

many legal victories. In 1991, he successfully defended former Dallas Police Chief Mack Vines against a perjury charge, calling a slew of witnesses, including former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese, to the stand.

At the time of his death, Mr. Boyd was leading a long-standing lawsuit pitting Dallas police officers and firefighters against the city in a dispute over back pay. Elements of that case, which could involve hundreds of millions of dollars in potential damages, are now before the state Supreme Court.

Mr. Boyd's wife, Barbara White Boyd, recalled her husband's passion for the law and for politics as grounded in a keen intelligence and attention to detail.

"He always managed to put things in such an eloquent and kind way, even when he was critical. He was the most open and honest person," she said.

He was loyal, too. In conservative Collin County, he never wavered from his commitment to Democratic politics.

"After I changed parties in the '80s, he told me, 'I still love you even though you're a Republican.'" Mr. Hance said. "He had friends on both sides, and he never took his politics so personal it affected his friendship with anyone."

Mr. Boyd's mark on law in Collin County is clear from a visit to the county courthouse, where he has placed two works of art, a sculpture of Alamo hero William Barret Travis and a portrait print of decorated World War II soldier Audie Murphy.

Mr. Boyd had said the sculpture of Travis represented what he believed in when it came to the law.

"It stands for courage, and that's what you need in a lawyer. You need someone that will stand up against the state, against powerful forces that you may be, as an individual, up against," he said.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Boyd's survivors include his sons, William Bradley Boyd of New Orleans and Blake Edward Boyd of Los Angeles; his sister, Betty Skelton of Houston; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Boyd.

His body will lie in repose from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday at Turrentine Jackson Morrow Funeral Home, 2525 N. Central Expressway in Allen. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church of McKinney, 1615 W. Louisiana St. Burial at Lake View Cemetery in Lavon will follow.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY POLICE DIRECTOR ROBERT PARKER

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Police Director Robert Parker from the Miami-Dade County Police Department.

Director Parker has 33 years of distinguished service for the eighth largest police department in the country and for the last five years Mr. Parker has served as Director of the force, overseeing more than 4,700 dedicated sworn and non-sworn personnel.

Director Parker joined the Miami-Dade Police Department in 1976 where he was quickly promoted through all the civil service ranks. He has diverse experience in police manage-

ment and operations, including posts as Assistant Director of Police Services, Division Chief of the North Operations Division and the Special Investigations Division, and Police Bureau Commander. In 2004, he made history when he was appointed as the first African American Director of Police for Miami-Dade County.

Known as a gifted leader in his community and in the Department, Director Parker was appointed by the Governor of Florida to serve as Co-Chair of the Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force. He also served as President of the Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police from 2006–2007, presiding over more than 35 municipal police departments as well as other state and federal law enforcement member agencies.

With Director Parker at the helm, the Department became known nationally as a leader in law enforcement. The Miami-Dade County Police Department holds accreditation from two agencies, the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), and the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA), documenting its commitment to the highest level of service.

I am proud today to honor Director Parker's distinguished career and leadership in the South Florida community and wish him and his family well on their future endeavors.

U.S. SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievement of U.S. Senator ROBERT C. BYRD on becoming the longest serving Member in the history of the United States Congress.

Senator ROBERT C. BYRD has made a career of setting the standard for his fellow Members of Congress to emulate and today, he has, again, set the bar of Congressional service one notch higher.

This is a history-making day. But Senator BYRD's record-setting achievement is not gauged best by the number of years, days, and hours he has spent in office—though he could tell us to the minute. It is, instead, more correctly measured by the wealth of hope his work has generated, the vast number of lives his efforts have touched and improved, and the multiple generations of citizens his struggles from virtual orphan to the heights of political power have inspired.

His work, in short, has been monumental. His efforts have provided for public services and fundamental structures—modern highways, safer bridges, veterans centers, clean water systems—but these fall far short of the greatest and most lasting monument that he has given the people of West Virginia, his devotion and tireless work to make their lives richer.

