

in international law. Finally, the resolution calls on the Department of State to improve its own documentation of human rights abuses on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, to give these violations the same consideration as other human rights abuses and to develop a comprehensive strategy to combat such abuses abroad. This nation was founded on the principle that all people were created equal and had the same right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. When we speak out as a nation against the torture, violence and cruelty that plague so many of the world's GLBT people, we are fulfilling the truest vision of our nation. At the Human Rights Campaign, we look forward to a day when resolutions like this will not be necessary—when the world's GLBT people will be free to live their lives openly and honestly, as any other citizen of the world does. In the meantime, we hope that Congress will act to adopt this important resolution to take a stand against the violent mistreatment that GLBT people face within our global community. Thank you very much.

RECOGNIZING THE GRUNDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOR THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 25, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Grundy County Courthouse in Trenton, Missouri.

In 1901, county officials secured \$60,000 to build a new courthouse and jail. Plans were laid out and the building was erected at the same location as the original courthouse, built in 1840. In December 1903, the Cornerstone Ceremony marked the completion of the Courthouse. The building has stood for 100 years as the Grundy County temple of justice. There have been nine judges that have served the Grundy County Circuit Court since the courthouse opened in 1903.

On December 19, 2003, county officials will open a time capsule, placed in the cornerstone in 1903. These artifacts will tell of the county forefathers and leaders of the community. A new time capsule will be placed in the courthouse yard to commemorate the 100th Anniversary and to mark this momentous occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing the Grundy County Courthouse in Trenton, Missouri, for their 100th Anniversary and for their many contributions to the 6th District and the State of Missouri.

H.R. 6—CONFERENCE REPORT

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 25, 2003

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, while I voted for the conference report on the omnibus energy bill, H.R. 6, the final version of this bill is far from perfect. We need a comprehensive energy policy that increases our national security by decreasing our dependence on foreign oil and improving public health and the condition

of our environment by promoting clean, renewable energy sources and energy efficiency technologies.

I voted for the conference report for H.R. 6 because it: excluded drilling for oil and gas in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; mandated more than doubling the use of renewable fuels in gasoline, primarily ethanol, to 5 billion gallons a year by 2012; allowed the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC, to establish a nationwide electricity reliability standard for power companies to help balance supply and demand in the power grid; and included H.R. 1331, legislation I have introduced the past three Congresses to reduce our country's dependence on foreign oil and reduce natural gas bills by extending a tax credit for production of unconventional fuels. This is of special interest to Kansas. Eastern Kansas has one of the nation's bigger reserves of coal bed methane, possibly two-thirds the size of the Hugoton gas field in southwest Kansas, the nation's largest.

The ethanol provisions in the conference report are estimated to create an estimated \$51 billion in new farm income by 2012, adding as much as 30 cents per bushel to the value of corn. This increase in the value of corn, soybeans and other feedstock will reduce the need for farm payments by an estimated \$5.9 billion by 2012. The ethanol provision functions as a rural economic stimulus package by creating the need for \$5.3 billion in new investment for renewable fuel production facilities in rural America, including Garnett, Kansas. The Renewable Fuel Standard is estimated to create 214,000 new U.S. jobs, mostly in rural America.

Though I wish it did even more, the conference report does encourage the increased use of renewable energy sources such as wind and biomass through tax incentives. The conference report encourages a diversified portfolio for America's energy resource needs including traditional oil and gas, nuclear, and renewable energy like ethanol, biodiesel, wind, hydropower, and biomass. Over the long-term, renewable energy especially will be a huge asset to American agriculture and rural development.

Our founding fathers made compromise one of the most important tools to the legislative process. Compromise is sometimes frustrating. And though I voted for the conference report for H.R. 6, there are several provisions I do not support. One of the most disconcerting is a provision that lets the companies that created and produced the gasoline additive MTBE off the hook for contaminating groundwater. Now, state and local taxpayers will pay cleanup costs for many contaminated sites. The bill nullifies lawsuits by cities, states and others filed on or after September 5, 2003, seeking compensation for contamination of groundwater by MTBE. In the same vein under this bill, taxpayers, rather than polluters, will pay up to \$2 billion to clean up leaking underground storage tanks containing gasoline and other toxic chemicals even at sites where viable responsible parties are identifiable.

This bill also authorizes a \$1.1 billion nuclear reactor in Idaho, with a potential exemption from normal federal project management rules, to demonstrate hydrogen production technologies that are not projected to be cost justified. It also repeals the Public Utility Holding Company Act, the primary statute that protects consumers from market manipulation

and economic concentration in the electricity sector.

