID RUIZ, SR.

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to our country, state and community are exceptional. In my district, we are fortunate to have dynamic leaders who unselfishly dedicate their time and their talents to make our community, and our country, a better place to live and work. Mr. David Ruiz, Sr., was one of these individuals. David passed away on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at the age of 89. Mr. Ruiz's accomplishments are wide ranging, as he has made his mark in life as a successful businessman, an active supporter of the community, and a dedicated family man. He will most certainly be missed.

Born in Corona, California to Refugio and Beatrice Ruiz on July 18, 1924, David was a

life-long resident of the Circle City. David later married Luisa Ruiz, his wife of fifty-one years, and together they raised eight children. David is survived by his loving children, Joe Ruiz, Jesse Ruiz, Sr., Luci Ruiz-Hernandez, Sally Ruiz-Cortez, David Ruiz, Jr., Gloria Ruiz-Sabatelli, Rufus Ruiz and Mary Lou Ruiz-Statham, eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Not only was David a committed family man, but he was also a vital member to the Corona community. David began his working life in irrigation at Foothill Ranch and as a milk processor at Grand View Dairy. From 1965 to 1978, he went to work at the Circle City Hospital in Riverside County, followed by employment for the Corona Police Department until his much deserved retirement in 1992. All the while, from 1965 to 1980, David had his own janitorial business rooted in Corona.

His tireless passion and love of family has contributed immensely to the betterment of our community and we will all miss David dearly. A funeral mass honoring David's life will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014. The level of commitment he showed to his community, his work, and his family is truly an example of a life lived well and a legacy that will endure. I extend my condolences to David's family and friends; although David may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remains and will never be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, VINEYARD HAVEN

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize War Veterans Memorial Park in Vineyard Haven and the generous contributions by residents of this Martha's Vineyard town that helped to create this memorial to our nation's veterans.

Legionnaires at the General George W. Goethals Post #257 in Vineyard Haven wanted their memorial to be something that could be enjoyed by Vineyarders, and not simply observed by them. Instead of a statue or other traditional sculpted war memorial, these men deemed a park with playing fields and a playground would be a more suitable tribute to their brave service to America. As such, construction began on 10 acres of an undeveloped swamp in 1951.

Construction on the Memorial Park engaged the Vineyard Haven community in a variety of fundraising events such as bean suppers, dances, and auctions. Over the last 8 years, many contributions by Islanders have made possible the leveling and developing of the Park's land, laying down a grass surface, and replacing over a thousand yards of peat with top soil.

The War Veterans Memorial Park in Vineyard Haven will serve as a proactive memorial to the men of Legion Post #257 and General George W. Goethals himself, distinguished nationally for his role in digging the Panama Canal and, locally, as a member of the Martha's Vineyard community.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor these veterans as well as recognize the vast and

generous contributions by Vineyard Haven residents who made possible this memorial park and engaging community center.

RECOGNIZING FULTON COUNTY HERITAGE DAYS AND THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAST CONFEDERATE BIVOUAC

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Fulton County Heritage Days and the 150th anniversary of the last Confederate bivouac, which took place in Fulton County Pennsylvania, and was a pivotal event in the Civil War.

On July 30, 1864, Confederate soldiers descended on Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and burned the town of Chambersburg to the ground when the \$500,000 ransom they demanded was refused. Following this brutal act, the soldiers made their way to McConnellsburg, where the Confederate forces encamped and proceeded to terrorize the local citizens. Though these Confederate soldiers inflicted a brutal toll on McConnellsburg during their time in the town, this moment was a turning point in the course of the war. Indeed, no more battles would take place on Union territory, as it would be the last time that the Confederacy would have troops occupying land north of the Mason-Dixon line. For this reason, the time these Confederate soldiers spent encamped in McConnellsburg has come to be known as the last Confederate bivouac.

Fulton County Heritage Days commemorates this important event, which is so crucial to both the history of Pennsylvania and our nation. We must never forget the lessons of history, or the great sacrifice made by the brave Pennsylvanians who gave their lives to hold the Union together. I wish to thank all those involved with organizing Fulton County Heritage Days, and invite my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 150th anniversary of the last Confederate bivouac.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILDERNESS ACT

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. In 1964, our predecessors in the House and Senate passed the Wilderness Act by an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote and President Johnson soon followed with his signature making the Act law on September 3, 1964. This action created America's National Wilderness Preservation System that reserves lands in a special status to be, in the words of the Act's remarkable preamble, "administered for the use and enjoyment of the American people in such manner as will leave them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness, and will provide for the protection of these areas and the preservation of their wilderness character."

50 years later, the wilderness idea is going strong with over 100 million acres of our nation's most spectacular lands preserved for future generations. It is an achievement truly worth celebrating. And while I rise today to recognize it, I also rise to celebrate the Americans who have kept the wilderness idea alive in our national consciousness and who have worked to care for each designated acre and to shepherd new additions to the system.

The people of the Central California Coast region that I am privileged to represent exemplify this ethic. There is a deep commitment to open space conservation in the communities that border the Monterey Bay. From the farmers and ranchers who fuel a dynamic agricultural economy to individual citizens who recreate on the public lands to rural residents who care deeply about the landscapes that surround their homes, the open space ethic runs strong. And when it comes to the wilderness lands of the Santa Lucia Mountains and the Big Sur Coast, no group of people lives that commitment more strongly than the community activists of the Ventana Wilderness Society.

Founded in 1998, the VWA is dedicated to preserving the wild lands of the Northern Santa Lucia Mountains managed by the U.S. Forest Service. VWA members partner with the Forest Service to maintain trails and clean up the debris from illegal marijuana plantations. VWA members lead hikes and education programs. And VWA members advocate. They advocate for better management of existing wilderness, and they advocate for the inclusion of additional wild lands into the wilderness system when those lands warrant such inclusion. I have had the great fortune to work with the VWA in all of these capacities, but most especially in the several wilderness bills that I myself have had the honor of introducing. And while I may claim credit for authoring those bills, I know it is the hard work of VWA members like Gordon Johnson, Tom Hopkins, Nikki Nedeff, and so many others that made those bills possible.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the Wilderness Act's 50th Anniversary, we are not only celebrating the great American landscapes that this idea has preserved, but the great Americans who have done the preserving.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL NONVIOLENCE WEEK RESOLUTION

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution recognizing the goals and ideals of establishing a National Nonviolence Week.

