

Elizabeth Moore's life is the very embodiment of all that makes this country great, and I am deeply honored to be able to bring her life to the attention of this body of Congress.

INTRODUCTION OF DUTY REDUCTION AND SUSPENSION LEGISLATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce several duty reduction and suspension bills for colorants used in ink-jet printers, in addition to materials used in the production of environmentally sensitive herbicides and insecticides that improve the quality of our lives.

These duty suspension bills lower the cost of producing these products thereby lowering the cost to consumers and helping U.S. industries compete in the global marketplace. When American companies make the active ingredients for these colorants and chemicals, there is a proper role for duties to exist. However, when the active ingredients are only made by foreign companies, we needlessly increase product costs for American consumers by imposing duties on their importation. By introducing these bills, I am triggering a careful review of these proposals by the House Ways and Means Committee and the International Trade Commission to make sure there are no domestic producers of these active ingredients so no U.S. jobs will be negatively affected. In fact, these duty suspensions will make U.S. products more competitive, thus creating jobs in the U.S.

Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to highlight the beneficial uses of the final products these chemicals will produce. NMSDA is used to produce a herbicide for broadleaf weed control in corn. This environmentally sound herbicide is within the margins of safety to mammalian, avian, and aquatic organisms. R118118 Salt is used to produce a postemergence soybean herbicide. Postemergence herbicides have the advantage of low application rates. The herbicide is only needed if weeds emerge around the sugar beets. Many other herbicides must be applied ahead of time to prevent weeds from developing regardless of whether they would have emerged naturally, needlessly introducing toxins into the environment. Thiamethoxam Technical is used in production of a neonicotinoid insecticide that targets "sucking and chewing pests," that are harder to target, without causing harm to the crops. Prodiamine Technical is used in production of an environmentally sound herbicide used in vegetation management control. Finally, Flauzinam 500 F formulated product is used to control plant diseases on peanuts and potatoes. It has an environmentally sound profile that is particularly well suited for resistance management programs.

The ink-jet printer colorants are beneficial to the American consumer. These colorants are specially formulated for enhanced quality, specially designed characteristics include improved wet-fastness on plain paper, improved opearability, higher chroma than the current industry standard and high humid-fastness to reduce bleed and hue change. These

colorants are widely used in the small and home office settings, as well as in photorealistic printing. It is essential we give the America consumers both choice and quality.

Duty suspension bills often pass with universal bipartisan support because they are common sense for consumers, for the environment, and for enhancing the competitiveness of our domestic industries. I urge support for these proposals after the appropriate committees and agencies have thoroughly vetted these measures.

HONORING THE ROCKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 20th anniversary of the Rockville Senior Center. For two decades, the Rockville Senior Center has created opportunities for mature adults in Rockville, MD, to live healthy, happy, active lives.

Serving more than 1,700 members, the Rockville Senior Center offers opportunities for seniors to achieve independence and self-sufficiency through a network of education, information programs, and active participation. A wide variety of classes and recreational activities enrich and support the lives of the membership. In addition, a number of important social services are provided, such as health clinics and health insurance counseling.

The vibrant community of the Rockville Senior Center is the focal point for many programs, activities, and services. The organization continues to offer a full complement of services to meet the needs of senior adults. In many ways, the Rockville Senior Center is a second home and a second family to many of these seniors.

I am particularly proud to recognize the 32 members who first joined the nurturing community that is the Rockville Senior Center at the very beginning, 20 years ago. They have seen many changes, but one thing has not changed in all these years—the commitment and the level of service provided to the membership.

So, Mr. Speaker, I join with the entire community in offering my best wishes and congratulations to the Rockville Senior Center on this considerable milestone.

COMMEMORATING SAM L. ERVIN, HEALTHCARE PIONEER

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of Sam L. Ervin, a pioneer in the development of innovative and cost effective programs that enhance the quality of life for older and disabled adults.

Mr. Ervin was the founding executive office of the original Senior Care Action Network (SCAN), a social health maintenance organi-

zation in Long Beach, CA. SCAN was selected by the then Health Care Financing Administration in 1982 to be one of four demonstration sites for the Social HMO program. The Social HMO expands comprehensive HMO benefits to include community-based long-term care and some nursing home care.

