

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of H.R. 2392 which would reauthorize the Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR). The current SBIR authorization is due to sunset on October 1, 2000. H.R. 2392 would extend the SBIR authorization into the next decade and provide a mechanism for federal agencies to contract with small business for research and development projects. This important program is critical for the support of small high-tech companies and fosters technical innovation which results in the nation's economic growth. The commercialization of research and development results in major economic benefits to the nation; the creation of long-term jobs with subsequent generation of increased income, spending and economic growth.

I know that technological advancement is a key driving force of our national economic growth. The revolution in telecommunications is one example of the effects of technical progress in the growth of the national economy, and also an increase in our standards of living. Technical advances drive the economic growth in several ways; it contributes to the creation of new jobs, new services, new industries and new capital formation. In the past major technological innovation was provided by major corporate research centers. Today small, entrepreneurial companies are playing increasingly important roles in our technological advancement and economic growth. These small high-tech companies create new products and services, develop new industries, and are major factors in driving both technological change and growth in our national economy. The SBIR program is critical to the continuation of the critical involvement of small businesses in our technological advancement. I support H.R. 2392 because it will contribute to the growth of jobs and promote technological innovation.

CONGRATULATING CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Congregation B'nai Israel in Toms River, New Jersey for its 50th anniversary. Established in 1950, Congregation B'nai Israel has provided a number of important services to the Toms River community. These services are, but not limited to, study of the Torah, a nursery school, a variety of summer programs, numerous youth activities, and adult education programs. Also, important to note is the fact that the congregation has continually provided volunteer services to Caregivers, an interfaith coalition whose mission is to train volunteers to provide home care services the frail elderly, the disabled and the homebound.

Such services are indispensable to the Toms River community.

Since 1950, Congregation B'nai Israel has grown exponentially. Today, the congregation consists of 500 families, which makes it the largest synagogue between Monmouth County and Atlantic City.

It is important to recognize the totality of Congregation B'nai Israel's contributions to the entire Toms River community. Simply put, Congregation B'nai Israel offers the needed atmosphere, environment, and dedication to promote and enrich the lives of each synagogue member.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Congregation B'nai Israel for their upcoming 50th anniversary of their founding. May your gala dinner and dance at the synagogue be joyful.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to strongly urge the Senate to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Last week, the House passed VAWA by a vote of 415-3.

VAWA's authorization expired on September 30, 2000. This means that the funding for these programs is scheduled to run out this month.

This law has provided battered women and their children, a safe haven, and the support necessary for their physical and emotional security.

VAWA has given a second chance to these women as well as saved many of their lives.

Violence against women should not be tolerated.

This legislation provides greater protections to all women who have been victimized and abused.

I join my colleagues in urging the Senate to pass the reauthorization bill now.

The women and the children of this nation are depending on the passage of this important piece of legislation to help stop violent crimes against women.

LITTLE FLOWER MANOR MARKS 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Little Flower Manor of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, a nonprofit skilled nursing home which is celebrating its 25th anniversary of compassionate, loving care and service to the community. The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm operate Little Flower Manor under the auspices of the Diocese of Scranton.

This exceptional facility opened its doors in 1975, a living tribute to the vision, dedication and persistence of the Most Reverend J. Car-

roll McCormick, the late Bishop of Scranton, and the generosity of the faithful of the Diocese.

This dedication to provide service to the aged continues under the leadership of the Most Reverend James C. Timlin, the present Bishop of Scranton. At Little Flower Manor, each resident is given the attention required to enable him or her to maintain personal dignity, individuality and independence.

A 25th Anniversary Gala will be held Nov. 3, 2000, at the Woodlands Inn and Resort with Judge Peter Olszewski as guest speaker. Sister Jeanette D. Lindsay, administrator and chief operating officer of Little Flower Manor, will present the inaugural Crystal Rose Award. The honored recipients are Mr. and Mrs. John D. McCarthy and the late Bishop McCormick.

Jack and CeCe McCarthy have been outstanding supporters of the values, commitment and mission of Little Flower Manor, practicing stewardship by giving unselfishly of their time, talents and treasure.

Mr. Speaker, I send my congratulations and best wishes to the McCarthys, the Carmelite Sisters, the Diocese of Scranton, and everyone who plays a part in Little Flower Manor's continued service to its residents.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Ukrainian-American Youth Association's 50 years of distinguished service to Greater Cleveland's Ukrainian youth population.

The Ukrainian-American Youth Association, a group which educates the young about traditional Christian and patriotic values, embodies the very values it pledges to teach. Guided by the principles of organizing, nurturing, and educating youth under the ideals of "God and Ukraine," the Youth Association promotes Christian ethics and pride in their Ukrainian national heritage. Our community has been gracefully elevated due to the work of this dedicated organization which encourages tomorrow's leaders to step forward into positions of leadership in the Ukrainian-American community, as well as the larger local, national, and global communities.

