

cuts were made without consideration by the full Agriculture Committee to determine how this will effect risk-management services farmers in Kansas rely upon. With nearly every county in Kansas being declared as a federal disaster area in 2007, we should think long and hard about cuts to the federal crop insurance program. It is disappointing that Democrat leadership chose to make this cut without first considering what it will mean for America's farmers.

Another harmful provision included last-minute in the farm bill would apply Davis-Bacon act wages to new ethanol plants being built if those plants utilize loans or grants from the USDA. This provision negates any positive benefit that would have been provided by the USDA's loan guarantee program. By artificially dictating what wages have to be paid to workers constructing a new ethanol plant, the farm bill will result in increased ethanol costs. This translates to higher costs at the pump for consumers of ethanol-blended gasoline. Instead of allowing price competition for newly constructed ethanol plants that access USDA loans or grants, this artificial wage provision is another example of unnecessary federal manipulation in a private-market matter.

I am also disappointed the bill included a prohibition on States being able to use private contractors to perform administrative functions for the food stamp program. States that choose to enact reforms within their systems to provide better food-stamp services at a savings to taxpayers are denied that ability under H.R. 2419. Rather than defer to States and allow some common-sense savings for taxpayers, the Democrats have drafted a farm bill that restricts certain reforms at the State level.

The commodity title of H.R. 2419 proposes a commodity spending cut of 42 percent compared with the 2002 farm bill. The 2007 farm bill proposes \$42 billion in baseline spending on commodities, representing just 14 percent of the entire farm bill. I think Kansas farmers deserve better.

As a State that is renowned for being the breadbasket of the world, Kansas and its farmers deserve a farm bill that provides a solid safety net while remaining fiscally responsible to taxpayers. I do not believe this \$297 billion farm bill meets this standard. And as my colleague from Kansas, Mr. MORAN, has pointed out, this farm bill fails to fully implement a revenue counter-cyclical program that would better respond to Kansas farmers in times when they need support the most.

I urge my colleagues to join me today in voting against H.R. 2419. The American farmer, the American taxpayer and the American worker deserve a better farm bill. I can only hope negotiations with the Senate will address this bill's shortcomings and that the House will have another opportunity to vote on comprehensive farm policy that is good for all Americans.

HONORING THE CITY OF MIDDLETON, WISCONSIN AS THE "BEST PLACE TO LIVE 2007"

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Middleton as the

"Best Place to Live 2007," a title presented by Money Magazine that mirrors the thriving civic, commercial, residential, and natural centers of the community.

Middleton, Wisconsin, the "Good Neighbor City," is deserving of this honor as a reflection of the vibrant community it has become since its founding in 1856. The furtrading post that was opened in 1832 by the area's first carpenter, Michael St. Cyr, along with the arrival of the railroad in 1856 and the train depot, Middleton Station, that followed, served as town hubs that encouraged neighborhood growth and subsequent business prosperity.

Today, as a testament of this award, Middleton is flourishing. While Middleton residents still treasure the historic structures of the past, such as the Old Stamm House, a former station on The Underground Railroad, they also are looking forward. At present Middleton is the corporate headquarters for American Girl, Capital Brewery, Electronic Theatre Controls, ETC, and Springs Window Fashions, LLC.

There exist numerous elements that are keys to the community's success, including the Middleton-Cross Plains area school district and its high level of academic and cocurricular achievements; an outstanding performing arts center; 25 percent of land mass designated as "green space;" the home of Middleton Hills, the first "new urbanism" subdivision of the Midwest; a regional employment center; and superb public amenities, including a nationally-recognized library, a nationally-accredited senior center, a historical museum, and abundant parks, to name a few.

As the "Best Place to Live 2007," the City of Middleton has much for which it should be proud. I look forward to watching the community as it continues to grow and builds upon the strong foundation that its residents, businesses, and employees have created for themselves.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JOSEPH NICHOLAS ESPINOZA

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, we rise today with great sorrow to honor the life of Joseph Nicholas Espinoza of Sacramento, California, who died in a tragic accident on July 23, 2007.

Joseph Espinoza was known to his family and friends as Joey. At a family dinner on May 25th, he celebrated his 21st birthday. He was 'best friend' to his brother John, his sister Marina, his cousins Sean, Connor and Michael, and his girlfriend Gina. He admired his father, confided in his mother and always sought their loving advice. He was a musician and an athlete, and was gifted in math and science, and his goal was to become an architect.