Tragedies at school, at home, and in our communities are destroying too many lives. We need to find ways to make our country a beloved community—where the dignity and respect of every person is a clear, common value.

Simply said, Mr. Speaker, no one should have to live his or her life in fear. We must all love each other as brothers and sisters. This resolution will raise awareness of youth violence in our country and encourage all Americans to learn how the doctrine of nonviolence

can be applied as a successful means of deterring violence.

The National Nonviolence Week resolution is closely related to my other bills, the SAFETY through Nonviolence Act, the Gandhi-King Scholarly Exchange Initiative Act, and the National Parents Corps Act, which I plan to reintroduce soon. Combined, these are legislative solutions to break the cycle of violence, bullying, and hate in our country by addressing the root causes.

During National Nonviolence Week, Americans should organize and participate in programs and activities that promote awareness and prevention of violence. It is an opportunity, for people of all ages and backgrounds in every corner of our nation, to pause and take a long look inward and reflect on how we all can be vessels of peace in our actions, thoughts, and words.

Mr. Speaker, I hope all of my colleagues will join me in cosponsoring and passing this very simple, common-sense resolution of establishing a National Nonviolence Week. Thank you.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MIKAEL AUDEBERT

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Mikael Audebert. Born in France, Mikael moved to the U.S. at age 18 and has lived in Orlando since 2000.

Mikael has been with Metropolitan Business Association of Orlando (MBA Orlando) since 2008. MBA Orlando, Central Florida's LGBT Chamber of Commerce, is the largest of its kind in the Southeast and a fast-growing entity in Central Florida. Mikael started as Technology Director for the organization and quickly rose to the position of Vice President. In 2012, he became President of MBA Orlando, as well as Executive Director of Come Out With Pride and Converge Orlando, two of MBA Orlando's sister organizations.

Since taking over as President, Mikael has initiated and overseen a vast expansion of MBA Orlando, including a move to larger offices; the launch of a printed directory; the development of a small business initiative program; a marketing campaign to increase the visibility of LGBT businesses; and the creation of a small business start up grant program in partnership with the federal government and the City of Orlando.

In 2008 Mikael joined Come Out With Pride as Marketing Director and quickly rose to become Executive Producer of Development before becoming the organizations' first Executive Director in 2010.

Mikael is also a co-founder of Converge Orlando, a non-profit organization with the mission to develop and expand LGBT tourism to Orlando. Converge Orlando partnered with the Central Florida Sports Commission to bid on bringing the 2018 Gay Games to Orlando. Converge Orlando is also launching the very first Family Outfest event in Orlando, aimed at bringing LGBT and allies families closer together. In addition, the organization is hosting

several LGBT conventions in Orlando and continuing to organize media trips which have generated articles in national LGBT and Brazilian magazines. Converge also recently launched the first LGBT Travel Guide with Visit Orlando, getting Central Florida ready for this emerging market.

In addition to his lifelong passion for travel, Mikael is also an avid event planner and organizes Orlando's annual LGBT Pride event, the largest in Florida. Mikael was named one of the "40 Under 40" in 2013 by the Orlando Business Journal. The same year, he was named one of the most influential men by the same paper and "Most Remarkable Person" of the year by the Watermark.

Mikael was born in France and moved to the U.S. at age 18. He has lived in Orlando since 2000.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE "GENERATING RENEWAL, OPPORTUNITY, AND WORK WITH ACCELERATED MOBILITY, EFFICIENCY, AND REBUILDING OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT AMERICA ACT"

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to join Congressman PETRI in introducing, on June 11, 2014, the Administration's \$302 billion, four-year surface transportation authorization proposal—the "Generating Renewal, Opportunity, and Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency, and Rebuilding of Infrastructure and Communities throughout America Act" (GROW AMERICA Act). With the goal of trying to get greater focus on surface transportation reauthorization before the Highway Trust Fund becomes insolvent, I was in touch with Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx about introducing the Administration's bill. He agreed, and, subsequently Chairman TOM PETRI, as a courtesy, agreed to introduce the bill at the request of the Administration.

Particularly considering that the funding provided in the current authorization, MAP-21, based on the Highway Trust Fund plus an additional \$18 billion from general revenue, has proven unable to get states through the two-year duration of the bill, I believe Congress must act soon on a fully funded six-year reauthorization. Such a bill would provide the funding and the certainty necessary to give the nation a chance to reduce the backlog of needed transportation infrastructure work waiting to be done. This Administration's four-year bill is a timely contribution as Congress works towards passage of a long-term surface transportation authorization, and should provide guidance and ideas as we develop legislation to set the future course of these vital programs.

Mr. Speaker, federal investments in transportation and infrastructure contribute much more to our economy than they cost the federal government, as they improve the nation's mobility and economic competitiveness and create good-paying jobs. Unfortunately, we have not been providing the investment levels necessary to keep pace with the growing de-

mands on the nation's surface transportation network. The GROW AMERICA Act recognizes that we have fallen behind, and calls for increasing investments in modernizing the nation's roads, bridges, railways, and transit systems. We cannot address our infrastructure deficit by just continuing to provide baseline levels of funding.

Specifically, the GROW AMERICA Act provides:

\$199.2 billion over fiscal year 2015—fiscal year 2018 for highways, compared to \$40.9 billion authorized in fiscal year 2014;

an increase of 70 percent over current investment levels in transit, by providing more than \$72 billion over four years and dramatically increasing investment in all modes of transit, including buses;

more than \$19 billion in freight and passenger rail investments, including \$9.5 billion over four years for Amtrak; and \$9.5 billion to states for investment in high-speed and intercity passenger rail and to eliminate congestion on shared-use track; and

\$5 billion over four years for the TIGER discretionary program.

In addition to these critical investments in the nation's intermodal surface transportation network, the GROW AMERICA Act also includes a number of important policy provisions that ensure that surface transportation investments create good-paying American jobs.

Mr. Speaker, the GROW AMERICA Act proposes to strengthen Buy America by closing a major loophole in the application of Buy America requirements for public transportation rolling stock by requiring that transit rolling stock must consist of 100 percent domestic content by 2019. It also applies Buy America to all Federal Railroad Administration grant programs and the Railroad Infrastructure Financing program. These provisions will spur job creation in the United States and foster domestic manufacturing, and should be included in the next surface transportation authorization legislation.

