

IN HONOR OF GARY M. KLINGLER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Air Traffic Manager, Gary M. Klingler, upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly forty years of outstanding federal service with the Cleveland Air Route Traffic Control Center.

In 1970, Mr. Klingler began his career as an air traffic controller at the Youngstown, Ohio Control Tower. He also served as a Navy flight instructor at the Advanced Jet Training Command. Mr. Klingler's federal service is framed by expertise, integrity and unwavering focus on safety, and has improved standards and procedures in all areas of flight operations in many Airport Control Towers throughout our country, including Flint, Michigan; Jackson, Michigan; Springfield, Ohio; Washington, DC and here in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Klingler is the recipient of numerous commendations and awards from the FAA, including the "Manager of the Year" award, "Above and Beyond" award, and the "Wings of Excellence" award. His efforts in enhancing the overall safety at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport were recognized by the White House with a "Hammer Award." Beyond his professional excellence, Mr. Klingler is an exemplary role model, citizen and friend. His many years of community involvement has enhanced the foundations of our Cleveland community, as well as the communities of Detroit and Saline, Michigan. He has served on many civic boards and organizations, including the Far West Detroit Civic Association and the Cleveland Federal Executive Board, and continues to lend his assistance to others in need.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in offering my friend, Gary M. Klingler, our appreciation and admiration on his significant service and accomplishments with the FAA—an exemplary career that spans nearly forty years. His vision, expertise and focus on air safety has served to enhance the security in our travels across the skies above Cleveland, Ohio, and across the country. Additionally, his concern for the people of his community continues to have a positive impact within many levels of our society. I wish Mr. Klingler and his entire family many blessings of peace, health and happiness, today and throughout the coming years.

TRIBUTE TO JAY VAN DEN BERG

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jay Van Den Berg, a distinguished community leader in Southwest Michigan for the past 30 years. Today, leaders from throughout the community are gathering at Michigan Works, to honor Jay's accomplishments and pay homage to a job well done as he is retiring from his numerous leadership posts.

Jay started his career as a teacher, selflessly giving all he had to each of his stu-

dents, before moving on to a long, industrious career as an executive with the Whirlpool Corporation. Although he was working in the private sector, Jay utilized his leadership to promote academic achievement and excellence in our schools across the region, netting him more than a dozen state and national education awards.

Jay was a tireless advocate for bringing business and education together to create a stronger community. He could always be seen serving in leadership positions throughout Southwest Michigan whether it was with the Business Roundtable, Michigan Business Leaders for Education Excellence, The Michigan Works Workforce Development Board and many many others.

Through Jay's valiant leadership, the HOSTS mentoring program was established in Benton Harbor, and since then hundreds of students improved their reading scores and have been given the opportunity to succeed in school, as well as in life. His tireless work with the career preparation systems in Berrien, Van Buren and Cass Counties have become a national model and have enabled our young students to raise their test scores, allowing them to seek post-secondary education. These are just 2 of the examples of Jay's great work with the young people of our community.

Education plays such an important role in the lives of our young people, and it is because of people like Jay Van Den Berg, that many have had the opportunity to succeed. I stand today, with the folks of the great sixth district of Michigan, to give a heartfelt "thank you" to Jay, and wish him a long and enjoyable retirement.

LEGISLATION ON BEHALF OF SC JOHNSON**HON. PAUL RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation on behalf of SC Johnson, a family-owned and family-managed company headquartered in Racine, Wisconsin. The company is a global manufacturer and marketer of a broad range of well known consumer household brands including WINDEX, RAID, GLADE, PLEDGE, EDGE shaving gel, ZIPLOC and SCRUBBING BUBBLES. SC Johnson has 12,000 employees worldwide and 3,000 employees located in Racine, WI.

We must help manufacturers like SC Johnson remain competitive in the global marketplace so that good, high-paying manufacturing jobs are retained in Wisconsin and throughout the United States. Over the past few years, our State has lost over 77,000 manufacturing jobs. We must bring down the cost of manufacturing at home so that we can stem the job loss and help companies create new jobs for hard-working Americans.

The 2 bills that I am offering today will help accomplish this important objective by suspending duties for multiple components of unique air freshener products that are imported from abroad and incorporated into finished products assembled by SC Johnson in the United States. One of the devices is a continuous-action device that pumps fragrance throughout a room. The other device is

plugged into an electrical outlet and diffuses warmed fragrance throughout an area. No comparable products are produced in this country. Suspending the tariffs will bring down SC Johnson's costs of doing business at home and benefit the SC Johnson employees who live and work at the company's world headquarters in Racine and at other locations throughout the United States.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to pass this legislation.

