

this crime. The Arizona Attorney General's Office regularly hosts "shred-a-thons" where residents can safely destroy documents containing personal information. And private companies like Lifelock, which is headquartered in my hometown of Tempe, has become a nationwide industry leader in helping consumers to proactively protect their personal information and render it useless to criminals.

Madam Speaker, I wish to applaud these efforts and encourage my colleagues to join me in doing all that I can to turn the tide against identity thieves across the Nation.

IN HONOR OF HUGH PATRICK CARROLL

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Mr. PICKERING. Madam Speaker, today an effective and loyal member of my staff serves his last day in my office. But, he does not leave his service to Mississippi. Hugh Carroll, my legislative director, will be moving to the other chamber to serve in the office of Senator ROGER WICKER, my friend and our former colleague in the House who is now serving out the remaining term of Trent Lott.

Hugh came to Washington, DC, from Greensboro in the Piedmont of North Carolina. He earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the Catholic University of America here in Washington. Hugh served as a law clerk for the Architect of the Capitol and the General Services Administration. Prior to that, he interned both with the House Committee on the Judiciary as well as with Congressman HOWARD COBLE.

I first met and worked with Hugh when he served on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure staff as counsel. He worked closely with my office on Hurricane Katrina recovery legislation and investigations. At that committee, he helped draft "A Failure of Initiative: The Final Report of the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina." I served on that select bipartisan committee and grew to appreciate Hugh's work and insights.

Hugh joined my staff in February 2007 to serve as my chief counsel and legislative director, and oversee my telecommunications policy. His tenacity and natural instincts fit my policy objectives, and he effectively assisted in moving my legislative and appropriation priorities forward. His knowledge of Hurricane Katrina issues provided the ready experience necessary to hit the ground running for my State's continuing recovery needs.

I know that Hugh's parents, Marvin and Sandra Carroll, are proud of him and his work for the House of Representatives. I am proud of his work for Mississippi and while sorry to see him leave my staff, am glad he will continue to serve my district and my constituents as an aide to Senator WICKER.

My staff will remember Hugh Carroll's dry humor, passion for the Boston Red Sox, love of his dog, and interesting wardrobe choices. I hope Hugh will remember all the work we have accomplished together, and also the symbolism of "The Five Flags." We all will remember his good nature, determined work ethic, and professional accomplishment of his

duties. I thank him for his hard work, and wish him the best of fortune in his new assignment and future endeavors.

THE INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY (IRENA) ACT OF 2008

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Mr. MARKEY. Madam Speaker, I am introducing the International Renewable Energy Agency Act today because our energy security, the health of our planet, and the strength of our economy have reached a critical juncture. As gasoline prices creep towards \$4 per gallon, and emissions of heat-trapping gases continue to climb to dangerous levels, two things have become clear. First, a fundamental change is needed in the way we generate and use energy here at home. Secondly, the rest of the world must be also part of this new energy future. The legislation I am introducing today calls for the establishment of an International Renewable Energy Agency, IRENA, to address both of these challenges.

This week, world leaders from government, civil society and private business are meeting as part of the Washington International Renewable Energy Conference, WIREC, of 2008 to discuss a major scale-up in the deployment of renewable energy technology around the world. This collaboration is a good start, but the urgency of global warming and our dependence on oil require that we take the lead in creating a permanent international agency to drive the development and deployment of renewable energy in all countries, including ours.

Despite the enormous strides renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies have made over the last several years, hurdles remain to major and rapid scale-up on the level needed to meet the world's need for energy while also addressing global warming. IRENA will provide the institutional support needed to address the technological, financial, informational, and policy barriers that keep renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies from reaching their full potential.

Renewable energy has the potential to reduce global warming pollution while also creating millions of "green jobs," reducing our dependence on foreign sources of energy, and spurring the technological development that will fuel the global economy over the coming century.

New investment in clean energy technology worldwide topped \$148 billion in 2007, an increase of 60 percent over 2006 and up from just \$33 billion in 2004. However, about two thirds of this investment lies in just six countries. Over the next two decades, greenhouse gas emissions from developing countries are projected to grow at more than twice the rate of those in developed countries. Encouraging growth of renewable energy in developing countries reduces the extent and likelihood that these economies will follow a carbon-intensive, fossil energy development path. It also opens a valuable market for the clean energy companies that developed economies will rely on for growth over the coming century. The International Renewable Energy Agency

will have the independence, credibility, and expertise necessary to assist governments at the national, state, and local level implement renewable energy policies and projects.

Existing international energy agencies were formed to address narrow problems. The International Energy Agency, IEA: oil security and fuel supply disruptions. The International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA: nuclear proliferation and safety. With the aid of institutional support, these energy resources became foundations of modern economies. An international renewable energy agency is needed to support the unique problems facing renewable energy: marketplace failures, political inertia, and information gaps. To this end, IRENA will:

Support governments in drafting policies and programs for the promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures;

Assist governments in conducting studies that analyze the potential of renewable energies and the appropriateness of different technologies;

Provide long-term projections and scenarios based on existing data and policy in order to identify opportunities as well as gaps, barriers, and failures in markets and policies;

Organize training programs, information campaigns, and courses for civil servants, scientists, businesses, and non-government organizations;

Supply curriculum for schools and universities on relevant renewable energy topics;

Work with financial institutions to support innovative financing mechanisms for renewable energy projects;

Develop international norms and quality standards;

Gather and disseminate data, statistics, and reports on renewable energy deployment, policy approaches, and technology development.

The status quo is not working for America or the planet. The environmental, energy, and economic problems we are facing are largely due to a failed energy policy. An international renewable energy agency represents an opportunity for America to change its energy path and confront global warming while reestablishing its leadership role and reputation in the international community.

CONGRATULATING THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the State Bar of Arizona on its 75th anniversary. The Arizona Bar Association was first incorporated in Arizona in 1906 and in 1912 first began official admission procedures for the practice of law. On March 17, 1933, the State Bar of Arizona was established as a mandatory membership organization through an act of the Arizona State Legislature. Since its statutory establishment, it has functioned as a self-policing organization that has worked to ensure that the legal profession in Arizona maintains the highest possible ethical standards and technical skill.

The State Bar of Arizona is guided in its service of the public by the core values of integrity, service, diversity, professionalism, promotion of justice, and leadership. The State

Bar utilizes these core values to further the legal profession and the administration of justice.

The State Bar serves not only the legal profession, but also the public, ensuring equal access to high quality legal services for all Ari-

zona residents. The State Bar also serves the public through its participation in programs like "Wills for Heroes" where members of the State Bar donate their time and talent to provide free legal services in the area of wills and probate to emergency personnel in Arizona.

The State Bar of Arizona and its nearly 20,000 members should be proud of the work they continue to do to ensure that all Arizonans have access to equal justice.