

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IRAN TERROR FINANCE TRANSPARENCY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, this Administration is giving Iran another free pass. It is irresponsible for the Administration to lift sanctions on foreign financial institutions whose actions have knowingly resulted in support for terrorists or have contributed to Iran's proliferation of nuclear weapons. It floors me that we are even having a debate about this. We should all remember the attacks on September 11th very clearly as well as President Bush's words afterwards. He said, "We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them." And that is true today.

Financial institutions that have assisted in transactions to support terrorism are not innocent bystanders, and I take our Constitution's directive to "provide for the common defense" very seriously. The Iran Nuclear Agreement was a bad deal, and it's clear that Iran has no intention to hold up its side of the bargain.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for this important piece of legislation.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2016

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the hard work of Dave Jansen on the Coast Guard Subcommittee, as well as Emily Burns on my staff, to make this bill a success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to correct my vote from yesterday, February 1st on roll call 46 (H.R. 2187). While my vote was recorded as a "nay" it was my intention to vote "yea."

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST INDIANA'S NEWLY NATURALIZED CITIZENS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who will take their oath of citizenship on Friday, February 5, 2016. This memorable occasion, which will be presided over by Magistrate Judge John E. Martin, will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On February 5, 2016, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Gemma Ramos Laberge, Araceli Ambriz, Ozkan Akkaya, Syed Muhammad Shan Ul Islam, Fernando Romo Vera, Patricia Caroline Njoki Singleton, Clifton Seaford Wade, Aldar Odin Escamilla Velasco, Nastaran Saramaghan, Milad Sohrab, Ali Abdelkadre Mahamat, Julio Cesar Carmona, Sylvia Iliif, Miriam Muthoni Kirori, Henry Irungu Kirori, Abayomi Eytayo Oloyede, Ivete Baldo Wahlen, Annamaria Mittiga, Ljupcho Todoroski, Monica Cordeiro Ramey, Juan Manuel Almonte, KB Chhoeun, Chunlan Jin Chung, Lucila Diaz, Auribel Mileddy Lester Perez, Yue Min Li, Omkalthoum Hassan Muhamat, Sunisa Phongpichit-Alexander, Aqeela Yasmin Sheikh, and Sergey Gennadyvich Shylin.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country ". . . of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America

on February 5, 2016. They, too, will be American citizens, and they, too, will be guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF COACH C.D. "LEFTY" ANDERSON

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Coach C.D. "Lefty" Anderson, a beloved long-time football coach, administrator and family man in Mobile County, Alabama.

Coach Anderson was born on July 17, 1929 in Coffeerville, Alabama. He attended and played football at Jackson High School and Livingston State, where his love of football began. After college, he served a two-year stint in the Army and then later went on to become head football coach at Frisco City in Monroe County, Alabama.

After being named the head coach, Coach Anderson immediately began to instill the belief in his players that they were winners. During his time at Frisco City, Coach Anderson accumulated a total of 53 wins, beating teams much larger than his.

In 1963, he became the head coach at Murphy High School, which was one of the state's largest schools. At Murphy, he did what he was accustomed to . . . he won football games. In his first year, he led his Panther team to an 8-1 season, a major improvement from the five combined wins the school had in the three years prior. He would go on to win 32 games during his six-year tenure as head coach, before making the move to an administrative role at the school.

Coach Anderson would go on to serve a year as the school's assistant principal and 10 more years as principal. I've heard that Coach Anderson took the same hard-nosed approach he had as a coach and applied it to his role as principal. He ensured that his students followed the rules and behaved properly, but just like his players, there was never any doubt how much he cared for them.

After his time as an administrator, Coach Anderson served as the Mobile County athletic director for eight years until his retirement in the early 1990s. He also served 13 years on the Alabama High School Athletic Association's (AHSAA) Central Board of Control, including two years as president.

Outside of the classroom, Coach Anderson played a vital role in the development of high school football throughout the state. Anderson was instrumental in the creation of the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football game in 1998. Due to his contribution and dedication to the game, the MVP award was named after him. He later achieved the honor of becoming

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part of the first class inducted into the AHSAA High School Hall of Fame in 1991.

Although retired, Coach Anderson's love and knowledge of the game continued to shine. He was always willing to help mentor anyone who sought his knowledge about the game.

During the last 5 years of his life Coach Anderson fought valiantly against Alzheimer's, never letting it inhibit his view on life. Sadly, on January 21, Coach Anderson passed away after a battle with pneumonia.

Coach Eddie Robinson put it best when he said that "coaching is a profession of love. You can't coach people unless you love them." I believe this was always the mindset of Coach Anderson. He always cared deeply for his players and students.

Coach Anderson leaves behind a legacy of love and humility and his spirit will live on in the countless individuals he impacted over the course of his career. The city of Mobile, Mobile County, and the entire State of Alabama will be forever grateful for the life and service of Coach "Lefty" Anderson. On behalf of Alabama's entire First Congressional District, we extend our greatest of condolences to his son Chuck, his two grandchildren, Laura and Sam, as well as his two great-grandchildren, Ayden and Caroline. Coach Anderson will be deeply missed.

REMEMBERING THE LIVES LOST
DURING "BLACK JANUARY" AND
THE KHOJALY MASSACRE IN
AZERBAIJAN

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to honor those who were lost in Khojaly, Azerbaijan on February 25, 1992. On that day, 24 years ago, over 600 people were brutally murdered. They were mostly elderly men, women, and children—innocent victims that should have never been part of such a heartbreaking tragedy.

I would also like to recognize the night of January 19, 1990, as "Black January." This event has been memorialized as "Black January" because of the invasion by 26,000 Soviet troops into the capital city Baku and surrounding areas. By the end of the following day, more than 130 people had died and over 600 people were missing.

It is necessary to take the time every year to remember those who lost their lives during these two horrific events in Azerbaijan. Their unwilling sacrifice continues to serve as a reminder to hold fast to the principles of democracy.

Mr. Speaker, Azerbaijan is a strong partner of the United States in a strategically crucial and complex region of the world. I ask my colleagues to join me and our Azerbaijani friends in commemorating the tragedy that occurred in the town of Khojaly as well as Black January.

HONORING OFFICER DOUG BARNEY

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Officer Doug Barney. Officer Barney was killed on Sunday, January 17, 2016, in Holladay, Utah, while working overtime in order to fund his cancer treatments. While on duty, Officer Barney was shot fatally by a fugitive who was missing from drug rehabilitation. Unified Police Officer John Richey was also shot, and has since undergone surgery and is expected to improve.

Officer Barney became a police officer because he wanted to help people and loved children. He had formerly served as a school resource officer and worked tirelessly as a member of the Unified and Taylorsville, Utah, Police Departments for 18 years. His cancer was in remission at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Officer Barney gave the ultimate sacrifice while in the line of duty. His colleagues have remembered him for his humor and caring nature. He was an accomplished officer who had overcome the odds of cancer. I honor Officers Barney and Richey as heroes and am grateful for their service to the State of Utah.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me as we honor the life and legacy of Officer Doug Barney, so that his sacrifice and service will be remembered by our country.

