

Selectman, Chairman on Taxation, State Representative, and State Senator. In the 1970s, Mr. McCarthy worked alongside Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, quickly becoming a widely beloved and trusted leader in the community. Mr. McCarthy became the Plymouth County Register of Probate in 2000, where his many accomplishments have been invaluable to the people he has served. His colleagues and friends who have worked with him throughout the years agree that he will be sorely missed as he steps down from this position.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pride to honor Mr. Robert McCarthy upon his retirement. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Mr. McCarthy for his many years of public service.

A TRIBUTE TO MARY W. BOGER

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2014*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Boger, who has dedicated her life to community service and has been a tremendous force in education. Mary, a long time Glendale resident along with her husband, Dr. Donald Boger, is retiring from her civic responsibilities and moving to New Bedford, Massachusetts.

A strong and passionate advocate of education and children, Mary began serving on the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) Board of Education in 2002. She has held the positions of Clerk, Vice President, and has been Board President many times, a position that she currently holds. In addition to serving as a Board Member of the GUSD, Mary has served as Vice President of the California School Boards Association and a Board Representative for the Five Star Education Coalition.

Mary's accomplishments in community service are nothing short of extraordinary. Over the years, she has tirelessly served on numerous boards and committees. Mary has served as President of the Glendale Council Parent Teacher Association, Glendale Healthy Kids, the National Charity League, Inc.—Glendale Chapter, and Las Candelas, which provides services to emotionally disturbed children and provides financial support to the facilities in which the children reside. Mary has also served as Chair of the City of Glendale Blue Ribbon Panel on Parks, Co-Chair of the City of Glendale Citizens' Memorial Advisory Committee, and on the Board of Directors for the Glendale YWCA, Prom Plus, Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association and the Glendale Symphony Orchestra.

Mary has received numerous awards and recognition, including the Business Life Magazine Women Achievers in 2009, the Glendale Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 2009, the Glendale YWCA Woman of Heart & Excellence in 2008, and California's Twenty Ninth Congressional District Woman of the Year in 2003.

I have worked with Mary for years, and know that her passion for education and young people is unequalled. No one has left a bigger or more positive impact on education in our region, or has commanded greater respect

from parents, teachers and students. I am so proud to call her my friend and so grateful for her service. I ask all Members to join me in thanking Mary Boger for her unwavering commitment to the children of our community, and wish her well in all future endeavors.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2807, CONSERVATION EASEMENT INCENTIVE ACT

**HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2014*

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2807, the Conservation Easement Incentive Act. This important legislation would make the current tax deduction for the contribution of conservation easements permanent, affording landowners the stability and certainty needed to complete the long term planning necessary for either continued agricultural production or conservation work. Since being signed into law in 2006, the enhanced tax incentive for conservation easements has boosted donations of conservation easements by a third—to a total of over a million acres a year.

The Hudson Valley is a national treasure that must be preserved, and we owe it to our children and grandchildren to protect the places New Yorkers cherish and depend on. In the Hudson Valley, a landowner in my district is struggling to preserve his thirty five acre homestead, which he has lived on for over 40 years. The land dates back to the original family farmsteads and orchards that have dotted the Hudson Valley for generations. Many of those farmsteads have since been sold to developers, but not his. The parcel of land he is fighting to protect and preserve is not only precious in its heritage and conservation value, but in its current use as a trail, which connects several larger land preserves in the region. While he would like to donate a conservation easement and receive the much needed tax deduction, there is considerable financial pressure on him to sell the land to developers. If that happens—the land is lost. And as my friend and President of the Westchester Land Trust, Lori Ensinger, put it—when the land is lost, it's lost for good.

We must balance economic development with protecting the land for preservation and outdoor recreation. Rather than being forced to sell to developers, conservation easement tax incentives allow farmers and landowners the choice to maintain working lands for agriculture or to protect more land for wildlife protection and outdoor recreation. In the Hudson Valley conservation easements have a tremendously positive impact, boosting regional economies while protecting some of America's most important natural sites for future generations.