The GROW AMERICA Act also protects truck and bus drivers by changing worker wage and hour laws to ensure that these drivers are compensated at no less than the federal minimum wage for hours spent on duty but not driving.

The proposal also provides \$245 million over four years for workforce development to support and enhance the size, diversity, and skills of our nation's construction and surface transportation workforce.

There are aspects of the bill that may give some of my colleagues pause. For example, eliminating the prohibition on tolling of existing free interstate highways for reconstruction of an existing facility and further streamlining environmental reviews will be subject to significant debate as Congress begins developing its legislation. But, this bill is an important first step in our efforts to craft a bill to move our nation into the 21st century.

I again thank Congressman PETRI for his courtesy in introducing this proposal. I look forward to working closely with him and Republicans and Democrats on the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit as we begin to develop new surface transportation authorization legislation.

SUPPORT FOR S. 2270 AS PASSED
BY THE SENATE

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, last week the Senate passed legislation to address capital requirements for insurers that are supervised by the Federal Reserve Board. The Senate-passed legislation is substantially similar to H.R. 4510, legislation that Rep. CAROLYN MCCARTHY and I introduced earlier this year, and we strongly support it.

The legislation passed by the Senate would ensure that insurance companies that are either nonbank systemically important financial companies (SIFIs) or savings and loan holding companies (SLHCs) are not subject to banking capital standards. There is unanimous agreement among policymakers and other experts that it is inappropriate and harmful to subject insurance companies to bank capital standards because of the critical differences between the two business models.

Insurance companies, particularly life insurance companies, make long-term investments to match long-term liabilities such as life insurance, annuities, and pensions. By contrast, banks are subject to immediate calls on assets, particularly under times of economic stress, and must maintain a high level of liquidity to pay out demand deposits. Bank regulatory standards are tailored to that business model, while state risk-based capital standards are tailored to the insurance business model. Imposing bank standards on insurers under Federal Reserve supervision would disrupt insurance markets and hurt consumers by causing insurers to shift into assets that are inappropriate for the insurance business model and asset-liability matching principles. Alternatively, insurers might be compelled to exit certain capital-intensive product lines, which is bad for consumers.

The intent of S. 2270 as passed by the Senate would be to avoid these problems and ensure that regulators do not impose bank capital standards on insurers supervised by the Federal Reserve. The legislation amends section 171 of the Dodd-Frank Act and clarifies that the Federal Reserve may create tailored insurance capital standards, as necessary, for supervised holding companies with insurance operations.

To accomplish the goal of directing the Federal Reserve to tailor rules for insurance, the Senate-passed legislation permits the Federal Reserve to create a tailored, non-bank-centric capital regime for the insurance operations of supervised entities. Under the Senate bill, banking activities of insurers would remain subject to consolidated capital standards under section 171.

In distinguishing between insurance versus non-insurance activities of a supervised entity, the legislation provides regulators with the flexibility to tailor the rules for subsidiaries of insurance companies that support and are necessary to the business of insurance, including, for example, subsidiaries that support insurance company general and separate accounts. The Senate-passed legislation defines "business of insurance" by reference to section 1002 of the Dodd-Frank Act. Under this

definition the business of insurance means "the writing of insurance or the reinsuring of risks by an insurer, including all acts necessary to such writing or reinsuring and the activities relating to the writing of insurance or the reinsuring of risks conducted by persons who act as, or are, officers, directors, agents, or employees of insurers or who are other persons authorized to act on behalf of such persons." The reference to this definition of the "business of insurance" will help ensure that insurance activities of federally supervised companies are subject to tailored capital rules.

Consistent with congressional intent, the Senate legislation would also help ensure that the Federal Reserve use its authority to tailor capital rules for insurance operations of entities under its supervision, regardless of the depository institution subsidiary's size. It would be inappropriate and detrimental to insurance consumers for the Federal Reserve to impose a banking capital regime on the entire enterprise of a large insurer that happens to own a large insured depository institution—the depository institution in that operation will be subject to appropriate banking standards under current law, and the insurance operations should be subject to appropriate insurance standards.

Another important provision of our legislation and the Senate-passed legislation addresses the issue of insurance accounting. Every publicly traded company in the United States is required to prepare consolidated financial statements under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), and all insurance companies in the United States are required by their state insurance regulators to use an accounting method known as Statutory Accounting. In fact, many mutual insurance companies only use Statutory Accounting in preparing their financial statements.

Statutory Accounting Principles are more conservative than GAAP because they are specifically designed to promote insurer solvency and the ability to pay claims rather than measuring an insurer's value as a going concern. Mandating that insurers using only SAP adopt GAAP accounting would impose significant cost and a multi-year time commitment on those insurers with limited, if any, supervisory benefit to regulators.

H.R. 4510 includes a provision prohibiting the Federal Reserve from imposing GAAP accounting on insurers that only prepare and file SAP statements at the holding company level. S. 2270 was amended to include a provision clarifying that nothing in the legislation prevents the Federal Reserve from obtaining any information it is otherwise entitled to obtain from a SAP-only insurer. We support this change, and also support the House passage of the legislation as amended by the Senate, which has the unanimous support of the Senate, as well as other important constituencies. The key purpose here is to ensure that insurance entities affiliated with depository institutions are not subject to the unfair, bank-centric capital standards, regardless of the accounting model they utilize.

Mr. Speaker, we and the many other supporters of insurance capital legislation are pleased that S. 2270 as amended passed the Senate and look forward to its passage by the House. We also look forward post-enactment to working with regulators as they develop rigorous, well-tailored standards that reflect the insurance business model.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I submit a clarification of my vote during consideration of H.R. 4745, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015. I fully intended to continue my strong support of the Housing for Persons with AIDS program and mistakenly voted "no" on rollcall vote 277, the Nadler Amendment. I intended to vote "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JEFFERSON R. VOSS

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Jefferson "Jeff" R. Voss. Jeff is a fourth generation Central Floridian and a graduate of the University of Central Florida. Jeff was a Certified Public Accountant with KPMG in Orlando prior to joining the Tavistock Group, an international private investment firm, where he is a Senior Director.

Jeff has provided financial support to many LGBT organizations throughout his life. However, in 2009, he began to turn a life-long dream into reality by creating the concept which has become the Zebra Foundation for Youth, Inc. and the Zebra Coalition.

