

UP FRONT, "THE SKINNIE"

**HON. JACK KINGSTON**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit for the RECORD this article from "The Skinnie" written by Scott Loretta.

The W-2 summary statement detailing my '08 taxable earnings arrived by mail last week. As usual, I opened it, skimmed the numbers, cursed the government, and reminded myself to be grateful.

I try to let daydreams of bureaucratic misuse of MY fiercely-fought-for funds die there. Send the thing off to my accountant and be done with it for another year. But, it's inevitable. At some point, I'll say it. Just like you probably have. To your spouse. Your mother. Your financial advisor. Your god. Or yourself. In both anger and disbelief. "Can you believe I paid (fill in the blank with the appropriate amount) in taxes?! And for what?!"

But, the point is, you pay them. Just like I do. You might not like it. But you recognize you're not above the law. You were fortunate enough to be born under the Red, White, and Blue, or you found your way here one way or another, and you accept that the privilege comes with costs. You might be summoned to jury duty. Your conduct is bound by a set of laws. You can choose to wear the uniform of a particular service branch. And, if you earn a certain amount of money, the government's going to compel you to surrender some of it.

So, despite your political inclinations, you should be apologetically outraged.

Timothy Geithner is a tax cheat.

Timothy Geithner is the 75th Secretary of the United States Treasury.

Among other things, the United States Treasury runs the Internal Revenue Service, the bureau responsible for collecting your taxes.

Don't be blinded by your ideology. And don't buy into the comically ridiculous notion that this is the only guy who could handle the job. Want the truth? I'll summarize Geithner's resume for you. He has ZERO meaningful private-sector experience. He has spent most of his 23-year professional life at three public-sector-focused institutions—the Treasury Department, the International Monetary Fund and The Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Is he a smart guy? Sure. He graduated from Dartmouth and earned a master's degree from Johns Hopkins. Never mind that government and Asian studies were his academic areas of concentration.

So—ONLY guy for this crucial job during this time when we've embraced (inexplicably) the notion of equivalence between the federal government and our collective savior?! Out of more than 300 million American citizens?! Are we really that naive? Forget naive—stupid. I could reproduce the resumes of my 750 classmates from the Wharton School and you'd probably find 300 that make Geithner look like an underachiever.

Moving on, we have former senator Tom Daschle. He cheated on his taxes, too. Okay, he's sorry. And, he says, it was "inadvertent." Apparent working definition of inadvertent: When you realize you're about to get caught and you've been named to the President's cabinet, call your accountant and let him know you stole from the American people. Then, start to cover your tracks. When that fails, promise to return the spoils of your theft. Finally, frown deeply and speak in somber tones as you feign

contrition in front of the cameras you conveniently assembled.

Don't misinterpret my message. I can promise you the Democrats don't hold a monopoly on deceit and defamation of the public trust. In fact, Geithner could be a Republican for all I know. And, with certainty, the House of Representatives is home to tax cheats on both sides of the aisle as I type.

Here's the point. You're giving trillions of dollars to companies that have failed or underperformed. Would you do that with your own savings? Say you own a stock. The company is doing lousy. The management stinks. The industry is dying. Would you take more of your money and double down? Or would you sell so fast your broker's head would spin and redeploy the money elsewhere.

It's a no-brainer. You don't want to own a portfolio full of dogs. You try to reward winners with good ideas. It's your money. You make the smartest choices you can.

Well, the "bailout" is exactly the opposite. It's the forced allocation of capital to institutions that haven't earned it by merit. In a capitalist economy, capital (where do you think the name came from, anyway?) flows toward opportunities that provide promising returns and away from festering sinkholes of imprudence. Guess what—you don't live in such a place anymore.

So, throw up our hands or move to Antarctica? No. We love it here. But let's start small. One simple demand. Any public employee at some predetermined level of seniority must be subjected to an IRS audit. Period. Every representative. Every senator. Every secretary and undersecretary. Refuse, and forfeit your spot.