Our nation needs to have comprehensive energy legislation enacted into law. Doing so is essential to economic recovery, job creation and environmental protection, as we rebuild our economy while continuing to improve air quality. We have paid for the lack of a balanced energy policy with blackouts and job losses that occurred when natural gas prices doubled. The conference report for H.R. 6 is a good start in easing that pressure by ensuring that fuel diversity remains at the core of U.S. energy policy. As a country, we still need to have a meaningful dialogue to find ways to combat global warming, increase vehicle fuel efficiency and reduce U.S. oil consumption. Although I voted for this legislation, I will continue to fight to ensure environmental protections are not an afterthought in addressing our energy needs.

PROFILE IN LEADERSHIP

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 25, 2003

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand here today and pay tribute to one of Georgia's truly outstanding citizens. I would like to recognize William Megathlin's contribution to society by presenting this article to the rest of Congress.

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PROFILE IN LEADERSHIP—WILLIAM L. MEGATHLIN

Bill Megathlin briefly stretches his lanky frame behind his office desk, pulling his trademark suspenders taut for a moment, then leans forward, making his visitor feel at home. The assistant to the president for strategic initiatives is uncomfortable talking about his leadership skills but not averse to giving a bit of background information.

A native of Miami, Megathlin earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina. He went on for a master's degree and a doctorate in counseling at the University of Georgia.

His doctoral dissertation focused on training correctional officers at the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary in basic communication skills to better influence inmate behavior. The study, funded by a grant from the Federal Bureau of Prisons, demonstrated such a positive effect on officers and inmates alike that the training method was adopted by other federal and state institutions.

Megathlin launched his academic career at Mississippi State University as an assistant professor of counselor education. During his tenure at MSU, he also worked as a consultant with state and federal criminal Justice agencies.

Though he enjoyed preparing college students to become effective counselors, his heart was in corrections and law enforcement. So when he was offered a position in the highly regarded Department of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University, he and his wife Carol were off to Huntsville, Texas.

In 1971, Megathlin's brother John, suffered a serious head injury in an automobile accident outside Metter. So severe were his injuries that he was rushed to Memorial Hospital in Savannah. Bill and Carol drove through the night to Savannah after hearing of the

accident. They spent a few days visiting John in the hospital. John eventually made a complete recovery and the Megathlins spent some time exploring Savannah. They were intrigued.

While in the city, Megathlin visited Armstrong State College. He discovered that a new criminal justice program was in the process of being established under the leadership of Jim Witt. A few letters, phone calls, and an interview later, Megathlin was hired as one of two new professors in the fledgling program. Several years later, when Witt took a sabbatical, Megathlin was tapped to serve as interim chairman of the department.

"In those days," Megathlin recalls, "there were large numbers of students pursuing criminal justice degrees, and local and state agencies were hungering for involvement with the university and for the opportunity to work with students and faculty. They were anxious to reach out to academics to help them address some of their challenges. That was very attractive.

"It was a great time for me professionally. Career-wise, I got more involved with administrative responsibilities."

When former president Robert A. Burnett arrived, he combined the departments of criminal justice and political science into the Department of Government under Megathlin.

"Bob Burnett was good for the university and for me," Megathlin said. "He was one of those people involved in the business of administration who makes it a team effort. Over the years, I've been fortunate to work with people who make me look good."

When former vice-president Frank A. Butler created a division of academic and enrollment services, he named Megathlin as dean to spearhead the reorganization.

Contacted at his Atlanta office, Butler, now vice chancellor of the University System of Georgia's Office of Academics, Faculty, and Student Affairs said, "We were able to create a good climate for student enrollment thanks to Bill. He was a major part of the idea creating cadre."

Butler gives Megathlin much of the credit for increasing the college's enrollment past the 3,000 mark in the late '80's. "He doesn't make things take forever," Butler said. "He cuts to the chase and gets results."

Over time, new functions were added to the academic and enrollment division that didn't always form a neat fit, but Megathlin found ways to make them work. In the process, he was in position to influence many aspects of the growing university.

With the arrival of President Thomas Z. Jones, Megathlin again found himself in the middle of reorganization. To help move his vision for the university forward, Jones asked Megathlin to become his assistant for strategic initiatives.

In his new role, Megathlin can often be found in Atlanta, making AASU's case to legislators and regents for buildings such as University Hall, the Science Center, the future academic building, and the planned renovation of the Lane Library.