The Zebra Foundation for Youth and Zebra Coalition's mission is to foster hope, dignity and self-respect in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and all (LGBT+) youth and to provide them an opportunity to grow up in a safe, healthy and supportive environment.

Jeff is the president of the Zebra Foundation, which derives support from diverse sources, including other foundations, businesses, individuals, and grants from government agencies.

In direct partnership with the Zebra Foundation, the Zebra Coalition was established in response to the growing number of LGBT+ youth who are experiencing homelessness, bullying, extreme physical and sexual abuse, isolation from their families, and a wide range of life challenges. The primary goal of the Zebra Coalition is to meet the specialized needs of these "at-risk youth". This is done by providing each young person being assisted by the Zebra Coalition with an individually tailored program. This focus on the individual helps to ensure that the intervention will ultimately guide them to recovery and stability.

The Zebra Coalition is a unique organization comprised of service groups, government agencies, social service providers, schools, colleges and universities that together provide a continuum of support for LGBT+ youth. Each of these organizations is able to provide essential services including shelter, counseling, and basic necessities to at-risk LGBT+ youth.

It is through the dedication of Jeff and numerous coalition members, volunteers, supporters and Foundation board members, that

Zebra Coalition is able to positively impact the lives of so many young people that would otherwise have no place to turn.

I am happy to honor Jefferson R. Voss, during LGBT Pride Month, for his tireless work to support LGBT+ youth in the Central Florida community.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take a few moments to recognize June 9th through 13th as National Men's Health Week. I strongly support National Men's Health Week and the participating health organizations that help raise awareness of men's health in our communities. I embrace the spirit of Men's Health Week which maintains that all men need to do our best to take care of our health and our families' health to strengthen our communities. Heart disease is the primary killer of men in our country. Men live an average of 5 years less than women, and men between the ages of 18 and 44 are less likely to visit the doctor than women. I am a firm believer in prevention and the importance of health awareness. A crucial step to maintaining a healthy lifestyle is being aware of your current health status. Increased awareness of our medical needs and preventable health problems will help remedy possible issues before they become life threatening. Taking care of ourselves is crucially important as we age, and regular check-ups with our health providers are important steps to strengthen the health of our communities.

We have many community health centers in the 7th District of Illinois that provide excellent care to Illinoisans. These health centers play critical roles in strengthening men's health. I would like to recognize and commend Near North Health Service Corporation for its efforts during National Men's Health Week. Near North is performing free health screenings for men during this time period. For example, they are conducting screenings for blood pressure, oral health, HIV, diabetes, and prostate cancer. They are conducting informative workshops on healthier eating as well. I applaud the dedication of our community health centers to improving the health and meeting the medical needs of our communities during Men's Health Week and throughout the entire year.

I also want to recognize the efforts of the Illinois Department of Public Health during Men's Health Week. IDPH partnered with the Chicago White Sox and Bat for the Cure to provide free prostate cancer screenings. Further, the state health agency is leading multiple awareness events and seminars this week, including an African-American Male Health and Fitness Expo at Malcolm X College and the 20th Annual Real Men Cook event at Kennedy King. All of these efforts are important steps in raising awareness and improving the health of citizens in Chicago, Illinois and the Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I submit a clarification of my vote during consideration of H.R. 4745, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015. I fully intended to continue my strong support of the Housing for Persons with AIDS program and mistakenly voted "no" on rollcall vote 277, the Nadler Amendment. I intended to vote "aye."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF MARY ELLEN EPPS TO THE
PEOPLE OF COLORADO

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my former colleagues in the Colorado General Assembly, Mary Ellen Epps. Mary Ellen and I served together at the State Capitol in Denver. Mary Ellen was an absolute dynamo of a Representative and Senator who faithfully served her constituents in the Fountain and Widefield region.

Mary Ellen lived a full life and had an intense passion for learning. She received her bachelor's degree from Colorado Christian University and also took courses in French and nursing. She even was a student pilot.

With large portions of Fort Carson in her district, and as a Lifetime VFW member, Mary Ellen was a passionate advocate for our men and women in uniform, their families, and our veterans.

Mary Ellen was a passionate, dedicated, and hard-working legislator. A tough fighter for public safety and law and order, Mary Ellen worked hard to pass legislation increasing penalties on uninsured motorists. She also worked to increase the hardships of prison for our most dangerous criminals.

The range of Mary Ellen's knowledge and expertise was reflected in the committees she served during her time in the General Assembly. She was able to help and assist so many people while serving on the Criminal Justice, Medically Indigent, Environmental, Arts and Tourism, and Health Care committees.

Mary Ellen was able to represent her constituents so well because she made a conscientious effort to personally connect with as many as possible and learn what motivated them and what issues were their priorities. Her passionate advocacy and tireless work ethic was an inspiration to me and I was honored to call her my friend.

Mary Ellen has passed away, but I know that she is in a better place. Please consider her three children, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild in your thoughts and prayers.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF CARLOS GUILLERMO
SMITH

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Carlos Guillermo Smith. Carlos is the son of Luis Ricardo Smith and Johanne Marie Ghyslaine Guay.

Carlos was elected Chairman of the Orange County Democratic Party on December 16th, 2013 and made history as the first openly gay Democratic Party Chair in Orange County at the age of 32. A Latino of Peruvian descent, Carlos has worked closely with leaders in Central Florida to engage the local Hispanic community in the political process and elect more Latinos to hold public office.

An alumnus of the University of Central Florida, Carlos gained political experience working on a number of Democratic races, including his role as Communications Director and Senior Advisor during State Representative Joe Saunders 2012 race.

In 2011, Carlos became a public policy fellow for Equality Florida, where he crafted state and local legislative strategy with LGBT leaders. Equality Florida is the largest civil rights organization dedicated to securing full equality for Florida's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

Carlos currently serves as legislative aide to State Representative Joe Saunders. Prior to his current position, Carlos served as the aide to Former State Representative Scott Randolph from 2011–2012 and Orange County Democratic Party Communications Chair from 2011–2013.

I am happy to honor Carlos Guillermo Smith during LGBT Pride Month, for his contributions to the Central Florida community.

HONORING NORCELL D. HAYWOOD

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Norcell D. Haywood, a leader in my State of Texas who has practiced architecture for over thirty seven years.