Joey was loved and always will be by his childhood friends and their families. His family knew that he was honest and earnest, that he had great energy and a tender and generous heart. He was open and trusting and was the keeper of the secrets of many who counted on his encouragement and courage.

Joey is survived by his parents Kate and John Espinoza of Sacramento, his brother John, and his sisters Marina, Kelly Rose,

Jeannie and Mendi. He leaves his loving grandmothers Rose King and Rose Espinoza and he is mourned by his many aunts, uncles and cousins of his parents' families.

Madam Speaker, we hope this tribute to Joey will be a source of comfort to his family. We have known and treasured his grandmother, Rose King, for almost 40 years and we share her immeasurable grief. She has been the great anchor of her family and she has contributed mightily to the well being of Californians through her dedicated public service spanning many decades.

Our Nation has lost a precious citizen and we ask today that the entire House of Representatives join us in honoring the life of Joseph Nicholas Espinoza and extend to his grieving family our deepest sympathy.

IN SUPPORT OF AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3093 REQUIRING USE OF "ENERGY STAR" LIGHT BULBS

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I would like to commend Representative JANE HARMAN (D-CA) and Representative FRED UPTON (R-MI) for their unfailing hard work and dedication to the issue of light bulb efficiency in the United States Congress. Their leadership in this area has greatly contributed to our national effort to prevent global climate change and reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources. Recently Ms. HARMAN and Mr. UPTON offered an amendment to H.R. 3093, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2008. This amendment prohibited funds to be used to purchase light bulbs unless the light bulb has the "ENERGY STAR" or "Federal Energy Management Program" designation. During this vote, Rollcall 738, I erroneously voted against the measure which I wholeheartedly support.

Since indoor and outdoor lighting accounts for up to fifteen percent of energy use in the average residence, inefficient light bulbs can consume large amounts of excess energy.

With the advent of compact fluorescent light bulbs, Americans have been given an alternative to inefficient incandescent bulbs which waste up to ninety-five percent of consumed energy as heat. These long-lasting high-efficiency fluorescent light bulbs provide equivalent illumination as incandescent light bulbs, so neither comfort nor convenience is sacrificed in this energy-saving endeavor. However, they consume up to sixty-six percent less energy, leading to major decreases in energy bills. By simply replacing the light bulbs in their homes, our constituents will be saving money in addition to energy.

Ms. HARMAN and Mr. UPTON have empowered Americans with an uncomplicated, affordable plan that offers only benefits to both individuals and our nation as a whole. As we look to renewable energy sources to minimize our foreign oil dependence and increase national security, each citizen can do his or her part both at home and at work with the nearly effortless action of changing a light bulb.

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT FOR
THE TREATY ON CONVENTIONAL
ARMED FORCES IN EUROPE RES-
OLUTION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, otherwise known as the Helsinki Commission, I rise to introduce a resolution which expresses the concern of this body regarding the Russian Federation's suspension of implementation of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty (CFE).

Russia's declared suspension of the CFE on last July 14 is troubling to the countries that are parties to the treaty because it may lead to instability in the security situation in Europe.

NATO and the former Warsaw Pact countries ratified the CFE in 1990, under the auspices of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, predecessor of the current Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). The CFE has played a major role in European security in the post-Cold War era. The treaty set broad limits on key categories of conventional military equipment in Europe and mandated the destruction of excess weaponry. Under its provisions, over 60,000 pieces of combat material have been destroyed or removed from the arsenals of signatory states, under a rigorous, but mutually acceptable, transparency regime. In sum, it established parity, transparency, and stability among the conventional military forces and equipment in Europe.

The CFE was amended in 1999 to account for the dissolution of the former Soviet Union and the reality that several Warsaw Pact countries had become NATO members. However, NATO members have not yet ratified the amended treaty because Russia has failed to fulfill related commitments to withdraw its troops and weaponry from the territories of Moldova and Georgia, where they are stationed against the wishes of those governments.

Among other reasons, Russia justified its suspension of the CFE on the basis that the U.S. plans to construct missile defence facilities in Eastern Europe, NATO member states refuse to ratify the 1999 CFE "Adaptation Agreement," and what Moscow sees as further encroachment by NATO toward Russia's border.

Madam Speaker, this resolution is not intended to discount Russia's concerns in the area of national security. However, Russia's actions over the past few months, combined with this latest on the CFE, prompts the question: How much of Russia's decision to suspend the CFE was based on genuine security concerns, and how much of the decision was designed to project President Putin and his United Party as "tough on the West" in the face of upcoming parliamentary and presidential elections?

