

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## SBIR/STTR REAUTHORIZATION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 23, 2008*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5819) to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program, and for other purposes:

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Chairman, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 5819, the Small Business Innovation Research & Technology Transfer Reauthorization Act. This legislation squanders a unique opportunity to provide stimulus to our country's small business community.

Congress created the Small Business Innovation Research program after acknowledging that small businesses could not compete with their larger, better-funded corporate competitors in the federal grantmaking arena. With the enactment of the SBIR program, Congress made the clear statement that the innovation and ingenuity of the entrepreneurial spirit of small businesses must be encouraged.

Title II of H.R. 5819 would relax the venture capital investment standards for SBIR grant eligibility, allowing venture capital firms and venture capital subsidiaries of large businesses to increase their ownership in and financial stake of small businesses applying for these grants. This would cause the research priorities of these small businesses to be driven by the short-term profit motives of the venture capital firms. Moreover, these changes would effectively kill the spirit of the SBIR and STTR grant programs, granting access to corporations and other entities whose disproportionate competitive advantages these programs were designed to mitigate.

The small business community in this country deserves better. For decades, small business has been the spark that lights our economy and the energy that fuels it. Let us not undermine their contributions to our economy by weakening the very programs that drive their success.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GENE  
SEGERBLOM

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2008*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor Gene Segerblom by entering her name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. I rise today to honor Gene Segerblom, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday on March 15th, 2008.

Gene was born in 1918 in Elko County, Nevada. Gene's grandparents had migrated to Nevada as pioneers. She graduated from high school in Winnemucca, and later graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno. She moved to Southern Nevada in 1940 to teach at Boulder City High School. A year later, she resigned from her position at the high school and married Cliff Segerblom, a known judge and talented artist.

Upon the return from their honeymoon, the newlyweds moved to the Republic of Panama, where Cliff was offered a job to be the photographer on the third set of canal locks. They lived there for 6 years, and returned to Boulder City in 1947 where Gene focused on raising her children Robin, Richard, and Tic. After 21 years, she returned to teaching government classes at Boulder City High School. She later embarked on her political career as a city council woman for Boulder City. She worked tirelessly with the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce as well as the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce to promote Nevada and Boulder City.

In 1991, Gene ran for the Nevada State Assembly and won. She served four terms in the State Assembly and had been the first representative to serve Boulder City in 22 years. Throughout her term, Gene focused on the preservation and restoration of many historical sites, and focused on the development of parks and museums. Gene has dedicated much of her efforts to support the community of Boulder City. She serves on numerous committees including the Boulder City Museum and Historical Association where she serves as the Founding Director and Vice President, the Boulder City Community Club, and the Nevada State Council of Senior Citizens President. Gene was also a champion of the Boulder City Hotel.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Gene Segerblom on this noteworthy occasion for her exemplary life and important contributions to her community. I applaud the way in which she has served Boulder City and congratulate her on this milestone. I wish her a happy birthday and the best of luck in her future endeavors.

REMARKS ON THE ILWU MAY DAY  
PROTEST OF THE IRAQ WAR

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2008*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, today many of the 40,000 members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union—the ILWU—are expressing their outrage at the Administration's war policies and their effect on working families by staging a walkout at ports and other facilities along the West Coast.

I stand in solidarity with these workers whom, like the truckers who mobilized in Washington earlier this week and many other

working and middle-class Americans, have simply had enough of the diet of mistruths and deceptions that our President continues to feed the American public.

Madam Speaker, Americans are saying enough is enough. We spend billions every week in Iraq while the government there banks its oil profits and refuses to pitch in to help fund the necessary projects required to get the Iraqi people back on their feet.

Madam Speaker, my tenure in this house is short, but my interest in the institution has been a life-long pursuit. May I say that you have done more to bring peace to our nation and get our troops back home to their families than any other war-time Speaker in our history. I am proud to stand by you and the ILWU as we all do our part to bring an end to this war.

It is time to bring our men and women home to their families and communities. It is time for all Americans, like the Longshore and Warehouse workers, to stand up and tell the President "Enough is enough. End this war before your term is over. Eight tragic years for our country is bad enough, don't saddle future generations with a prolonged commitment in a country we never should have gone into in the first place."

CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF MEMORIAL BAPTIST  
CHURCH BAYTOWN, TEXAS

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2008*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I congratulate the members of Memorial Baptist Church in Baytown, Texas as they celebrate their 90th anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone for this community church that modestly began in 1918.

During the 1900s, it was common that church services took place in private homes. In 1918, the Alcorn Family invited John W. Anderson to preach at their home in Goose Creek. Later that year, John W. Anderson became the first pastor of First Baptist Church, Goose Creek known today as Memorial Baptist Church.

Blessed with outstanding leadership and unshakable faith, the congregation continues to be a treasure to the city of Baytown. Memorial Baptist Church is a good example of the positive role that churches play in our communities. Through their ministry and outreach efforts, lead by current pastor Brad Hoffman, they are making a difference in the lives of people.

Today, more than ever, our Nation needs the spiritual nourishment and support that our local churches can provide. It is for this reason that I congratulate the members of Memorial Baptist Church for their dedication and faith as they celebrate 90 years of serving our community.

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