

OHIO NUTRITION AND WIC
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my enthusiastic support to S. 2507, "The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004".

In January of this year, I urged the Committee on Education and the Workforce to include in this Reauthorization Act provisions to authorize fruit and vegetable pilot programs for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program.

The bill expands this program as well as the Summer Food Service Program. It also provides training and technical assistance to schools in program administration and targets benefits to low-income children.

The passage of this bill today is truly a landmark achievement, as it represents the most extensive amendments to the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (CNA). This legislation reauthorizes national school lunch and breakfast, child and adult care food, after-school snack, summer food service and special supplemental nutrition programs for (WIC), among others.

The bill also amends the Commodity Distribution Reform Act and WIC Amendments of 1987 and the Food Stamps Act of 1977 to streamline applications for school meal program benefits. It does so by establishing agreements between State Food Stamp Agencies and School Food Authorities.

Like my colleagues, I believe it is critical that our Nation's children have access to healthy and nutritional foods while attending school. The pilot program provided in this bill makes this possible.

Mr. Speaker, we are all well aware that childhood obesity is a major health issue in this Nation that must be addressed. Our children deserve to have healthy choices for their breakfast and lunch meals. For many of our children these meals are the only nutritionally complete meals they will eat throughout the week.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), an estimated 15 percent of children and adolescents ages 6–19 years were overweight in 1999–2000. This represents a 4 percent increase from the previous 1988–1994 estimates. Passage of this bill represents bipartisan and bicameral efforts to benefit the children of our country.

I firmly believe that this is the right bill at the right time for America's women and children.

IN MEMORY OF U.S. ARMY
PRIVATE VAN RYAN MARCUM**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2004

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of U.S. Army Private Van Ryan Marcum. Ryan passed away on June 19, 2004

during a training accident in Ft. Benning, GA. He was just 21 years old and a native of my hometown, Prescott, AR.

Upon graduation from high school, Ryan enlisted in the U.S. Army and was qualified for the elite Rangers program. Those who knew Ryan well say he was extremely intelligent, resourceful and determined. He had a love of flying and this passion drove him to become an airborne ranger.

Ryan enlisted for full time service in the U.S. Army where he received the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon.

My heartfelt condolences go out to Ryan's family. We have a lost a brave young man and his legacy will live on through those who knew him well and counted him as a friend.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MICHIO
OKA ONUMA**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2004

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary life and accomplishments of Michio Oka Onuma, a native San Franciscan who died peacefully at the age of 96 on May 15, 2004. Michio Onuma represented the best of San Francisco. She was a talented leader with a generous heart. She will be greatly missed.

Michio Onuma overcame many obstacles in her life. Graduating from the University of California at Berkeley in 1931, she was one of the few women college graduates of her generation of Japanese Americans. She managed as a single parent at a time when divorce was taboo. She overcame the prejudice that came with being Japanese American, including suffering interment, along with 120,000 fellow Japanese Americans, during World War 11.

During her long life, Michio Onuma had various careers, including as a social worker and a community newspaper reporter and editor. She never fully retired, working well into her eighties before cancer slowed her down. Fortunately, she recovered and remained vital and engaged until the end.

In the process of raising a family and having a career, Michio helped build and sustain community institutions that continue to flourish today. Michio Onuma persuaded the inaugural board of directors of the Japanese Community and Cultural Center of Northern California to build a community center. Michio Onuma was on the YWCA board in its early days when foresighted first generation Japanese American women raised funds to purchase a building for community use in perpetuity. Since these women were not allowed to own property outright, they left the property in trust with the YWCA organization with the understanding that the YWCA would follow their wishes. When the YWCA went back on its promise, Michio Onuma provided the historical documentation needed to negotiate the return of the YWCA into community hands. Nihonmachi Little Friends, a child care center serving the Japanese American community, is now the proud owner of the building.