We have the resources. Instead of randomly auditing a few thousand private citizens, redirect the resources to this end. Remember, all of these people work for us.

Oh, you argue, "Qualified people won't seek these jobs."

I respond, "If they cheat on their taxes, they're not qualified."

One more thing—something Messrs. Geithner and Daschle probably wouldn't like. If you cheat, you're out. Go try and make a living in the real world like the rest of us.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT

**HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker. It is with great pride that I rise today to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Middleport, New York, a family-oriented community that nearly 2,000 Niagara County residents call home. Located just 45 minutes from Buffalo and Niagara Falls, the Village of Middleport, rich in history, has rightfully earned its "Friendly Community" moniker. The slogan came from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who stopped in Middleport while traveling along the Erie Canal. FDR rightfully called Middleport "a friendly community."

Middleport's history is closely tied to the Erie Canal. Founded in 1859, the Village quickly became a popular stopping place for workers on the historic waterway. Many residents can remember a time when dozens of barges would line the canal and workers would stop by the local mills, factories and businesses on a daily basis.

The Village prides itself on being a family-centered hamlet. It is no surprise that in 2007 BusinessWeek Magazine named Middleport the best place to raise a child in New York State because it "provides a good measure of all the things a child needs to grow and prosper."

The celebration of all these historic accomplishments wouldn't be possible without the dedication of trusted Village Historian Anna Wallace. For three decades, Anna has done an extraordinary job documenting Middleport's narrative. Her years of work in archiving the background of the Erie Canal and its role in the development of Middleport will be used for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Middleport, I ask this Honorable Body to join me in honoring the Village of Middleport and their dedicated Village Historian Anna Wallace.

COMMENDING INA GOLUB OF UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Women's History Month and to congratulate Ina Golub of Mountainside, New Jersey who will be honored on Friday, March 27, 2009 at the 17th Annual Women of Excellence Dinner held in Union County, New Jersey.

This special annual event is hosted by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women in the Seventh Congressional District and highlights the amazing work of individuals who are making our communities better places to live. The Commission on the Status of Women recognizes the contributions of women in the fields of education, health care, the arts, government, business, law, community service, technology, public service and women's advocacy and lifetime achievement.

This year's Fine Arts Award will be given to Ina Golub whose fiber and bead artwork is known nationally and internationally. She is currently the subject of a major exhibition at the Newark Museum. Working largely with Judaic themes, Ms. Golub has created artwork for synagogues, museums, and private collectors throughout the United States and Israel, including nine monumental ark curtains, more than 450 Torah mantles, wedding canopies, hand-woven tapestries, decorative wall hangings, and a major Holocaust memorial. She has also created many rabbinical garments and prayer shawls. Awarded the Philip and Sylvia Spertus Judaica Award in 1998, and 2005, Ina's works were included in a major exhibition at the Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco.

Ms. Golub is particularly known for her beaded spice containers which have received national and international recognition. Her works have also been commissioned by synagogues and private collectors, creating custom designed fiber art of all descriptions and forms.

Ina Golub of Mountainside, New Jersey has made significant achievements for her artistic talents. I am pleased to congratulate Ina Golub for her outstanding efforts and share

her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

GENERATIONS INVIGORATING VOL-  
UNTEERISM AND EDUCATION  
ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1388) to reauthorize and reform the national service laws.

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, as a member of the National Service Caucus, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1388, the Generations Invigoration, and Education or GIVE Act.

President and First Lady Obama have encouraged a renewed spirit of service and active citizenship in America. The GIVE Act answers that call to service by reauthorizing and expanding the National and Community Service Act of 1990.

H.R. 1388 will increase national service opportunities for many more of our citizens. This bill expands AmeriCorps, an existing and outstanding service-learning program with a proven track record of integrating academic study with community service. It also creates four new service corps in the areas of clean energy, education, health care, and veteran service and adds new programs to enable middle and high-school youth and retirees to serve their communities. Finally, this bill expands the National Civilian Community Corps to include disaster relief and energy conservation and provides funds to help non-profits recruit new volunteers.