RECOGNITION OF THE MCCONNELL
CENTER

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the McConnell Center at the University of Louisville on its 25th anniversary since its founding. The McConnell Center was established by Senator MCCONNELL and the University of Louisville, his alma mater, in 1991 with the mission to help nurture the next generation of great leaders in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The McConnell Center has helped educate, inspire, and motivate more than 200 McConnell Scholars and has given more than \$3.5 million in scholarships to more than 230 Kentucky students. I am proud to say that three McConnell Scholars, Andrew Stewart, Natalie Smith, and Sean Southard, have interned in my office. The McConnell Center has also provided thousands of hours of professional development to Kentucky's teachers.

The McConnell Center's successful program has demonstrated the profound and lasting impact it is making within our Commonwealth, the nation, and the world. It has been named one of the "Oases of Excellence in Higher Education" by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, touching the lives and careers of thousands of students, teachers, researchers, and citizens.

This year, the McConnell Center will celebrate its 25th anniversary with the theme "Citizens and Statesmen," continuing its great work in shaping our nation's leaders, politics, and communities.

Today, I would like to thank and recognize the McConnell Center for their exemplary work and mission in educational and civic engagement, building our future leaders on a foundation based upon "Leadership, Scholarship, and Service."

HONORING ALAN DUNHAM

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alan Dunham of Novato, California, for his exceptional commitment to public service and civic engagement. For nearly 40 years, Mr. Dunham has gone above and beyond in his dedication to effecting change in his community, serving in numerous leadership positions and volunteering countless hours of his time throughout the City of Novato and Marin County.

The Rotary Club of Novato annually selects a "Citizen of the Year," which distinguishes a resident who has given exceptional contributions to the city across a number of different areas. Their selection this year in Mr. Dunham could not be more fitting.

Mr. Dunham moved to Novato in 1973, and quickly became involved in his new community. He joined the Rotary Club the following year, where, along with serving as president for a term, he led several trips and projects throughout the decades. For many years, he has been active with the Presbyterian Church of Novato, and he regularly volunteers with local children and youth.

Additionally, his talents as an architect have beautified spaces throughout the city, including housing projects and gardens for seniors, group areas at the Marin county Fair, and the Stafford Lake Gate House, among others.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that we honor and thank Alan Dunham for his many years of selfless volunteer work and leadership in the North Bay. On behalf of the many residents whose lives he's impacted, I am privileged to honor and appreciate Mr. Alan Dunham.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL
HOKE

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Michael Hoke. Michael passed away on January 13, 2016, at the age of 67.

Michael was an active and accomplished educator in the Orange community. After receiving his doctorate, he went on to start the Orange chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, and continued to be a leading advocate for teachers within the community.

His dedication and expertise were recognized in 1989 when he became the Texas recipient of the National Science Foundation's Presidential Award. Michael later went on to instruct at Harvard University.

Michael was committed to sharing his incredible love and mastery of scientific teaching

with the community and future generations. He founded "Science Superstars" to engage children and encourage a passion for learning, and "Bios, a School on Wheels" to help students explore various scientific research centers and programs across Texas. Under his leadership, these educational programs have now spread across the nation.

Michael was also a faithful Christian, and attended the First United Methodist Church in Orange. My prayers and condolences go out to Michael's loving wife, Sandra, his daughter Julia, and his son Robert, and his two grandchildren. Michael will be sorely missed in our community, but his passion and legacy will certainly live on.

RECOGNIZING HERO OF THE YEAR,
OFFICER JEFF SCHLEE

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Police Officer Jeff Schlee, who recently was awarded "Hero of the Year" by the Palatine Chamber of Commerce for his work preparing schools, teachers, parents, and the community for a school shooting.

Officer Schlee works with schools in Palatine, IL and has consulted with numerous suburbs in the Chicagoland area and across the country to prepare them for the possibility of a school shooting. Officer Schlee has been a school safety officer for ten years and has always had a passion for protecting students; however he credits the birth of his children for increasing his dedication to defending school children.

With dedication and persistence, he has studied past school shootings and works alongside his colleagues at the Palatine Police Department to develop response plans which could save student's lives. One of the principles of his plan is having the whole community respond as a unit to make sure everyone is on the same page. Office Schlee believes it is essential to study the tragedies of the past to keep our children safe today and in the future.

Mr. Speaker and my distinguished colleagues in the House, please join me in recognizing Officer Jeff Schlee for the work he has done to help protect students in Palatine and across this great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Monday, February 1, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call vote 46.

HONORING MS. GLORIA FLAHERTY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Gloria Flaherty, who is retiring from the Lake Family Resource Center after 19 years of service.

Ms. Flaherty's resume of community service is impressive. In addition to being a Founding Director and Executive Director at Lake Family Resource Center, Gloria has held numerous positions and titles within the Lake County community over the past two decades. Among other endeavors, Ms. Flaherty served as President of Kelseyville Sunrise Rotary, Board President of Kelseyville Unified School District, and Commissioner of First 5 Lake County. She has recently served as Chairman of the Lake County Continuum of Care, as a member of the Boards of North Coast Opportunities and Friends of Mendocino College, and as a Board member on the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence. Most recently, Ms. Flaherty has been heavily involved in Lake County fire recovery efforts, working tirelessly to set up a "warming center" to provide shelter and respite for those in need.

In 2015, Ms. Flaherty received the Lake County Childcare Planning Council's Lifetime Achievement Award. She was also named the 2015 Woman of the Year from the Third Congressional District. Ms. Flaherty has consistently demonstrated kindness, compassion and integrity, and has worked for years as a tireless advocate for children and families. The citizens of Lake County have benefitted enormously from her efforts.

Mr. Speaker, Gloria Flaherty has served her community with admirable commitment and resolve. It is fitting and proper that I honor her here today. I wish Gloria Flaherty the best in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING COBWRA ON THEIR
35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and Mr. DEUTCH to congratulate the Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations, or COBWRA, for 35 years of diligent work. COBWRA has played an important role in the growth of West Boynton Beach, an area in both our districts.

Since 1982, the officers and members of COBWRA have served as a voice for the residential communities of West Boynton Beach, ensuring that resident's concerns are heard and addressed. COBWRA has played a crucial role in bringing parks, schools, libraries, businesses, and hospitals to the area, while also serving as an advocate and educational source for residents.

We are pleased to recognize COBWRA today for their service and commitment to their community, and look forward to working with them in the future to continue the growth and achievement of West Boynton.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
JOANN STINGLEY

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of JoAnn Stingley. JoAnn coordinates the social service unit, also known as the victim's assistance unit for the Elgin Police Department.

JoAnn has been a social worker for the Elgin Police Department for more than 24 years. She was hired by former police chief Charles Gruber in 1991 and at the time Elgin was one of the first police departments to hire social workers in Illinois. Since that time she said she has never considered doing anything else but helping others.

JoAnn's salary is on the Elgin police department payroll; however, there is no budget allocation for client related expenses. This means that JoAnn must hold numerous fundraisers a year to support the programs she runs free of charge. These programs include crisis intervention, counseling, legal referrals and referrals for community resources including shelter, mental illness, substance abuse, parenting, and youth anger management courses. Lt. Rick Ciganek, an officer in the Elgin Police Department, was full of praise for JoAnn, stating, "She's truly the unsung hero of the police department. Anybody who comes here and says, 'I need some help,' they get help. JoAnn is incredible. She'll provide services for anybody." JoAnn is truly an inspiring woman and one of the many reasons Elgin is such a great place to work and live.