Other recipients of Michio Onuma's leadership included organizations that she founded such as the Red Dots, a community golf club;

the Japanese Women's Alumnae Association at UC Berkeley; and Satsuki Kai, a Japanese wives group. Michio received a star on the Walk of Fame on Gene E. Suttle Plaza in 2003 for her work in the Western Addition of San Francisco, especially during the upheaval that redevelopment caused in the Japanese and African American communities in the late 1950s. She was also honored as a women warrior by the Pacific Asian American Women Bay Area Coalition as a symbol of what strong women can accomplish.

Michio Onuma was a visionary, a pioneer, and a strong leader who had a lasting impact on San Francisco. We are grateful to have had her with us for so long.

H.R. 4715, THE SPECTRUM
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**HON. JIM NUSSLE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2004

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I come before the House today to introduce H.R. 4715, the Spectrum Accountability Act, which supports the adherence to sound principles of spectrum auction management, particularly the use of competitive bidding. This bill addresses the requirement for spectrum auctions and the need for the efficient management of this finite resource. The competitive bidding process has already shown us that a fair market value is best attained through the use of competitive bidding.

At present, there is a disagreement over the proper statutory application of the Federal Communications Commission's requirement to conduct spectrum auctions. There are some who suggest that current communications law is unclear as to when an auction is required. This bill reaffirms the obvious intent of Congress to use the auction process and competitive bidding for the grant of commercial spectrum, and clarifies when the auction requirement is applicable.

Congress has a duty to efficiently manage Federal resources. This duty is the same whether the resource is actual taxpayer dollars or public assets, such as electromagnetic spectrum, which are held by the Government. While it is the Federal Communications Commission's role to handle the operational aspects of spectrum management, this function must be carried out as prescribed by communications law. Congress was quite clear that auctions and the competitive bidding process provide the most efficient and appropriate means for spectrum management; this bill will dispel any remaining misconceptions on the matter.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2005

SPEECH OF

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R.

4567) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Chairman, I wish to state for the record my vehement opposition to this amendment.

This amendment purports to deny funds to any state that permits undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses or other "comparable" identification documents and to deny funds to any state or local government that has passed a policy that limits disclosure of immigration status to federal authorities.

Withholding funds from local governments and from our frontline first responders in local level would undermine their effectiveness in a critical mission.

Local law enforcement authorities across the country have made it clear that if the federal government abrogates their responsibility and forces them to take on what is a federal obligation with regard to immigration enforcement, this will be an unfunded mandate, depleting critical resources of time and funding.

The effectiveness of local law enforcement, and our safety, depends on their being able to count on cooperation from their neighbors, regardless of their immigration status. When local authorities are perceived as immigration enforcers, immigrant communities, who may have critical information with regard to homeland security, will be very reluctant to cooperate or even speak with law enforcement.

Due to unfunded mandates and a neglect of real security needs at the local level, municipal governments and local police are already strained, and this amendment would increase that strain.

This would undermine homeland security, and the safety of immigrants themselves. In particular, victims of domestic violence would have to decide whether they are willing to risk deportation before seeking help from authorities.

This amendment would undermine security for all who reside in this country, and the safety of immigrants in particular. Immigrants who are victims of domestic violence would have to decide whether they are willing to risk deportation before seeking help and reporting abuse to authorities.

The provision withholding federal funds from states that permit undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses or other "comparable" identification documents is similarly nonsensical and counterintuitive.

I would think that those who rail against the presence of the undocumented in this country would welcome the opportunity to increase safety by allowing those who are undocumented to be identified by authorities. Allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain forms of identification would make the job of law enforcement easier, and allow immigrants access to necessary basic services such as opening a bank account. All other things being equal, it would be better to have more of the people who are in this country identified and to have as many drivers as possible obtain a proper license. Both of these conditions would contribute to increased public safety.