Mr. Haywood was one of the first four African American students to be admitted to the University of Texas and was the second African American to graduate from the University of Texas School of Architecture in 1960. Upon graduation, he taught at Prairie View A&M University's school of Engineering. He later gained employment with the City of Austin Planning Department. He also published a local Newspaper, The East Side Reporter, which has a circulation of 20,000 papers weekly distributed on the eastern section of San Antonio.

In 1968, he became the first licensed African-American Architect in San Antonio. He then founded his firm, Norcell D. Haywood & Associates (1968–71) and later in 1971,

founded the firm of Haywood Jordan McCowan SAT Inc., Haywood Jordan McCowan of Houston Inc and Haywood Jordan McCowan of Dallas Inc (HJM). Under Norcell's leadership HJM has been the recipient of the prestigious Merit Design and Honor Awards. The University of Texas—Dallas, Student Union Center was also a design award winner along with numerous housing developments in Houston, Austin, Dallas and San Antonio areas such as the Texas Southern University Physical Education Building and Business Technology Building in Houston, Texas; Lincoln Magnet High School in Dallas, Texas; Alamodome Stadium and the completed Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center both in San Antonio, Texas.

His professional memberships include the American Institute of Architects, Texas Society of Architects, the Society of American Military Engineers. He is also a life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He was the first African American to be appointed to the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners and served as Vice Chairman of the Board. He was also a Delegate on the White House Sub-Committee on Small Business in 1995. He is the recipient of the 1997 Bank of America—San Antonio, Black History Chronicles Trail Blazer Award and a 1997 Texas Legislative Black Caucus Outstanding Texans at Large Honoree. The San Antonio Chapter of the UT Ex-Students Association awarded him this 1999 Outstanding San Antonio Texas-Ex Award.

In addition to his many professional achievements, Mr. Haywood is a concerned professional who believes that architecture can be a significant part of the healing and problem solving process. His most passionate interests lie in early child training and development. He actively supports the YMCA, Boy's and Girl's Club of San Antonio and many other local youth organizations. He is a life member of both the Ex-Students' Association and the UT President's Associates. Mr. Haywood has personally been cited with many awards for his Humanitarian and civic duties.

Mr. Speaker, our Country is a better one because we have a Norcell D. Haywood and he deserves recognition for his decades of work.

HONORING MS. GABRIELLE MARIE ARANDA AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY CLASS OF 2014

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Ms. Gabrielle Marie Aranda as a member of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2014.

Gabby graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a degree in Business Management and a minor in Spanish, and she received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force on May 27, 2014.

Her career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Gabby's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation. The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

The challenge for this young woman will be to retain as much as possible, pass what she learns to others, and live life for every moment.

South Mississippi is proud of Gabby and her accomplishments, and we look forward to her continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Air Force officer.

As Gabby embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that she may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Air Force Academy.

I would like to send Gabby my best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors, thank her for her service, and congratulate her on this momentous occasion.

CELEBRATING THE WEDDING OF AMBER GRAY KIRBY AND KEVIN "KIP" TALLEY

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the upcoming wedding of Amber Gray Kirby and Kevin "Kip" Talley. Ms. Kirby is a native of Mt. Olive, NC and graduate of NC State University, Wake Forest Law School, and American University. As a constituent and friend, she is truly an exemplary example of the quality leaders our communities produce. Mr. Talley is a native of Washington, DC and attended The Pennsylvania State University. His advice and council on issues related to premium cigars has been an invaluable asset to my Congressional office.

This is why I am happy to stand here today in recognition of their upcoming wedding on June 14, 2014 in Washington, DC at Western Presbyterian Church. Being incredibly bright individuals, I am confident that Amber and Kip will treat each other with the love, dignity, and respect that guarantees a long-lasting marriage.

It is a privilege to recognize two individuals who have become friends and well-respected throughout this Congress. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Amber and Kip on their upcoming nuptials and wishing them a bright and happy future together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I submit a clarification of my vote during consideration of H.R. 4745, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015. I fully intended to continue my strong support of the Housing for Persons with AIDS program and mistakenly voted "no" on rollcall vote 277, the Nadler Amendment. I intended to vote "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I submit a clarification of my vote during consideration of H.R. 4745, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015. I fully intended to continue my strong support of the Housing for Persons with AIDS program and mistakenly voted "no" on rollcall vote 277, the Nadler Amendment. I intended to vote "aye."

THE PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (PHMSA) FUNDING IN FY15 TRANSPORTATION-HUD APPROPRIATIONS BILL (H.R. 4745)

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Mr. GRIFFIN's (the Gentlemen from Arkansas) amendment to increase funding for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). The amendment was adopted and included in H.R. 4745, as passed.

On March 4, 2014, an incident involving a gas line in Ewing, New Jersey resulted in an explosion damaging dozens of homes—destroying some, injuring seven construction workers, and claiming one life.

Although the investigation of this particular accident is ongoing, it is a reminder of the need to properly inspect and operate safely around our country's expanding pipeline infrastructure.

The pipeline in this instance was only a 2 inch line, however elsewhere in Central New Jersey, and around the country, pipelines with much greater capacity are aging. Combined with demand for new energy pipeline infrastructure, many pipelines are now being constructed or expanded.

For instance, a 42-inch pipeline expansion project has been proposed along an existing route in my New Jersey district. I have heard from my constituents about their safety concerns with this project which will require excavation and construction work along an existing, more than 50 year old pipeline, which runs past homes and schools.

Nationally, about one-third of our natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines are over 50 years old.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is primarily responsible for reviewing proposals to build interstate natural gas pipelines, but PHMSA has a role in enforcing regulations and standards for design and construction.

The bill before us today recommends \$131,500,000 to continue pipeline safety operations, research and development, and state grants-in-aid, which is \$12,413,000 above fiscal year 2014 but \$26,500,000 below the President's budget request.

I appreciate the Committee's work to increase funding for PHMSA over the previous fiscal years, and I am happy to support Mr.

GRIFFIN's amendment to increase funding in the operational expense account, but even with the adoption of this amendment pipeline safety programs will be funded at \$26.5 million less than what the Administration requested.

Fully funding pipeline safety programs at the budget request would support hiring 54 new inspection and enforcement staff, funding for the National Pipeline Information Exchange (NPIX) initiative, and funding for States Pipeline Safety grants.

