

the NTSB has had concerns with the unacceptable risks posed by lithium batteries. This legislation requires the Administrator of PHMSA, in coordination with the FAA, to issue a regulation for the safe transportation of lithium cells and batteries. This regulation will include, among other things, requirements for: proper identification of lithium cells and batteries on board aircraft, packaging performance requirements, and other safety measures.

The legislation also mandates implementation of an NTSB recommendation first issued over 10 years ago regarding wet lines. Currently, 30 to 50 gallons of flammable materials, such as fuel, can be transported in unprotected loading lines beneath cargo tank trucks. Over the past 10 years, there have been 184 incidents in which these wet lines were damaged or ruptured. H.R. 4016 prohibits the transportation of certain flammable liquids in the external product piping of cargo tank motor vehicles on newly manufactured vehicles within two years of the date of enactment, and for all existing vehicles beginning in 2021.

H.R. 4016 also includes several requirements to strengthen emergency response capabilities. The ability of first responders to adequately identify and respond to a hazardous material substance release is critical. The bill enhances training for emergency responders and requires that responders are provided a higher level of training, known as Operations Level training. The bill also requires the Secretary of Transportation to develop minimum standards for those who provide hazardous materials emergency response information services. This provision will guarantee that these services are staffed on a 24-hour basis to ensure that, day and night, our emergency response capability is not jeopardized.

The legislation makes significant safety enhancements to the "special permits and approvals" process. H.R. 4016 requires that, prior to granting any special permit or approval, the Secretary shall make a determination that a person is fit, willing, and able to conduct the authorized activity. In part, this provision requires PHMSA to perform a fitness review of any person who requests an exemption from regulation to ensure that the applicant's safety record, accident and incident history are reviewed before any special permit is authorized. Currently, PHMSA reviews thousands of applications for special permits and approvals each year, with no review of an applicant's safety record. The bill will ensure that any person requesting an exemption from the regulations have a safe record, a compliant record, and a good reason for needing an exemption from the regulations.

PHMSA is tasked with an enormous safety mission, yet it currently has only 35 investigators (plus seven supervisors) for the entire nation. H.R. 4016, authorizes 30 new inspectors for the program—almost doubling the number of inspectors. This bill also strengthens the inspection program by requiring the Secretary to carry out a new hazardous material enforcement program to develop uniform standards for inspectors and investigators; to train hazardous materials inspectors and investigators on how to collect, analyze, and publish findings from accidents and incidents; and to train hazardous materials inspectors on how to identify noncompliance with hazmat regula-

tions and take the appropriate kind of enforcement action.

The safe transport of hazardous materials is critical and affects the entire nation. H.R. 4016, the "Hazardous Material Transportation Safety Act of 2009," will increase the hazardous materials safety program, strengthen emergency response capabilities, and increase enforcement of hazardous materials laws and regulations.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4016, the "Hazardous Material Transportation Safety Act of 2009."

OPPOSING ANY ENDORSEMENT OR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS FACT FINDING MISSION ON THE GAZA CONFLICT

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H. Res. 867, a resolution that calls on the Secretary of State and the President to unequivocally oppose further consideration of the Goldstone Report in international arenas. This resolution sends a clear message to the international community: the Goldstone report does nothing to advance peace and security in the Middle East. Rather, it serves to reinforce the deep mistrust that pervades the region and excuses the actions of terrorist groups and their state sponsors.

The Goldstone report ignores the facts. The terrorist threat surrounding Israel's defensive operations in Gaza required a decisive response, and any sovereign nation would have—and should have—done what Israel did. In fact, Richard Goldstone himself said, "If this was a court of law, there would have been nothing proven."

The Goldstone report disregards what it means to fight against terrorists who use human shields and have no regard for human life. The findings and conclusion of the report have ominous consequences for the United States and other countries who seek to prevent terrorist threats from taking root around the world. We cannot allow the Goldstone report to set a precedent—the stakes are too high.

This report was not guided by a commitment to human rights, but rather motivated by a bias against Israel. Now is the time for the United Nations to immediately turn its attention to the very real human rights violators around the world. Human rights victims are pleading for the world's attention. I would urge U.N. member states to devote time and thought to the realities of human rights around the world—not Israel. Israel, with strong democratic and judicial institutions, can make any necessary determinations about how to move forward from here.