This amendment is an attempt to blackmail local governments into following an agenda that would endanger their safety, by threatening to take away critical resources. The States that would suffer the most from passage of this amendment include my own state

of Arizona as well as Alaska, California, Colorado, Washington, DC, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

I find it outrageous that a member of this body would suggest withholding critical funds, from programs such as the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, Byrne grants, and many others, just to impose an extreme personal view about what local governments should be doing. This is not the time for zealots to push unfunded mandates through bills providing for the security of us all.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN DAVID REYNOLDS, III

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2004

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge John David Reynolds, III of Memphis, Tennessee, in his dedication to service in his community. On Wednesday, June 16th, I joined John at the America's Promise to our Youth Inaugural Gala in Washington.

Founded in 1997 after the President's Summit for America's Future, America's Promise helps bring together communities to improve children's lives by making five promises. The five promises are: (1) ongoing relationships with caring adults—parents, mentors, tutors or coaches; (2) safe places with structured activities; (3) a healthy start and future; (4) marketable skills through an effective education; and (5) opportunities to serve through community service.

Given John's commitment to his peers and to community service, we owe it to him to fulfill these promises. To that end, I was pleased to join with America's Promise in making a down payment on those promises by presenting him at the gala a scholarship for post-secondary education.

He stands among his peers as a leader within their eyes and inspires them to reach within themselves to accomplish their goals. Therefore, it is appropriate to recognize his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this Nation.

John is a graduate of Kingsbury High School, where he took on many leadership roles. He was elected to student office in: FCCLA, President; BPA, Vice President; and DECA, President for the 2003–2004 school term. As an active member of all three chapters, he attended Peace Jam at Rhodes College in the Spring of 2004 and met with Nobel Peace Laureate Rigoberto Menchu Tum. During his time at Peace Jam, his FCCLA Chapter presented their own peace plans with over 20 other schools.

In BPA, John taught elementary school students computer basics and data entry skills, helping them prepare for junior high school. As a secondary project, he also helped the Memphis Food Bank with food drives and sorting food.

In DECA this John was part of an effort to collect 10,000 Pennies for Penguins in a drive for Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. The organization conducted a fashion show where they

collected \$700 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. John also participated in the creation of the "Johnville Project." This project was used to teach middle school students the importance of budgeting money, self-worth, and achieving goals.

I would also like to commend John for his accomplishments in numerous FCCLA, BPA, and DECA competitions. John placed second at FCCLA Regional and State BPA, and went to Nationals in DECA. He used each point as a stepping stone to improve upon his project, which took an entire eight months of diligent effort. In addition, he focused on creating a fitness center dedicated to improving the mental and physical health of teens.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend John David Reynolds for his tireless efforts to enrich the lives of the people in his community. Through his ability to confront challenges, and challenge others, he has become a leader among his peers. I commend him for his achievements and ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to him in the U.S. House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF KATHY MCCARTHY FOR HER YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2004

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today before this house I would like to honor and recognize Kathy McCarthy for her hard work and dedication to the citizens of Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District. After serving 14 years in both my office and that of former Congressman Toby Roth, Kathy has chosen to retire and pursue new endeavors outside of federal service.

Kathy McCarthy began her career in public service as a staff assistant and office manager with Congressman Roth. In that time she fulfilled a number of vital roles and coordinated numerous projects, including casework duties and student nominations to the United States Service Academies. During her tenure with Congressman Roth, Kathy earned the reputation of being a fierce advocate for constituents, and an indispensable member of the office.

After joining my staff in 1999, Kathy's expertise and acute understanding of casework issues proved vital in getting my office up and running. She was able to successfully assist thousands of constituents in navigating the maze of federal agencies, helping folks receive all the benefits and services they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize my friend Kathy McCarthy for her years of dedicated public service. My constituents, my staff and I are sad to see her go, but we are consoled by the fact that Kathy will soon be enjoying a long retirement with her family. From the bottom of my heart I say thank you, and wish her all the best in retirement.