

Loans (EIDLs) at the Small Business Administration and the Emergency Loans at the Department of Agriculture so that small businesses and farms that suffer direct economic injury by, or are likely to suffer direct economic injury by, significant increases in the prices of heating oil, propane, kerosene, natural gas, or electricity are eligible to apply for those loans.

The United States economy should not be held hostage to foreign oil interests. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of our small businesses and farms.

RECOGNIZING ARSENIO P. "SAM" SANCHEZ FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CLEARLAKE, CA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Arsenio P. "Sam" Sanchez for his outstanding service on the City Council of Clearlake, California. His outstanding leadership and commitment has significantly benefited the people of Clearlake and he will be sorely missed upon his retirement.

Mr. Sanchez has dedicated 18 years and 10 months of his life to serving on the City Council. He has achieved the status of the longest tenured council member in the city's history. In 1984 he was first elected and served until 1990 and because of his efforts on behalf of the community he was again elected in 1992 and served until 2004. During this time he has served as Mayor for three terms and also as Vice Mayor for three terms.

Mr. Sanchez's expertise is matched only by his dedication to improving his community and his tremendous work ethic. He has served as a longstanding member on the Lake County Coordinated Resource Management Committee and on the Area Planning Council (APC). He has shown his devotion as a longstanding member of the Lake Transit Authority Board of directors. In appreciation for all of his contributions over the years, a new transit building in Lower Lake will be named after him. The building will be known officially as "The Lamkin-Sanchez Transit Operations Center."

While serving our community for numerous years on the City Council, Arsenio has also served in Army Intelligence. He committed over 25 years of his life to Army Intelligence before retiring.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, because of the many contributions he has made to the city of Clearlake, it is proper for us to honor Arsenio P. "Sam" Sanchez as he retires from the City Council and extend our very best wishes to him in his retirement.

HONORING FRANK JOHNSON ON HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to an

outstanding member of the community of Naugatuck, Connecticut, Franklin Johnson. Frank recently celebrated his eightieth birthday and it is for that milestone that I stand today to extend to him my sincere congratulations.

It is not often that you find an individual who dedicates a lifetime of professional and volunteer service to his community. It is individuals such as these that make a real difference in the lives of others. Throughout his lifetime, Frank has been just this kind of citizen. Born and raised in the Borough of Naugatuck, he has always demonstrated a unique dedication to public service—especially to our veterans and young people.

After graduating from high school, Frank enlisted in the Army serving his nation in the D-Day invasion, the liberation of Paris, and the Battle of the Bulge. His dedication to the men and women of America's armed services have never wavered. For over fifty years, Frank has ensured that their dedication—especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice—is remembered and honored with a ceremony which is held at Naugatuck High School the Friday before Memorial Day. Frank has also served as the Post Commander of American Legion Post 17 and, for the last sixteen years, as the Chairman of the Naugatuck Veterans Council, has been responsible for the organization and production of the Naugatuck Memorial Day Parade. Through all of his outstanding work, Frank has ensured that the service and courage of our veterans as well as that of the brave men and women who currently serve in our nation's armed forces, is remembered with the respect and dignity they so richly deserve.

I have often spoke of our nation's need for talented, creative individuals willing to help our children learn and grow. In the course of his thirty-eight year career at Naugatuck High School as a teacher, guidance counselor, and administrator, Frank was just that kind of educator. His professional life was dedicated to helping our young people access and obtain the tools and skills they would need as they pursued their own dreams.

This year, as he celebrates his eightieth birthday, Frank can reflect on his lifetime of invaluable contributions with pride. We are fortunate indeed to have such a dedicated individual whose generosity and compassion has touched the lives of so many. I am proud to stand today to join his wife, Jeanne, his children, grandchildren, family, friends, and the Naugatuck community in wishing Franklin Johnson the very best as he celebrates his eightieth year. He has left an indelible mark on this community and a legacy which is sure to inspire others for generations to come. Frank Johnson is a true community treasure. HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRANK!

CONGRATULATING PAUL GOLIAS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to my good friend Paul L. Golias, who is retiring at the end of this month from the Citizens' Voice newspaper in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Paul and I have a long history together, going back to my life well before I ran for Congress. As a young attorney, I was involved in many public issues which Paul covered as a young reporter. I learned to trust him to be fair and accurate when I represented a minority bloc of authority members who filed suit to cancel a corrupt sewage treatment plant contract.