Today, he is the chairman and chief executive officer of SCAN, serving more than 50,000 members in four southern California counties. Since its inception, SCAN has made a unique and significant contribution to seniors' ability to remain healthy, independent and in control of where they live and how they live.

I have introduced H.R. 2953, the Coordinated Community Care Act of 2001 to make Social HMOs a permanent part of the Medicare + Choice program. I am proud to do so and to recognize Sam Ervin for his contributions to the improved quality of life for thousands of seniors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MAE SCHULER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a woman whose passion for life and whose incredible human spirit is an inspiration to us all. Mae Schuler, a Grand Junction, Colorado resident, recently passed an impressive milestone, celebrating her one-hundredth birthday with a gathering of her friends and family. I am truly honored to be able to bring the life of such a strong and extraordinary woman to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation.

Mae was born the youngest of eight children on March 7, 1902 on a farm in Ontario, Canada. At the age of nineteen, she moved to Detroit, where her sister lived, and met her husband Clarence. While living in Detroit, Clarence went to work selling cars, while Mae raised their baby girl, Jeanne. They survived the Depression by scraping by on the wages that Clarence was able to earn at the local gas station, since people were unable to afford to buy new cars. After Clarence retired in 1968, the couple moved to Palm Beach, Florida, where Mae remained active in the church, participated in a number of crafts groups and grew to love shuffleboard. Seven years and one day after moving to Florida, Clarence passed away peacefully in his sleep. Mae made the best she could of it, choosing to go on with her life and live it with the same vigor and energy that she had always lived it.

After living in Florida for another 30 years, Mae moved to Grand Junction in 1998 in order to be closer to her daughter, Jeanne. At 100 years of age, Mae is still going strong. As chronicled in her local newspaper, the Grand Junction Sentinel, she is exceptionally active, both mentally and physically, and still enjoys life to the fullest. She takes time to read to those who can't see as well, knits caps and washcloths for friends, bakes cookies for those who are sick, types personal notes on her old Smith-Corona typewriter, and most importantly, loves to play bingo. She is truly a remarkable woman, who has lived quite a remarkable life.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I bring to the attention of this body of Congress,

the life and spirit of such an extraordinary woman, who has always managed to brighten and invigorate the lives of those around her. Mae Schuler is truly an inspiration to all of us, and I, along with the many people whose lives she has touched, am honored to recognize her tremendous accomplishment in reaching her one-hundredth birthday, and more importantly, her passion for life and indomitable human spirit.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform you that yesterday I inadvertently misvoted on rollcall No. 97 on final passage of H.R. 476, the Child Custody Protection Act. I have supported this legislation in the past and continue to do so and my intention was to vote in support of it yesterday. I did not realize until after the voting had closed that I had mistakenly voted otherwise. I regret any confusion this may have caused and want the RECORD to reflect my support for H.R. 476.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION ON PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to introduce a concurrent resolution in the House aimed at increasing awareness of the disease pulmonary hypertension. PH is a rare disorder of the lung in which the pressure in the pulmonary artery (the blood vessel that leads from the heart to the lungs) and the hundreds of tiny blood vessels that branch off from it rises above normal levels and may become life threatening.

Symptoms of pulmonary hypertension include shortness of breath with minimal exertion, fatigue, chest pain, dizzy spells and fainting. When PH occurs in the absence of a known cause, it is referred to as primary pulmonary hypertension (PPH). This term should not be construed to mean that because it has a single name it is a single disease. There are likely many unknown causes of PPH.

Secondary pulmonary hypertension (SPH) means the cause of the disease is known. Common causes of SPH are the breathing disorders emphysema and bronchitis. Other less frequent causes are scleroderma, CREST syndrome and systemic lupus. In addition, the use of diet drugs can lead to the disease.

Unfortunately, PH is frequently misdiagnosed and often progresses to late stage by the time it is detected. Although PH is chronic and incurable with a poor survival rate, new treatments are providing a significantly improved quality of life for patients. Recent data indicates that the length of survival is continuing to improve, with some patients able to manage the disorder for 20 years or longer.

