

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE TAYLOR

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, on September 13, 2004, I was unavoidably detained in my congressional district while making preparations for the probable landfall of Hurricane Ivan. Unfortunately, I missed rollcall votes no. 441, 442 and 443. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of the rollcall votes.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to request unanimous consent to enter my statement into the record at the appropriate location.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SEAN LINDSTONE

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize Sean Lindstone, whose outstanding academic achievement has given him the opportunity to continue his education abroad. Sean has earned the prestigious Fulbright award to teach English as a foreign language in South Korea during the 2004–2005 academic year.

The Fulbright Program is the oldest of its kind in the United States and is designed to increase mutual understanding amongst international academia. Since its inception in 1946, the program has seen some 285,000 grantees. Recipients are selected on the basis of their academic, professional, and leadership potential within their respective fields.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Mr. Lindstone and his achievements, and wish him all the best to come in his travel and studies.

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HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Monday, September 13, 2004, the House had votes on H. Con. Res. 363, H. Res. 667, H. Res. 760. On House rollcall votes Nos. 441, 442, 443, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all three.

COMMON SENSE AUTOMOBILE EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2004

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that provides a credit for the purchase of new qualified fuel cell, hybrid, or other alternative fuel motor vehicle.

The Common Sense Automobile Efficiency Act of 2004 encourages consumers to purchase environmentally friendly vehicles that will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions while simultaneously reducing our country's oil dependence. It repeals the phase-out of the Qualified Electric Vehicles Credit and Deduction for Clean Fuel-Vehicles so that 100% of the credit can be claimed through 2006. Consumers would receive a tax credit of up to \$1,000 for hybrid gas-electric powered vehicles and \$4,000 for fuel-cell vehicles.

Making our environment cleaner and reducing our dependence on foreign oil requires the participation of all stakeholders, including both consumers and manufacturers.

Cars, SUVs and other light trucks consume millions of barrels of oil every day and emit harmful amounts of carbon dioxide, a principal greenhouse gas. Passenger vehicles alone account for one-fifth of all U.S. carbon dioxide emissions. With significant fuel economy and low tailpipe emissions, alternative-fuel and advanced-technology vehicles help to reduce the environmental impact of driving an automobile. Getting more miles out of a gallon of gas means lessening our dangerous reliance on oil, lowering levels of key air pollutants, and saving consumers money at the gas pumps.

All Americans need a choice in buying cars that can increase their fuel-efficiency. While the average fuel economy of vehicles on the road is at a twenty-one year low, gasoline prices continue to strain business and family budgets. Americans now spend more than \$500 million per day to fuel their cars and light trucks. Families deserve a more affordable way to get to work, school, vacation, home or any destination on the road. Businesses that rely on vehicles to function need the cost-efficiency of driving hybrid vehicles.

Although major automakers currently offer advanced technology and alternative fuel vehicles and plan to produce a full range of fuel-efficient options, including SUVs, mini vans, and pickup trucks, the cleanest vehicles available to the public should be more economical.

The tax incentives provided by this bill would not only save consumers money—but spur market demand for more fuel-efficient vehicles. As people around the country embrace cleaner, more efficient cars, American automobile manufacturers must continue to improve fuel efficiency in order not to lose market share and jobs. This bill would help automakers invest in the production of alternative fuel motor vehicles—and accelerate the introduction of newer models into the marketplace.

The Common Sense Automobile Efficiency Act provides a win-win situation for consumers, the economy, and the environment. It offers valuable incentives for the purchase and production of alternative vehicles and fuels—and enables consumers to help limit fuel consumption, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and protect our air quality.

IN PRAISE OF SAM BUDNYK

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to praise Sam Budnyk, a remarkable coach in South Florida who is retiring this year as head foot-

ball coach for the Cardinal Newman High School Crusaders in West Palm Beach.

After 43 years as the school's only head football coach ever, Coach Budnyk has decided to retire his position. He also coached men's basketball and women's softball and track over the course of his career.

As first coach and athletic director, Coach Budnyk was responsible for pushing both minority and women's rights in high school athletics in Palm Beach County.