I hope that the Committee will consider the adoption of this amendment as a sign of Congress' intent to provide more robust funding in support of PHMSA's mission to protect people and the environment from the risks of hazardous materials transportation.

PHMSA has established ambitious goals to reduce pipeline spills and safety incidents, but without the necessary resources we will see past progress halted with more accidents, sometime with deadly consequences, in the future.

I'm glad that the Griffin amendment was adopted without objection by voice vote, and I look forward to working with the Gentlemen on pipeline safety issues in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BILL PHILLIPS

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Bill Phillips. Bill believes that success is driven by effectively creating a synergy of strategy and execution in communication and delivery.

Bill has a unique professional background and is fearless about tackling challenges. He began his professional career in the financial services sector, primarily focused on relationship development and sales management. He has worked for Fortune 500 corporations including Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, and Citigroup.

For a brief time in 2004, Bill was a candidate for an open U.S. Senate seat in Florida. While unsuccessful in this endeavor, Bill traveled extensively throughout Florida, meeting voters and discussing their issues and expectations. Through this experience he gained an insight into politics and built a network of contacts that he now utilizes to provide political advice to clients. Since 2007, Bill Phillips has been a leader in reshaping Florida's Democratic/Progressive political capacity.

During Bill's tenure as the Communications Director for the Florida Education Association (FEA), he created a highly successful, nationally recognized campaign: Make Our Schools A Priority. This resulted in a revitalized FEA brand that energized the membership and elevated the profile for FEA and its leadership team. The campaign positioned FEA in an aggressive posture that enabled it to drive its message to key audiences, utilizing web, email, social networking, and television. The campaign reestablished FEA as a political force.

From the success of Bill's tenure at FEA, he founded Defero Advisory Services in early

2010, where he immediately began working to build a network of Florida-based, progressive donors that could work collaboratively.

The centerpiece of the organization's early efforts was a ballot initiative campaign designed to provide guidelines for the reapportionment of Congressional and Legislative districts. These initiatives, collectively known as Fair Districts, were passed by an overwhelming majority of voters.

Bill has helped to create several of Florida's leading progressive groups, including Florida Watch Action, Inc. and Project New America/The Florida Project. He also serves on the Senior Advisory Board of Progress Florida. Bill is active in the movement for LGBT equality, serving as Board Chairman of Florida Together/Florida Together Federation in 2011.

Bill is also nationally respected as a donor advisor aligned with the Democracy Alliance, a network committed to a stronger democracy and a more progressive America.

I am happy to honor Bill Phillips, during LGBT Pride Month, for his work as a progressive champion in Central Florida and nationwide.

HONORING DR. WAYNE A.I. FREDERICK

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick, M.D., MBA, FACS, on the occasion of Caribbean-American Heritage Month 2014, for his extraordinary career. As the current interim president of Howard University and a successful surgeon, teacher and researcher, Dr. Frederick's work and leadership continues to inspire many across the nation.

Born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dr. Frederick came to the United States at the age of 16 to attend Howard University, with the goal of becoming a physician. At Howard University, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology and completed a medical degree by age 22. During his residency in General Surgery, Dr. Frederick received the Outstanding Resident, House Staff and Chairman's Chief Resident of the Year Awards. He later returned to Howard University in 2011 to complete his business degree.

Dr. Frederick's writing and leadership in the field of oncology—especially on addressing and fixing health disparities among African Americans and other underrepresented groups—is legendary. Inspired to become a physician by his own experience living with sickle cell anemia, a hereditary blood disorder which primarily affects people of African, Mediterranean, and Middle Eastern descent, Dr. Frederick is recognized as a "Super Doctor" by the Washington Post and one of "America's Best Physicians" by Black Enterprise magazine.

In 2013, Dr. Frederick, who earned three of his degrees at Howard University, was selected to serve as interim president of this historic university. Prior to this appointment, he taught and held leadership positions at the university since 2006.

This month, His Excellency Dr. Neil Parsan, Ambassador of the Republic of Trinidad and

Tobago and the Trinidad and Tobago Working Women's Committee will honor Dr. Frederick for his inspirational achievements and outstanding contributions as a Caribbean-American and a son of the twin islands of Trinidad and Tobago. Previously, Dr. Frederick was recognized in 2000 by the government of Trinidad and Tobago for his outstanding medical achievement.

Ten years ago, I recognized the need to celebrate the significance of the contributions of Caribbean-Americans, such as Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick. Personally inspired by Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm (NY), and countless other mentors, trailblazers, and friends who, as Caribbean-Americans, helped shape our great nation's government, politics, business, arts, education, science, and culture, I first introduced the resolution calling for the establishment of a National Caribbean-American Heritage Month in 2004. Today, I join others in congratulating and thanking Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick for his remarkable service to all Americans.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District and on the occasion of Caribbean-American Heritage Month 2014, Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick, I salute you. I commend you for your contributions to our nation and wish you continued success in the next phase of your career.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF SANGERVILLE, MAINE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Sangerville, Maine as it celebrates its 200th anniversary.

Located in Piscataquis County, the Town of Sangerville was once known as Amestown Settlement, named for its first settler, Phineas Ames in 1801. When the town incorporated on June 13, 1814, the name was changed to Sangerville, honoring one of its early proprietors, Colonel Calvin Sanger.

Sangerville has been a small lumbering and agricultural community for most of its history; its residents depended on the woods and the land to make their living. During the 1800's, Sangerville was home to a grist mill, saw mill, tannery, and a woolen mill.

The Piscataquis River forms the northern border, and the main village is located adjacent to Guilford.

Sangerville is known as the "Town of Two Knights" and gained this designation for two knights who call Sangerville home; Sir Hiram Maxim who was an inventor and Sir Harry Oakes who was a mining tycoon.

The Town of Sangerville reflects the values of the hardworking people of Maine who take great pride in the rich history they have created over the past 200 years. It is an honor and a privilege to represent the people of Sangerville in Congress, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to help them commemorate the town's 200th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the people of Sangerville and wishing them well on this joyous occasion.

HOW BOUT DEM DAWGS—IN TRIB-
UTE TO SPECIALIST SAMUEL
ISAAC WALLEY OF THE 82ND
AIRBORNE

HON. ROB WOODALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, the following poem was written by Bert Caswell to honor a great Georgian, Specialist Samuel Isaac Walley of the United States Army's 82nd Airborne Division, who nearly lost his life defending our nation in Afghanistan.

