

HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JAPANESE SOCIETY FOR RIGHTS OF AUTHORS, COMPOSERS AND PUBLISHERS

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Japanese Society for Rights of Authors, Composers and Publishers (JASRAC) on its 70th anniversary and salute this organization for its lasting and productive international partnership with the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) in protecting the rights of musical creators and its commitment and leadership in promoting and advancing copyright standards in Japan and around the world. I wish JASRAC much success in the future in their mission and commitment to protect the intellectual and creative property of the people of Japan.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING LUCAS RIPLEY FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Lucas Ripley showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Lucas Ripley was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Lucas Ripley always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Lucas Ripley on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

NEW YORK TIMES DOWNPLAYS THE TRUTH

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, a new Pew survey has found that one-third of Mexican nationals would move to America, and more than half of them would come illegally, if they could.

But when the New York Times reported on the study, the paper injected it with one of the most common forms of bias: they treat illegal status as a circumstance that just “materialized” for illegal immigrants.

Instead of reporting that half of these individuals would come to the U.S. illegally, the Times said: “more than half . . . would move even if they did not have legal immigration documents.”

Apparently, the Times just can't bring themselves to use the word “illegal.” In that case, why not downplay all illegal activity? The Times could refer to burglars as “building inspectors,” for example.

The fact is that those who broke U.S. laws aren't just “without documents;” they are not entitled to documents. Downplaying that fact won't change it. And, even if the news media try to hide the truth, the American people know that illegal immigrants have broken the law.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO AMEND SECTION 31 OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ACT WITH RESPECT TO AWARDING CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES TO QUALIFIED HUB ZONE SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced a bill that would level the playing field for small businesses in my Northern California Congressional District competing for federal contracts. Under current law, federal contractors are required to give first priority to businesses that are HUB Zone certified, often times precluding worthy non-HUB Zone small businesses from having a fair opportunity to compete for federal contracts.

Numerous small businesses in my Northern California Congressional District have contacted me to explain that the HUB Zone program in its current form is preventing them from bidding on contracts with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) with a value over \$100,000. For instance, an engineering firm in Redding, California, a company that had previously received USFS contracts, informed me that they are no longer able to bid for such contracts because they are not a HUB Zone certified company. They were told that USFS had changed its contracting policies based on a 2007 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report that found that the USFS was not in compliance with the small business contracting rules established by the HUB Zone Act of 1997. The new requirements stipulated that only companies with HUB Zone certification could bid for these contracts.

The limitation to HUB Zone certified companies is not in the best interest of all areas. The unemployment rate in my Northern California District exceeds 14% in some areas, but because of the way the HUB Zone criteria were written, only small portions of Redding, California are classified as a HUB Zone. The criteria are based on the long term unemployment rate for an area along with its income levels, two variables that change frequently. Secondly, the maps that define the boundaries are haphazardly drawn, resulting in different sides of a street or even offices in a building having different HUB Zone statuses. Most important, the boundary lines are rarely updated and years may pass before the boundaries note a change in an area's economic situation.

The legislation that I have introduced would provide federal contracting officers with the flexibility to select from the various types of

small business classifications. In doing so, HUB Zone classified small businesses would no longer have automatic first preference for federal small business contracts. This legislation would fix the current rigid preference system and give discretion to federal contracting officers to select small businesses based solely on the circumstances of the contract and quality of the bid.

The legislation would make only a one word change to the HUB Zone statute. It takes away the automatic preference given to the HUB Zone program for federal contracts going to small businesses, thereby leveling the playing field for other small businesses. With federal law mandating that 23% of federal contracts go to small businesses, it is important that federal policy promote competition to ensure that U.S. taxpayer dollars go to the most worthy contractor.

In short, my legislation would level the playing field for small businesses in a manner that is responsible to the taxpayers while continuing to provide assistance to small businesses in economically-disadvantaged areas. I look forward to working with my colleagues to move this legislation through Congress.

CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME OF SENECA FALLS, NEW YORK

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today in honor of the National Women's Hall of Fame of Seneca Falls, New York on their 40th anniversary.

It was in Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls in 1848 that activists like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Lucretia Mott laid the cornerstone of the Women's Rights Movement. At the conclusion of this two-day, first ever Women's Rights Convention, 68 women and 32 men signed their names to the Declaration of Sentiments, signaling their commitment to pursuing suffrage and equal rights for women. This historic event, which we remember with a statue in the rotunda here in the U.S. Capitol, paved the way for generations of women who yearned to fully participate in and contribute to American society.

In 1969, the women and men of Seneca Falls established the National Women's Hall of Fame as a permanent showcase for the extraordinary contributions of American women. Forty years later, the organization has grown to include important artifacts and 230 inductees from around the nation, as women continue to influence and shape the arts, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, philanthropy and science.