In 1965, he hired the first African-American assistant football coach to work at a private school in the state. By 1967, he was the first coach in the county in an all-white high school to have a football game against the all-black John F. Kennedy High School. In 1973, he was recognized by the National Organization for Women for allowing the first girl in Palm Beach County to run varsity track.

Not only have his victories been represented on the playing field, they also have resonated through the student-athletes who went on to various college institutions on scholarships and completed their education successfully. As the winningest coach in Palm Beach County history, Coach Budnyk was responsible for sending at least three of his Crusader football players to the NFL.

Sam Budnyk is a legend in his own time among all those who have met him, learned from him, became better people because of him—including my own father, who had the honor of serving as his assistant coach in football, baseball, basketball and track in the late '60s.

Sam Budnyk will still contribute at Cardinal Newman by remaining its athletic director and by teaching there. But his presence on the football field will be missed.

I would like to congratulate and thank him for all his selfless years of giving that have affected countless Newman graduates.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, due to a prior commitment in my district, I missed the following rollcall votes yesterday: rollcall number 441 on passage of H. Con. Res. 363, rollcall number 442 on passage of H. Res. 667, and rollcall number 443 on passage of H. Res. 760. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all of these votes.

HONORING RANCHO SANTA FE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society on their 20th anniversary, commemorating two decades of public service. The Society dedicates itself to preserving and documenting local history; while educating members of the community and visitors on such matters.

The Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society received national attention for its World War II Veterans Oral History Project. The Society has also published a book, *Rancho Santa Fe: A California Village*, which was just printed in its fifth edition. The book captures the distinctive beauty and an architectural quality of one of California's first planned communities through early and contemporary photographs.

In 1989 Rancho Santa Fe was designated a California State Historic Landmark. The Society provides educational tours and lectures to students of all ages, and graciously offers their archives to researchers. Also, via the Architectural Review Committee, the Society offers expertise and advice on the preservation of historic homes.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to share with you the contributions and accomplishments of the Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society. Their enthusiasm and earnest efforts over the past 20 years have contributed greatly to the community of Rancho Santa Fe.

HONORING DAVID D'ERAMO, Ph.D.

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David D'Eramo, Ph.D. on the occasion of his retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

Not only has Dr. D'Eramo led St. Francis through a period of tremendous change during his sixteen year tenure, he has extended the reach of critical programs and services to our communities through the development of St. Francis Care.

His leadership has gone well beyond the walls of the hospital through his volunteer service and the chairmanship of key civic organizations, such as the MetroHartford Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Hartford Arts Council.

On a national level, Dr. D'Eramo has been deeply involved in the development of health policy through leadership and service with the American Hospital Association, the Catholic Health Association, and the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. D'Eramo for his many accomplishments and for his contributions to the health and well being of the citizens of Connecticut and beyond.

ANNUAL DINNER OF ROFEH INTERNATIONAL AND THE NEW ENGLAND CHASSIDIC CENTER

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, for many years I've had the great privilege of sharing with my colleagues and the nation the description of those who are being honored by ROFEH International and the New England Chassidic Center. This year, the dinner for these two valuable institutions will be held on

November 14, and the awardees are Dr. Edwin H. Kolodny, and Mr. Daniel M. Wyner.

Dr. Kolodny will receive the "ROFEH International Distinguished Service Award," for his very charitable service, and the great distinction he has achieved in the fields of birth defects, genetic diseases of the nervous system, and mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

The "Man of the Year," Daniel Wyner, has performed outstanding service to the New England Chassidic Center and to the Greater Boston Jewish Community as a whole.

These two organizations, under the leadership of Grand Rabbi Levi Y. Horowitz, make extremely important contributions to the religious, cultural and social life of Greater Boston, and indeed have a relevant impact in the medical field. I am pleased to join in honoring Mr. Wyner and Dr. Kolodny, and I ask unanimous consent to include here biographies of both men as an example of the sort of valuable community service that we should be encouraging through appropriate recognition.

