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

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF TOLL FREE NUMBER PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Commerce shall establish a toll free number program to help inform consumers whether a product is made in America or the equivalent thereof. The Secretary shall publish the toll-free number by notice in the Federal Register.

(b) CONTRACT.—The Secretary of Commerce shall enter into a contract for—

(1) the establishment and operation of the toll free number pilot program provided for in subsection (a), and

(2) the registration of products pursuant to regulations issued under section 2, which shall be funded entirely from fees collected under section 2(b).

(c) USE.—The toll free number shall be used solely to inform consumers as to whether products are registered under section 2 as made in America or the equivalent thereof. Consumers shall also be informed that registration of a product does not mean—

(1) that the product is endorsed or approved by the Government,

(2) that the Secretary has conducted any investigation to confirm that the product is a product which meets the definition of made in America or the equivalent thereof, or

(3) that the product contains 100 percent United States content.

SEC. 2. REGISTRATION.

(a) PROPOSED REGULATION.—The Secretary of Commerce shall promulgate a regulation—

(1) to establish a procedure under which the manufacturer of a product may voluntarily register such product as complying with the definition of a product made in America or the equivalent thereof and have such product included in the information available through the toll free number established under section 1(a);

(2) to establish, assess, and collect a fee to cover all the costs (including start-up costs) of registering products and including registered products in information provided under the toll-free number; and

(3) for the establishment under section 1(a) of the toll-free number pilot program.

(b) REGISTRATION FEE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Manufacturers of products included in information provided under section 1 shall be subject to a fee imposed by the Secretary of Commerce to pay the cost of registering products and including them in information provided under subsection (a).

(2) AMOUNT.—The amount of fees imposed under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) in the case of a manufacturer, not be greater than the cost of registering the manufacturer's product and providing product information directly attributable to such manufacturer, and

(B) in the case of the total amount of fees, not be greater than the total amount appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce for salaries and expenses directly attributable to registration of manufacturers and having products included in the information provided under section 1(a).

(3) CREDITING AND AVAILABILITY OF FEES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Fees collected for a fiscal year pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be credited to the appropriation account for salaries and expenses of the Secretary of Commerce and shall be available in accordance with appropriation Acts until expended without fiscal year limitation.

(B) COLLECTIONS AND APPROPRIATION ACTS.—The fees imposed under paragraph (1)—

(i) shall be collected in each fiscal year in an amount equal to the amount specified in appropriation Acts for such fiscal year, and

(ii) shall only be collected and available for the costs described in paragraph (2).

SEC. 3. PENALTY.

Any manufacturer of a product who knowingly registers a product under section 2 which is not made in America or the equivalent thereof—

(1) shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$7500 which the Secretary of Commerce may assess and collect, and

(2) shall not offer such product for purchase by the Federal Government.

SEC. 4. DEFINITION.

For purposes of this Act:

(1) The term "made in America or the equivalent thereof" means—

(A) an unmanufactured end product mined or produced in the United States; or

(B) an end product manufactured in the United States if the value of its components mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States equals 90 percent or more of the total value of all of its components.

(2) The term "product" means a product with a retail value of at least \$250.

SEC. 5. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act or in any regulation promulgated under section 2 shall be construed to alter, amend, modify, or otherwise affect in any way, the Federal Trade Commission Act or the opinions, decisions, and rules of the Federal Trade Commission under such Act regarding the use of the term "made in America or the equivalent thereof" in labels on products introduced, delivered for introduction, sold, advertised, or offered for sale in commerce.

A TRIBUTE TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE WEST SUBURBAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S ANNUAL AWARDS

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to five individuals and one organization for their outstanding contributions in making my district a better place to live and work. Their efforts are also being recognized by the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce, which will honor them at its 95th annual awards dinner February 8, 1997.

The Chamber's Citizen of the Year is Hon. Timothy Hansen, who serves as the village president of LaGrange, IL. I have had the pleasure to work with President Hansen on solving a number of challenges facing his community, and I can say that his recognition is well-deserved. Mr. Hansen has served the community since 1981, including 4 years as its president and 4 years as a member of the board of trustees. His even-handed management style and willingness to let all sides be heard on important issues has made President Hansen well-respected throughout his community.

The Chamber's Man of the Year is Mr. William F. Hendrickson, the retired president of Hendrickson Manufacturing. Throughout his life, Mr. Hendrickson has been dedicated to improving both the business and civic climate of his community, serving on the boards of important businesses and charitable organizations. Some of the groups he has devoted his

time and energies including the Rich Port YMCA, the Plymouth Place retirement community and the Chicago Youth Center.

