

HONORING MR. DON S. MCCLURE FOR HIS PROMOTION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH THE 28 DAYS OF FEBRUARY PROGRAM

**HON. BOB CLEMENT**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 1999*

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Don S. McClure of Memphis, Tennessee, for his continual promotion of Black History Month with the 28 Days of February Program, Calendar and Black History Awards Ceremony.

Mr. McClure's consulting and marketing company has successfully developed and implemented the 28 Days of February Program in honor of Black History Month. The program and calendar are now used across the nation to educate young people about the vital role of African Americans throughout history. The program has also been used by Professors at the International University in Tokyo, Japan, and other sites around the world.

Mr. McClure's vision included launching the 28 Days of February Program from Memphis, Tennessee, and eventually reaching the entire world with his message of courage and strength from the African American community. He works each year to change the way individuals view African Americans in our society, and provides valuable information which broadens our knowledge of history.

Don McClure concludes Black History Month each year with a special awards banquet to honor outstanding individuals in Memphis. The Black History Awards Banquet culminates the annual Black History Month celebration. For these contributions, today I honor Mr. McClure and wish him continued success in all of his endeavors.

CONGRATULATING THE STATE OF QATAR ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR HISTORIC ELECTIONS

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 1999*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to sponsor a concurrent resolution congratulating the State of Qatar and its citizens for their commitment to democratic ideals and women's suffrage on the occasion of Qatar's historic elections of a Central Municipal Council scheduled for March 8, 1999. Particularly, I thank the co-chairs of the Congressional Women's Caucus, Rep. CAROLYN MALONEY and Rep. SUE KELLY, for their support and co-sponsorship of this resolution.

His Highness, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani, the Emir of Qatar, issued a decree a number of years ago creating the Central Municipal Council. In the past year additional decisions about the elections were made, and Qatari women were granted the right to vote in this historic first municipal election and to run for office.

Our colleagues agree that the United States highly values democracy and women's rights. Accordingly, the resolution applauds the Emir of Qatar, for his leadership, and commends the citizens of Qatar for participating in this im-

portant civic function. Clearly, this election will demonstrate the strength and diversity of the State of Qatar's commitment to democratic expression.

The resolution also reaffirms that the United States is strongly committed to encouraging the suffrage of women, democratic ideals, and peaceful development throughout the Middle East. I request that the text of the resolution be printed at this point in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for our colleagues' review, and I urge their support for this initiative.

H. CON. RES. 35

Whereas His Highness, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, the Emir of Qatar, issued a decree creating a central municipal council, the first of its kind in Qatar;

Whereas on March 8, 1999, the people of the State of Qatar will hold direct elections for a central municipal council;

Whereas the central municipal council has been structured to have members from 29 election districts serving 4-year terms;

Whereas Qatari women were granted the right to participate in this historic first municipal election, both as candidates and voters;

Whereas this election demonstrates the strength and diversity of the State of Qatar's commitment to democratic expression;

Whereas the United States highly values democracy and women's rights;

Whereas March 8 is recognized as International Women's Day, and is an occasion to assess the progress of the advancement of women and girls throughout the world; and

Whereas this historic event of democratic elections and women's suffrage in the State of Qatar should be honored: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—*

(1) commends His Highness, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, the Emir of Qatar, for his leadership and commitment to suffrage and the principles of democracy;

(2) congratulates the citizens of the State of Qatar as they celebrate the historic election for a central municipal council on March 8, 1999; and

(3) reaffirms that the United States is strongly committed to encouraging the suffrage of women, democratic ideals, and peaceful development throughout the middle East.

PERMANENT PROTECTION FOR AMERICA'S RESOURCES 2000

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 1999*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, together with 33 House co-sponsors and our colleagues Senator BARBARA BOXER and Senator ROBERT TORRICELLI in the other body, I am introducing today the Permanent Protection for America's Resources 2000 Act, historic and sweeping legislation to restore our national commitment to America's resources.

Resources 2000 is designed to redeem the solemn pledge made over 30 years ago to reinvest the profits from offshore energy production in our public resources. Billions of dollars have been produced from those offshore lands; and yet Congress and past Administrations have failed to live up to the initial bargain that pledged a sizable portion of those dollars to resource protection for future generations.

Not surprisingly, those resources have deteriorated over the years.

The bill we introduce today—with the enthusiastic support of our nation's leading environmental, wildlife and historic preservation organizations—fulfills that promise of steady, certain and adequate funding.

Resources 2000 will provide permanent, annual allocations for high priority resource preservation goals; acquisition and sound management of public lands, parks and open space, marine and coastal resources, historic preservation, fish and wildlife, and urban recreation facilities. Our bill provides states, local communities, farmers and others with the resources they need to plan and manage our irreplaceable assets.