The GIVE Act more than triples the number of federal volunteers serving in our communities so that an estimated 250,000 Americans will be able to participate in a year of service by 2014. These extra volunteers will help their neighbors endure these tough economic times by improving education, providing food and other services to the disadvantaged, and rebuilding towns and cities after disasters. This bill will also strengthen the economy because every dollar invested in service produces up to \$3.90 in direct, measurable benefits.

Volunteerism is growing in America. From 2002 to 2007, one million more citizens across the country started dedicating their time to worthy causes. Twenty-seven percent of all Americans are now volunteering. My state of Minnesota has a proud tradition of civic engagement. In a study conducted by the Corporation for National and Community Service, Minneapolis-St. Paul was ranked number one for volunteer rates in a large city.

American men and women who choose to better their communities and themselves by responding to the nation's critical education, safety, homeland security, and health needs exemplify the values of America. I want to thank every American volunteer and urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

HONORING MAYOR CAROLYN  
RISHER OF INGLIS, FLORIDA

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true public servant who dedicated nearly two decades to serving her community. Mrs. Carolyn Risher, long time mayor of Inglis, Florida will retire this week after 18 years of public service.

Born and raised in Inglis, Mayor Risher's dedication to the town of Inglis is deep seeded. She followed her father's example, first serving as Road and Bridge Commissioner before being elected mayor in 1993.

Fondly known as a "Working Mayor," Mayor Risher led by example as hands-on manager, from helping neighbors in the aftermath of hurricanes to raising funds for the annual community Fourth of July celebration. Without Mayor Risher's efforts, the South Levy Recreation Park would not be what it is today.

Mayor Risher cherished her roles as wife, mother and mayor. Married for 50 years, Carolyn and James Risher are parents to five children and eight grandchildren, many who live in the area and will continue the family's involvement in their community.

Madam Speaker, it is public servants like Mayor Risher who keep our communities and towns running strong at home. Her dedication and willingness to serve are admired and stand as a model to others. We thank her for her service. She may no longer be Mayor, but Mrs. Risher will not be forgotten and will surely be missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following votes I missed due to personal reasons.

On Monday, March 23, 2009 I missed Rollcall votes 145 and 146. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the following votes:

Rollcall vote 145: Yes on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 918, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building";

Rollcall vote 146: Yes on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1218, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building".

COMMENDING BALDEEP DUA OF  
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

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Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Women's History Month and to congratulate Baldeep Dua of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey who will be honored on Friday, March 27, 2009 at the 17th Annual Women of Excellence Dinner held in Union County, New Jersey.

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This year's Entrepreneurial Award will be given to Baldeep Dua because of her extensive leadership, management skills and efforts to benefit her community. Specifically, Baldeep utilizes her management skills in her position as the Chief Financial Officer of Kirusa Inc., an international communications Technology Company located in New Providence, New Jersey. Through her position as CFO, Baldeep has managed to steer her technologically oriented start-up company that is a leading developer of value added mobile services, towards its goal of profitability.

Baldeep is active as an advisor to the New Jersey Technological Council, a group that connects companies, capital and government. Members are involved in research, development, manufacture, supply, and sales of high technology products, services, materials and components. Under her direction, the company is the proud recipient of the Business Employment Incentive Program, recognized as a high-growth company in the critical industry of technology.

Baldeep is also a member of the Board for The Indus Entrepreneur, a group that fosters entrepreneurship globally through mentoring, networking and education. Dedicated to giving back to the community, this group is focused on cultivating and nurturing the next generation of entrepreneurs. In 2008, Baldeep was recognized by the Executive Women of New Jersey for her professional distinction. Through this association she mentors other women, encouraging them to take charge and advance their own careers.

Baldeep Dua of Berkely Heights, New Jersey has made significant achievements both in business and in her community. And I am very pleased to congratulate Baldeep for her outstanding efforts and share her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.