Mr. Speaker and my distinguished colleagues in the House, please join me in recognizing the service and dedication of JoAnn Stingley.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the 50th Anniversary of Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC). LCCC was founded in 1966 and for 50 years it has delivered quality, affordable two-year degree course programs, certificate and specialized diploma programs to students from Lehigh, Carbon, Schuylkill and other counties.

The College has an enrollment of over 7,100 students and offers more than 90 programs of study.

The Lehigh Valley community has long recognized the outstanding asset we have in Lehigh Carbon Community College. The College gives students a great start for gaining the skills they'll need to find and succeed in decent, good-paying careers and provides the employers of the region with skilled and well-trained workers.

Mr. Speaker, I warmly extend my congratulations to the students, faculty, employees, administrators and alumni of Lehigh Carbon Community College on the happy occasion of

their Semicentennial. Thank you for providing the Lehigh Valley with diverse educational opportunities that provide a firm foundation for solid, fulfilling careers.

HONORING WILLIAM A. MORRIS

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William A. Morris for his courageous service to our nation during World War II. As a lifelong resident of Staten Island, New York, he deserves recognition for the dedication to his family, community and country.

William served as a sergeant in the all-black 369th Coast Artillery Regiment and fought on the front line in Germany during a period of segregation. Overcoming the deep racial divisions in society to fight for his country during such momentous historical events like the invasion of Normandy shows his immense courage and loyalty.

It was during this time in Europe that William formed a special bond with a stray dog he met named Trixie. Trixie provided William and the rest of his company not only with an indispensable companion, but, in an astonishing act, also bravely aided in their protection against three German soldiers. Serving as an unofficial mascot for the regiment, Trixie traveled back to Staten Island with William where she quickly fit in as a member of his family.

Upon returning to Staten Island, William's remarkable commitment to giving back has been widely recognized and celebrated. He served as a Boy Scout leader for Troop 47 for 35 years and, along with his wife, ran a food pantry for 30 years. This commitment earned them both the Silver Beaver Award for their distinguishable work in scouting. At 96 years old, William has continued to share his story with his community through an inspiring book written by his daughter Dolores, *The Soldier That Wagged Her Tail*.

Mr. Speaker, William's dedication to our country and his community serves as an inspiring lesson to all. I admire his outstanding sacrifices and I am proud to honor this great resident from New York's 11th Congressional District.

COMMEMORATING ELIZABETH S. TAI'S SERVICE TO POQUOSON, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Elizabeth S. Tai. After 36 years, she has retired from the position of Director of the Poquoson Public Library. Under her leadership, Poquoson Public Library was accredited by the Library of Virginia, and started receiving state funding in 1980. During her tenure, Elizabeth S. Tai spearheaded many initiatives which resulted in Poquoson Public Library becoming one of the busiest and most respected libraries in Virginia. I thank her for

her dedication to the Poquoson community and wish her a happy retirement.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 60TH AIR MOBILITY WING

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the activation of the 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis Air Force Base, in the heart of California's 3rd Congressional District.

On January 8, 1966, what is now The 60th Air Mobility Wing became the host unit at Travis Air Force Base, and its emergence as the principal military airlift hub in the western United States earned Travis the moniker of "Gateway to the Pacific."

The wing is responsible for strategic airlift and air refueling missions around the world and controls more than \$11 billion in total resources. It handles more cargo and passengers than any other military air terminal in the United States.

The 60th Wing has been involved in some of our country's most recognizable military and humanitarian efforts in its 50 years of operation. It was a major participant in Operations Homecoming and Babylift, when Travis Air Force Base became the main intake facility for POW's and refugees coming from Vietnam. It flew 1,280 missions from Travis during Operation Desert Storm. Its planes and personnel provided much needed relief after earthquakes in Mexico City, Armenia, and Haiti. Most recently, the 60th Air Mobility Wing provided airlift and refueling operations in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom—to support our ongoing global war on terror. These are just a few of the achievements that have earned the wing multiple Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the 60th Air Mobility Wing on its 50th Anniversary, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary dedication of the officer, enlisted, and civilian personnel who have served our nation. They have given Travis Air Force Base a renowned past, exciting present, and a very bright future.

TEAM JONNY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Christmas Day 2014, 7-year-old Jonny was diagnosed with brain and spinal cancer. On January 2nd, 2016, young Jonny's family laid him to rest.

Roughly 1 in every 300 children in the United States will be diagnosed with some form of cancer before their 20th birthday. Jonny always said: "I don't want any other kid to have cancer."

Jonny's family, with the help of their Representative RODNEY DAVIS, are making sure Congress hears this message. They have also

been joined by Texas State Representative Patrick Fallon. He recently raised money for pediatric cancer by running the World Marathon Challenge, consisting of 7 marathons on 7 continents in 7 days, and he had never run a marathon before. During the races, Fallon carried a photo of Jonny and his brother Jacky in his shoe. In fact, Jacky even ran with him in the U.S. race in Miami, Florida.

I can't think of a better reason to run a marathon. Together, we can beat childhood cancer into the shadows with each step.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING BRUCE SANDERS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bruce Sanders, of Buffalo, New York, on his retirement from the position of Chief of Public Affairs of the Buffalo District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and to express gratitude for his forty-one years of devoted service to the United States of America.

In his public affairs role, but also previously in his role as Management Analysis Officer, Mr. Sanders conducted himself with professionalism and dedication in furtherance of the important work of the world's largest public engineering agency. I was not surprised, therefore, when it was conveyed to me that the Buffalo District Commander wrote in Mr. Sanders' final appraisal that Mr. Sanders was "proud of being a public servant; exhibit[ed] pride and complete dedication to the District; [and was] honest and trustworthy; a person of strong character."

Again, I am pleased to congratulate and thank Mr. Sanders on the occasion of his retirement and wish him well in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN BOSWORTH ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE NAVY RESERVES

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the incredible service of Capt. William P. Bosworth, MC USNR (RET). Captain Bosworth served on active duty from Sept. 1953 until Jan. 1958. After attending medical school at the University of Health Sciences in Kansas City, Missouri, he joined the Navy Medical Corps and again served his country with distinction from June 1972 until March 1999.

As an Osteopathic Physician, Dr. Bosworth provided operational medicine and primary care to hundreds of patients at his various duty stations. He retired in 1999 as a Captain but continued to serve the Navy Reserves three to four days per month here at NAS Jacksonville until today. In fact, Bill Bosworth volunteered as a Reserve Medical Officer for

456 consecutive months from 1976 until 2013 and logged approximately 792 drill weekends at our military bases. He is the epitome of the dedicated officer.

It is his voluntary reserve service that I would like to applaud. Dr. Bosworth applied for permission to participate with the Navy Reserves in a retired status with no points accrued for retirement, with no payment authorized, and with no travel authorized. He served because Bill loved the men and women in the Navy and wanted to assist them in any way he could. Year after year, he performed physicals and primary care for all the sailors in our local Naval Reserves.