I am proud and awed—though not in the least surprised—to be able to congratulate West Virginia's senior Senator on becoming the longest serving Member in the history of the U.S. Congress. And I look forward to many more record-breaking years of ROBERT C. BYRD serving in the U.S. Senate and setting a wise and fruitful course for the future of West Virginia and the Nation.

HONORING VINCENT PAUL WHITAKER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Vincent Paul Whitaker, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 900, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Vincent has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Vincent has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Vincent Paul Whitaker for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 85TH BIRTHDAY OF ROSEMARY MCCANN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor an outstanding American and a great public servant who will celebrate her 85th birthday on November 20, 2009. Rosemary McCann has served her country with an unyielding sense of determination, and she has cared well for so many people through her distinguished and long career as a nurse.

After raising two exceptional children, Rosemary's caring nature led her to begin a career in nursing. She served for more than a decade as the occupational health nurse in Tiffany & Company's medical department. During her tenure, she served approximately 900 employees and provided emergency care and follow-up for the injured. She also helped to implement important safety and health education programs, which no doubt prevented future injuries from occurring on the job.

After her time at Tiffany & Company, Rosemary's desire to serve her country guided her to become the medical officer aboard the USNS *Silas Bent* and later with the U.S. Merchant Marine. During her service, she cared for sick or injured crewmembers and technicians on world-wide voyages, from the North Atlantic to the Indian Ocean. She also maintained the on-board medical inventory, oversaw food sanitation, and ensured that sailors had potable water to drink.

Her humor and compassion were a comfort to sailors away from home and she made sure that they stayed in contact with their families while at sea. Early one May, as Mother's Day was approaching, bad weather kept the USNS *Silas Bent* away from port. Always an expert at handling emergency situations, Rosemary passed out her supply of handmade cards to sailors to send home to their mothers. The cards made it home just in time.

Today, well past the customary age of retirement, Rosemary continues to touch people's lives as a relief nurse for numerous

agencies and companies, including the U.S. Public Health Service, Time Warner, and Tiffany & Company.

Throughout her career, Rosemary has consistently demonstrated her intelligence, compassion and desire to serve others. Her determination has garnered the admiration of her co-workers and the respect of her patients.

It is a special privilege to honor Rosemary McCann because I know firsthand what a remarkable human being she is. I also have the privilege of knowing her daughter Leonore Horowitz and her family, and can say with great confidence that Rosemary McCann's values live on. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating her 85th birthday and thank her for her decades of service to our nation. She has made her family strong, and her community and country better by all she has done.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, last week marked the 20th anniversary of one of the greatest triumphs of freedom and democracy in history—the fall of the Berlin Wall.

But two decades ago, the national media gave Americans a biased account of the issues surrounding this historic event, according to a new report by the Media Research Center, titled “Better off Red?”

MRC found that many in the national media failed to portray the evils of communism and suggested that free-market capitalism was somehow worse.

Furthermore, the media's coverage often tipped in favor of the oppressors—not the oppressed—and frequently criticized those who were fighting communism rather than those who were perpetuating it.

It is just as important today as it was 20 years ago that the national media give Americans the facts, not tell them what to think.

ON THE PASSING OF EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER, THE CREATOR OF THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the passing of a Great American, Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Her life and her times were a lesson to us all about a life well lived. From mother to matriarch, hers was a life of love, nurturing and giving. The creator of the Special Olympics. A woman who led by example, and of great faith, who ever throughout her lifetime, asked the question, “Have you done enough?” I ask that this poem penned by Albert Caswell in honor of her be placed in the RECORD.

BUT, HAVE WE DONE ENOUGH?

Sunrise, Sunset . . .
All in these, the days of our lives that we have left!

All in these the moments, that which so race . . . of which lie before us in our life's face . . .

Only, so much time to find . . . all in one's lifetime, that which our world to grace!
To give to this our world, all in what we have done . . .