Funding for our legislation is taken from part of the over \$4 billion currently provided annually to federal taxpayers in revenues from offshore oil and gas drilling. The legislation does not increase revenues from oil and gas drilling and does not impose any new taxes or royalties. And unlike the other OCS revenue bills under consideration, Resources 2000 creates no incentives for additional leasing or development of offshore oil and gas: not in current areas, and certainly not in areas covered by legislative moratorium.

Our bill also contains a far more equitable distribution of revenues than other bills which lavish more than half percent of the public's money on a half dozen states and short-change the rest of America.

I am delighted that we are joined in introducing this bill not only by over 20 members of Congress, but also by many of the most broad-based, grassroots environmental, parks, and wildlife organizations throughout this country, including The Sierra Club, The Wilderness Society, Natural Resources Defense Council, Defenders of Wildlife, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, National Parks & Conservation Association, Preservation Action, National Audubon Society, Center for Marine Conservation, US PIRG, National Recreation & Park Association, Police Athletic/Activities League (P.A.L.), National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, and Scenic America.

The effort to provide these funds on a permanent basis in an idea whose time has come. Five years ago, I called for permanent, full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund to preserve our parks and public lands for generations to come. If we can do it with Social Security and with the Highway Trust Fund, we should be able to do the same with the fund the American people were promised to protect our national environmental treasures.

I particularly commend the Clinton Administration for recognizing the importance of this initiative in its budget request for the fiscal year 2000. We are committed to working with the Administration and with the sponsors of other congressional initiatives—Senators MARY LANDRIEU (D-LA) and FRANK MURKOWSKI (R-AK), and my own chairman Congressman DON YOUNG (R-AK) and his co-sponsors—to craft legislation that restores our resources' legacy, preserves our national environmental heritage, protects our coasts, and is enacted on behalf of the American people during the 106th Congress.

PERMANENT PROTECTION FOR AMERICA'S  
RESOURCES 2000(Authors: Congressman George Miller/  
Senator Barbara Boxer)

Permanent Protection For America's Resources 2000 is a bold initiative to provide long-promised funding from offshore oil resources for the acquisition, improvement and maintenance of public resources throughout the United States: public lands, parks and open space, marine and coastal resources, historic preservation, fish and wildlife. Resources 2000 will provide permanent, annual funding for high priority resource preservation goals:

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  
(FEDERAL): \$450 MILLION

One-half of the annual \$900 million allocation of the LWCF would be dedicated to Federal land acquisition purposes. These funds would be used to acquire lands or interests in lands as authorized by Congress for our national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and public lands.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  
(STATESIDE): \$450 MILLION

One-half of the annual \$900 million allocation of the LWCF would go for matching grants to the States for the acquisition of lands or interests, planning, and development of outdoor recreation facilities. Two-thirds of the funds shall be allocated by formula of which 30% shall be distributed equally among the States, and 70% apportioned on the basis of the population each State bears to the total population of all States. One-third would be awarded on the basis of competitive grants. Modifies the requirements of the State Plan in order to be more flexible in meeting the purposes of the Act.

URBAN PARKS RECREATION AND RECOVERY  
PROGRAM (UPARR): \$100 MILLION

Matching grants to local governments to rehabilitate recreation areas and facilities, provide for the development of improved recreation programs, and to acquire, develop, or construct new recreation sites and facilities.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND: \$150 MILLION

Funding for the programs of the Historic Preservation Act, including grants to the States, maintaining the National Register of Historic Places, and administer numerous historic preservation programs. Allows up to one-third of the funds for priority preservation projects of public and private entities, including preserving historic structures and sites, as well as, significant documents, photographs, works of art, etc.

## LANDS RESTORATION: \$250 MILLION

Provides funds to undertake a coordinated program on Federal and Indian lands to restore degraded lands, protect resources that are threatened with degradation, and protect public health and safety.

ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES  
RECOVERY FUND: \$100 MILLION

Creates a dedicated source of funding to the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for the purpose of implementing a private landowners incentive program for the recovery of endangered and threatened species and the habitat that they depend on. Monies would be used by the Secretaries to enter into "endangered and threatened species recovery agreements" with private landowners, providing grants to (1) carry out activities and protect habitat (not otherwise required by law) that would contribute to the recovery of a threatened or endangered species or (2) to refrain from carrying out otherwise lawful activities that would inhibit the recovery of such species. Priority will be given to small land-

owners who would otherwise not have the resources to participate in such programs.