Paul has journalism in his blood. He loves the chase of a good story and sees journalists as watchdogs, holding the government accountable for its actions. His colleagues have nothing but praise for his integrity and ethics.

He spent his entire life in the newspaper business, starting as a mailroom employee for the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company when he was a high school student in 1959. Paul "paid his dues" in the business, first working as a copyboy and librarian before moving up the ranks to reporter.

Paul got his first reporting job with the Wilkes-Barre Record in 1965. Three years later, he went over to The Times Leader/The Evening News.

Paul came to the Citizens' Voice and became night city editor in 1979. He helped the newspaper in its quick transition to publishing seven days a week. In 1982, he was named managing editor, a position he held for 22 years. This past year, Paul left that position to be a columnist. Thousands of readers, including myself, have enjoyed his wit and insight.

Throughout his career, Paul worked on a number of stories that had a tremendous impact on Northeastern Pennsylvania. In 1972, Paul covered the flooding that Tropical Storm Agnes caused, leaving more than 20,000 people homeless and causing \$1 billion in damage. More than 20 years later, Paul used this experience to lead the coverage of the flood of January 1996, noting the importance of levees along the Susquehanna River to protect the Wyoming Valley.

Paul wrote a series on the decline of the garment industry in our region that won an award from the Associated Press. In his first year as managing editor, he led his staff's coverage of the mass murder of 13 people in 1982.

Because of his lifelong commitment to the community, Paul always recognized the significance of events which casual observers often missed. During the debate over redistricting in late 2001, he understood that dividing Luzerne County into three Congressional districts would have been devastating to the region. Paul ran daily stories with accompanying maps to highlight the folly of the initial plan. Public outcry stopped the redistricting plan. The district which I represent today exists in large part because of the Citizens' Voice reporting, which Paul directed.

As a citizen, Paul felt that being active in the community was important. He served on the boards of the former Welfare Planning Council, Catholic Youth Center, Valley Santa and the advisory board for of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Boy Scouts of America.

In addition to serving on the advisory board, Paul also served as both a cubmaster and scoutmaster for 10 years. He coached a seniors' softball and a teenagers' baseball team.

Paul fulfilled his civic duty as a member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. For six years, he served in the First Battalion, 109th Field Artillery, attaining the rank of staff sergeant.

Above all, Paul has been a good father and grandfather while committing himself to a business in which it is sometimes difficult to maintain a strong family relationship. Paul is married to Elaine Marie Hudak of Hanover Township. They have two sons, Joseph and Kenneth, and one daughter, Lynn. One thing is certain—I am sure the Golias household was filled with colorful stories. Paul has four grandchildren, Katie and Paul Golias and Meghan and James McGuire.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating Paul on a 39-year career filled with accomplishments. Paul Golias has made tremendous contributions to our community, and it is an honor to call him my friend and a privilege to serve him in Congress. I wish him a retirement filled with joyful times with his family.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE ACT OF 2004

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce the Energy Independence Act, a bill that would direct the Secretary of Energy to develop and transmit to Congress a strategic plan to ensure that the United States is energy self-sufficient in 10 years.

Like an investment portfolio, a successful national energy portfolio must be a balanced and diverse portfolio. It should include traditional fossil fuel sources like oil, coal, and natural gas; emerging technologies like fuel cells; and traditional alternative energy sources such as solar and wind generation. It should balance incentives for efficiency and conservation with innovative methods of new generation.

However, the United States imported an average of over 12 million barrels of oil per day in 2003 from foreign countries to meet our domestic energy needs, totaling nearly 4.5 billion barrels during all of that year. Even at last year's comparatively modest average price of \$31 per barrel, that adds up to almost \$140 billion spent on foreign oil.

Today, with the average price of a barrel of crude oil up another \$10 from last year to about \$40 and with average daily imports remaining roughly the same, America's expenditures to purchase foreign oil increased to more than \$180 billion this year. This is clearly not a balanced approach to energy.

Today, we have before us, for the first time in human history, the technology to provide clean, reliable energy for every person, home, business, and vehicle in America. With this technology, we have the opportunity to end once and for all America's reliance on foreign energy sources while at the same time creating quality, highly skilled jobs for the next century in a new and expanding technological field.

