

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REDUNDANCY ELIMINATION AND ENHANCED PERFORMANCE FOR PREPAREDNESS GRANTS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today in support of H.R. 3980, the "Redundancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Preparedness Grants Act". I would like thank my friend and colleague, Representative CUELLAR, for introducing this act of solidarity, as well as the cosponsor, Representative RICHARDSON.

Congress instructed FEMA in the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 and in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to develop performance metrics for its homeland security grants programs. As the House Committee on Homeland Security discovered in our October 27th subcommittee hearing for the Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response Subcommittee, these requirements remain poorly implemented and difficult to comprehend.

What is most disconcerting is that FEMA still cannot determine our Nation's overall preparedness or how homeland security grants have helped to protect our Nation from acts of terrorism.

It is for these reasons that I come to you today to ask for your support of H.R. 3980, the Redundancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Preparedness Grants Act.

This legislation would require FEMA to work in conjunction with state, local, tribal and territorial stakeholders to develop a plan to: Streamline homeland security grant reporting requirements, rules and regulations to eliminate redundant reporting; create a strategy including a set timeline for establishing the much needed performance metrics for grant programs to ensure that the funds are being directed to the areas where they will be best spent; and require FEMA to take inventory of each homeland security grant program to include the purpose, objectives and performance goals for each.

The plan will be submitted to the Committee on Homeland Security no later than 120 days after the bill's enactment. It will be updated bi-annually to ensure that the Committee is able to maintain a watchful eye on redundancies in the law that might confuse grant recipients. Finally, this bill will help identify inefficiencies with the DHS grant programs and this bill will increase the quality of services received by DHS grant recipients.

It is for these reasons that I rise in support of Representative CUELLAR's legislation before us, and why I encourage my fellow Members to do the same.

RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF THE 30TH INFANTRY DIVISION DURING WORLD WAR II

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 494 as a cosponsor of this important resolution. It honors the 30th Infantry Division of World War II, which included National Guard soldiers from my state of North Carolina, as well as troops from Tennessee. The long history of the 30th Infantry goes back further, though, to include the service of individuals from across the South. Each time they were called to duty, they answered the call with distinction and bravery.

Their service during World War II was particularly exemplary, and I appreciate my colleague Congressman KISSELL, whose father served in this division, for bringing forward a resolution to honor their valiant work. The achievements of the 30th Infantry Division were so exemplary that military historians of the day singled it out for distinction as the first among infantry divisions, noting both "outstanding" battle service and efficiency that preserved the lives of its members. Eisenhower's chief historian, S.L.A. Marshall, called the 30th the "most efficient fighting division in Europe."

Although the 30th Infantry Division was not involved in the actual invasion of Normandy, it engaged in a pivotal battle in Mortain, France that contributed to the Allied victory at Normandy. Serving with bravery and distinction at St. Lo, France, the 30th enabled the Allies to outflank the German Army in what came to be called the St. Lo Breakout. The 30th was also instrumental in breaching the Siegfried Line in October 1944, and the capture of Aachen, Germany. In short, the 30th Division, Old Hickory, played a significant part in our eventual victory over the Axis in WWII.

Today, North Carolina's National Guard soldiers serve with honor in Iraq and Afghanistan, bravely doing their part in defense of our Nation. As they do so, they are part of a valiant heritage that goes back to the founding of our Nation. Each time they are called to service, they do North Carolina and our Nation proud, as they are doing today.

North Carolinians are proud of the service and history of the 30th Infantry Division. We thank soldiers for safeguarding freedom and our way of life, in World War II and today in Afghanistan and Iraq. These courageous soldiers accomplished feats of heroism and bravery which preserved a way of life on two continents. They represent a proud fighting tradition and have earned every accolade we can give.

As a cosponsor of H. Res. 494, I strongly support this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the soldiers that have and continue to protect our freedom.

HONORING SAMUEL BRADLEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Samuel Bradley, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 75, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Samuel has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Samuel has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Samuel Bradley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING BARRY BAUER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Barry Bauer upon being awarded the "Distinguished Citizen Award" by the Sequoia Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Bauer will be honored on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the annual Distinguished Citizen Dinner in Fresno, California.

Mr. Barry Bauer was born and raised in Fresno, California and attended Fresno High School. As a child, Mr. Bauer helped at his father's liquor and sporting goods store. He was a busy child, involved in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. During his scouting career he had accumulated enough merit badges to become a Star Scout and worked his way to becoming a Life Scout.

Mr. Bauer graduated from California State University, Fresno with a bachelor's of science degree in Electrical Engineering in 1968. During college, he worked evenings at Bank of America, taught data processing classes at Fresno City College and during the summer recess he worked as a programmer for IBM at various accounts around the Central Valley. During his senior year in college Mr. Bauer joined the Air National Guard unit in Fresno. He held various positions, including Base Comptroller and Combat Support Commander. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 23 years of service.

Upon graduation, Mr. Bauer was offered a position with IBM, working from the Fresno and Bay Area offices. He retired after 25 years of service with IBM. Mr. Bauer has always been very active in a multitude of activities; he

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has a commercial pilot license, a real estate broker license, a lifetime junior college teaching credential and a ham radio license. Since 1998, he has served as President of the family business, Herb Bauer Sporting Goods.

Mr. Bauer is currently a member of the Fresno County Recreation and Wildlife Commission that reports to supervisor Debbie Poochigian. He has been active consultant to legislators regarding firearm issues, and has served as the chairman of the Fresno Friends of the NRA for 10 years. With this position, he has approved over \$20,000 in grants to improve the shooting range at Chawanawkee. He also provides a discount to all scouts purchasing scouting related products at his store.