Of course, that kept him busy on weekends, but he also remained an active physician on the staffs of two local hospitals. He was licensed in three states: Florida, Georgia and Tennessee so he could better serve his sailors. He is a Lifetime Member of the Duval County Medical Society and the American Academy of Family Physicians. He is Past President of the Duval County Academy of Family Physicians and Former Chairman of the Duval County Hospital Authority.

One Commanding Officer wrote that Captain Bosworth "demonstrated unparalleled leadership and skills in the superior performance of his duties." I couldn't agree more. But there is another side of Bill Bosworth that many may not know. Bill and I share a love for the game of basketball. Yes, Dr. Bill Bosworth is an active participant and officer in the National Men's Masters Basketball Championships. Every year, he teams up with such basketball greats as Artis Gilmore and Sam Jones and brings the game to Jacksonville. Just two weeks ago, the games were played at the Jacksonville Sportsplex. This endeavor has developed into national events and has been included in the World Masters Games and the World Senior Games. Bill and his wife Wanda both serve on the Florida Division of the National Basketball Tournament Committee.

There is a saying in the United States Navy when a person retires that "this sailor stood the watch" and today, Mr. Speaker, I ask you and Members of the House to join me in saluting my longtime friend, Dr. William P. Bosworth, MC USNR, for a job well done. He has faithfully stood the watch all these years and now his watch stands relieved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on February 1, 2016 I was absent for recorded vote Numbers 46 through 47.

I would like to reflect how I would have voted if I were here: on Roll Call Number 46 I would have voted yes, and on Roll Call Number 47 I would have voted yes.

IN MEMORY OF KATHRYN
BURKETT

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, Kathryn Louise Spires Burkett of Edmund was properly eulogized during funeral services recognizing her legacy as one of South Carolina's most beloved civic leaders and homemakers.

She and her late husband Horace raised their children to become some of the most respected professionals of the Midlands of South Carolina with her grandchildren now achieving the highest standards of community service and success.

In January 1984, her passion for excellence was crucial in launching my successful campaign to serve in the State Senate when she was a co-host of a reception at the Farm Bureau in Cayce. The Burkett Family endorsement made the difference in a very challenging effort for victory in the October Republican primary replacing an incumbent.

A fitting tribute was published on January 31st in The State newspaper of Columbia, South Carolina:

Kathryn Louise Spires Burkett entered into eternal rest on January 30, 2016, following a brief illness. Kathryn, born April 11, 1929, was a daughter of Drayton and Sara Spires of Cayce, S.C. She attended BC High School where she was Homecoming Queen representing her lifelong sweetheart, Horace Olin Burkett, Jr. She attended Columbia College before she and Horace married in 1949. They were proud parents to Jimmy, Donny, Ronny, Timmy, and Andrea and pursued their dream of raising their children in the country. They moved to their beloved 17 acres in Edmund in 1962. Their home was a place of welcome to all, an endless source of adventure to their children, and the site of countless picnics, fish fries, and family gatherings. Kathryn's boundless energy was devoted to home, family, church, and community. She planted, nurtured, and harvested an acre vegetable garden every summer and proudly canned enough food to feed her family throughout the year. She was a marvelous cook, and her hand gently stirring a bowl of flour into mouth-watering biscuits was a wonder to behold.

She served on the Governor's Beautification Board and volunteered with the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Little League, Cub Scouts, and PTA. She and Horace also served in many capacities at Cayce United Methodist Church and the Edmund Community Club. Kathryn was devoted to the cause of mental health and was a catalyst in starting the first Lexington County Mental Health Center. She also had an avid interest in politics, volunteering for Strom Thurmond, Floyd Spence and Ben Carson, among many others, and as a poll watcher and precinct captain.

Kathryn and Horace left a legacy to their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of commitment, faithfulness, and an unfailing knowledge of the difference between right and wrong. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts and proudly carry all they taught us into the future. Kathryn was predeceased by her parents, Drayton and Sara; her husband, Horace; her brothers, Col and Fred Spires; her sister, Margie McNair; brother-in-law, David Burkett; and her granddaughter, Crystal Bradshaw. She is

survived by her sister-in-law and spouse, Jeannette Burkett and Owen Livingston and her children and spouses/partners: Jimmy and Debbie Burkett, Donny and Jeannie Burkett, Ronny and Mary Burkett, Tim Burkett and Lance Wilhelm, and Andrea and Bobby Lange. She is survived by grandchildren and spouses/partners: Sarah and Heath Maner, Laura and Zach Moore, Tiffany Burkett, Brandi and Mike Dixon, Michael Burkett and Lisa Walner, Patrick Burkett, Meghan Burkett, Ian and Jenn Burkett, Jesse Bundrick and Jada Lange. She was blessed with great-granddaughters, Micaiah, Anna, and Alexis Burkett and Charley Dixon, and newborn great-grandson, Ezekiel Burkett.

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 1, at Cayce United Methodist Church from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. and followed by services at 3:00 p.m. Private interment will follow in Southland Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the home of Ronny and Mary Burkett, 87 Holly Ridge Lane, West Columbia, on Sunday afternoon from 2-5 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Crystal Bradshaw Foundation, 17 Abberton Court, Chapin, SC 29036. The family wishes to thank the special caregivers and residents of Oakleaf Village who were family to Kathryn in her later years.

HONORING THE USO FOR 75 YEARS
OF SERVICE TO OUR TROOPS
AND THEIR FAMILIES

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard working men and women of the USO in celebration of their 75th Birthday of entertaining and supporting our troops and families. I especially applaud the work of the Greater Jacksonville Area USO which makes it its mission to lift the spirits of our service members and their families. This small army of mostly volunteers reaches out to active duty military at our three large navy bases, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Naval Station Mayport and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. They also support our United States Coast Guard men and women, the Marines at Blount Island Command, Army personnel stationed in the area, and those serving in the Florida National Guard.

The USO was formed in 1941 at the request of President Franklin D. Roosevelt who realized he needed a civilian organization to handle on-leave recreation. This call to action led six agencies to coordinate their civilian war efforts and resources to form a new organization—the USO, United Service Organizations. Today, the USO is a private, not for profit organization, supported entirely by donations from citizens and organizations.

Since its inception, the USO has been that "Home Away From Home" for our military during wars and during peace time. The Greater Jacksonville Area USO was established as an independent branch of the national USO in 1979. Today, its three centers continue to serve over 250,000 military and families with quality of life and morale boosting programs.

I have had the privilege of working with the USO and its many volunteers in serving dinners prior to pay days. They are called No Dough Dinners and are hugely popular with

our junior ranking families. In addition, our USO mails over 15,000 goodie boxes to front line troops and distributes hundreds of calling cards for deployed troops to call home. Here in Jacksonville, the USO operates Internet cyber cafes, assists families and troops with programs like United Through Reading where the deployed member reads a book on a DVD to his or her children back home. Two of the USO's most popular programs are the Welcome Center at our airport and free or reduced cost tickets to local sporting and cultural events.

