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This Week In Congress:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT (H.R. 4613)

This was a good bill for the U.S. military operations. It provides for higher pay and benefits for our men and women in uniform, more funding for equipment for the National Guard, increased force protection for troops, and it also requires that the U.S. hold up the policies of the Geneva Convention with regard to the treatment of prisoners of war and detainees. The measure passed 403-17

DETROIT WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH AUTHORITY

This week the Wayne County Commission approved the inter-local agreement establishing the Detroit Wayne County Health Authority. The Detroit City Council approved it earlier this month. I was very pleased to help secure the \$500,000 earmark for this Authority.

ONE MONTH EXTENTIONS OF HIGHWAY BILL TEA-21 (H.R. 4635)

The U.S. House voted on a one-month extension of the TEA-21 bill which provides federal funds for highways and public transit. This is the fourth extension since the highway bill expired last fall. While I support the extension, time is running out for Congress to get the full six-year surface transportation authorization bill. The extension passed 418-0.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RAY CHARLES (H. RES. 449)

The U.S. House honored the life and accomplishments of Ray Charles, recognizing his contributions to the world, and extending condolences to his family on his death. The resolution passed by a unanimous vote.

CONGRATULATING 2004 NBA CHAMPION DETROIT PISTONS (H.RES 679)

We congratulated the National Basketball Association's world champion Detroit Pistons for their successful defeat of the Los Angeles Lakers. The 6-1 underdogs showed the world how real teamwork can win championships. This measure also passed by a unanimous vote.

CONGRATULATIONS PISTONS, YOU ARE NUMBER ONE!

JULY FOURTH RECESS

The U.S. House of Representatives will be in recess for the July 4th holiday. We return to Washington for regular legislative business on Tuesday, July 7, 2004.

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