Ms. Cynthia Breunlin is being honored as the Chamber's Woman of the Year. Ms. Breunlin, the executive director of the West Cook Development Corp., has been involved with numerous community groups, including the NAACP and the Community Diversity organization in LaGrange. Ms. Breunlin, a former schoolteacher, has been honored for her community work by the Girl Scouts, Triton Junior College and School District 102. She is a recipient of the prestigious Medgar Evers Award from the NAACP.

Mr. David Bennett, executive director of the West Central Municipal Conference [WCMC], is the chamber's Public Servant of the Year. At the WCMC, Mr. Bennett has worked to bring often diverse suburban Chicago communities together to solve common problems. Mr. Bennett not only works for these communities, he makes his home in the area as well. He is active in his church, St. John of the Cross in Western Springs, IL, as well as the American Heart Association.

Mr. Robert Breen, is being recognized for Outstanding Community Service by an Individual. This award is especially appropriate as the name "Breen" is synonymous with public service in his community. He and his family have been the driving force behind the annual Pet Parade, a trademark event in LaGrange where the community comes together for a day of fun and creativity for all ages. Mr. Breen, who also helps manage his family's extensive dry-cleaning business, is also a recognized leader in the fabricare industry, as well as his local business community.

The Chamber's Outstanding Community Organization this year is the LaGrange Community Nurse and Service Association, which is celebrating 75 years of service. While LaGrange Community Nurse and Service Association provides a wide array of health care services, the main focus is supplying primary care for low-income families who do not have insurance. The association also provides food for families in emergency situations and clothing and toys for needy children at Christmas.

Mr. Speaker, I salute these five outstanding individuals and one great organization on their good work, and give them my best wishes for continued success in serving the people of their community in the future.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM H. "BILL" WEBER

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Mr. William H. "Bill" Weber, a resident of my congressional district, who has been named the "citizen of the year" by the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce. It is my privilege to call this outstanding community leader my friend.

Mr. Weber, a lifelong resident of St. Charles, MO, has distinguished himself with a lifelong commitment to volunteerism. He has championed numerous causes with his vision and energy. Mr. Weber has been the driving force behind the funding of numerous projects,

including the St. Peters Rec-Plex and the YMCA of St. Charles. He has served on the board of directors for Boys Town of Missouri, Missouri K.I.D.S., Lewis and Clark Performing Arts, and United Services for the Handicapped.

Mr. Weber knows that giving of yourself is simply more than donating a check. He understands that in St. Charles, as in the rest of the country, it is volunteerism which drives community spirit and cooperation. For all his life he has embodied those ideals.

A quote recently printed in the St. Charles Chamber newsletter by Mr. Ben Blanton, may best describe his character: "... this lion of a man has a teddy bear heart. A lion exterior to do battle for all the right things of our community, and a compassionate heart to weep over those who are in need."

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Mr. Weber for his dedicated service and wishing him continued success. I am honored to join the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce in honoring this outstanding leader and citizen.

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY,
AMVETS POST 22

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, patriotism is the noblest American virtue. I rise today to pay tribute to a group of individuals that exemplifies patriotism, the members of AMVETS Post 22. The AMVETS know service to their country doesn't end after their military career. They have been providing vital services to not only veterans but the community as a whole.

On Saturday, January 25, AMVETS Post 22 in Essexville, MI will celebrate their 50th anniversary. But more than celebrating their anniversary, AMVETS is celebrating 50 years of community service and involvement. AMVETS is involved in community projects providing services not only to veterans but to any member of the community in need. In such activities as the Caro State Hospital where they held local talent shows with music, singers, and dancers, for the patients. The civic minded members of AMVETS also pass on our country's patriotic rituals to the public in an annual flag disposal ceremony designed to teach the community how to respectfully dispose of worn out flags.

Yearly Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas baskets for the needy help assuage hunger around the holidays, but their concern is not seasonal. In September they hold the white clover sales where members go out all day collecting donations. This money is used for such vital community projects as Special Olympics and Toys for Tots.

In an effort to ensure that those who served their country are not forgotten, the AMVETS assist the veterans hospital by taking patients on outings and volunteer weekly at the hospital to make veterans more comfortable. They also hold Pearl Harbor Day services and Memorial Day services.

With an eye to the future, AMVETS provides scholarships for students aiding them in pursuit of higher education in many diverse fields of study. They also foster civic pride amongst grade school students with their essay and poster contest.