Dr. Edwin H. Kolodny is a renowned neurologist and geneticist. He is the Bernard A. and Charlotte Marden Professor of Neurology and Chairman of the Department of Neurology at the New York University School of Medicine and Director of its Division of Neurogenetics. He is a specialist in inherited metabolic and degenerative diseases of the nervous system and has made many contributions to the field of Jewish genetic diseases. He serves on many scientific advisory boards and has authored numerous articles in leading medical journals.

A native of Brookline, Massachusetts and graduate of the Boston Latin School, he received his A.B. from Harvard College (cum laude in Economics) and his M.D. from the NYU School of Medicine (with honors). Dr. Kolodny trained in Internal Medicine for 2 years at Bellevue Hospital in New York and completed his Neurology residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. After 3 additional years of training in Neurochemistry at the NIH in Bethesda, Maryland, he returned to Boston and the Harvard Medical School where he rose to Professor of Neurology and Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center for Mental Retardation.

Dr. Kolodny is the recipient of numerous awards and honors for his work as a clinician, researcher and teacher. These include the Alpha Omega Alpha Award of the NYU School of Medicine, the Above and Beyond Award of the National Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases Association, and listing in "Best Doctors in the U.S." He has also served as a Visiting Professor at medical schools in Israel and elsewhere overseas.

Dr. Edwin Kolodny and his wife, Dr. Roselyn Kolodny, a pediatrician, have four children, Nancy Lieberman, Dr. Leonard Kolodny, Robin Leshem, and Noah Kolodny, two son-in-laws, Ralph and Erez, and two daughter-in-laws, Debby and Michelle, of whom they are equally proud, and fabulous grandchildren Naomi, Tamar, Benjamin, Daniel, and Sarah.

Dan Wyner is President of Shawmut Corporation, a fourth generation family business that manufactures innovative textile composites for the Automotive, Medical, Military and Industrial markets, with three plants in Massachusetts and Michigan. Dan has worked for Shawmut for over 23 years, working alongside his grandfather, father and most recently, one of his brothers.

In addition to his role at Shawmut, Dan is one of the founders of Omniflex LLC; a Western Massachusetts based technical film supplier, and currently serves as a director of Omniflex, which is a Shawmut Joint Venture. He is also one of the founders of PolyWorks LLC; a Rhode Island based low-pressure injection molding company and serves on its board of directors.

In addition to his business interest, Dan has worked to support a number of charitable organizations.

Over the past several years, Dan and his wife Lorna have been supporters of ROFEH International, helping in the development and renovation of ROFEH's residential facility for the benefit of families of Bone Marrow Transplant patients.

Dan presently serves on the board of trustees of the Rhode Island chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as treasurer of that organization, and he and his wife Lorna are significant supporters of the Society, supporting both direct research projects, annual fundraising events, and recruiting for and participating in this year's Team in Training Cyclefest 100-mile bike ride.

Dan is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Alperin Schechter Day School in Providence, RI where their daughter Madelyn is a fourth grade student. Dan is also a member of the Board of Overseers at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Dan and his wife support a number of other charitable causes, including the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, University of Washington Medical Center, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital and the American Jewish Historical Society.

Dan is a graduate of Dartmouth College where he majored in Philosophy. He, together with his wife and daughter, live on a small horse farm in Rhode Island. In his spare time Dan plays tennis, pilots ultra-light aircraft and does some wheel-thrown pottery.

DON ARTH, LEADER IN MISSOURI AGRICULTURE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Don Arth of Malta Bend, Missouri, will soon retire from the Missouri Corn Merchandising Council and the Missouri Corn Growers Association Board. Let me take this means to pay tribute to this outstanding American who has contributed much to Missouri agriculture, especially the corn growers of our State.

Don Arth graduated from Corder High School in 1957 and worked for several years at Mason Chevrolet in Lexington, Missouri, and at Ford Motor Company in Claycomo, Missouri. With his brother Bob Arth and Uncles Lewis, John, and Frank Arth, he began farming in 1962 in the Missouri River bottoms of Waverly and Grand Pass, Missouri, an area known as White's Island. Don continues to farm these fields today with his youngest brother, Michael Arth of Grand Pass, Missouri.

Throughout his career in agriculture, Don has exhibited tremendous leadership in the corn producer community. He has served as a