HOW BOUT DEM DAWGS
(By Albert Carey Caswell)

How . . .
How bout dem Dawgs!
And from that Great Georgian State,
have but come all of those Freedom Fighters
and Patriots whose hearts await . . .
So await that call!
Men like a King among men,
Dr. King who the cause of Freedom his life
would take!
And all of those magnificents who so go off
to war!
Freedom Fighters whose hearts so chose to
go Airborne,
to fight the fight our hearts adore!
Who so hear that most noble of all calls . . .
That call to freedom and to death!
Who this our Nation do so bless!
Who just like them Georgia Bull Dawgs,
are so very tenacious!
Who so live and die by such a code,
and do not ask why as they so bear the load!
And in any battle . . .
And in any fight . . .
There are but all of those men of faith who
bring their light!
Who are but such Men of Might!
Men of Strength In Honor who all those
wrongs they right!
Men who all for us are but Airborne this
night!
Who jump high out of planes,
all in the dark and light!
Who throughout all the darkness of war bat-
tle bright!
Yea, these are Bull Dawgs . . .
who all for God and Country fine hearts ig-
nite!
As all of those wrongs they right!
As these are the Men of The 82nd Airborne,
who but bring their light!
Who have so helped win all those wars with
their might!
Dropping from up in the skies,
as this force of nature is so on the rise!
As all for country tis of thee,
these brave hearts are so willing to lay down
their lives!
The Bull Dawgs who fight the fight!
Who stand tall in all their light!
And one such man,
a true Son of the South!
Who is a Georgia Bull Dawg throughout!
Now that's what Samuel is all about!
Rouuuughhhh . . . Rouuuughhhh as his
heart pounds loud!
And when you meet SPC Walley,
you've met a real American hero no doubt!
For it was while out on patrol,
when we almost lost this brave soul . . .
As he stepped on an IED,
while moments away from death was he!
But Bull Dawgs do not run,
and Bull Dawgs do not hide!
As this fine man cheated death to somehow
reach deep down inside . . .
As he so wiped away all of those tears from
his eyes!

As he chose life,
as this Bull Dawgs heart went Airborne on
the rise!
Watching his courage,
the Angels too up in Heaven cried!
As his heart went Airborne and began to
climb!
His climb to recovery!
Going Airborne reaching for the skies!
You see,
this young man from Georgia has got a life
to lead!
And so many people To So Teach!
And so many people To So Reach!
And so many souls To Beseech!
And so many people To Inspire,
making all hearts Airborne bringing them
higher!
For he leads and does not follow!
As high above all of the rest he so towers!
Throughout all of that heartache and pain
throughout the hours!
Yes arms and legs we all need,
but we can get by!
But, without a heart like Samuel's we will
all so surely die!
And that's all that Samuel so needs to get
by!
Because pity is a town where he does not re-
side!
As this Bull Dawg fights the fight!
As his courage brings smiles to faces bright!
How bout that Dawg,
who so marches on with all his might!
As he's the kind of soldier,
that General Lee would have been proud
with him to ride!
And when his recovery is done,
its going to be hard to keep with this one!
Because The Army he's staying in my son!
Because, this Man Is Away Strong!
And to them this Hero's Heart does so be-
long!
And for that good old U.S. Army beats loud
and long!
Because in a uniform is where this Bull
Dawg belongs!
And if you looked up the word's "Bull Dawg"
in the dictionary . . .
You'd see a picture of Walley in uniform
looking quite fierce and scary!
As an American who makes us all so proud
to be!
And if ever I had a son,
Dawg gone it I wish that he could be half as
strong as this one!
And How About That Dog!
Georgia Bred and Georgia born!
And get on your knees,
and give thanks to all of these who so fight
on!
Rouuuughhhh . . . Rouuuughhhh!
Samuel, How About That Dog!

RECOGNIZING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF BOB POE

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Bob Poe. Bob is a successful entrepreneur, accomplished artist, and longtime political operative.
Throughout his adult life, Bob has been involved in nearly every aspect of the political arena: at age 26, he ran for the Florida Senate; he was Chairman of the Florida Democratic Party in the 2000 and 2002 election cycles; and in 2012, he was Central Florida Fi-

nance Chair for the Obama campaign. He has also raised money for many other federal, state, and local campaigns. Currently, Bob serves as Chairman of Charlie Crist for Florida—the national fundraising Political Committee supporting Charlie Crist for Governor.

Bob has been in business for nearly 30 years, managing strategic planning and implementation for several start-up companies in a variety of business segments. He has held various positions in the broadcasting industry and is probably best known for his innovative achievements at WMMO (FM), which was recognized by Billboard Magazine as Radio Station of the Year in 1991. He was also a part of the management team that started the Orlando Magic, Central Florida's NBA franchise.

Most recently, Bob was President of Emergency Communications Network, Inc. (ECN)—the nation's leader in critical communications infrastructure allowing municipal governments to rapidly communicate with their residents in times of emergencies. Bob and his business partners sold ECN in 2011.

Due to his background in creative fields and his drive to discover and imaginatively use innovative products, Bob began experimenting with iPhone photography as soon as it came on the market in 2007. His spontaneous and thought-provoking photographs sparked interest from collectors and gained him international recognition for his groundbreaking art.

Bob and his partner, Ken Brown, live in Orlando, Florida and Beverly Hills, California.

I am happy to honor Bob Poe, during LGBT Pride Month, for his contributions to the Central Florida community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECT
STUDENTS FROM FAILING INSTI-
TUTIONS ACT

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, this past January, students attending a local for-profit college, Career Colleges of America (CCA), in my district showed up to class only to find the doors of their school locked. CCA's longtime financial troubles had finally overcome the business and it was forced to close, abandoning its students and faculty.

The result was a nightmare for the over 800 students enrolled at the three CCA branches in Southern California. Many of these students are low-income and had taken out up to \$30,000 in federal loans and Pell Grants to put toward an education they thought would lead to a career in the health care industry. These students were working to better themselves, but through no fault of their own are now saddled with a financial headache and no degree to show for it.

Unfortunately, stories like this are not unique. We have seen this happen before in which irresponsible institutions take advantage of their students, aiming to profit off of them rather than educate them, and upon closure, leave their students in financial ruin. More often than not, credits cannot transfer and these students are forced to start over completely at a new institution.