Mr. Speaker, AMVETS Post 22 has been working hard for 50 years to improve the quality of life for all Americans. Please join me in congratulating the AMVETS Post 22 on its 50th anniversary, with best wishes for many more.

TRIBUTE TO JIM ESHLEMAN

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the achievements of Jim Eshleman, an aerospace engineer from California's Inland Empire. Jim was recently honored with 1 of 50 company-wide Nova awards by Lockheed Martin Corp. The award was presented during a ceremony at the Air and Science Museum here in Washington last summer.

Jim was recognized as the flight sciences lead for a team that designed and built a large-scale model of an aircraft that may replace about 3,000 military jets of various designs by the year 2010. Called the "Joint Strike Fighter Demonstration Airplane," a one-design-fits-all aircraft that could replace diverse military aircraft. All would be variations of the same plane, with but few modifications for each aircraft.

Jim brings to his work at Lockheed the history and values of his home town Fontana in my congressional district. Along with his family, including his six brothers and sisters, Jim worked in the Eshleman Meat Co. in Fontana. Jim belonged to the local 4-H Club. In high school, he took an aviation sciences class and earned his pilot's license before high school graduation. He was educated at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and Stanford University. He worked at NASA Ames Research Center before coming to Lockheed Martin in 1986 to join the famed Skunk Works.

At home in my district, we are proud of the contributions Jim is making in the aerospace field. I ask my colleagues to share this pride in an American whose work will make a difference in the way military avionics will develop in the next century.

HONORING THE AWARD WINNERS
OF THE DALE CITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure today to rise and bring to the attention of my colleagues some very special and important people in Dale City, located in Prince William County in the 11th District of Virginia. These are individuals who have put the welfare of the community, Dale City, VA, above their own needs and desires, not only performing their jobs, but going above and beyond the call of duty. These individuals have become role models to others in their professions and to other volunteers.

These citizens were honored on February 1, 1997 by the Dale City Civic Association, one of the largest, most active and accomplished citizens associations in the commonwealth of Virginia. The Dale City Civic Association was created 30 years ago and hosts an annual service awards banquet. In addition, the association offers a number of awards and scholarships for college bound students from Dale City, monitors development and serves as a sounding board for citizens and businesses.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the award recipients.

Catherine Spellane Citizen of the Year: Irene Dell. Ms. Dell is a member of the Dale City Civic Association and volunteers for the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department. She has made significant contributions in raising thousands of dollars for the fire department and has been instrumental in the success of kids programs run by the volunteer fire department. She has volunteered much of her time to organize and help the DCCA become the successful association that it is today.

Youth Citizen of the Year: Kiana Rene Trent. Ms. Trent is a sophomore at C.D. Hylton H.S. She is the Class President and has played a major role in drug awareness programs, Just Say No campaigns, and SADD. She is a member of the student council Model United Nations, the swim team, and the junior varsity cheerleading team, to name a few. In addition to these activities, she has also won the Martin Luther King oratory contest. She is a model student and an accomplished citizen.

Firefighters of the Year: Marc Sherman and Eric Wyatt. Capt. Sherman and Capt. Wyatt are both volunteer firefighters at the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department Station 13. They have progressed from recruits to their present positions as battalion captains. These two men are true heroes, role models for our youth to emulate. In a recent residence fire, the brave efforts of these men saved the life of a child. They truly perform above and beyond the call of duty and help make DCVFD second to none. They have both volunteered over 1000 hours each.

Emergency Medical Technician of the Year: Angela Goodwin. Lt. Goodwin has been a volunteer EMT with the Dale City Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department since 1992. She is a driving force in the fire department paramedic program, providing unsurpassed advanced life support to patients in life threatening situations. Lt. Goodwin is always available for public education, internal training for her crews, as well as maintaining EMS supplies for three stations. Additionally, she is responsible for the management of her battalion crew and must provide constant supervision to assure her personnel will be ready to meet any emergency situation.

Nurse of the Year: Nancy O'Shields. Ms. O'Shields is a nurse at Potomac Hospital. She has been a member of this nursing staff for 24 years and has served as a staff nurse with the medical-surgical unit until transferred to the emergency department where she worked for several years. Currently, she serves as the director of outpatient surgical services. In her spare time, Nancy is active in her church and sings in the choir. She is a member of the police wives association, and she was also very active in the Dale City Little League and the area schools when her children were young. She is a model citizen within the community.