

He was named Man of the Year by the San Antonio Jaycees in 1951 and was tirelessly devoted to veterans affairs, particularly through the Veterans of Foreign Wars of which he was a life member and which honored him for distinguished service in 1958 and elevated him to National Aide-de-Camp that year.

Phil Willis served as president, chaplain, and trustee of his chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and served as its representative to the Greater Dallas Veterans Council.

A 32d Degree Scottish Rite Mason, he was active in raising funds for the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital.

He was proud to be a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and he earned accolades as an award winning chili cook.

Phil Willis was devoted to his family—his wife of 51 years, Marilyn Stubblefield Willis, his daughters, Linda Pipes and Rosemary Roach, and his four grandchildren—his church, and his friends.

He was a good yellow dog Democrat who served as a precinct election judge. In fact, his memorial service program proclaims that he was a "proud, conservative Sam Rayburn Democrat."

Phillip L. Willis, major, USAF, retired, a man who served his country and community exceeding well, a man of humor and good will who enjoyed life and those he lived it with, a man described appropriately, and with humor in that memorial program as "A myth of a man—he didn't myth much."

Phil Willis, patriot and friend, we will miss you.

50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF VFW POST 4012, NORTHVILLE, MI

HON. LYNN N. RIVERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 1995

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very important organization in my district. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4012 in Northville, MI, achieved the milestone of 50 years on January 30, 1995. On February 4, 1995, the Post is celebrating this milestone with their families and friends.

VFW Post 4012 has been supportive of service men and women at any time of need. Every month members from the post travel to nearby VA hospitals to enjoy fellowship with fellow veterans. During the Persian Gulf conflict the post provided support to our soldiers by sending over 1,200 CARE packages to our troops. The post also operates, in conjunction with the local American Legion, their own cemetery for local veterans.

VFW Post 4012 has been a leader within the VFW organization. They were the first post worldwide to achieve 100, 200, 300, 400, and 500 lifetime members. Including the ladies' auxiliary, the post currently has over 600 members, a feat that speaks to the commitment of veterans to continued service to our community.

Post 4012 is having an impact on everyone in the Northville community. Their efforts include coordination of parades with the American Legion, opening the doors of their hall for

several community organizations to meet at no cost, and finally, in an effort to help with the costs of college, a local scholarship for Northville students.

Mr. Speaker, the members of VFW Post 4012 all served this country once. Now they are serving their country again. And I for one would like to thank them for all they have done, and will continue to do. So to Commander Gordon Mason, Senior Vice Commander Henry Tiilikka, and all members of Post 4012: Congratulations on your 50th anniversary.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN WINDWOOD

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 1995

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, a cherished part of the American dream is home ownership. It gives people a sense of permanence and a stake in their communities and in their country.

Today, a first of its kind public-private partnership with Fannie Mae and the city of Brownsville, Texas Commerce Bank, the Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME Program, Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas, and Mercantile Bank NA, was announced for the development and construction of a subdivision to provide affordable housing to hundreds of Brownsville residents. The single-family homes to be constructed at Windwood will be available for purchase by families earning as little as \$11,500 per year through a unique lease-purchase financing plan that will transfer fee-simple ownership to qualifying families in 2 years.

Today in Texas, 59.3 percent of the families own their own homes. This rate compares with a national home ownership rate of roughly 64 percent, according to the latest U.S. Census figures. As the Representative of families living in the 27th Congressional District of Texas, I am pleased to see the Brownsville Community Development Corp., Fannie Mae, Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas, and the Texas Commerce Bank spearheading such public-private partnerships which will help young, hardworking families in south Texas move into the home they have always wanted.

The Windwood Development will be the largest lease-purchase housing program on a single site ever financed by Fannie Mae's Southwestern Regional Office. Fannie Mae will buy over \$11.2 million in first lien loans originated by Texas Commerce Mortgage Co., a division of Chemical Bank. Families wishing to purchase their home under the lease-purchase program must make a \$750 down payment, exhibit a credit history acceptable to Texas Commerce Mortgage Co., complete a first-time home buyer education program, and contribute monthly payments for 2 years to an escrow account set up to assist the family in saving the remainder of the down payment and closing costs.