A debt of gratitude is owed to the Ukrainian-American Youth Association. The young, who have been touched by the caring, "spirit invoked" ideals taught there, have grown to become the model citizens and leaders in our community who we are always eager to welcome. Mindful of the role of the citizen in his or her respective locality, the Ukrainian-American Youth Association instructs its youth about the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship, always encouraging and challenging them to become leaders within their Ukrainian culture and their communities-at-large. The firm foundation of educating the Ukrainian youth about the value of freedom should not be underestimated. Rather, it is the very basis for the continuing engagement of our all-too-often apathetic youth, and therefore, the basis of the improvement of our society in both the near and distant future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me today in celebration of the Ukrainian-American Youth Association's 50 years of service to the Ukrainian-American youth population. Many young persons have surely benefitted from the work of this tireless group, and our nation has surely benefitted from the Youth Association's instruction on the virtues and responsibilities of good citizenship and the value of freedom. Let us honor this distinguished group and let us wish them 50 more years of fantastic service to our population.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, due to the death of my father, I did not attend the session of June 28, 2000 and June 29, 2000. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows on the roll call votes indicated:

#352—yes, #353—yes, #354—yes, #355—no, #356—yes, #357—no, #359—no, #360—no, #361—no, #362—no, #363—yes, #364—no, #365—yes, #366—no, #367—no, #368—no, #369—no, #370—no, #372—yes.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, Taiwan is a free democratic nation in the Pacific and a shining example of economic success and total democratization. Taiwan's accomplishments are too numerous to mention here, but I do want to note that Taiwan's success is directly attributable to its people's industriousness and its leader's wisdom. Today nearly everyone in Taiwan is middle class, and is enjoying the country's many amenities—such as good food, adequate housing, a good transportation system, excellent schools and crime-free neighborhoods. Politically, people can freely express their opinions and elect their leaders at every level. Press freedom and human rights are also guaranteed by Taiwan's constitution.

Therefore, to my friends in Taiwan, I want to go on record stating that you have done a wonderful job and congratulations on your 89th National Day.

HONORING THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAMILY SERVICES

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Family Services as they celebrate 100 years of exemplary service in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. This organization was established when three local non-profit organizations merged. Family Services

of Pottstown, the Lower Montgomery County Service Society, and the Main Line Neighborhood united to provide the community with outstanding social services.

The 13th Congressional District of Pennsylvania benefits from many programs implemented by Family Services. The services provided by this group address a variety of needs including counseling, access to housing, medical care, delivery of meals, identifying peer support systems, and locating resources to prevent future problems.

Family Services works on many programs that have become an integral part of our community including: Meals on Wheels; Project HEARTH (Helping Elderly Adults Remain in Their Homes); Project HOPE, which provides HIV/AIDS Prevention and Support Services; Families and Schools Together; and Safe Kids. Family Services also provides workshops and seminars such as "Family Violence Prevention", "Dating Violence Prevention", and "Partnerships for Community Building", which help families confront many of today's challenges.

It is an honor to recognize the remarkable impact this organization has on the community. Family Services has enhanced the quality of life for many of my constituents and it is a privilege to represent such an extraordinary organization.

IN HONOR OF RITA CESTARIC

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Rita Cestaric who has been an outstanding citizen of my district and our state. Rita Cestaric's entire life has been one of devotion to her family, her friends and her community. Her passion for service to community helped to encourage the involvement of many people in public life, including myself. She was ever the activist, prodding and pushing, moving mountains on behalf of her city and her nation. She was a civic and political force for decades in North Olmstead, Ohio.

The home of Rita and her devoted husband, John Cestaric, was always a hub of activity in the community. With John's patient support, the Cestaric household was an important stop in any political campaign. Her children, Rita, Carole and John were always in amazement at the endless stream of activity which characterized the Cestaric home. They saw firsthand the impact of their mother's dedication and understood how significant her help was to so many people.

Public officials came to the Cestaric home not only to meet the people of the neighborhood, but they were drawn to Rita. She gave wise counsel to generations of public servants who sought her assistance. She always had a sense of what was in the public interest. Her wisdom was the wisdom of the people and when she spoke you always knew that hers was unmistakably the voice of many. She was an exemplar of the power of women in politics. She was a singular force for encouraging many women to become involved in the civic life of their communities.

Rita Cestaric was an optimist. She faced all challenges in life with equanimity. She suf-

fered the loss of her dear husband John, and still she moved ahead to continue her contributions of her time and her efforts. And when she at last faced her most serious personal challenge to her health, she did so without complaint, but with great inner strength and beauty.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that Members of the House of Representatives of the United States of America join with me in paying tribute to the life of Rita Cestaric, and expressing gratitude for her love of country and her service to community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. WILLIE MCCOY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Willie and Agnes McCoy on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Sixty years of marriage is an accomplishment that is worthy of recognition, and I'd like to add my wishes for a happy 90th year to Mr. Willie McCoy. He celebrated his 90th Birthday on the 4th of September.

In June of 1940, Willie McCoy and Agnes Green met in Jacksonville, Florida. After an instant connection and brief courtship, Willie and Agnes were married on November 16, 1940. They were wed in the home of a friend by Rev. H.H. Robinson, whose words to them were "always respect each other, and never be too proud to say I'm sorry." Upon this foundation of respect and humility, coupled with love, honesty, and trust, an exemplary marriage was forged.

Throughout their many years together, they have been blessed with seven children, sixteen grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and a number of wonderful nieces, nephews, and close friends. One of their children, Willie, is a very good friend to me and my family.

To each other, they are gifts from God. To us, they are an example of true love and friendship. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. and Mrs. Willie McCoy on their 60th wedding anniversary, and Mr. Willie McCoy on his 90th birthday.

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH CIVIC LITERACY MONTH AND THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY'S CIVIC LITERACY PROJECT

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Youth Urban Agenda/Civic Literacy Project of Wayne State University. As a result of their efforts to encourage youth participation in the political process, the month of October 2000 is being recognized as Youth Civic Literacy Month in Wayne County Michigan.

The Youth Urban Agenda/Civic Literacy Project started at Wayne State University in 1986 in an effort to promote programs to