

THE INTRODUCTION OF CENTER TO ADVANCE, MONITOR, AND PRESERVE UNIVERSITY SECURITY ACT OF 2009 (H.R. 748)

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, today I rise to introduce the Center to Advance, Monitor and Preserve University Security ("CAMPUS") Safety Act of 2009. The purpose of this legislation is to enable our institutions of higher education to easily obtain the best information available on how to keep our campuses safe and how to respond in the event of a campus emergency. The bill creates a National Center for Campus Public Safety ("Center"), which will be administered through Department of Justice. The Center is designed to train campus public safety agencies in state of the art practices to assure campus safety, encourage research to strengthen college safety and security, and serve as a clearinghouse for the dissemination of relevant campus public safety information. The Director of the Center will have authority to award grants to institutions of higher learning to help them meet their enhanced public safety goals.

Over the past few years we have seen numerous tragedies occur at colleges and universities, including the disastrous events that occurred at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University. Unfortunately, because these events were the first of their kind for the schools, the Administrators were not fully knowledgeable on the best practices to prevent the tragedies and how to respond in the aftermath. We therefore must assist our institutions of higher learning to keep campuses safe.

The CAMPUS Safety Act will help institutions of higher learning understand how to prevent such tragedies from occurring, and how to respond in case they do.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor and support this important legislation to ensure that the institutions of higher education have access to information on how to keep their schools safe.

RECOGNIZING JULIAN BOND

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Julian Bond, who will be recognized as the 2009 Humanitarian of the Year by the North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP. I am proud to be among those honoring him at the organization's 25th Annual Humanitarian Awards Banquet on January 31, 2009.

From his student days to his current chairmanship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Julian Bond has been at the forefront of movements for civil rights and economic justice. As an activist jailed for his convictions, a veteran of more than 20 years in the Georgia General

Assembly, and a university professor and writer, he has been on the cutting edge of social change since 1960.

Bond has experienced firsthand overt discrimination and racial prejudice, and he has spent a lifetime standing up against those who would deny him and others equal opportunity because of the color of their skin. He was a founder of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and was active in protests and registration campaigns throughout the South. He overcame opposition from members of the Georgia House of Representatives, and fought all the way to the United States Supreme Court in order to take his rightful seat. And he led a challenge delegation from Georgia to the 1968 Democratic Convention that successfully unseated Georgia's regular Democrats.

Bond has served since 1998 as Chairman of the Board of the NAACP, the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the United States. In 2002, he received the prestigious National Freedom Award. The holder of twenty-five honorary degrees, Bond is a distinguished professor at American University in Washington, DC, and a professor of history at the University of Virginia.

Bond currently serves as Chairman of the Premier Auto Group PAG (Volvo, Land Rover, Aston-Martin, and Jaguar) Diversity Council and is on the boards of People for the American Way, the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Council for a Livable World, and the advisory board of the Harvard Business School Initiative on Social Enterprise, among others.

Throughout his life and career, Dr. Bond has effected change and remained steadfast as an activist for social justice and civil rights for African-Americans and other minorities. He has led the nation by example, and I congratulate him for the honor he will receive in North Carolina on January 31.

THE TAX FREE TIPS ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to help millions of working Americans by introducing the Tax Free Tips Act. As the title suggests, this legislation makes tips exempt from federal income and payroll taxes. Tips often compose a substantial portion of the earnings of waiters, waitresses, and other service-sector employees. However, unlike regular wages, a service-sector employee usually has no guarantee of, or legal right to, a tip. Instead, the amount of a tip usually depends on how well an employee satisfies a client. Since the amount of taxes one pays increases along with the size of tip, taxing tips punishes workers for doing a superior job!

Many service-sector employers are young people trying to make money to pay for their education, or single parents struggling to provide for their children. Oftentimes, these workers work two jobs in hopes of making a better life for themselves and their families. The Tax Free Tips Act gives these hard-working Americans an immediate pay raise. People may use this pay raise to devote more resources to their children's, or their own, education, or to

save for a home, retirement, or to start their own businesses.

Helping Americans improve themselves by reducing their taxes will make our country stronger. I, therefore, hope all my colleges will join me in cosponsoring the Tax Free Tips Act.

CLEAN AIR FOR OUR BORDER

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I have introduced The Foreign Air Impact Regulation (FAIR) Air Act (H.R. 677). The purpose of this bill is to combat air pollution along our borders and to ensure that our communities are not unfairly penalized.

Our border communities are being besieged by toxic pollutants from neighboring countries. This is making the air quality along our border worse than ever—and leaves our communities with little recourse to improve the situation.

The FAIR AIR Act says that if pollution from another country causes non-attainment of air pollution regulations, then the EPA and the Secretary of State should work together to lower it! Furthermore, the effective date of reclassification should be delayed until the Secretary of State and local leaders develop a plan with the neighboring country to improve the air quality.

We cannot put this international problem on the backs of those who simply happen to live along the border. There truly needs to be a bi-national cooperative solution to address this important issue. We all breathe the same air and it is only with bi-national cooperation and working together to achieve better air quality standards for all!

IN HONOR OF SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF BRUCE ANDERSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Bruce Anderson, who retires as Sheriff for Sherburne County, Minnesota, on Friday, January 30th. As County Board Chairman Arne Engstrom has said, Bruce Anderson "raised the bar so high for sheriffs in our state."

Bruce Anderson, raised in Elk River, Minnesota, first started with the Sheriff's Office in 1975, when he forfeited a football scholarship to the University of Minnesota to take a job as a dispatcher-jailer with Sherburne County. He was just 19 years old, but he knew he wanted a career serving his community in law enforcement.

Fourteen years ago, he took his experience with the office to a new level when he was elected to serve as the County's Sheriff. His professionalism and dedication earned him reelection three more times, without any opposition. When he told the County Board that he would be retiring, his announcement was