This public-private partnership is one of the State's most innovative combinations of public and private sector financing. Anytime a city can completely recover a public sector investment through the immediate creation of a property tax base, while at the same time providing safe, high-quality housing and the op-

portunity for home ownership for our citizens—we all win.

The subdivision at Windwood is specifically targeted to provide the opportunity for young, working families to own a high quality home of their own. This reduces the need for them to live in cramped quarters with their parents, or to pay for building their own home later.

The total project is expected to be completed within 2 years and will cost approximately \$13 million. Financing partners will include Texas Commerce Mortgage Co.—supplying \$11.2 million in one-time assumable loans, the Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME Program—through the city of Brownsville, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas—providing \$1.6 million in second lien deferred loans, and Mercantile Bank NA—lending \$10 million for interim construction and development financing, and Fannie Mae. The Community Development Corp. of Brownsville will be the project owner through the lease purchase period, and will serve the project developer.

I commend the financing partners for recognizing the needs of the local community, while at the same time exhibiting the willingness to invest in new solutions to help working Brownsville families realize a part of the American dream. It is only through public-private partnerships such as these that the dream of home ownership will become a reality for many of our working families in south Texas.

AMENDING THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS ACT OF 1986

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 1995

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce legislation to amend the Metropolitan Washington Airports Act of 1986, which has been overturned by a Supreme Court ruling. Under the 1986 Airports Act, Congress transferred control of National and Dulles Airports from the Federal Aviation Administration [FAA] to a local authority, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority [MWAA]. When the Supreme Court last month upheld a decision by the Appeals Court regarding the constitutionality of the Congressional Board of Review, it also dissolved the authority of MWAA. On March 31, MWAA's ability to pass a budget, issue bonds, and implement plans for the \$2 billion renovations at National Airport will end. Consequently, we, in Congress, must act quickly and pass legislation to allow National and Dulles Airports to continue to operate.

My legislation would create a new Airport Authority governed by a board of directors made up of 11 members who would meet certain criteria: they must live in the area affected by the airports; and they cannot be paid for their services on the board.

The members of the board of directors would be appointed: 1 by the Governor of Virginia, 1 by the mayor of the District of Columbia, 1 by the Governor of Maryland, 2 each by the representatives from the local governments of Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia who sit on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments [COG] board

of directors, and 2 by the Virginia State legislature.

Under my bill, the Congressional Review Board would be dissolved, in keeping with two separate rulings by the Supreme Court.

An airport authority appointed by local elected officials, under the watchful eye of Congress, would work hard to foster regulations that are fair and in the best interest of both the airlines and the public. An authority that is responsible to local concerns will help the aviation industry remain a good neighbor to the communities that it serves. I hope all of my colleagues will join me in support of this necessary legislation.

H.R. —

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Metropolitan Washington Airports Act Amendments of 1995".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Section 6002(7) of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Act of 1986 (49 U.S.C. App. 2451(7)) is amended—

(1) by inserting "declining" after "perceived"; and

(2) by striking "the growing local interest," and inserting "the increasing need for local planning and management on a metropolitan statistical area basis,".

SEC. 3. AIRPORTS AUTHORITY.

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—Section 6007 of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Act of 1986 (49 U.S.C. App. 2456) is amended by striking subsections (e), (f), (g), and (h) and inserting the following:

"(e) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

"(1) APPOINTMENT.—The Airports Authority shall be governed by a board of directors of 11 members as follows:

"(A) 1 member shall be appointed by the Governor of Virginia.

"(B) 1 member shall be appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

"(C) 1 member shall be appointed by the Governor of Maryland.

"(D) 2 members shall be appointed by the Virginia State legislature.

"(E) 2 members shall be appointed by those representatives from Virginia local governments who are on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

"(F) 2 members shall be appointed by those representatives from the District of Columbia government who are on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

"(G) 2 members shall be appointed by those representatives from Maryland local governments who are on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

The Chairman shall be appointed from among the members by a majority vote of the members and shall serve until replaced by a majority vote of the members.