In his spare time, Mr. Bauer and his wife of 40 years, Rosemarie, enjoy traveling around the world.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Barry Bauer upon being awarded the "Distinguished Citizen Award." I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Bauer many years of continued success.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION
FOR THE ARIZONA BUILDERS'
ALLIANCE 15TH ANNUAL VOLUNTEER DAY

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Arizona Builders' Alliance which is celebrating its fifteenth annual Volunteer Day this week by renovating the Marshall Home for Men in Tucson.

More than 150 volunteers from the Southern Arizona Division of the Alliance will participate in the December 5 event. Thanks to the generosity of Alliance members, \$125,000 worth of renovations will be donated to the Marshall Home.

The Marshall Home for Men was founded in 1931 as a safe haven for men who were struggling to find work during the Depression. A rancher, John Ryland, welcomed the men with food, shelter and companionship as they sought jobs during the tough economic times. The support that the current residents will receive from the Builders' Alliance continues that caring tradition.

Today, the Marshall Home is a non-profit, state licensed personal care facility for elderly men with limited means. Fifty-two men—many of whom have earned military commendations such as the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Navy Cross and Purple Heart—live at the Marshall Home.

Thanks to the Arizona Builders' Alliance, the Marshall Home will receive new doors, bathroom upgrades, painting, air conditioning and ductwork, new locks, tile replacement, an irrigation system and extensive landscaping work.

This is the fifteenth time that the Southern Arizona Division of the Arizona Builders' Alliance has come to the aid of a community service organization. Previous events have contributed more than \$1.2 million worth of work.

I am proud to join with a grateful community in commending the Arizona Builders' Alliance for their long history of giving. This is a great

organization whose members are the backbone of our southern Arizona economy and whose charitable works have made significant contributions to non-profit agencies and the people they serve.

SATELLITE HOME VIEWER
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to oppose suspending the rules to pass H.R. 3570, the Satellite Home Viewer Update and Reauthorization Act.

I understand this legislation must be reauthorized by December 31 to ensure satellite television viewers have continued access to local stations. In many rural areas—including large portions of my district—satellite television carriage of local stations is one of the only sources for up-to-the-minute news and weather. It is vital we maintain that link.

I am pleased this legislation addresses two issues of concern to my constituents. It includes language allowing satellite carriers to provide in-state public television signals to all viewers in the state, regardless of television market, DMA. This means the thirteen counties in my district served by the Denver DMA will have improved access to the quality programming of NET—Nebraska's statewide PBS station.

The bill also takes steps to encourage satellite carriers to carry all 210 DMAs. Currently, 31 DMAs, including the city of North Platte in my district, are not carried by either of the two major satellite carriers and another 76 are carried by only one of the two. These unserved and underserved markets are typically small, rural areas and are often in the greatest need of satellite carriage for distant viewers to receive their signals. I am pleased the bill takes steps to encourage their coverage rather than implementing strong new mandates on these private companies.

However, I must oppose passage of this legislation under suspension of the rules. It does not contain language to address the needs of consumers in out-of-state DMAs who wish to receive in-state broadcast programming over satellite. Under suspension of the rules, no member will have the opportunity to offer an amendment to address this issue.

Under this legislation the thirteen counties which would gain access to Nebraska public television would still be forced to watch local broadcast programming from the Denver DMA. This includes places such as Sheridan and Cherry Counties which are over 400 miles from Denver and have three closer and arguably more local markets unavailable to them on satellite—North Platte, Scottsbluff-Cheyenne, and even Rapid City, South Dakota.

With this in mind, I must oppose suspending the rules to pass this legislation today in hope that this bill can be brought back up under a rule with the opportunity to make these needed changes for my constituents.

HONORING GARRETT JONES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Garrett Jones, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1360, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Garrett has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Garrett has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Garrett Jones for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF VALENTINO W.
NARDO, SR.

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Valentino W. Nardo, Sr. Mr. Nardo is a fellow Delawarean who has dedicated his life to serving his community in the truest sense of the word.

A man of great compassion, Val is known across Delaware as a champion of the less-fortunate. His organization, Val's Needy Family Fund, began as a food drive which he ran out of his Newark-based barbershop. In 1969, Val's Needy Family Fund was able to provide 10 baskets of holiday meals. The project has grown exponentially over the past 40 years, distributing as many as 1,500 baskets at a time. Each year, Val and his volunteers help prepare and deliver the food baskets, answering calls for emergency aid from churches, social services and organizations.

Val has always been a supporter of the non-profit Newark Area Welfare Committee, and Val's Needy Family Fund is now formally affiliated with this long-time community organization that stocks food cupboards and provides other avenues of assistance for those in need. The collaboration has allowed Val's Fund to reach more of the people who are most in need and will ensure that Val's dedication to the less-fortunate continues well beyond his lifetime. In 2008, Val was awarded a Jefferson Award for public service. The Jefferson Awards are given annually to honor individuals who make a difference in the community in which they work and live. The bestowal of this award is particularly salient for Val, as recipients of Jefferson Awards are nominated by the public. Val's peers and I firmly agree that he is a shining example of how one person truly can make a difference. And his dedication to the community shows no sign of stopping; each year, he does not sit down to Christmas dinner until all of the holiday food has been distributed. At 90, Val possesses a