HONORING VICE ADMIRAL PHILLIP M. BALISLE, UNITED STATES NAVY**HON. DAN BOREN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vice Admiral Phillip M. Balisle, United States Navy, who is retiring after more than 36 years of faithful service to our nation.

A native of Idabel, Oklahoma, Vice Admiral Balisle began his career in 1969 as a Seaman Recruit in the Naval Reserve while attending Oklahoma State University. After attending Officer Candidate School he was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy in 1970.

During the years that followed, Vice Admiral Balisle accrued an impressive operational career highlighted by command of USS KIDD (DDG 993), USS ANZIO (CG 68), Cruiser Destroyer Group THREE and the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group. Ashore he commanded NAVCOMMSTA United Kingdom and served as Director Theater Air Warfare and Director Surface Warfare on the Chief of Naval Operations' staff.

Throughout his career Vice Admiral Balisle has been a visionary. Examples of his initiatives and contributions are the conceptualization for establishment of the Afloat Training Group, the Joint Theater and Air Missile Defense Organization, the Joint Single Integrated Air Picture System Engineer Organization, the Navy's Distributed Engineering Plant, the Distance Support Concept and the Navy Virtual Systems Command. He also was a leader in the development of numerous combat systems programs and initiatives, as well as developing the concept for the Navy's newest shipbuilding program, the Littoral Combatant Ship.

In his most recent assignment as Commander of the Naval Sea Systems Command, Vice Admiral Balisle led unprecedented organizational change amid a historic time of overall Navy transformation.

Initiating a multi-phased approach to continual command transformation, he directed an unprecedented Headquarters realignment, including the establishment of five radically reshaped Program Executive Offices and the creation of a Warfare Systems Engineering Directorate and a Human Systems Integration Directorate. This realignment resulted in a 20 percent personnel downsizing—done without a single RIF. The Human Systems Integration Directorate is fundamentally changing how the Navy engineers its ships around the Sailor, shaping a new Sea Warrior skills based focus. He also established a disciplined Technical Authority process as a vital NAVSEA mission component.

Vice Admiral Balisle launched a shipyard transformation plan anchored by the "One Shipyard" concept to level-load our nuclear-capable public and private yards, mobilize and share resources, develop common business practices and stabilize the country's entire ship repair industry as a vital national asset.

He significantly changed the business model for NAVSEA's warfare centers that had been in place for decades, shifting from decentralized independent geographically focused business sectors to a corporate national warfare center enterprise. This included the establishment of nationally focused product area directors, along with work assignment executives and a retooled teaming structure that eliminates geographic boundaries and better enables mission execution and resource sharing across an integrated NAVSEA Warfare Center enterprise. Through these unprecedented corporate realignments, NAVSEA positioned itself to be an agile, responsive organization to meet the unpredictable demands of a long and challenging Global War Against Terror while supporting the development and construction of a transformed 21st Century Navy.

Concurrent and complementary to this organization and business process reshaping, Vice Admiral Balisle introduced to NAVSEA a reinvigorated, disciplined program to establish, preserve and revitalize the workforce and work assignment to support Technical Authority execution, the cornerstone responsibilities of the government to operate safely and as a responsive peer of industry. He significantly changed the Navy's contracting approach and vehicles for services and ship maintenance with the introduction of a nationwide Seaport services contract and Multi-ship, Multi-option contracts for ship class maintenance availability.

Central to all these initiatives, Vice Admiral Balisle established NAVSEA's Task Force Lean to put in place and accelerate the implementation and expansion of Lean and Six Sigma business processes across the NAVSEA enterprise, achieving dramatic improvements in operating efficiency and process execution.

Vice Admiral Balisle has been a foremost architect in helping to shape the 21st Century Navy to meet the needs of our nation in executing the Global War Against Terrorism and building and equipping tomorrow's fleet.

He is an individual of uncommon character and his professionalism will be sincerely missed. I am proud, Mr. Speaker, to thank him for his honorable service in the United States Navy, and to wish him "fair winds and following seas" as he closes his distinguished military career.

PROTECTING THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND FROM THE ANTIDEFICIENCY ACT

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, last fall, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) concluded that some components of the Universal Service Fund (USF) are subject to the Antideficiency Act, even though USF dollars are not paid out of the U.S. Treasury. This un-

expected interpretation disrupted an important component of the universal service program for nearly 6 months and resulted in the Universal Service Administrative Company losing millions of dollars in investments that would otherwise have been used to support communications services in rural and high cost areas, as well as the E-Rate program for school districts and libraries.

