

TRIBUTE TO YOUTH AND SHELTER  
SERVICES OF MARSHALL COUNTY

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Youth and Shelter Services of Marshall County, Iowa, on celebrating their 25th anniversary and to express my appreciation for their commitment to providing services to Iowa's youth and their families.

Over 25 years, Youth and Shelter Services has grown from just a one person staff to sixteen employees today. They began serving as a youth and run-away service but now serve school-based and home programs, which includes foster care and those on welfare as well. The agency has turned part of their focus towards prevention services to help children avoid making poor choices.

I commend Youth and Shelter Services for continuing to provide a safety net for children and dedicated service to the Marshall County community. It is an honor to represent Director David Hicks, and all current and former members of the Youth and Shelter Services team, in the United States Congress, and I wish them continued success in their future service to Marshall County youth.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 22 and 23, 2008, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the twelve votes which occurred on Tuesday and Wednesday, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 6493, Rollcall vote No. 512; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1311, Rollcall vote No. 513; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1202, Rollcall vote No. 514; I would have voted "no" on the Motion to Adjourn, Rollcall vote No. 515; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1363, Rollcall vote No. 516; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1363, Rollcall vote No. 517; I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 6532, Rollcall vote No. 518; I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 3221, Rollcall vote No. 519; I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 6545, Rollcall vote No. 520; I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 6545, Rollcall vote No. 521; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1344, Rollcall vote No. 522; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1344, Rollcall vote No. 523.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to explain my reason for missing votes on July 22 and July 23, 2008. My voting percentage is over 96% for the 110th

and I rarely miss votes, but there are certain family events that cannot be missed, and for that reason, I was in Houston for the birth of our newest grandson. I am proud to report the newest grandson, as well as mother, father, and the rest of the family are doing fine.

Had I been present for votes, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall vote No. 523, H. Res. 1344, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3999—The National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 522, H. Res. 1344, On Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 3999—The National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act (H.Res.1344) I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 521, H.R. 6535, Table Motion to Reconsider, National Energy Security Intelligence Act of 2008, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 520, H.R. 6535, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, National Energy Security Intelligence Act of 2008, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 519, H.R. 3221, Concur in Senate Amendment with House Amendment, Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 518, H.R. 6532, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the Highway Trust Fund balance, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 517, H. Res. 1363, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendments to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform and for other purposes, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 516, H. Res. 1363, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendments to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform and for other purposes, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 515, On Motion to Adjourn, I would have voted "nay;"

On rollcall vote No. 514, H. Res. 1202, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Guard Youth Challenge Day, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 513, H. Res. 1311, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Expressing support for the designation of National GEAR UP Day, I would have voted "aye;"

On rollcall vote No. 512, H.R. 6493, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Aviation Safety Enhancement Act of 2008, I would have voted "aye."

CONGRATULATIONS TO RANDY  
SMITH

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Randy M. Smith, the CEO/President of Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union, on his recent

election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU).

For the past 21 years, Mr. Smith has dedicated his life to improving financial institutions in America, serving on the Credit Union Oversight Task Force of the Campaign for Consumer Choice, NAFCU's Legislative, Regulatory and Accounting Standards Committees and various committees of state and national credit union organizations. Currently, he is a member of the Air Education and Training Command's Community Council and the Board of Trustees of the local United Way. I am also very proud to say that he is a fellow retired officer of the United States Air Force.

As the President/CEO, Mr. Smith has focused on strengthening the way Randolph-Brooks delivers services aimed at improving the economic well being and quality of life of its members. Consistently ranked among the top 25 of the nearly 8,300 financial cooperatives, Randolph-Brooks is one of the strongest credit unions in the country with more than 265,000 members and total assets exceeding \$3 billion. Randolph-Brooks FCU was originally chartered in 1952 to serve personnel at Randolph Air Force Base but has since expanded to include employees and associates at more than 1,300 select groups and eight underserved communities in the San Antonio and Austin areas. Randolph-Brooks FCU prides itself on doing more than just conducting business in the communities they serve, instead becoming members of the community and sharing in the credit union philosophy of "people helping people." With this in mind, Randolph-Brooks provides assistance to hundreds of local charitable organizations including the Children's Miracle Network, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, USO, American Red Cross, and the Fisher House Foundation.

It is because of the good work of Mr. Smith and others like him that credit unions across the Nation have had such a tremendous impact of the lives of millions of Americans. Such service is the hallmark of the credit union movement and I know that he will bring this dedication to his service on the NAFCU Board of Directors. I wish Mr. Smith the best of luck in this new role and I look forward to working with him in this new capacity.

INTRODUCTION OF THE JAMES  
ZADROGA 9/11 HEALTH AND COM-  
PENSATION ACT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, today, along with my colleagues, Mr. NADLER, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. WEINER, I am introducing an updated version of the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, which we had introduced previously in this Congress as H.R. 3543.

After conferring with Speaker PELOSI and the leadership of both committees of jurisdiction, it became clear that some changes were needed in the legislation in order to sharpen the scope of the proposal, so that the House could consider taking up the bill by the seventh anniversary of 9/11.