

of the World Dredging Association; and as a member of the National Waterways Conference.

Even with such an extensive business and volunteer portfolio, Bobby also made it a priority to find the time to serve as Chairman of the Board of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce; as a member of the Mobile Economic Development Council; the Mobile Industrial Development Board; Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alabama; the Geological Survey of Alabama; and the Navy League of Mobile.

In 1999, the U.S. Coast Guard bestowed upon Bobby one of its highest honors, the Meritorious Public Service Commendation. In addition, he received the Alfred F. Delchamps, Jr. Award and the National Rivers Hall of Fame Achievement Award. In 1990, the Propeller Club named him Maritime Man of the Year.

While many would have been more than satisfied resting upon this exemplary record of accomplishment, Bobby Guthans—along with his loving wife, Barbara Ann—believed that real fulfillment in life came about by helping others.

As a result, Bobby and Barbara Ann's generosity of spirit and goodness to one and all made them one of Mobile's most beloved couples.

On a personal note, Mr. Speaker, I will always cherish the time I spent with Bobby—learning from him and watching as he used his wealth of contacts and his heart of gold to open doors and help others chase their own personal dreams. Not only was he generous with his time and talents, but Bobby was also a genuine and gentle man, someone Mobile will sorely miss.

During this time of loss for his family and friends, I wish to extend my own condolences to his loving wife of more than 50 years, Barbara Ann, their two wonderful children, Robert A. Guthans, Jr. and Jean Guthans Wilkins; and their five grandchildren, C. Richard Wilkins, Jr., Christopher Wilkins, Michael Wilkins, Robert A. Guthans, III, and Taylor Lynn Guthans. You are all in our thoughts and prayers as you celebrate the life of a man we all loved and respected.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Chair, I am concerned about the devastating impact that the underlying legislation will have on the clean energy economy. H.R. 2354 is a disappointment to those working to advance the clean energy economy because it slashes investments—by 40 percent from the President's request—in the new clean energy jobs of the future, ranging from solar to biomass to wind, and new

technologies for more energy efficient cars and buildings.

Today, more than ever, we need investments in clean energy research, innovation, and manufacturing—investments which can grow new industries, create American jobs, reduce U.S. oil dependence, and increase our national security. H.R. 2354 abandons efforts for a new American energy economy that would lower electricity prices for families, reduce our reliance on foreign energy, and increase energy independence.

While I understand the fiscal situation we are in, H.R. 2354 cuts programs that can be targeted to actually grow our economy. The bill slashes Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EERE, by 27 percent, cuts the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, ARPA-E, by 44 percent, cuts Weatherization Assistance Grants and associated training programs by 81 percent, all the while increasing funding for fossil fuel research and development. I believe that this demonstrates that the priorities of H.R. 2354 are aligned with outdated 20th century energy policies that will not recharge our new economy. A 21st century Energy and Water Appropriations Act should include measures to increase funding for renewable energy and clean technology and these increases should be offset by dollars from fossil energy research and development.

To help strengthen our economy and create new jobs, we must rebuild America. In a report released this week by the Brookings Institution entitled "Sizing the Clean Energy Economy: A National and Regional Green Jobs Assessment," it is reported that 2.7 million Americans are now employed in the clean technology economy. The report found that in the State of Washington, there are 83,676 clean energy jobs, with an annual wage of \$46,457. The report showed that median wages for clean-energy workers are about 13 percent higher than median U.S. wages. The clean technology economy has created export intensive jobs; on average, twice as much value is exported from clean tech jobs than the national average. The potential for future job creation in the clean energy economy is endless and targeted investments in this new economy make sense.

As the House of Representatives considers amendments to H.R. 2354, I urge my colleagues to consider the opportunities for economic growth and job creation embodied in the clean energy economy and oppose the misguided priorities in this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
ETHIME EMONINA

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great Alabamian and resident of the Seventh Congressional District, Mr. Ethime Emonina who passed away July 10, 2011 at the young age of 34. Mr. Emonina was a remarkable educator, mentor, musician and inspiration to all who encountered him.

As a band instructor in the Tuscaloosa City Schools system, he inspired students to excel in their musical craft and to pursue their dreams of becoming musicians. He encour-

aged countless students to attend college, many on band scholarships. His unique style and spirit warmed the hearts of many, and his trademark smile could not help but solicit a smile in return.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 18, 1977, to Mr. and Mrs. Godwin and Lucy Eldridge Emonina, he displayed an early love for music. His multitude of talent led him to play the trumpet and piano, among many other instruments.

Mr. Emonina graduated from Central High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in 1995, where he left his mark as one of the greatest drum majors in the school's history. He went on to earn a B.A. degree from Jackson State University in 2000. Upon receiving this degree, Mr. Emonina began instructing the band at Eastwood Middle school where he remained until he was offered and accepted a position as director of bands at Paul W. Bryant High School in August 2007. He served in this position until his untimely death.

Mr. Emonina, with his love of learning, had just completed and was awarded a Master's degree in Instructional Leadership at the University of West Alabama and was looking forward to applying his degree as an administrator in the Tuscaloosa City School System.

He received numerous awards from childhood to adulthood for excellence in everything from school performance to instructing the band. Mr. Emonina was married to the former Chrisan Garraway and was the father of two children: Christian, age 9 and Ethan, age 2. He was the loving brother of Ovuke and Venedric Emonina, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Over the years, Mr. Emonina has impacted the lives of many students in countless ways. He built a well-deserved reputation as a strict disciplinarian, mentor, teacher, motivator, father figure and friend. He was a true gift to us all and will be missed. His band has a saying, "Love the band and the band loves you back." Mr. Emonina surely loved the band and the band, the community, his family and the people of the Seventh Congressional District, the State of Alabama and this Nation will greatly miss him.

Therefore I, TERRI A. SEWELL, Representative to the United States Congress from the 7th Congressional District of Alabama, do hereby honor the legacy of Mr. Ethime Emonina for his numerous contributions to the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama, and the Nation. I ask all to join me in honoring the life of a remarkable man and commending his many achievements on behalf of the State of Alabama.

IN HONOR OF MR. FRANK ZOLAR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank Zolar on the occasion of his ninth birthday.

Mr. Zolar was born on July 15, 1921 in Pickens, West Virginia. After spending his early life working in sawmills and coal mines, Frank enlisted in the U.S. Army only six days after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He fought with the 1st Infantry Division, also known as the "Big Red One," as a rifleman in the invasion of Africa.