While we have been successful in protecting thousands of acres over the last ten years all across the Hudson Valley, our work is not done. Passing the Conservation Easement Incentive Act is about more than just environmental preservation it is about regional economies, businesses and jobs. Without the conservation easement tax incentives, landowners may be forced to divide or sell their property to developers; losing the land, its heritage and economic benefits for good.

HONORING ST. PERPETUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

**HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2014*

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, we honor St. Perpetua Catholic Church as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. St. Perpetua has been a staple of the community in Waterford since its founding in 1964 by Archbishop John F. Dearden. Under the current leadership of the Pastor, Father Jack Baker, the parish continues to grow and invite more families into the parish. Congratulations on 50 years in the community!

CELEBRATING THE 24TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADA

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2014*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 24th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For 24 years now, the ADA has secured for people with disabilities their most fundamental rights, and allowed them to integrate more fully in their communities. More than two decades ago, my hero, TOM HARKIN spearheaded this legislation that would change the attitudes of so many in order to protect the civil rights of the 54 million Americans with disabilities. Like so many others, I thank him for his tireless advocacy in the United States Senate and his continued dedication to this important issue.

I would also like to thank all of the organizations involved in this year's Johnson County ADA Celebration for bringing together a community of all walks of life, and recognizing that all people have unique skills, talents and abilities.

Expanding access and opportunities for people with disabilities is something we must work to improve every day. There are obstacles that, thanks to the Americans with Disabilities Act, have been all but eliminated and I look forward to seeing even more progress.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. GAIL SHAW

**HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2014*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, Gail Shaw, a visionary, a scientist, a community leader, and a 64 year-long resident of Chehalis, Washington, died peacefully in his sleep on June 6, 2014.

His six decade stay in his adopted hometown was not part of his original career plan, but before long he decided to make Chehalis home.

When he first moved to the thick forests surrounding Lewis County in 1950, the accomplished chemist still had his sights set on an

urban life up North in Seattle. That changed when a fire burned one of the largest local employers—the Chehalis Perma Products plant—to the ground.

Instead of fleeing from the fire's widespread destruction, Shaw stayed in Chehalis and helped rebuild the factory and the city from the plant's ashes.

With a focus on what Shaw termed "social capital" or what he described in one newspaper interview as a "matter of people getting together and learning how to include your neighbor instead of excluding," Shaw collaborated with fellow Chehalis residents to strengthen the collaborative and economic framework of the city.

Shaw joined efforts with—and later became chairman of—what became known as the Industrial Commission, and together the group brought development, industry, jobs, and new energy to the small logging town.

Even though Gail Shaw disliked public recognition for his accomplishments; he will always be remembered for the lasting legacy he left in his community. His unyielding commitment to making Lewis County a better place to live will continue to be an inspiration for generations after him. I considered Gail a friend and am incredibly proud to say I knew him.

Gail is survived by his wife, Carolyn; son, Lawrence; daughters, Cynthia, Rebecca and Catherine; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

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HONORING NEIL ARMSTRONG

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**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2014*

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday we marked the 45th anniversary of Ohio's native son Neil Armstrong taking what he famously called "one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

Neil Armstrong was born in 1930 on a farm near Wapakoneta. He earned his student's pilot license at age 16, reached the rank of Eagle Scout, and graduated from Blume High School before enrolling at Purdue University on a Navy scholarship.

He was called to active duty by the Navy in 1949, serving as a naval aviator until 1952. He later served 17 years as an engineer, test pilot, astronaut, and administrator for NASA and its predecessor agency.

Despite his lifetime of service, he is best remembered for one day: July 20, 1969, when he capped a 240,000-mile journey through space, stepped off the "Eagle," and became the first human to walk on the surface of the moon.

Neil Armstrong died in 2012 at the age of 82, but the impact of his journey is still felt today—in rural Auglaize County, Ohio, and throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, we honor Neil Armstrong for his service and sacrifice—this day and always.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2014*

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago today President Nixon signed the law creating the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) as a private, nonprofit corporation to support civil legal aid organizations all across the country. Since that time LSC has become a critical and integral vehicle through which federal funds are distributed to 134 local legal aid programs, with nearly 800 offices serving every congressional district.