A close friend and constituent of mine, Mr. Jack Stibbs, has a daughter who is battling

this difficult disease. Emily Stibbs has touched many people with her courage and strength at such a young age. I am pleased to introduce this resolution today to raise awareness in the House and throughout the country about PH. The resolution highlights the need for increased federal investments in biomedical research, and public and professional awareness programs focused on the disease. I encourage my colleagues to join me in the fight against pulmonary hypertension by cosponsoring this resolution.

CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF WINDSOR, VIRGINIA, ON THEIR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the town of Windsor in Isle of Wight County, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which is celebrating its centennial this year.

Originally discovered in the 17th Century by early settlers, Windsor served as an important route for mail and trade throughout America's early colonial days. One cannot separate Windsor's history from America's history.

On April 11, 1902, Windsor was granted its charter from the Virginia General Assembly. Since then, Windsor has grown with the times while never forgetting its rich history and small town charm.

Today, Windsor, Virginia, is a culturally and economically diverse community. With its status as one of the best places to live in Virginia and continued high standard of living and education, Windsor is a community that residents can be proud to call home.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Windsor during its centennial year as the citizens of Windsor begin an exciting new century.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. RONALD ROBINSON

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Dr. Ronald Robinson and thank him for his extraordinary contributions to the University of Southern Colorado, his alma mater, and to the petroleum-engineering field, to which he has contributed so much. Since graduating from the University of Southern Colorado, Dr. Robinson has become one of the preeminent thinkers and innovators in his field, advancing and overseeing technologies that contribute to making each and every one of our lives better. His remarkable accomplishments are surpassed only by the level of integrity and honesty with which he has conducted himself each and every day, a trait we have come to expect from graduates of the University of Southern Colorado, but one that Dr. Robinson embodies so well. As we celebrate his tremendous accomplishment of receiving the Alumni

Achievement Award, let it be known that I, along with the people of Colorado and this nation, applaud his efforts, and are eternally grateful for all that he has accomplished in his distinguished career.

Always the consummate academic, Dr. Robinson graduated from Southern Colorado State College (now the University of Southern Colorado) in 1968, with a degree in math and physics, and then went on to earn his masters in physics from Baylor University, and finally his doctoral degree in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M University. After earning his doctoral degree, Dr. Robinson embarked upon an impressive career in the petroleum engineering industry, emerging time and again as a leader and innovator in the field. In 1996, he was named President of Texaco Technology, where he was responsible for all of Texaco's research, development, engineering, information technology and technical applications throughout the world. While at Texaco, he managed a total operating budget of over \$450 million a year, as well as an investment portfolio of almost \$500 million.

As a testament to his expertise and intellect, in 2001, Dr. Robinson became professor and department head of the Albert B. Stevens Endowed Chair in the Harold Vance Department of Petroleum Engineering at Texas A&M University. He was recently named Chairman of the Board of Verdisys, a provider of satellite broadband infrastructure for energy and rural enterprises, and is a director of the Global Petroleum Research Institute and the Network of Excellence in Training. In addition, he is the Chairman, CEO and President of UniPure, Corp., an energy company that develops process technologies for the oil industry. Perhaps most importantly, he has three children, Kevin, Kyle and Kurt, with his wife Bonnie Lynn Martin.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Dr. Ronald Robinson is a man of unparalleled talent, dedication, and intellect, who has, throughout his career, reached extraordinary heights and achieved incredible things. He has proven himself to be among the best in his field, and it is a great honor to be able to bring his many accomplishments to the attention of this body of Congress. It is my privilege to extend to him my sincere congratulations on receiving the Alumni Achievement Award from the University of Southern Colorado, and wish him all the best in his multitude of endeavors.

RESPECT NATIVE AMERICAN SACRED SITES

HON. BRAD CARSON

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, Native American sacred sites usually don't have white-washed siding, a high steeple, or a loud bell. Often they are part of the world around us—a mountain, valley, river, or even a tree but they deserve to be respected and protected as much as any traditional church.

Native Americans have always respected and honored the land, water, and air from which we receive so much. Oral history passed from generation to generation will explain to a tribe where they came from and the journey taken to arrive.