On February 4, 2016, the Greater Jacksonville Area USO will celebrate 75 years of serving our military and providing help on the home front for those who give their all for the security of this nation. The Greater Jacksonville Area USO is 100 percent self-funded and relies on donations from citizens and corporations like Boeing, Jacksonville Jaguars, W.W. Gay, VyStar Credit Union, Siemens, Northrop Grumman, Florida Blue, Jacksonville International Airport and the PGA Tour among others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and Members of the House of Representatives to join me in acknowledging the 75th Birthday of the USO and its commitment to our active duty military.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

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 \$19,012,827,698,417.93. We've added \$8,385,950,649,504.85 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call vote number 46 on February 1, 2016, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted aye.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOUG CROFT'S TENURE AS PRESIDENT OF THE THOMASVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Doug Croft for his 28 years of lead-

ership to the city of Thomasville, North Carolina through his work at the Thomasville Area Chamber of Commerce. I have seen firsthand the positive impact Mr. Croft has had on his community, and I know I will not be the last to say how much he will be missed.

Under Mr. Croft's exceptional leadership, the city of Thomasville rebounded from a period of manufacturing and furniture-building job loss during the recent recession. He successfully helped turn the city around and create a business-friendly and job-creating center within the state of North Carolina. In addition to his impact on the local economic recovery, Mr. Croft played a critical role in the City of Thomasville's selection as an "All-American City" for 2013, by the National Civic League.

Mr. Croft has also been instrumental in the development and implementation of two key city-wide initiatives, the "Envision 2020" strategic plan and the "Thomasville on the Move" capital raising campaign. In fact, as a result of his hard work on the "Thomasville on the Move" campaign, Mr. Croft was recognized in 2011 as the Chamber Executive of the Year for North Carolina by the Carolinas Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Doug Croft for his successful tenure as President of the Thomasville Area Chamber of Commerce, and wishing him well as he begins the next chapter of his already distinguished career.

HONORING LIEUTENANT DEBBIE PEECOCK

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Lieutenant Debbie Peacock, of the Napa Police Department, who is retiring after 30 years of service to her community.

Debbie Peacock joined the Napa Police Department on September 9, 1985, and eventually became the first woman in Napa police history to earn her current rank of lieutenant. In this role, Lieutenant Peacock oversees the Special Operations Division of the Napa Police Department. She manages the department's Investigations Bureau, Youth Services Bureau and the Homeless Outreach Program, while also heading Napa's Canine and SWAT Units. Lieutenant Peacock further serves as the liaison between the Napa PD and the Napa Valley Unified School District, the Napa County Office of Education, and Napa County Health and Human Services.

It is difficult to overstate the impact Lieutenant Peacock has had on our community. Her consistent leadership and activism have made her a well-known and well-liked figure, one whose advice is often sought out by community members. Her influence extends beyond her work in the Police Department, as Lieutenant Peacock also works with numerous organizations and foundations, including the Continuum of Care, the Napa County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Programs, the Catalyst Coalition and the Napa County DARE

and Safe Schools Foundations. She has a long history of social activism, supporting charity and nonprofit programs like Shop With A Cop, Community Action Napa Valley, and the Napa Valley Education Foundation. Lieutenant Peacock has consistently acted with remarkable dedication and character, and residents of Napa and the surrounding areas have benefitted enormously from her efforts.

Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant Debbie Peacock has served her community with admirable integrity and commitment for three decades. It is fitting and proper that I honor her here today. I wish Lieutenant Peacock the best in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE PALM BEACH TOWN SQUARE PROJECT

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the unveiling of the newly renovated Palm Beach Town Square, and to thank those involved in the project for their hard work. On Sunday, January 31st, the Town of Palm Beach dedicated the newly renovated Town Square, a symbol of Palm Beach's rich and unique history.

The Palm Beach Centennial Commission, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Town of Palm Beach's incorporation, spearheaded the effort to renovate the square. Plans for the Town Square were first approved in 1929 by the Garden Club of Palm Beach, an organization which played a role in this recent renovation as well.

The project restored the famous Seahorse Fountain and the surrounding architecture and landscape. The fountain was designed by Addison Mizner in 1929 to honor the two Palm Beach pioneers: Henry Flagler, the founder of Palm Beach, and Elisha Newton Dimick, the town's first Mayor. Funding for the original fountain was a community effort fronted by Harold S. Vanderbilt and other Palm Beach residents. Along with the fountain, this historic square includes a Memorial Park and reflecting pool and Veterans memorial wall.

Just as the original fountain was made possible by Palm Beach residents in 1929, this renovation was a community effort. I would like to thank the local clubs and organizations, town officials, and those in the community who donated their time and funds to this endeavor for their commitment to the Town of Palm Beach.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 46 and 47, I was unable to cast my vote in person due to a previously scheduled engagement. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

A TRIBUTE: NATIONAL FREEDOM
DAY ASSOCIATION

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate National Freedom Day 2016, a holiday established to recognize the day President Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment freeing enslaved Blacks. On February 1, 1941, Major Richard Robert Wright, Sr. invited national and local leaders to meet in Philadelphia to formulate plans to set aside February 1st each year to memorialize the signing of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution by President Lincoln on February 1, 1865. One year after Major Wright's death in 1947, a bill passed both U.S. Houses of Congress making February 1st National Freedom Day.

Major Wright is recognized as a post reconstruction pioneer and trailblazer who dedicated his life to establishing this national day of commemoration of freedom. Each year on the first day of Black History Month, National Freedom Day Associations in cities and states across the nation come together for this annual observance to promote goodwill, harmony and equal opportunity and to rededicate the nation to these ideals.

And, as we look back at the life of Major Wright, we discover a true American story of resilience, foresight and faith. He was born into slavery in 1855. And, as a child he encountered retired Union Civil War General Oliver Otis Howard, in an Atlanta classroom. Summoning up unbelievable courage he said, "Sir, tell them we are rising," as a way to help northerners understand the hope of newly freed Blacks. These words came to be Major Wright's lifelong mantra.

His personal "rising" included: serving as a major in the Spanish-American War, founding and leading Savannah State College; attending the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania at the age of 67; and, founding the Citizens and Southern Bank and Trust Company, in Philadelphia, the only northern Black-owned bank at the time.

Therefore, I am proud to honor the life and contributions of Major Wright, a great American visionary and trailblazer and the National Freedom Day Association as it stands as an historic reminder of our nation's promise of freedom and justice.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOANN
GONYEA'S SERVICE TO THE CITY
OF TRENTON

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joann Gonyea for her 31 years of service in the Parks and Recreation Department of Trenton, Michigan.

Joann began her career with the City of Trenton Parks and Recreation Department as a Program Coordinator in 1985. She became the Assistant Director in 1990 and served in that role for 20 years before being appointed Director in 2011.

Many of the events and activities for which Trenton has become known started with Joann. During an internship with Wayne County Parks 31 years ago, she designed the "Somewhere in Time" event which captures the spirit of the iconic Elizabeth Park in the early 1900's and engages residents with the history of their city. Joann has also been the driving force behind the "Community Builds" program and the "Healthy Trenton Initiative" which both promote healthy and active lifestyles by emphasizing teamwork.