Madam Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing the National Women's Hall of Fame on achieving this milestone. Their anniversary provides an important opportunity to honor the many women, both past and present, whose vision and hard work have contributed so much to the strength and progress of our nation.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING
LOGAN COZART FOR WINNING
THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE
BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Logan Cozart showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Logan Cozart was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Logan Cozart always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Logan Cozart on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3183, "Making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Project Amount: \$500,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: NTRCI, 2360 Cherahala Boulevard, Knoxville, TN 37932

Description of Request: NTRCI will conduct over-the-road, heavy vehicle testing and research to validate the benefits and reliability of the Legacy rotary engine to demonstrate the capability of the Legacy engine to deliver greater fuel efficiency and thus lower consumption and reduced emissions for the \$7 billion Class 8 heavy vehicle engine market.

**RECOGNIZING OUR NATION'S
SUBMARINE VETERANS**

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the United States World War II Submarine Veterans and the important roles they played in the Allied victory.

Approximately 3,500 submariners gave their lives to protect the liberties and freedoms of the United States. The U.S. Submarine Force suffered the highest loss rate of the U.S.

Armed Forces during World War II, losing a total of 52 American submarines in battle. The War in the Pacific could not have been won without the brave and selfless efforts of these men.

It is also a great honor to be able to attend the decommissioning ceremony for World War II Submarine Veterans, Diamond Chapter, hosted by the USS Snook Base of the United States Submarine Veterans in Rogers, Arkansas.

The recognition of our World War II submarine veterans has been long overdue. I am pleased and honored to recognize these servicemen, who risked their lives for their country and made the World War II victory possible in House Resolution 773. I thank Congressman SESTAK for his service to our country and for his leadership on this Resolution and encourage my colleagues to cosponsor this important bill.

**CONGRATULING THE DALAI LAMA
ON HIS TRIUMPHS FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS**

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Dalai Lama as the first-ever Tom Lantos Human Rights Prize honoree. The award acknowledges the Dalai Lama's role as an unsung hero in the fight for human rights. He is already a Nobel Peace Prize and Congressional Gold Medal recipient.

The Dalai Lama was recognized as the reincarnation of the 13th Dalai Lama when he was two years old and enthroned at the age of 15. For more than 50 years, he has fought on behalf of Tibetan Buddhists and made history as the first Dalai Lama to travel to the West. The late Congressman Tom Lantos—who serves as the namesake for the prestigious award—was fittingly the first Congressman to invite a Dalai Lama to the U.S. Congress.

The Dalai Lama serves as a role model to us all. His courageous spirit in the fight for equal rights, democracy, freedom, and religious harmony are the things that will help not only strengthen Tibet, but the world over.

Annette Lantos and the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice are committed to recognizing and applauding individuals who continue to fight for human rights in America and abroad, in the great spirit of my former colleague Congressman Lantos. May we join them—with enthusiasm and fervor—in that endeavor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, last week I missed several rollcall votes and I wish to state for the record how I would have voted had I been present:

Rollcall No. 740—"yes"; rollcall No. 741—"yes"; rollcall No. 742—"no"; rollcall No. 743—"yes"; rollcall No. 744—"yes"; rollcall

No. 745—"yes"; rollcall No. 746—"no"; rollcall No. 747—"yes"; rollcall No. 748—"yes"; rollcall No. 749—"yes"; rollcall No. 750—"yes"; rollcall No. 751—"yes"; rollcall No. 752—"yes".

**HONORING FEMALE CIVIC
LEADERS OF WATERLOO**

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor eight influential women of Waterloo, Ruth Anderson, BJ Furgerson, Joy Lowe, Lou Porter, Dorothy Sallis, Dorothy Turner, Anna Weems and Willie Mae Wright. These women define what it means to be a champion for equal rights.

Over the past five decades, these women have helped shape the lives of all residents of Waterloo through their efforts to ensure that equality is attained and maintained. Through their work, the city of Waterloo has become an example of moving beyond what divides the community and instead focusing on what strengthens it.

These women have made remarkable strides in bringing forth equality. They were instrumental in bringing Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to their community, establishing and maintaining Iowa's longest running African American radio station, serving in city and county government, working tirelessly to improve the lives of children, and ensuring that the rights of all citizens of Waterloo are honored. Through their work more people are now invested in their communities and giving back to their neighbors.

These women have dedicated their lives to bringing about the sort of change that we now recognize as fundamental to a full and vibrant society. They are a constant reminder of how far we have come and that we should all strive for fairness in our work and provide opportunities for all. I am proud to represent these women in Congress and wish them well in their future endeavors.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING
LOGAN GRAY FOR WINNING THE
BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASE-
BALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Logan Gray showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Logan Gray was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Logan Gray always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Logan Gray on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.