Forrest Lott, principle in Lott + Barber Architects, has worked with Megathlin on the construction of University Hall and the Science Center, as well as on the refurbishing of Solms and Hawes halls. "One of the things about Bill," Lott said, "is that he recognizes the skills and abilities of each of the team members and relies on them to do their part. He doesn't try to be the architect . . . That gets everyone pulling in the right direction." Lott was impressed by Megathlin's professionalism. "Whenever there was an issue related to any of the projects we worked with him on, he made it go away instantly," the architect said.

Megathlin also serves as the link to Georgia's leadership structure. "It is important that the state's leaders know what Armstrong Atlantic is all about," he explained. "To his credit, the president has made that a high priority for the university."

State Senator Eric Johnson has known Megathlin for fifteen years and has worked with him in the legislature on educational issues affecting AASU and the First District. Mention the educator and words like "gentleman" and "integrity" immediately slip into the legislator's conversation. Johnson summed up his observations by saying, "When Bills asks for something, you know it's important and you know it's been prioritized. He always knows what is reasonable and possible."

Megathlin doesn't talk much about his personal leadership style, but he did volunteer this: "You have to make things happen and not just wait for them to happen. That's probably the key to leadership."

TRIBUTE TO ROGER MADSEN

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 25, 2003

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of the House an individual who is truly a servant of the people, a man who I am honored to call my friend and a person I had the benefit of working with while he served in the Idaho State Senate and as a gubernatorial appointee. Almost nine years ago, Roger Madsen was named director of the Idaho Department of Labor. In that capacity, we worked closely on Idaho's Workforce Development Cabinet and later created Idaho's Workforce Development Council. With Roger's dedication and vision, Idaho has been recognized as a leader in workforce development at the national level. This year, the National Association of State Workforce Agencies presented Director Madsen with its 2003 President's Award. The award may be given to an organization or individual to recognize extraordinary service to America's workforce development system. Roger's commitment to the workforce system in Idaho is commendable, and we are truly fortunate to have someone of his caliber dedicate his life to public service. His integrity, innovation and devotion to his work and the people of Idaho set a high standard for excellence. He has become an invaluable asset for our state, and an example of selflessness that all of us would do well to emulate. I want to take this opportunity to personally thank Roger for all he has done for Idaho and its citizens.

CELEBRATING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF CALVO'S INSURANCE, AND ITS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 25, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Calvo family of Guam as they celebrate the 65th anniversary of Calvo's Insurance. The name Calvo has long been

synonymous with integrity, austerity, leadership, service to community, and entrepreneurial spirit. As a locally-owned small business, Calvo Enterprises has grown by never losing touch with its consumer base in Guam and constantly updating its business model to accommodate the ever-changing nature of commerce and society in Guam.

In 1938, Calvo's Insurance founder Eduardo "Jake" Calvo began selling fire and typhoon policies out of his home in Hagatna. A banker by trade, Jake Calvo built upon his rapport with the local community in securing the trust of insurance policy holders throughout Guam. By forging personal relationships with clients and exemplifying the importance of delivering meaningful products to the people of Guam, Calvo's Insurance has grown to become one of the most important and recognized companies in Guam.

The legacy of Jake Calvo has endured nearly four decades since his passing. In succeeding him, Jake Calvo's three sons, Paul M. Calvo, Edward M. Calvo and Thomas J. M. Calvo, carefully maintained the business standards of their father. Today, Calvo's Insurance is Guam's oldest and largest insurance agency.

I would be remiss not to mention that Paul M. Calvo also served as Governor of Guam from 1979–1983 and helped develop a successful formula for economic growth in Guam. He subsequently incorporated this experience in helping to develop an astute and forward-thinking business model for the family business. Now known as Calvo Enterprises, the Calvo family has diversified its positions in Guam's business sector, operating successful small businesses in local media, distributorships, restaurants, real estate, and retail.

I also want to take this time to congratulate the current General Manager of Calvo's Insurance, Paul Calvo, on this momentous anniversary. Exemplifying the spirit of his late grandfather, Paul began as an underwriter for the family business and worked his way up through administrative and management positions before being placed in charge of the day-to-day activities of Calvo's Insurance. His leadership in the wake of Supertyphoons Chata'an and Pongsona in 2002 was crucial to the prompt dispatch of insurance adjusters and subsequent processing of insurance claims throughout Guam.

To Calvo Enterprises and the entire Calvo family, congratulations! Thank you for your many years of leadership in the local business community, and I wish you continued success.

EVEN MORE GROUPS RALLY TO SUPPORT H. CON. RES. 330

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 25, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, H. Con. Res. 330, the International Human Rights Equality Act, addresses one of the most underreported areas of human rights violations, the persecution of an individual solely on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

At our recent press conference, Martin Ornelas-Quintero, Executive Director, of the National Latina/o Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and