I would like to thank Chairman BERMAN and Ranking Member ROS-LEHTINEN for their leadership in authoring this resolution and bringing it to the floor. This is a true example of the importance of bipartisanship because the U.S.-Israel relationship is stronger when we work across party lines.

I would urge my colleagues to support the resolution.

HONORING TYLER TITUS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Titus, a very special young man who has earned a spot on the National USA Karate Team. I join with Tyler's family and friends in expressing best wishes on his significant achievement. I commend Tyler on attaining such a high honor and wish him the best of luck as he competes in the World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, this October.

Gaining recognition for this remarkable achievement reflects both Tyler's hard work and dedication. As a member of the stand-alone Missouri team, as well as the team with the largest number of students to be selected from a single school, Tyler should be proud of his accomplishments. He is a member of a celebrated team and has represented the state of Missouri well. With such drive and determination I am certain Tyler will be a strong contribution to the national team.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Tyler Titus for his success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for his effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC INSTRUCTOR LES CHAMBERS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Leslie R. Chambers, a Northwest Florida leader who is retiring after a lifetime of public service to his country and his community. Les spent his career serving others, and I am proud to honor his dedication and service.

Born on October 31, 1942, Les Chambers joined the Air Force in 1961 after graduating from high school. Following completion of training, he was first assigned to Laon Air Base, France. His Air Force career took him across the globe. Along the way he earned two associates degrees in applied science, then completed his bachelor's degree in management at the University of New Hampshire. He is also a graduate of the Aerospace Defense Command Noncommissioned Officer Academy, where he received the Commandant's Award, and a graduate of the USAF Senior NCO Academy.

Les retired in 1994 with over 33 years of faithful service to his country, 17 of which were spent overseas. His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak-leaf clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak-leaf clusters. He was selected to serve his last three years as part of the "High Year of Tenure" program, a distinction reserved for less than one percent of the force.

After retiring from the Air Force, he settled in Valparaiso, Florida and began working for the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services (HRS) as a Senior Counselor

for Children and Families. In 1997, he was selected as the "Social Worker of the Year" for the Department of HRS. Les then began his role as the Air Force Junior ROTC Aerospace Science Instructor at Fort Walton Beach High School in December of that year. Known simply as "Chief" to his students, Les retired on October 31, 2009. He will be truly missed.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Les Chambers for his service to Northwest Florida and the United States of America. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for Les and his family, including his wife, Ingeborg, and children, Angela, Michael, and Marcus, as they embark on this next journey in their lives.

PATRIOT ACT REAUTHORIZATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is imperative that the USA PATRIOT Act be reauthorized fully and not weakened, as I believe H.R. 3845 will do. In the years following 9/11, there have been a number of major terrorist attacks around the world that have caused mass casualties on civilians. I think it is important to remember some of these events:

12 Oct 2002. Car bombing outside nightclub in Kuta, Indonesia. 202 dead.

26 Oct 2002. Hostage taking and attempted rescue in theater in Moscow, Russia. 170 dead.

16 May 2003. Suicide bombers attacked Western tourist areas in Casablanca, Morocco. 45 dead.

11 Mar 2004. Bombings of four trains in Madrid, Spain. 191 dead.

1–3 Sep 2004. Hostage taking at school in Beslan, Russia. 372 dead.

7 July 2005. Bombings of three subway trains and one bus in London, UK. 54 dead.

11 Jul 2006. Multiple bombings on commuter trains in Mumbai, India. 200 dead.

26–29 Nov 2008. Multiple shooting and grenade attacks in Mumbai, India. 174 dead.

Madam Speaker, thankfully, none of these horrific attacks occurred in the United States. I believe that part of the reason we have not suffered another terrorist attack is that our brave men and women in law enforcement have done a tremendous job of preventing further attacks. I do not believe Al Qaeda simply decided not to bother us anymore. We must not forget that many analysts warned after 9/11 that we needed to "learn to live" with terrorism. Well, thankfully, that reality never happened.

I believe that our law enforcement, armed with tools such as the PATRIOT Act, have prevented attacks and saved us from this type of suffering within the United States. We as Congress need to do all we can to give our men and women in law enforcement the tools they need to do their job, not weaken these tools.