LSC is tasked by Congress to ensure equal access to justice for those Americans who otherwise would be unable to afford to enforce their rights through our legal system. It serves people with the most critical legal needs—food, shelter, medical care, income maintenance, and physical safety. It makes a real difference for low-income and elderly Oregonians and Americans.

I was proud to work at legal aid early in my career and I'll never forget the people I was able to help. They desperately needed an attorney when they could little afford one. I want to emphasize that they were not low income by choice—most had unexpected medical bills, had lost a job, or lost a spouse.

Unfortunately, Congress is not living up to its obligation. LSC-funded attorneys still turn away more than 50 percent of eligible clients because of a lack of resources. It is unacceptable to leave people out on their own to navigate a complicated and already strained legal system, or else suffer continued injustice. We must do better.

I congratulate LSC on its 40th anniversary, and commend all the hard working legal aid attorneys and staff who get so little recognition for such important work.

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H. CON. RES. 105 AND H.R. 4935

**HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2014*

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I regret my absence from today's proceedings due to a death in my family.

First, I strongly support H. Con. Res. 105, directing the President to remove United States Armed Forces from Iraq, and had I been present I would have voted in favor of the resolution offered by my colleague from Massachusetts. The rapid advance of ISIS remains an issue of great concern to our national security interests, as well as the stability of the entire Middle East. However, after nearly a decade of war, and the loss of more than 4,000 American lives in Iraq, we must be extremely cautious of the dangers posed by further U.S. military involvement.

For example, it was recently reported that a classified military assessment of Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) revealed dangers to U.S. military personnel currently advising forces in the country. These dangers include infiltration by informants for Sunni extremists, as well as ISF

reliance on Shiite militias trained by Iranian paramilitary forces. These risks must be thoroughly reviewed and evaluated, and we must ensure that ISF are reliable before considering any further U.S. commitment.

Thus far, the President has shown great restraint in addressing this ongoing crisis, informed by his understanding of recent history and internal Iraqi politics. Nevertheless, I strongly support the passage of this resolution because Congress must continue to play an integral role in making decisions that impact national security, as mandated by the law and the Constitution of the United States.

Second, I strongly oppose H.R. 4935, the so-called Child Tax Credit Improvement Act, which is also being considered today. Had I been present, I would have voted against H.R. 4935 because it would allow the Child Tax Credit (CTC) to disappear for many low-income working families after 2017 while expanding the CTC for higher income households without an offset.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. NIKI TSONGAS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2014*

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast a vote on rollcall votes 451, 452, 453, and 454 on July 25, 2014. Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes:

I would have opposed final passage of H.R. 4935, the Child Tax Credit Improvement Act of 2014. As with the tax bills that have preceded it this year, I have strong concerns that this bill violates the pay-as-you-go law, enacted with my support in 2010, by failing to offset the cost of permanent tax policy changes with an equivalent amount of deficit reduction. Furthermore, I am concerned that the bill would permanently expand eligibility for the child tax credit to families at the upper income limit while simultaneously failing to continue eligibility for families at the lower end. Finally, I am concerned that provisions added to the bill would prevent legal permanent residents who pay taxes from being eligible for the credits.

I would have voted in favor of H. Con. Res. 105, which—pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution—would prevent the President from deploying or maintaining United States Armed Forces in a sustained combat role in Iraq without specific statutory authorization for such use. The United States must ensure that it has the security personnel necessary to protect U.S. embassy and consulate personnel and I support the administration's decision to send additional forces for this purpose. The President also took an important step toward de-escalating the violence in Iraq when he sent 300 additional personnel to advise and train Iraqi forces in their battle with the Islamic State. However, I am concerned about the potential for escalation in this conflict and believe that any further deployment of U.S. personnel to be employed in a sustained combat role should require specific authorization from Congress.

I would have voted in favor of the Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3230. I was proud to speak on behalf of this motion on the House floor, noting the important steps included in the Senate-passed