"(2) RESTRICTIONS.—Members (A) shall serve without compensation other than reasonable expenses incident to board functions, and (B) must reside within the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area.

"(3) TERMS.—Members shall be appointed for terms of 4 years.

"(4) REQUIRED NUMBER OF VOTES.—7 votes shall be required to approve bond issues and the annual budget.

"(f) AIRPORT NOISE.—

"(1) BALANCED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.—In order to protect the public from the impact of aircraft noise and at the same time provide for suitable air transportation service to the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, a proposed action of the board of directors which could result in a change in the impact of aircraft noise in the vicinity of a Metropolitan Washington Airport may not take unless, at least 60 days before the action is to take effect, the board of directors—

"(A) notifies, in writing, the Committee on Noise Abatement at National and Dulles Airports of the Washington Council of Governments of the action for the purpose of allowing such committee the opportunity to review, and submit comments on, the action; and

"(B) submits, in writing, to such committee a response to any comment of such committee with respect to the action within 30 days after the date of receipt of such comment.".

SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), the amendments made by sections 2 and 3 shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) LIMITATION ON APPLICABILITY.—Persons appointed as members of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority on the date of the enactment of this Act shall continue to serve on such board until their respective terms expire under former section 6007(e).

(c) INITIAL APPOINTMENTS.—

(1) VIRGINIA APPOINTMENTS.—The Governor of Virginia shall appoint under new section 6007(e)(1)(A) a person to fill the vacancy of the first member appointed by the Governor of Virginia under former section 6007(e)(1)(A) whose term expires after the date of the enactment of this Act. The Virginia State legislature shall appoint under new section 6007(e)(1)(D) persons to fill the vacancies of the second and third members appointed by the Governor under former section 6007(e)(1)(A) whose terms expire after such date of enactment. Representatives from Virginia local governments shall appoint under new section 6007(e)(1)(E) persons to fill the vacancies of the fourth and fifth members appointed by the Governor under former section 6007(e)(1)(A) whose terms expire after such date of enactment.

(2) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPOINTMENTS.—The Mayor of the District of Columbia shall appoint under new section 6007(e)(1)(B) a person to fill the vacancy of the first member appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia under former section 6007(e)(1)(B) whose term expires after the date of the en-

actment of this Act. Representatives from the District of Columbia government shall appoint under new section 6007(e)(1)(F) persons to fill the vacancies of the second and third such members appointed by the Mayor under former section 6007(e)(1)(B) whose terms expire after such date of enactment.

(3) MARYLAND APPOINTMENTS.—The Governor of Maryland shall appoint under new section 6007(e)(1)(C) a person to fill the vacancy of the first member appointed by the Governor of Maryland under former section 6007(e)(1)(C) whose term expires after the date of the enactment of this Act. Representatives from Maryland local governments shall appoint under new section 6007(e)(1)(G)—

(A) a person to fill the vacancy of the second member appointed by the Governor under former section 6007(e)(1)(C) whose term expires after such date of enactment; and

(B) a person to fill the vacancy of the member appointed by the President under former section 6007(e)(1)(D) when the term of such member expires after such date of enactment.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) FORMER SECTION 6007(e).—The term "former section 6007(e)" means section 6007(e) of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Act of 1986 as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) NEW SECTION 6007(e).—The term "new section 6007(e)" means section 6007(e) of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Act of 1986, as amended by section 3 of this Act.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPHINE "JO" GORE ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 1995

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to congratulate Josephine "Jo" Gore on the occasion of her retirement from the Delta County clerk's office on January 9, 1995.

During her 14-year career, Jo has served in the Motor Vehicle Department and the county clerk's office. Her professionalism and devotion to the people of Delta County has not gone unnoticed. Jo has successfully moved Delta County into the 20th century with the coming of the high-technology age. With the ever-growing population of Delta County and the advent of Amendment One, we have seen Jo's role in the community grow in importance. She will surely be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in congratulating Jo Gore on her transition to civilian life. I wish her the best of luck in whatever she decides to do. I know all of us in Colorado thank her for her dedicated, professional, and selfless service to Delta County CO.