Joann is instrumental in the success of community events in Trenton and is well known for her ability to organize and inspire volunteers. Many projects, including the recent addition of a playground to Affholter Park, are finished in record time due to the groundswell of community support Joann encourages. It's because she practices what she preaches, and generously dedicates her time to organizations throughout the Downriver community, such as the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance where she serves as a board member.

Joann is part of the heart and soul of Trenton, Michigan and the Downrivers. Tonight, we recognize Joann with the Duane Brannick award for outstanding service to the city, an award which is annually given to leaders in the city that go above and beyond. I know that Joann is the perfect recipient of this prestigious award and I am proud to call her a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Joann Gonyea for her 31 years of service to the city of Trenton. I thank her for her leadership, and wish her many years of success.

IN RECOGNITION OF DENNIS
HOLLOWAY'S SELECTION AS THE
RICHMOND COUNTY CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE 2015 CITIZEN OF THE
YEAR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Dennis Holloway for his selection as the Richmond County Chamber of Commerce's 2015 Citizen of the Year. Mr. Holloway represents the best our area has to offer, and this selection illustrates the profound impact he has had on our community.

Mr. Holloway decided early in life to dedicate himself to helping others in need, and he has not stopped that mission since. Mr. Holloway served in the United States Army as a member of the 82nd Airborne until he was honorably discharged in 1967 after serious injuries he sustained during a training exercise hindered his deployment. After surviving this harrowing ordeal, Mr. Holloway worked in the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for 30 years.

The list of charitable acts Mr. Holloway has carried out and the number of leadership positions within several community service organizations he holds demonstrates the commitment he has made to serving those in his community, and beyond. As a recovery team leader for the North Carolina Baptist Men, a nondenominational organization dedicated to providing relief to those in need, Mr. Holloway

and his team have done everything from traveling down to South Carolina to assist families recovering from the historic flooding that took place last year to building wheelchair ramps at the homes of disabled community residents. Mr. Holloway is an inspiration to all the Richmond County community and this award is truly a testament to the appreciation he has so rightfully earned.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Dennis Holloway for receiving this prestigious distinction, and wishing him well as he continues to serve the people of Richmond County, North Carolina.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call vote number 47 on February 1, 2016, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted aye.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 46 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during roll call vote number 45 on January 13, 2016. I would like to reflect that on roll call vote number 45 I would have voted No.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, on February 1, 2016, I was unavoidably detained and missed recorded votes Number 46 through 47. Had I been present, on Roll Call Number 46, H.R. 2187—Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act, I would have voted YEA, and on Roll Call Number 47, H.R. 4168—Small Business Capital Formation Enhancement Act, I would have voted YEA.

TO HONOR THE LIFE OF SHERIFF
MAYNARD B. REID, JR.

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Randolph County Sheriff Maynard B. Reid, Jr., who passed away on January 5, 2016 at the age of 69. We send our prayers and sincerest condolences to his wife, Sandra, and the entire Reid family.

Sheriff Reid began his life of public service in the United States Marine Corps and served his nation during the Vietnam War. After returning from his service, Sheriff Reid joined the Asheboro Police Department and eventually moved to the Randolph County Sheriffs Office. In 2006, he was elected Sheriff of Randolph County and served in his post for 10 years. Under his leadership, there was a great emphasis on community outreach efforts and enabling those under his command to better serve the people of Randolph County. This could be seen through his efforts to modernize officer's patrol vehicles and the creation of a task force designed to combat internet predators that targeted children.

Sheriff Reid was a 40 year veteran of law enforcement who spent nearly his entire life serving and protecting his community. He was an inspiration to all who had the honor of serving beside him and under his leadership. The Randolph County community will always remember the man he was and the legacy he has passed down to future public servants.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in celebrating the life of Sheriff Maynard B. Reid, Jr. and honoring him for his profound commitment to his country, his community, and the numerous lives he touched throughout his life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL
JAMES RIDDERING

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Michael James Riddering. Mike, who dedicated his life to serving others as an American missionary in Burkina Faso, was tragically taken from this world far too soon at the age of 45, a victim of the terrorist attack that struck this West African nation on January 15th. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Amy and their children Haley, Delaney, Biba, and Moise during this most difficult time.

Five years ago, Mr. Riddering and his wife Amy left their home in Hollywood, Florida to move to Burkina Faso to run the Sheltering Wings' mission in the town of Yako. Together, they helped women and children in need, running an orphanage, school, and medical clinic. While in Burkina Faso, the couple adopted two children, 15-year-old Biba and 4-year-old Moise.

It was this commitment and service that led him to Ouagadougou on the day of the terrorist attack in the nation's capital. Mike had gone to greet a team of missionaries who were just arriving in Burkina Faso to work at

the orphanage when the area was seized by Al Qaeda-affiliated terrorists.

We memorialize Mike's life by honoring him in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD here today. But we honor his memory by recommitting ourselves to the truth shared by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and a testament to how Mike lived his life of service: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

Mr. Speaker, while Mike Riddering's life was cut short by those hoping to instill fear, hatred, and darkness in our world, his life of service, light, and love will never fade. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends and all the lives he touched both in South Florida and Burkina Faso. It is through them that his light will continue to shine on.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT
GENERAL LAWRENCE F. SNOWDEN

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great American, a great Marine, and a champion of lasting friendship between the people of the United States and Japan. As our nation prepares to recognize the 71st anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima, it is timely to recognize a veteran of that iconic struggle in the Second World War.

Lieutenant General Lawrence F. Snowden was born April 14, 1921 in Charlottesville, Virginia and graduated from the University of Virginia in 1942. Prior to graduating, General Snowden enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in February, 1942 and was called to active duty in May, 1942. He was commissioned as a Marine Second Lieutenant on July 18, 1942. Assigned to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, he served initially with the 23rd Marine Regiment, assigned to the 3rd and then the 4th Marine Divisions.

From February, 1944 until March, 1945 he saw combat as a Company Commander with the 23rd Marines in the capture of Roi-Namur in the Marshall Islands, the capture of Saipan and Tinian, and the legendary assault on Iwo Jima which commenced on February 19, 1945. It was Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz who, when speaking of the Battle of Iwo Jima, stated that, "Uncommon valor was a common virtue." General Snowden is the senior surviving American veteran of that battle in which he was wounded twice. General Snowden retired from the Marine Corps after more than 37 years of active service in 1979, serving his last years as Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps.

His commitment to our nation and healing the wounds of the war did not end at his retirement. General Snowden became a regular traveler to Japan and to Iwo Jima leading a "Reunion of Honor" with his fellow veterans of the battle from both the United States and Japan. His mission is a solemn one of reconciliation. As the widow of the Japanese commanding general said to him, "Once enemies, now friends."

General Snowden himself has stated, "Those men didn't want to be here any more than we did. They were doing their duty. You don't hate anybody for that." As a further sign

of his commitment to goodwill, General Snowden was here in this chamber in April, 2015 as a guest of the Prime Minister of Japan Shinzō Abe when he addressed the Congress. At his side was the grandson of the commander of the Japanese garrison on Iwo Jima while General Snowden's efforts were recognized by the Prime Minister.

