

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

### HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, the Georgia House of Representatives recently passed a resolution urging the U.S. Environmental Protection [EPA] to maintain the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards [NAAQS] pending further review of the costs and benefits of the proposed changes. The resolution also urges the EPA to identify unfunded mandates and other regulatory burdens that the proposed changes would impose on States and local communities.

I submit Georgia House Resolution 379 for careful consideration by the U.S. Congress.

H.R. 379

Whereas, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has a responsibility to review periodically the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone and particulate matter (PM); and

Whereas, the EPA is considering establishing a more stringent ozone standard and a new more stringent standard for particulate matter at or below 2.5 microns (PM 2.5); and

Whereas, Georgia, its local jurisdictions, businesses, and citizens have supported health based National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) that are premised on sound science; and

Whereas, Georgia has made progress toward meeting current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone under the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990, although the Atlanta area has not yet come into compliance with the current standard; and

Whereas, all of Georgia meets the current standards for particulate matter; and

Whereas, Georgia, its local jurisdictions, businesses, consumers, and taxpayers have borne considerable cost to come into compliance with the current NAAQS for ozone and particulate matter; and

Whereas, the proposed new standards may significantly expand the number of non-attainment areas for both ozone and particulate matter, which could result in additional emission controls in some areas and could impose significant economic, administrative, and regulatory burdens on Georgia, its citizens, businesses, and local governments; and

Whereas, the EPA's own Clean Air Science Advisory Committee (CASAC) was unable to find any "bright line" that would distinguish any public health benefit among any of the proposed new standards for ozone, including the current standard; and

Whereas, there is very little existing PM 2.4 monitoring data; and

Whereas, there are many unanswered questions and scientific uncertainties regarding the health effects of particulate matter, and in particular PM 2.5: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives of Georgia* That the House of Representatives advises and strongly urges the EPA to reaffirm the existing NAAQS for ozone, be it further

*Resolved* That the House of Representatives advises and strongly urges the EPA to reaffirm the existing NAAQS for PM 10, be it further

*Resolved* That, if EPA proposes to adopt more stringent standards for ozone or PM, that such decision be based on consideration of sound science and economics, be it further

*Resolved* That the House of Representatives calls on the EPA to conduct a cost benefit analysis as required by law on these and other regulations, be it further

*Resolved* That the House of Representatives advises and strongly urges the EPA to identify any unfunded mandates or other administrative and economic burdens for state or local governments or agencies that would result from the proposed changes to the NAAQS for ozone and particulate matter, be it further

*Resolved* That the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Georgia congressional delegation, the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other appropriate administration officials.

## CONCERNING THE CRISIS IN CAMBODIA

SPEECH OF

### HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 1997

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 195. I too am concerned about the overthrow of the elected government in Cambodia.

After years of oppression and violence inflicted by the Khmer Rouge, Cambodia was finally on the path to democracy.

In 1991 the peace process began with the Paris peace plan that led to democratic elections in 1993, in which 93 percent of eligible voters turned out. Cambodia's progress continued over the last few years as evidenced by the invitation to join the Association of Southeast Asian Nations [ASEAN].

To assist Cambodia in its transition toward democracy and assist its developing economy the United States provided financial aid, granted Cambodia most-favored-nation status and extended the generalized system preferences.

However, beginning on July 5, Cambodia's progress came to a screeching halt, when armed conflict broke out and Co-Prime Minister Ranariddh fled. Co-Prime Minister Hun Sen emerged victorious and it is reported that senior Ranariddh officials were detained and killed. It is in our national interest to ensure that democracy flourishes in Southeast Asia and antidemocratic forces are removed from power.

If the events of the last few weeks are any indication of the direction that Hun Sen will take Cambodia then I fear that the people of Cambodia will be no better off than they were under the Khmer Rouge.

It is my sincere hope that a peaceful resolution will soon be reached and Cambodia will

once again travel down the path to democracy.

## TRIBUTE TO MISSOURI STATE REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA "PAT" SECREST

### HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Missouri State Representative Patricia "Pat" Secrest. Representative Secrest has been named Legislator of the Year by the American Legislative Exchange Council [ALEC], the largest, bipartisan association of State legislators in the country.