There are steps we can take to make these students whole again. Fortunately, many of

these students are often able to have their federal loans discharged, relieving them of tens of thousands of dollars of burdensome debt if their school closes. However, students who attended a campus that closed but was part of a larger institution that remained open often unable to have their loans discharged. Moreover, any Pell Grants that the student had received to attend that institution still count toward their lifetime limit, often making it more difficult and costly when the students make another attempt to earn their degree.

That is why I am introducing the Protect Students from Failing Institutions Act, which would ensure every student who was enrolled in a campus that closed, regardless of whether the institution closes or not, can have their federal loans discharged and their Pell Grants restored. These small changes will mean so much to these victimized students as they continue their education.

IN RECOGNITION OF GORDON
HARGROVE

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Gordon Hargrove, who will soon enter his fiftieth year of service to the community at Friendly House in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Friendly House opened in 1920. Its mission was to promote the health of Worcester neighborhoods by integrating immigrants into the cultural and civic life of the city. In 1965, after volunteering for several years, Gordon Hargrove was hired as the first Program Director for Friendly House. The following year, Friendly House received its first federal grant, which enabled it to provide social services to 2,000 seniors, teens and needy neighborhood families. While Friendly House remained faithful to its mission of welcoming the stranger, it offered new programs to respond to new needs of the community.

Worcester is so fortunate that Mr. Hargrove was there to guide these new projects. By 1970, Mr. Hargrove assumed the Executive Director position, which he continues to hold. Today, under Mr. Hargrove's direction, Friendly House provides housing, emergency help, food, medical care, after-school and summer programs, day care, senior programs, and counseling to inner-city families.

On behalf of the people of Worcester, I thank Gordon Hargrove for his exemplary selflessness and extraordinary service. I know my House colleagues will join me in congratulating Gordon for reaching fifty years of working at Friendly House, and wishing him continued success in the years to come.

HONORING MR. PAUL J. RUPERT
AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED
STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY
CLASS OF 2014

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Paul J.

Rupert as a member of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2014.

Paul graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a degree in Biology, and he received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force on May 28th, 2014.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Paul's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation. The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

The challenge for this young man will be to retain as much as possible, pass what he learns to others, and live life for every moment.

South Mississippi is proud of Paul and his accomplishments, and we look forward to his continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Air Force officer.

As Paul embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Air Force Academy.

I would like to send Paul my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT CARL
MEYER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the life of Mr. Robert Carl Meyer. Mr. Meyer, a resident of Union Beach, New Jersey, died in the line of duty on June 8, 2014 after responding to a four-alarm fire at a local business. Mr. Meyer should be remembered for his decades of volunteer service to Union Beach and Middletown fire departments.

Robert Meyer was employed as a driver for the United Parcel Service (UPS) in addition to his volunteer fire service. He joined the Belford Engine Company in Middletown in 1979 and was a life member and later became a member of the Union Hose Fire Company in Union Beach.

In 2005, Mr. Meyer was honored by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission for selfless actions to help pull an accident victim out of a burning truck. Assisting a New Jersey State Trooper who was already on the scene, Mr. Meyer used a fire extinguisher that he carried with him to abate the flames and then, along with the trooper, extracted the trapped driver safely.

Robert Meyer grew up in Middletown and moved to Union Beach in 1992, where his family currently resides. Along with many in his community, the Meyer's home suffered substantial damage from Superstorm Sandy. They just recently moved back into their home, having lived in a trailer following the storm.

The son of Robert Meyer and Ann Becker, Mr. Meyer was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on June 14, 1959. Mr. Meyer leaves behind a loving family, including his wife Linda

Butler Meyer, siblings James Meyer, Steven Meyer and Laura Russo-Kay, in-laws and nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Mr. Meyer for his heroism and lifetime dedication to his family and community.

RECOGNIZING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF JACK LORD

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Jack Lord. Mr. Lord was born in Orlando, Florida where he attended Winter Park High School. He later attended the University of Florida, earning a B.A. in English with a minor in Spanish and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his J.D. from Duke University School of Law in 1994 and served as articles editor for the Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy. During his time in law school, he participated in The AIDS Service Project (TASP).

Mr. Lord is very involved in LGBT community activities. For several years, he was president of the board of directors of the Hope and Help Center of Central Florida. The Hope and Help Center is an AIDS resource network that is committed to saving lives by treating and preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS in Central Florida. He has been a member of the Central Florida Gay and Lesbian Bar Association since 2004 and a member of the National LGBT Bar Association since 2007. Mr. Lord is also involved with the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), participating in fundraising and other political activities. Mr. Lord was also involved as a community advocate when the City of Orlando amended its anti-discrimination ordinance to include protections for sexual orientation.

Mr. Lord is involved in a number of civic activities including serving as vice president and board member of Orlando Shakespeare Theater; a past board of trustees member of the Orange County Legal Aid Society; past president of the nominating board of the City of Orlando; and Guardian ad Litem for abused and neglected children. Mr. Lord's pro bono efforts also include serving as a pro bono attorney for the AIDS Wills Project of Orange County Legal Aid Society from 1995 to 1999.

Mr. Lord is currently a partner with the national law firm Foley & Lardner LLP. He has worked at the firm since 1994 and is co-chair of the firm's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Affinity Group. Mr. Lord was instrumental in the decision of having Foley & Lardner grant domestic partnership benefits to all of its lawyers and employees. Continually participating in recruiting and retention efforts for LGBT attorneys, he was involved with policy changes aimed to ensure Foley & Lardner received ratings of 100 percent on the HRC's Corporate Equality Index.

In 2005, Mr. Lord received the Orlando Business Journal's "40 under 40" award, which is presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to their professions and communities. In 1997, he received

Foley & Lardner's Lynford Lardner Community Service Award in recognition of his volunteer work and civic involvement. In 2013, Mr. Lord was selected by the Legal Aid Society Board of Trustees as a recipient of the Guardian ad Litem Award of Excellence. Mr. Lord has been

peer review rated as AV Preeminent, the highest performance rating in Martindale-Hubbell's peer review rating system for attorneys. In addition, he was selected for inclusion in the Florida Super Lawyers lists from 2006 to 2013.

I am happy to honor Jack Lord, during LGBT Pride Month, for his tireless work to empower and achieve equality for the LGBT community in Central Florida.