As a 25-year veteran of the Marine Corps I am honored to recognize the historic anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima, and I am pleased to call attention to this great American, Lieutenant General Lawrence F. Snowden. I applaud his contribution to the past, present, and future of our great nation as a Marine and a statesman.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on February 1, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YES on Roll Call Number 46; YES on Roll Call Number 47.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to state that I was not able to be on the House floor for roll call vote 46 to H.R. 2187 taken on February 1, 2016. Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted aye.

The Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act expands the definition of accredited investor to also include professional experts. This ensures that investors in my Congressional district have the right to access suitable investment vehicles and is critical for markets to operate efficiently.

HONORING BARRY COATES

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Barry Coates, a United States Army veteran from McBee, South Carolina.

Barry passed away last week from terminal cancer that was left untreated by the VA for over a year. Even as he battled his illness, Barry remained a champion for improving medical access and care for all veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the people of South Carolina in recognizing the life of Barry. Together, we honor his service and dedication to the fight for better treatment for our veterans. His contributions to this fight leave an indelible mark that will always be remembered.

Barry will be greatly missed and I ask that we keep Barry's wife, Donna, his five children, Scotty, Breanna, Shane, Troy, and Tyler, and

the rest of his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Speaker, we must do better for our nation's veterans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes on Monday, February 1, 2016. Had I been present for roll call vote number 46, H.R. 2187, the Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 47, H.R. 4168, the Small Business Capital Formation Enhancement Act, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, February 1, 2016, I was absent from the House because I was unavoidably detained. Due to my absence, I did not record my vote on the first vote of the day. I would like to reflect how I would have voted had I been present for legislative business.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Call 46.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOE MOOSE'S SELECTION AS THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION'S 2015 WILLARD B. SIMMONS INDEPENDENT PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Joe Moose for his selection as the National Community Pharmacists Association's (NCPA) 2015 Willard B. Simmons Independent Pharmacist of the Year. Dr. Moose and his family have been providing top of the line care to residents of the state of North Carolina for four generations, and this most recent honor illustrates yet again the profound impact he has had on our community.

Since receiving his Doctorate of Pharmacy from Campbell University's College of Pharmacy and Health Science, Dr. Moose has dedicated himself to providing the best care possible for his patients while also focusing on helping future generations of pharmacists. Dr. Moose currently serves as the primary instructor at the University of North Carolina's Eshelman School of Pharmacy's Community Pharmacy Residency Program, while also volunteering his time to instruct future pharmaceutical students at his alma mater, Campbell University, as well as Wingate University's School of Pharmacy.

Dr. Moose also serves on multiple committees and boards for the state of North Carolina, including the Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee as well as co-chairing the Medicaid Drug Regimen Review Board. As a result of his tireless efforts, Dr. Moose has been the recipient of multiple awards and honors, with his latest being the NCPA's 2015 Willard B. Simmons Independent Pharmacist of the Year. This award, according to the NCPA, recognizes an independent pharmacist for exemplary leadership and commitment to independent pharmacy and to their community. Dr. Moose received this award at the NCPA 2015 Annual Convention on October 11, 2015.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Joe Moose for receiving this prestigious distinction, and wishing him and his family well as they continue to serve the people of North Carolina with high-quality care and exceptional customer service.

URGENCY OF ADDRESSING
FELONY DISENFRANCHISEMENT

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise on the first Restoration Tuesday of February to talk about the issue of felony disenfranchisement, an issue that is critical to voting rights in our country.

Felony disenfranchisement dates back to before the Jim Crow era. It is inconsistent with the values we cherish most in our country today and it contradicts the narrative that we've moved beyond the sins of our past. The United States should not be a country where past mistakes have endless consequences with no opportunity for second chances.

5.85 million Americans are denied the right to vote because of these laws. 4.4 million are out of prison, living in our communities, paying taxes, working, and raising families, yet they remain unable to vote, shut out from our democracy.

Denying this right of citizenship further punishes individuals who re-enter our communities and counters the expectation that citizens have rehabilitated themselves following a conviction. The United States should not be a country where past mistakes have countless consequences with no opportunity for redress.

My home state of Alabama is one of 12 states that do not automatically restore voting rights to people who have served their sentences. Alabama has one of the nation's highest disenfranchisement rates. Nearly a third of African American men in my home state have permanently lost their right to vote. Regardless of the amount of time they've been out of prison, they have been completely excluded from the electoral process.

These state laws that bar 5.8 million Americans with felony convictions from voting date back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries. During the decades following passage of the Fifteenth Amendment, lawmakers across the country worked tirelessly to invalidate the black vote. As the Jim Crow era began to gain ground, these bans were strengthened.

While poll taxes and literacy tests were effective tools in their arsenal, statutes allowing

the subjective and permanent exclusion of large numbers of minorities from the democratic process were a particularly potent weapon in their efforts to undermine African-American political power.

Those who championed these bans were clear on their intent. In 1901, disenfranchisement in Alabama was extended to all crimes involving "moral turpitude"—applying to misdemeanors and even non-criminal acts. The president of the constitutional convention argued the state needed to avert what he called the "menace of Negro domination."

In 2016 we are still operating under some of the same laws that were cornerstones of Jim Crow. Our nation's existing patchwork of federal law disfranchising people with criminal records perpetuates entrenched racial and socioeconomic discrimination. We've clearly fallen woefully short of achieving our ideals. We can and must do better.

Rep. JOHN CONYERS has introduced a great piece of legislation to restore voting rights in federal elections to the millions of Americans who have been released from incarceration, but continue to be denied the right to vote. I encourage all of my colleagues, from both sides of the aisle, to support the Democracy Restoration Act of 2015, a bill to restore voting rights in federal elections to people who are out of prison and living in the community.

RECOGNIZING ROSE STRONG ON
HER 70TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Ms. Rose Strong on her 70th birthday.

Born in Minden, Louisiana, the 12th of 13 children, Ms. Strong grew up to defy the odds of her time and distinguish herself as an effective leader.

Known as a pioneer among women in the 1970s and 1980s, Ms. Strong was elected as a City Councilwoman of Columbus, Georgia in 1984, making her the first African American woman elected in Muscogee County. She went on to be appointed by President George H.W. Bush as Deputy Director, Intergovernmental Affairs of the U.S. Department of Transportation in 1989.

At the age of 70, Ms. Strong continues her impressive career, currently holding the position of Vice-President and Spokesperson of T.E.C.H. for the World, Inc.

Aside from the contributions Ms. Strong has made in her professional life, she has recently been honored at her local place of worship, The City Church in Seattle, as one of its "Pillars."

She is also the proud mother of two children who have followed in their mother's footsteps of serving their community. Rozalyn Strong is a Doctoral Candidate and an educator in the Lake Washington School District. Mack Strong, Jr. is a retired Seattle Seahawk full-back and currently works as the Western States Director of the NFL's Legends Community.