A distinguished public servant, Representative Secrest was chosen to receive this honor because of her outstanding work on ALEC's commerce and economic development task force. Under her leadership, the task force has doubled its effectiveness, growing the number of model bills drafted from 52 in 1996 to 110 in 1997.

Her selection to receive this award is yet another milestone in an exceptional public service career. Her list of achievements is as diverse as it is extensive. Beginning in 1991 with the Outstanding Freshman Legislator for Small Business Leadership, to the 1992 Spirit of Enterprise Award from the Missouri Chamber of Commerce; to the 1993 Missouri Guardian of Small Business, from the National Federation of Independent Businesses; to being named 1994 Legislator of the Year by the National Republican Legislators' Association; to her class of 1995 Leadership Missouri Award; to the 1996 Legislative Award, from the Missouri Association of Insurance Agents; to her 1996 Voice of Missouri Business Award by the Associated Industries of Missouri; and to the Golden Sparkplug Award by the St. Louis Area Young Republicans, Representative Secrest has shown she is a dedicated leader.

Her commitment to her community is exceptional. As cofounder of Secrest Engineered Products, Inc., she is a member of the National Association of Women Business Owners, and a former member of the St. Louis County Planning Commission, Leadership St. Louis, Greater Missouri Leadership, and a past president of Confluence St. Louis, the regional citizens' league. As an educational leader, she is past recipient of the Parkway School District's excellence in teaching award, a former member of the Parkway Citizens Advisory Council, and a former teacher in the Joplin, Columbia, and Parkway School Districts. As a public servant, she is serving her fourth term representing the citizens of District 93 in St. Louis County, and was named in 1997 to serve as the Chair of the House Republican Campaign Committee.

Mr. Speaker, it my honor to know and represent such an outstanding public servant. I

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ask you to join me in congratulating Representative Secrest on being named ALEC's Legislator of the Year.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASSEMBLY  
OF GOD CHURCH

**HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 4, 1997*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in this hallowed Chamber to share with my colleagues the joyful news of the 50th anniversary of the Assembly of God church in Center Moriches, Long Island. We in the Long Island community are blessed and honored to have among our community of God for the past 50 years this proud Christian congregation.

Since even before its founding, America has been a home for those seeking safe haven to pursue their religious beliefs. Because of that, America has long been fertile ground for men and women who labor in the work of the Lord. This is what Christians from New York's Russian/Ukrainian community learned when they came to Center Moriches after World War II, to minister to home prayer groups in this seaside South Shore village. With God's blessings, these groups grew quickly and a church building was purchased on Canal Street. The Christ Church of the Full Gospel, under the leadership of Reverend Suhanoff, was founded in 1947.

Under the pastorate of Leonard Burket, the congregation built a new church, celebrating the first Christmas in its new home in 1973. During Pastor Burket's leadership, the assembly started work on the Sunshine Nursery School in 1974 and, in 1982, established the Center Moriches Christian School. After Pastor Burket died on May 17, 1988, his congregation honored his lifetime of good work in their community by renaming the school the Leonard E. Burket Christian School.

In recent years, the Assembly of God Center Moriches joined with the New Creation Assembly of God, a community of believers formed 7 years earlier in Mount Sinai. Dedicated to their faith, New Creation Assembly of God members worshipped together in a succession of private homes, local theaters, area churches, and a dance studio. None of this deterred their faith, while midweek services were instituted, a youth group was formed and men's and women's ministries met on a regular basis.

In 1994, the two congregations forged a permanent bond when New Creation Pastor Dominick Scibetta became a candidate for the pastorate of the Assembly of God Center Moriches. His decision to take the new position set into motion the work that eventually merged the two churches in 1995. The first joint service between the two congregations was held on the first Sunday in July 1994.

