

would like to recognize Mr. Benke's valor and selflessness and do honor to one of Colorado's most distinguished heroes. I am extremely proud to have David as a constituent and know that his bravery and courage will shine as a beacon of magnanimity that others will aspire to.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes.

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Chair, I rise to speak in strong support of Mr. BLUMENAUER'S amendment to restore funding to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The Republican move to gut funding for public broadcasting in this Omnibus spending bill is an incredibly bad idea.

Millions of Americans rely on public broadcasting for their news, entertainment, and local programming.

Public broadcasting provides programs and services that inform, enlighten, and enrich our society.

And in a world enlightened by all too often ill-informed and sensationalist cable "news" shows, public broadcasting provides thoughtful, even handed analysis of the issues of the day.

Simply put, public broadcasting helps educate our society and celebrates the arts, education, respectful debate and civil discourse.

The CPB enables nearly 1,300 public radio and television stations—like KCBX, KCLU, and KOCE, in my district—to stay on the air and broadcast quality, commercial-free news and educational programming.

These stations reach 260 million Americans in every corner of this country—bringing "All Things Considered" and "Car Talk" into our cars and Sesame Street, Frontline, the Newshour and NOVA into our living rooms.

I know that my district is a far richer place because of these important public broadcasting outlets.

The CPB also promotes public-private partnerships.

And as we look for ways to reduce our spending, we ought to look to agencies and programs that have the most bang for the buck.

By providing essential foundational money, the CPB enables public stations to leverage funds to raise the additional resources they need to fully cover operating costs.

Ending CPB funding would undeniably punish these successful partnerships.

Finally, the public radio and TV stations supported by CPB are locally owned and consistently broadcast content important to their communities.

In rural areas, these stations are frequently the only source of free local, national, and international news.

Public broadcasting is often a lifeline for Americans in times of natural disasters, providing up-to-date information on evacuation routes and evacuation center locations.

CPB funds are vital to the success of public broadcasting.

You know, some years ago Newt Gingrich went after Big Bird and the results weren't pretty.

The American people made it clear that they like their local NPR stations and other public broadcasters.

They believed that supporting public broadcasting was a worthwhile use of their tax dollars.

I don't think that sentiment has changed.

I urge my colleagues to restore funding to the CPB by supporting Mr. BLUMENAUER'S commonsense amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MARK DYER AND THE VOLUNTEERS OF SHELTERBOX USA

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mark Dyer, a resident of Elmhurst, Illinois. Mark was recently recognized along with other volunteers for their efforts in furthering disaster relief efforts through ShelterBox USA. ShelterBox USA is a worldwide relief organization that specializes in providing emergency shelter to those displaced by natural disasters.

As the horrific events unfolded in the wake of Haiti's devastating earthquake, many watched as news reports flashed images of human tragedy and suffering, but Mark Dyer was moved to action. Through Mr. Dyer's hard work to raise awareness and funds, ShelterBox was able to provide more than 28,000 ShelterBoxes full of cooking sets, tents, water purification supplies, and other essential items to the survivors in Haiti. Mark's determination is reflected in the fact that those 28,000 ShelterBoxes accounted for one-quarter of all the tented shelters in Haiti.

Mark is also a ShelterBox Response Team member who volunteers his time all over the world. In the past two years Mark has deployed to Somaliland, Niger, Columbia, and Haiti to deliver much needed assistance following disasters.

Few are willing to heed the call to service following devastating natural disasters, and even fewer are willing to commit to such a level, and with as much passion, as Mark Dyer. His efforts were recently recognized with The President's Volunteer Service Award, a special recognition presented on behalf of President Barack Obama for those who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer activities. Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, Mark Dyer deserves our recognition and commendation.

Please join me in recognizing the impressive work of Mark Dyer and the volunteers of ShelterBox USA while wishing them every success in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE VILLAGE OF
PALMETTO BAY

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Village of Palmetto Bay on the grand opening of the new Village Hall, the first "Platinum" LEED-Certified Municipal Center and Emergency Operations Center in the State of Florida. This state-of-the-art facility will provide much needed services and support for the residents and Council members of Palmetto Bay. Located on E. Hibiscus Street, this new 26,005 square-foot Municipal Center is easily accessible and welcomes all residents.

The facility was internationally recognized as a green building by its "Platinum" LEED-Certification. The design and construction of the building aims at energy savings, water efficiency, improved indoor environmental quality, and carbon dioxide emissions reduction. The framework used reflects environmental awareness and economic responsibility.

The Municipal Center provides a center for government and serves as the emergency operating center for the Village designed to withstand category 5 hurricanes. I commend Mayor Shelley Stanczyk and her staff for finalizing the move and creating a smart and conservative community to engage the residents of Palmetto Village.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me on this special occasion and commend those who have worked relentlessly to make the opening of the Municipal Center a reality.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. ELLIN
LIEBERMAN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary leadership of Dr. Ellin Lieberman. Through her unwavering commitment to service, she has transformed the lives of many and made profound contributions to our community and country.

Dr. Lieberman, born and raised in New York City, began her professional career of service after receiving her B.A. from Harvard University and her medical degree, specializing in Internal Medicine & Pediatrics with a subspecialty in Pediatric Nephrology, from Boston University School of Medicine. She joined the USC faculty in 1963, then headed the Division of Nephrology at Children's Hospital Los Angeles from 1967–1995. After retiring from an outstanding medical career in 1998, Ellin continued her work in medical education by advancing medicine around the world. In 2001, she was a Senior Visiting Scholar of the International Society of Nephrology in Russia, started a postgraduate pilot program in St. Petersburg, and later founded the Los Angeles-St. Petersburg Sister City Medical Committee.

After returning to her home in South Pasadena, California, Ellin, turned her energy to community activism, championing a plethora of local and national causes. Ellin and her