I admire and thank Ms. Strong for her lifetime of leadership and dedication to country and community. I am extremely proud to call

her a friend. May she have a happy 70th birthday and enjoy many more to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIRNESS FOR BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS ACT OF 2016

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Fairness for Breastfeeding Mothers Act of 2016, a bill that would require buildings that are either federally owned or leased to provide designated private and hygienic lactation spaces for nursing mothers. For years, federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have encouraged breastfeeding—the benefits are so great that the Affordable Care Act amended federal law to require employers to provide a designated, non-bathroom space for returning employees to pump breastmilk for their newborns, ensuring that new mothers would be able to continue this essential practice even after returning to work. My bill would extend this requirement to include not just employees, but visitors and guests to federal facilities across the nation.

In Washington, D.C. alone, there are millions of tourists who visit federal sites, such as the Lincoln Memorial and the Smithsonian Institution. Increasingly, families understand the unique benefits of breastfeeding, and visitors to these buildings who have newborns and babies should have a private space to breastfeed or pump. The benefits of breastfeeding are well documented—breastmilk contains antibodies and hormones that boost babies' immune systems, and studies have shown lower risks of asthma, diabetes, respiratory infections, and other diseases among breastfed babies. Moreover, breastfeeding also has benefits for nursing mothers, who, research has shown, have lower risks of diabetes and certain forms of cancer. Given the significant public health benefits of breastfeeding for both mother and baby, already recognized in federal policy, my bill is a logical next step to ensure visitors to federal sites have access to clean, hygienic, and private spaces to nurse or pump.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, which would provide access to designated lactation rooms for guests to federally owned or leased buildings.

HONORING THE MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, since 1888, the members of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem have promoted peace and health in the Middle East through their hospital in East Jerusalem, Gaza, and the West Bank.

In 2015, the hospital and associated clinics treated over 125,000 patients—including

15,000 through mobile outreach. The Order has a strong foundation in Christian ideals, and a motto of "Pro Fide, Pro Utilitate Hominum: For the Faith and in the Service of Humanity," which speak to the inspiring scope of their global contribution.

The Order also features a diverse membership, who vow to "serve our lords, the sick and the poor," and to fulfill this promise through volunteer service, fundraising, and monetary donations. I would like to congratulate Priory/Regional Chair, Julian V. Brandt III, CStJ, of Charleston, South Carolina, for his dedication for the significant work that the Order is accomplishing around the world.

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, 2016 marks the 10th anniversary for the School of Science and Technology (SST) located in my district in San Antonio, Texas. SST provides a K–12 curriculum concentrated on educating students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). In the rapidly changing world of science and technology, it is critical that our students receive STEM education from an early age. For a decade, SST has provided students with such an opportunity.

SST has been ranked among the top high schools in Texas for multiple years and has received the Bronze, Silver and Gold rankings from US News and World Report. This is a testament to the school's dedication to providing STEM education to students in the San Antonio area.

As Chairman of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, I am committed to ensuring that our nation's youth have the scientific and mathematical skills to thrive in a technology-based economy. And I commend SST for its continued efforts to provide advanced STEM education to K–12 students.

In appreciation of all they have done, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 10th anniversary of SST.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMERCIAL UAS MODERNIZATION ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the UAS industry is booming in Oregon and nationwide, but our laws and regulations are stifling innovation instead of encouraging it, forcing American companies to look overseas to test new technology. We must not miss the opportunity to harness the benefits and utility of UAS technology, which will bring advances in safety and efficiency in nearly every sector of the economy.

Today, I am introducing the Commercial UAS Modernization Act, which creates an interim framework that will promote American innovation in the rapidly growing field of un-

manned aircraft systems (UAS) and will facilitate the safe integration of UAS into the National Airspace System.

While the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is in the process of creating a regulatory framework for commercial UAS operation, the FAA's existing approach to UAS integration and regulation has been piecemeal at best. As a result, we are behind other countries in developing a regulatory regime that encourages growth of this burgeoning industry, and U.S. companies are being overtaken by competition in Canada, Europe, and Asia. This legislation offers a uniform and comprehensive approach that offers our drone industry a sensible path forward.

The UAS industry expects to produce more than 100,000 U.S. jobs, with \$82 billion in economic impact, within a decade after these regulations are complete. The potential social and economic benefits of this technology go far beyond package delivery and capturing photos and video footage. Around the world, UAS are being used to inspect critical infrastructure and conduct land surveys, fight forest fires and support emergency and disaster response, transport medical samples and supplies, analyze and manage crops, detect oil spills and predict volcanic eruptions, catch poachers, and deliver high-speed Internet to remote or underserved areas. Full integration of UAS into the national airspace could revolutionize the way entire sectors of our economy and governments function.

The Commercial UAS Modernization Act provides a much-needed update to federal rules, making it clear that flying smartphones should not be regulated like Predator drones.

IRAN TERROR FINANCE TRANSPARENCY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 3662.

The focus of the JCPOA is to achieve the long desired objective of preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. We must be vigilant in our verification and enforcement of that agreement.

Iran's breach of the UN Resolutions regarding ballistic missiles is serious, but it is a distinct issue that requires its own targeted response. That is why President Obama was right to impose separate sanctions on Iran for its ballistic missile violations.

As Mr. ENGEL has indicated, this legislation is nothing but a blatantly partisan attempt to re-litigate the JCPOA. It was drafted without consulting a single Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and passed out of Committee without a single Democratic vote.

Let us focus together on holding Iran accountable for all its actions—with respect to JCPOA, its ballistic missile program, and its support for groups in the region that have engaged in terrorism. But it is a sad day when our Republican colleagues play political games with important national security and foreign policy matters.

ADDRESSING THE COSTS TO
LOCAL AND STATE LAW EN-
FORCEMENT OF THE OCCUPA-
TION OF THE MALHEUR NA-
TIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, for 32 days armed militants have occupied the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Harney County, Oregon. Acting on behalf of a misguided anti-public lands agenda and against the wishes of the local community, these extremists have endangered lives, damaged property, and disrupted society.

The armed takeover of a federal facility is simply not the way we do things in Oregon, and is not how things have been done at the

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge—a national treasure cherished by birders and other outdoor recreation enthusiasts and a model of collaboration and partnership with the local community.

The situation has been allowed to continue for far too long, and the costs of this dramatic and dangerous incident will be innumerable to the federal government, the Burns Paiute Tribe, the state, and the local community.

One particular manifestation of this cost is the financial expense to state and local law enforcement, which has spent an estimated \$100,000 per week responding to this incident.

This is why, today, I am introducing a bill to help assuage some of the financial hardship borne by state and local taxpayers in protecting the community during this challenging time.

Because the incident involves a federal facility, the federal government made decisions about the timing and manner of addressing

this ordeal. Ultimately, those decisions have been very expensive for Oregon and the local community. My bill will allow the federal government to ease this burden within 180 days by reimbursing reasonable costs associated with state and local law enforcement's response to this incident. Under my bill, the federal government will have the authority to pursue civil action seeking to recover those costs from the armed militia members to make sure taxpayers aren't on the hook.

Placing the burden of these costs on the militants is the right thing to do. It will send a strong signal that an armed takeover of a federal facility is unacceptable and will result in consequences. In the meantime, however, these communities already face resource constraints and an immediate federal reimbursement will help to address at least some of the hardships caused by this irresponsible and unfortunate incident.