Congress intervened late last year by temporarily exempting the USF from the Antideficiency Act until December 31, 2005. That exemption will be expiring soon, and many believe the Antideficiency Act also threatens to disrupt the much larger High Cost and Low Income USF programs. It is vital that Congress address this issue as soon as possible to permanently eliminate the uncertainty hanging over the entire USF.

That's why I am introducing legislation, along with Representative GONZALES, to permanently exempt the USF from the Antideficiency Act. This is a necessary step to ensure that consumers will continue to have access to quality telecommunications services and our schools and libraries will have Internet connectivity, all at affordable rates.

This is a bipartisan initiative that enjoys support from a broad coalition of stakeholders in the telecommunications, high-tech, educational arenas, as well as local governments and public interest organizations. This is a companion measure to a bill introduced in the other body, which also has broad bipartisan support. Fixing the situation is a time-sensitive matter and Representative GONZALES and I urge our colleagues to support this measure and help us work toward prompt passage.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF HOWARD W. BROADBENT

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Howard W. Broadbent, dedicated family man, friend and mentor to many, talented attorney and United States veteran.

Mr. Broadbent was born in Cleveland and graduated from Cleveland Heights High School. His studies at Ohio State University were interrupted for the call to duty during WWII, where he served as a Lieutenant and Amphibious Boat Officer in the United States Navy. After the war, he completed his studies at OSU, and ultimately earned a law degree with honors from Case Western Reserve University Law School.

Mr. Broadbent began working at the law firm of James M. and John J. Carney, and specialized in zoning and real estate. He eventually formed the Carney & Broadbent Law Firm, specializing again in real estate and corporate matters. As an expert regarding zoning issues, Mr. Broadbent was consistently sought out for his advice and opinion by mayors, council representatives and planning and zoning board members from across the county. He also served as law director for Middleburg Heights, and served as substitute judge for the Rocky River Municipal Court. Additionally, Mr. Broadbent served on the Board of the Cuyahoga County Port Authority.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Howard W. Broadbent. He was married for fifty-five years to his beloved wife, Dorothy, who passed away in 2003. His friendship, commitment to his family, and his dedicated service to our country will be remembered always. I offer my condolences to his daughters, Diane and Kitty, and son Jack; his grandson, Douglas; his brother, John, and his many extended family members and friends.

TRIBUTE TO ROY B. KEPPEY

HON. JAMES A. LEACH

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, this weekend was marked by the passing of Roy B. Keppy.

Roy Keppy was a symbol of Iowa. No family farmer has ever been held in higher esteem. No hog producer has won more honors or been more revered.

Roy's concerns were always for quality. Whether raising hogs, corn, soy beans or children, his work ethic was the same. Every moment of every day he worked to the best of his ability, and then some more.

While Roy's formal education ended at J.B. Young Middle School in Davenport, he earned a Ph.D. in life. He was a leader: on the farm, in his community, for his country. At various points in time, he coaxed more corn and beans per acre from his wonderful Scott County soil than anyone in the state, and he raised hogs which won more state and national blue ribbons than anyone in the history of hog competitions.

At the community level, he led, it seemed, every farm organization; at the national level, he headed Farmers for Ford and played a key agricultural role in the election of two presidents named Bush. As for Congress, there is no individual whose advice I respected more; no one to whom I am more indebted.

Two anecdotes stand out. One was a comment the former Secretary of Agriculture Earle Butz made to me. He said one day that the finest agricultural speech he ever heard was given by Roy Keppy when it was announced he would lead President Ford's agricultural team. What was so impressive about this comment was the fact that Earle Butz was generally considered the best public speaker on agriculture in his generation. But he deferred to Roy Keppy.

The second is about the time Roy manipulated a cord in his barn so that when his guest, George W. Bush, was speaking, gentle pieces of corn would fall on his slightly balding pate. The Secret Service never understood what a mischievous host the candidate they were assigned to protect had.

Roy's passing symbolizes the end of an era in Iowa life.

As we his friends contemplate and, in effect, celebrate, the meaning of his time on earth, we too are obligated to work hard to insure that Roy's death does not mark the end of a breed. Roy will always stand out, but our country will be diminished if he is the last of the hands-on farmers who by second nature serve their community and then by acclamation of their peers, unrelated to gall or personal ambition, are asked to provide leadership to their country.