We believe that Russia's proposed "moratorium" on CFE compliance is a regrettable step that may needlessly increase tensions in Europe.

I am introducing this "sense of the House" resolution urging the Government of the Russian Federation to reconsider its intention to

suspend CFE implementation and to engage in dialogue with the other CFE signatory states to resolve outstanding problems and establish a foundation for the eventual implementation of the above-mentioned Adaptation Agreement to the CFE Treaty of 1999. In other words, we urge Russia to reconsider its decision and behave more responsibly.

I urge my colleagues to support this timely resolution as a demonstration of this body's concern for European security.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY CADÒ

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise to note, with great sadness, the passing of Kathy Cadò, a Seattle activist of great compassion and uncompromising integrity. Kathy was a remarkable woman who lent her considerable organizing and fundraising skills to educational projects, environmental efforts, health care initiatives, community programs, and women's issues. She loved progressive politics, and brought to it a verve uniquely hers.

Kathy was that rarest of activists—a person of strong views who nonetheless could establish rapport with almost anyone. She brought humor and kindness to all of her endeavors, and she strove always to better her community. She was creative and witty, energizing countless campaigns and ballot efforts. Kathy was a mentor, and an inspiration, to so many; she leaves a legacy of public engagement matched by few others.

Kathy was a kidney transplant patient who struggled for many years with the consequences of renal disease. Yet, she refused to allow her illness to diminish her activism or her commitment to others. Instead, she embraced a new arena of involvement, learning as much as she could about this challenging field of medicine, and working tirelessly to support more kidney disease research and patient service. And, perhaps most significantly, she was resolute that the excellent treatment she received must be available to all who need it, regardless of resources or circumstances.

Kathy Cadò was a very special human being who enriched the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know her. She was, in the very best sense, a public citizen.

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. DONALD AND ROSEMARY RAHABY UPON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor, acknowledge, and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Donald and Rosemary Rahaby upon their 50th wedding anniversary.

As beloved area leaders, both Donald and Rosemary have dedicated their lives to serving our community. During his distinguished

career in the United States Army, Donald met Rosemary while stationed in the Detroit area. Soon after, they were engaged and later married at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, Michigan, on July 6, 1957. After leaving the military, Donald served as the executive vice-president of Masco Corporation before ascending to president of Flint & Walling, Incorporated, which are both Michigan-based manufacturing businesses. Today, Donald is the president of American Dryer, Incorporated, another manufacturing company based in Livonia, Michigan.

Throughout their marriage, Rosemary has been a devoted wife and homemaker. She serves as parishioner in Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville and graciously volunteers her time at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Michigan. Together, Donald and Rosemary are the loving parents of four children, David, Susan, Linda, and Daniel, and of 12 grandchildren, Danielle, Ashley, Paul, Patrick, Alexander, Michael, Brian, Emily, Meghan, Kaitlyn, Matthew, and Jennifer.

Madam Speaker, through their service, guidance, and generosity, Donald and Rosemary have played an important role in their family and community. They have led their children into successful marriages and careers, and helped them become well-respected members of their communities. Today, as we recognize their 50th wedding anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Mr. and Mrs. Donald and Rosemary Rahaby's eternal dedication to each other and selfless service to our community and our country.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER JAMES HOWES

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has committed his life to public service. Officer James Howes of the Santa Cruz Police Department in Santa Cruz, California will retire on September 6, 2007, after more than 26 years of personal sacrifice for his community and his country.

Officer Howes was born in Monterey, California and has since spent most of his life in the Monterey Bay area. A graduate of Watsonville High School, he later went on to study at Cabrillo Community College and the University of Phoenix, where he earned a degree in Business Management.

As a young man, Jim enlisted in the United States Marine Corps to defend our homeland. Stationed in Camp Pendleton, California and Okinawa, Japan, he attained the rank of Sergeant while proudly serving our nation.

Throughout his 26-year career at the Santa Cruz Police Department, Officer Howes has protected the public as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, and as a DUI Enforcement Officer, where he helped keep dangerous drunk drivers off of our roads. For 8 years, Officer Howes has served as the Santa Cruz Police Department's Community Service Specialist. He has helped to empower his community and has coordinated the National Night Out, the Citizen's Police Academy, and Business and Neighborhood Watch Programs.

Serving as a member of law enforcement is never easy. Each time a police officer such as