This proposal returns to the American people one of the fundamental rights defining this nation: independence. Through it we can establish long-term energy independence for individual Americans, specifically, independence from foreign energy sources, independence from the current over-burdensome and inefficient energy infrastructure, and independence from environmentally destructive energy sources.

It will provide for the security of the country in both economic and military terms by eliminating our reliance on foreign energy sources.

The Energy Independence Act requires the Secretary of Energy to examine and report on the status of existing energy technology and domestic resources as well as developing energy generation and transmission technologies, focusing on their integration into an overall national energy portfolio to meet the stated goal of achieving energy self-sufficiency within 10 years.

It also requires that the plan include recommendations to Congress for targeted research and development in promising new energy generation and transmission technologies, and funding levels necessary for specific programs and research efforts necessary to implement a plan providing for the energy self-sufficiency of the United States within the next 10 years.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and make energy independence a reality for America.

RECOGNIZING JAMES L. McMURRAY FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CLEARLAKE, CA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James L. McMurray, who is retiring from the City Council of Clearlake, California. James's outstanding contributions and dedication to our community are truly appreciated.

James has dedicated 8 years of his life to service on the City Council and has served two consecutive 4-year terms beginning in 1996. He has had the privilege of serving as Mayor for three terms and as Vice Mayor for two terms.

James has made many contributions to the community through his service on the City Council. He has strengthened the City's finances and he has put an end to the ongoing usage of dangerous buildings all over the city. His most passionate issue was Measure P, which ensured the repair of many California schools in need. These outstanding accomplishments are just a few of his many achievements.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, James L. McMurray set the standard of hard work that should be followed in all communities. His commitment to our community has been shown time and time again. For these reasons and countless others, it is most appropriate that we honor him at the time of his retirement and extend our best wishes to him.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF RALPH R. ESPARZA

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Ralph R. Esparza who,

in his 25 years of service to the City of Los Angeles, has demonstrated his unwavering commitment and dedication to improving the living conditions of the city's residents.

Throughout his career Mr. Esparza has successfully led many of the city's key housing departments and programs. After only 4 years as a Rehabilitation Project Coordinator in the Community Development Department, he was promoted in 1983, to be the Community Housing Program Manager where he oversaw the federal Section 8 New Construction program.

Mr. Esparza's skill and enthusiasm in managing complex housing and community development projects led to his appointment as Assistant Chief Grants Administrator for the Community Development Department. Later, he was instrumental in the creation of the Los Angeles Housing Department, where in 1990, took charge of planning, operation, and management of the city's housing programs.

From 1995 to 1996 and again from 1997 to 2000, Mr. Esparza served as Director of the Program Support Division. In the year between his two directorships, he administered multiple programs including the Davis-Bacon Compliance Monitoring Program and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program.

In 2000, Mr. Esparza's exceptional management skills were once again called upon as the Assistant General Manager of the Housing Department. Under his guidance, the Housing Department ushered in a new century with creative solutions to help address the affordable housing crisis and to improve the quality of life for the residents of Los Angeles.

For his commitment and leadership and for improving the homes and lives of Los Angelenos, I thank Mr. Esparza and I wish him well in his future endeavors.

ARIZONA WATER SETTLEMENTS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RICK RENZI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, although I have had reservations about the passage of S. 437 without agreements in place for certain other key parties, including the San Carlos Apache Tribe, I support the passing of the bill based upon several understandings outlined below.

It is my understanding that the provisions of the bill are not intended to and should not be construed to amend or alter the San Carlos Apache Tribe's water and related rights. Title IV of S. 437 seeks to protect the San Carlos Apache Tribe by ensuring that none of the provisions of titles I, II, or III or the agreements, attachments, exhibits, or stipulations referenced in those titles can be construed to amend, alter, or limit the authority of the United States or the San Carlos Apaches to assert any claim, including water rights claims.

During the development of the bill, and at hearings on the bill, this Tribe raised a number of issues of concern to it regarding potential adverse effects of the legislation on its water rights. The Tribe and I were assured that the provisions of the other titles would not adversely affect their water rights. With those and other assurances, I withdrew my objection