## LIVING MARINE RESOURCES: \$300 MILLION

Funding for the conservation, restoration and management of ocean fish and wildlife of the United States. Two-thirds of the total would be available to coastal states (including Great Lakes States, territories, and possessions of the U.S.) for the development, revision, and implementation of comprehensive ocean fish and wildlife conservation plans. Funds would be allocated to the states by a formula that gives two-thirds weight to a state's coastal population and one-third weight to the length of a state's shoreline. Minimum and maximum grants sizes will be utilized to ensure equitable funding among the states. To be approved, a state ocean fish and wildlife conservation plan must provide for: an inventory of ocean fish and wildlife and their habitat; identification and prioritization of conservation actions; monitoring of plan species and the effectiveness of conservation actions; public input; and periodic plan review and revision.

The remaining one-third of funds would be awarded by the Secretary of Commerce as competitive, peer-reviewed grants for living marine resource conservation. High priority would be given to proposals involving public/private conservation partnerships, but any person would be eligible to apply for a grant under this provision. A maximum grant size will be established to ensure that a small number of large projects do not consume the bulk of the funding in a given fiscal year.

NATIVE FISH/WILDLIFE CONSERVATION,  
RESTORATION, MANAGEMENT: \$350 MILLION

Permanent appropriation for the conservation of native fish, wildlife and plants. It amends the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 1980 (FWCA, 16 U.S.C. 2901 et seq.) to make funding available to the states for the development and implementation of comprehensive native wildlife conservation plans. To be approved, a state's plan must provide for: an inventory of wildlife and its habitat on a state-wide basis; identification and prioritization of conservation actions; monitoring of plan species and the effectiveness of conservation actions; public input; and periodic plan review and revision. Funds are to be allocated on a formula based one-third on the area of a state relative to the total area of all the states and two-thirds on the relative population of a state.

States are eligible for reimbursement of 75 percent of the cost of developing and implementing state wildlife conservation plans. Federal funds are only available for plan development costs for the first 10 years. As an additional incentive, federal funds will pay for up to 90 percent of: plan development costs during the first three years; and conservation actions undertaken by two or more states. In addition, in the absence of an approved plan, the Secretary may reimburse a state for certain on-the-ground conservation actions during the first five years of the program.

FARM AND RANGE LAND, OPEN SPACE AND  
FOREST CONSERVATION GRANTS: \$150 MILLION

Matching, competitive grants to state, local and tribal governments for purchase of conservation easements to protect privately owned farm and range land, open space and forests from encroaching development. To help communities grow in ways that maintain open space and viable agricultural sectors of their economies. Grants could be used to match state or local long term bond initiatives approved by voters to preserve green spaces for conservation, recreation and other environmental goals.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JAMES W.  
KELLEY, JR.**HON. BARBARA CUBIN**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 1999*

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the outstanding service and dedication to this country by one of Wyoming's native sons. Colonel James W. Kelley, Jr., originally from Sheridan, Wyoming, is retiring from the United States Air Force this month after 30 years of service.

Colonel Kelley has received numerous awards during his successful career in the Air Force. Although all of the awards are impressive, I am most impressed by such things as the Meritorious Service Medal for being directly involved in five serious Pararescue helicopter missions that were credited with savings six lives. Through his work in health and rescue, it is impossible to know how many people are alive today because of Colonel Kelley's bravery and dedication. An even greater number were afforded vital assistance and comfort in times of need.

I salute Colonel Kelley for his years of service to this country. Although we have come to expect people of high caliber and dedication in our Armed Forces, Colonel Kelley will be missed by the Air Force after his retirement. As an American, I am proud of Colonel Kelley's service. Coming from Wyoming, I am proud that one of our native sons has made such a vital contribution to the defense of this great country. I'm sure I speak for every citizen of Wyoming in thanking Colonel Kelley for his years of service, and in wishing him every success in his endeavors when he retires from the Air Force.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR NORM  
MUSIAL**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 1999*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Mayor Norm Musial for his many years of service and countless contributions to the citizens of North Olmsted, Ohio.

Norm Musial is a man of enormous talent and vision. His leadership and commitment to his fellow citizens have made a difference in his community. A diplomat and statesman, his contributions to the citizens of North Olmsted have been noteworthy.

Norm Musial has been an active member of the North Olmsted community since he and his wife Pat moved there in 1963. Mr. Musial is a past president of the North Olmsted Jaycees and also has served as president of the North Olmsted Republican Club. In 1967, Mayor Musial was selected as one of "Five Outstanding Young Men of Ohio", and in 1969 he was selected as "North Olmsted Citizen of the Year".

Norm Musial's sense of vision for the future, combined with his strategic planning background, sensitivity to residents' needs, and administrative experience has helped him provide uncompromised leadership to the people of North Olmsted.