To make our lives burn bright, burn bright like the morning sun!

To ask that question, “have we done enough?”

A Mother, A Wife, A Sister, A Matriarch . . .
A Champion for others, as was Eunice's most splendid part!

For she was such a woman of faith!

Such a woman of heart!

As to all of these, Eunice could not so give enough, her art!

As to all she so asked as such!

But, have you done enough?

As a Champion For Children, as her heart was so filled in!

Creating The Special Olympics, a work of art to help all hearts mend!

For from a beautiful Rose, once came a flower so beautiful to help hearts win . . .

So bright, a giver of light . . . a true lover of life!

As above great American Women she so towers, as we look back upon her hours . . .

For she never asked more, than what she was willing to give herself . . .

For in all hearts, she always saw good . . . as how a life should be lived as felt!

As someone, who so came from such heartache and pain . . .

And yet, somehow in her fine heart . . .

Her Profiles In Courage . . . still remained!

Showing us all, her light!

But, have we done enough?

To make our world burn bright?

To Heaven now our sweet child, rise . . . looking into our Lord's eyes . . .

But, have we done enough?

CONGRATULATING SHARK TOWN MICRO COMMUNITY

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, Monday, November 23, in Port Lavaca, Texas, IBC Bank and HJM Elementary School will co-host the Shark Town Micro Community Grand Opening. Shark Town Micro Community is an innovative education program that gives HJM Elementary students the opportunity to learn “real world” business and financial skills. I am pleased to extend my best wishes to the people of IBC Bank, HJM Elementary, and all the businesses, educators, and, especially, students participating in this program.

The Shark Town Micro Community is a small community within the school run by the students. The HJM Elementary student council serves as the Shark Town council, and the student council president serves as the mayor of Shark Town. HJM Elementary students named the community after their school's mascot, a shark.

Students may choose to work at any of a variety of business, including an IBC Bank, Wal-Mart, and HEB grocery store. Students can also work at Shark Town's branch of the IRS, student workers have to pay taxes, one of Shark Town's utility companies, the post office, the local newspaper, the safety patrol, or the recycling center. Students may also train to be future teachers.

Local Port Lavaca businesses sponsor their Shark Town counterparts. The businesses

provide their Shark Town counterparts with signs, badges, and shirts for their employees. Local businesses also provide funds for the Shark Town companies. Employees of the local businesses also periodically visit the school to offer assistance to their counterpart businesses.

Students receive salaries based on their jobs and their work performance. In order to participate in Shark Town, students must submit job applications and be interviewed. Payment is in the form of “sand dollars.” Students may use their sand dollars to pay their taxes and utility bills as well as to shop at Shark Town's stores.

Madam Speaker, the Shark Town Micro Community program represents an innovative means of providing students with a unique opportunity to learn about how businesses operate as well as develop work and financial management habits that will serve them well throughout their lives. It is my pleasure to again congratulate all those participating in the Shark Town Micro Community project.

COPD AWARENESS MONTH

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, today is World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness, COPD, Day. COPD is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States.

COPD includes many conditions such as chronic bronchitis, emphysema, refractory asthma and bronchiectasis. It is preventable and treatable. However, it is also progressive and there are millions of Americans that do not detect COPD in the early stages.

There are over 12 million Americans diagnosed with COPD and that number is growing. It is estimated that COPD will be the third leading cause of death worldwide by 2020. Despite all this, there is lack of awareness of COPD.

That is why, as one of the founders of the COPD Caucus, I've worked to highlight the problem of COPD and am introducing today, a Resolution, with my friend and colleague, JOHN LEWIS of Georgia, designating COPD Awareness Month.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, this morning our national debt was \$12,039,319,107,488.80. I should note this week is the first time our debt has broken the 12 trillion level. We have added \$8,019,921,198.73 to the national debt since yesterday.

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

The national debt has increased by \$1,400,893,361,195 so far this year.

According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, the forecast deficit for this year