A TRIBUTE TO JACK L. RAY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack L. Ray, who for over 28 years has served as a minister and elder of the Lehman Avenue Church of Christ in Bowling Green, KY.

Mr. Ray leaves a long legacy as an evangelist in the churches of Christ. Many generations have heard the teachings and sermons of Mr. Ray, and have read many of the lessons he has contributed to the publications of the churches of Christ.

In his more than 50 years of service, he has worked unselfishly to not only help other congregations grow in size and in faith, but has helped new congregations establish in Kentucky.

He is a blessing to many, including the youth in the church community, who he has helped lead, educate and nurture their faith. He is greatly loved and respected by the members of the Lehman Avenue Church of Christ, because of his dedication, strong faith and loving guidance.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Jack L. Ray for his more than 50 years of commitment and devotion. I wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors as he continues to be a blessing to others.

A TRIBUTE TO LESTER C. BROWN

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my friend, and a friend to Philadelphia, Lester C. Brown. After 18 years of service on the Philadelphia City Counsel, Mr. Brown is retiring as the Chief of Staff for Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell. Throughout his career, Mr. Brown has shown exceptional leadership in community service and tireless dedication to his constituents in need. For instance, he currently serves as the democratic leader of the 24th ward.

Mr. Brown was born in the 1920s in Savannah, Georgia, at a time when equality was just a distant dream for many Americans. Despite the hardships that the Jim Crow laws placed on African Americans, Lester developed the personal strength to overcome the adversities he faced. He began his career in journalism at the age of 16, when he became the first African American youth to host a radio show that aired on WTOG, a CBS affiliate. After moving to New York City, Mr. Brown became a reporter for Ban Black Audio News. His hard work and determination in a divided society eventually led him to become the first African American junior executive on Madison Avenue as an Assistant Advertising Production Manager for progressive Architecture Magazine.

From there, Mr. Brown moved to Philadelphia, where he became a successful newspaperman for WHAT radio. It is in the great city of Philadelphia that Mr. Brown began his influential career in community service as a youth organizer for the parents union in the

Philadelphia public schools. In the 1980s he became the Executive Director of Mantua Community Planners where he was able to better the lives of multiple families, including the donation of nine homes to the members of the Mantua community through the Remove Urban Blight program.

Currently serving as the Democratic Leader of the 24th ward, and faithfully worked under Lucien B. Blackwell and Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell, we are here to honor my friend, Lester C. Brown on the occasion of his retirement. Although he will be missed dearly, after 18 years of loyal service on the Council no one deserves this honor more than Mr. Brown.

Lester Brown's impressive career in the city of Philadelphia illustrates his commitment and drive to improve the lives of the city's residents. I would like to thank him for his tireless efforts, and I wish him well in the future.

IN MEMORY OF SVEND AUKEN

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, today I honor the memory of Svend Auken, a dear friend of mine, a great statesman, and an international leader on environment and energy issues. He passed away this past August after a magnificently robust life of leadership. He served in the Danish Parliament from 1971 until his death, and was Minister for the Environment from 1993 to 1994, and Minister of Environment and Energy from 1994 to 2001. Earlier in his life, he spent time in my home State of Washington, studying for a year at Washington State University in 1961.

Whatever his position, he was always a determined advocate for clean energy and the environment. His leadership has been an inspiration for the world. Svend did not believe in the idea that preserving the environment required sacrificing economic growth. He believed that his Nation could prosper by protecting the environment, or as he put it, "doing well by doing good."

Due to his inspired leadership over more than three decades, Denmark introduced new policies and embarked on a national effort to produce more domestic energy and do it cleanly by focusing on energy efficiency, wind power and combined heat and power systems. Since then, Denmark has kept its energy use flat, while its economy has grown nearly 75 percent. Denmark was once entirely dependent on foreign energy, but is now a net exporter of energy. Denmark has aggressive energy efficiency standards for new buildings, and currently produces over 20 percent of its power from wind, and over half of its electricity and around 60 percent of its heat from combined heat and power. Denmark is now a world leader in both of these technologies. As our Nation embarks on its own quest to produce clean, domestic energy, grow our economy, and preserve the environment for our children and grandchildren, we would do well to follow Svend's lead and learn from his life. When we in America adopt a vision of clean energy, it will be in part because we have been inspired by Svend's leadership.

This Friday, the Danish community in Seattle will honor Svend's life at a memorial