For the past 50 years, Assembly of God congregants have given so much of their time, talents, and resources to provide physical and spiritual sustenance to their community. In so doing, they have brought the Gospel message to life for all of us on Long Island who are privileged to witness their work. May God continue to bless the Assembly of God and its entire congregation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BULL-  
HEAD CITY LITTLE LEAGUE JUN-  
IOR LEAGUE ALL STARS

**HON. BOB STUMP**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 4, 1997*

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, for the third year in a row, the Bullhead City Little League Junior League are the champions of the Little League Baseball District 9 Tournament and Arizona State Tournament. Although they did not claim the Division Four Tournament title, these All Stars worked hard and were victorious in representing Arizona. The State of Arizona has great pride in these super achievers and they are all champions in our eyes.

Congratulations to the All Stars: Kenny Bower, Justin Brown, Nick David, Justin Fleminks, Danny Eaton, Duke MacArthur, Logan Fovargue, Emilion Marin, Adrian Miranda, Jose Orozco, Chad Ramsey, Alan Rivera, Dillon Wheller, and Willie White. Their success was lead by their team manager, Don Seaton and their coaches, Stu MacArthur and Ken Bower.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 1997 Arizona District 9 champions, Arizona State champions for their remarkable achievements this season. I wish them the best of luck in all their endeavors. The entire State of Arizona will cheer you on to your next success.

THE DAY OF CARING

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 4, 1997*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to make note of a wonderful humanitarian event taking place in Orange County, NY. September 10, 1997, has been designated the Day of Caring by the Orange County United Way. It is on this special day that local volunteers will use their valuable time in assisting health and human service agencies in tending to the serious social problems our Nation has come face to face with. Not 1 second of this charitable donation of time will go unused as participants will be necessary in performing a large number of much needed tasks. Among the worthwhile activities scheduled are feeding the hungry, delivering meals to the homebound, working on repair projects, and helping out children, the homeless, elderly, and disabled. Collections of food, clothing, and toys will also be undertaken.

The Day of Caring is an incredibly important step in strengthening our communities. I remind you that this is a volunteer effort, as it should be, because making the lives of our neighbors and friends better is a priority we cannot neglect. I commend the people of Orange County and urge my colleagues to support similar programs throughout our Nation.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 4, 1997*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, it is now our second day back from the August break. As I stated yesterday, these next 2 months are our last opportunity to pass meaningful campaign finance reform. We all know that next year will be an election year and passage of reform legislation will not only be politically impossible it will be difficult to change the campaign rules in the middle of our own reelection campaigns.

In July three former Presidents, George Bush, Jimmy Carter, and Gerald Ford, called for a ban on soft money contributions. The Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act bans soft money and it enacts more stringent contribution disclosure requirements for candidates and independent groups. Our constituents want us to enact meaningful campaign finance reform, and we are being denied the opportunity to vote on this important issue.

Last night Mr. Speaker was a perfect opportunity to begin the debate on campaign finance reform. We finished voting by 6:30 p.m. Every member was present and available to participate in debate and take a vote on finance reform. This morning a subcommittee on the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee met and considered legislation, but not campaign finance reform legislation. Why, Mr. Speaker, have you not scheduled campaign finance reform for a vote? When will the members of Congress get an opportunity to follow the lead of Presidents Bush, Carter, and Ford and vote on an end to soft money?

A TRIBUTE TO TRAVIS LIEU, JOSH  
AND TOM GARVIE

**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 4, 1997*

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a trio of brave young men who acted selflessly and heroically to save the life of 13-year-old Jessica Doherty of Gladwin County, MI, as she suffered a near-fatal asthma attack.

As reported by the Gladwin County Record, 15-year-old Travis Lieu and 12-year-old Josh Garvie had just left Beaverton, Michigan's Gem Theater August 19 when Jessica Doherty began to suffer a serious asthma attack. The boys alerted the girl's mother, who drove them to the hospital. On the way, however, young Jessica began gasping for air and lost consciousness. As they stopped the car, Tom Garvie, Jessica's other cousin, rushed into a local business to call 911. Travis Lieu and Josh Garvie began to administer mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and other emergency procedures. While they waited for an ambulance to arrive, the boys successfully brought Jessica back to consciousness.

I am pleased to report that after a 2-day stay at Mid-Michigan Regional Medical Center in Gladwin, Jessica Doherty was released from the hospital and has resumed a normal life.

Both Travis and Josh had just learned CPR in health classes during the previous school