

the worker and the job to be seasonal and temporary. Thus, the Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act would allow dairy farmers to legally hire foreign workers through the program for an initial period of three years with additional terms of three years thereafter without requiring intervening periods of absence.

The bill would also allow sheep ranchers to hire foreign workers through the program on the same terms and codify those existing regulatory practices benefitting American sheep ranchers that have proven to be extremely successful. For more than 60 years, the American sheep industry has been able to utilize the H-2A program to employ foreign sheep-herders.

This legislation is currently supported by the following entities: Agri-Mark, Inc.; American AgCredit; American Sheep Industry Association; California Wool Growers Association; CoBank; Colorado Wool Growers Association; Dairy Farmers of America; DairyLea Cooperative Inc.; Farm Credit Services Southwest; Farm Credit of Western New York; Farm Credit West; Federal Land Bank Association of Kingsburg; First Pioneer Farm Credit; Idaho ACA; Idaho Wool Growers Association; Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers; Montana Wool Growers Association; National Milk Producers Federation; Nevada Wool Growers Association; New York Farm Bureau; Northeast Dairy Farmers Cooperatives; Northeast States Association for Agricultural Stewardship; Northwest Farm Credit Services; Oregon Sheep Growers Association; St. Albans Cooperative Creamery; South East Farmers Association; United Dairymen of Arizona; Upstate-Niagara Cooperative; Utah Wool Growers Association; Washington State Sheep Producers; Western Range Association; Western United Dairymen; Wyoming Wool Growers Association; Yankee Farm Credit; and Yosemite Farm Credit.

As I have previously stated, American dairy farmers and sheep ranchers deserve and need access to a stable source of legal workers. Accordingly, Congress should enact the Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act without undue delay.

TRIBUTE TO RICK KAPLAN

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and the Committee on the Judiciary, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Rick Kaplan, who just recently left the House to take a position with the Federal Communications Commission. Mr. Kaplan served in the Office of the General Counsel for 14 months as an Assistant Counsel. We will miss him.

Mr. Kaplan provided invaluable legal advice and representation to our Committee, particularly in connection with a landmark lawsuit that resulted in a decision recognizing the judicial enforceability of congressional subpoenas to executive branch officials. I and my staff relied on his expertise and guidance both in connection with the many tactical and strategic decisions we were required to make in the course of this important case, and in drafting the legal briefs that were filed in court setting forth the Committee's positions.

Mr. Kaplan played a significant role in safeguarding the legal and institutional interests of the House of Representatives. He served the House with great distinction, and we know he will serve the Federal Communications Commission with that same level of distinction. On behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, we thank him for his service to the House and extend to him our very best wishes for his continued success.

HONORING MR. MICHAEL H. DAVIS

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the life of Mr. Michael H. Davis, a man I was honored to work with for many years serving the people of Baltimore County. A brilliant strategist, respected advisor, trusted friend and esteemed attorney, Mike's intellect and passion made a strong impression on everyone he met.

Born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, Mike always strived to better himself and the world around him. His mother, a homemaker, and father, a Baltimore police officer, instilled in him a great sense of civic duty and a conviction to never forget about the little guy.

Mike was someone who believed in the power of education and discipline. Until his graduation in 1978, he attended The Gilman School on Roland Avenue on scholarship. It was there he met Nick Schloeder, a tough coach and brilliant teacher, who spurred his passion and early interest in the political process. Mike went on to attend Harvard University, a true testament to his academic discipline, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science in 1982. From there, he returned to Baltimore to attend the University of Maryland Law School, while simultaneously working on Mayor William Donald Schaefer's reelection campaign.

Mike soon began his career as a lawyer with Smith, Sommerville & Case, and then with Venable LLP. His extraordinary work ethic and knack for problem solving soon earned him the position of Partner at Venable. Though he was leading a successful law career, Mike never strayed far from local politics. He worked on three of Senator Paul Sarbanes' successful campaigns in 1988, 1994 and 2000.

Shortly after my election to the office of Baltimore County Executive in 1994, Mike became my Executive Officer. Mike was instrumental in countless accomplishments for Baltimore County and was a gifted advisor. One award Baltimore County was especially proud to receive was Governing Magazine's selection of Baltimore County as one of the Top Four Best Managed Counties out of 3,000 counties nationally. He was also responsible for helping Baltimore County secure three Triple A Bond ratings during my term. A strong proponent of education, he was responsible for developing a volunteer program partnering county employees with elementary schools, and the School Resource Officers program. Mike's priorities and values were obvious in his work ethic and his accomplishments. After leaving my office, Mike went back to work for Venable, but remained active in politics, advising and sharing his wisdom.

Michael Davis achieved much in his short life but his greatest pride was his family. His wife, Ann, of 24 years was the love of his life and an incredible source of strength. His son, Robert, and daughters, Jessica and Blair, are a tribute to the values he cherished, and the type of father he was. Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor the life of Michael H. Davis. His legacy as a brilliant political advisor will be matched only by the memory of his devotion to his friends and family. Even though Mike has passed from this life, the memory of his friendship will remain eternally in the minds and hearts of those he knew and the lives he touched.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105.

1. Project—Lynchburg Police Department Police Equipment Replacement and Modernization

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division B
Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Village of Lynchburg

Address of Requesting Entity: 155 South Main Street, Lynchburg, Ohio 45142

Description of Project: Funding will go toward the replacement of outdated police cruisers and will support the inclusion of necessary, modern equipment that will support law enforcement in this community.

2. Project—Employment Training for Reentering Offenders—Turning Point Applied Learning Center

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division B
Account: OJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Turning Point Applied Learning Center, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Turning Point Applied Learning Center, Inc., 110 Homestead Ave., Hillsboro, OH 45133

Description of Project: Funds for this project will go toward the workforce retraining of ex-offenders in rural Ohio who lack a GED and are seeking basic employment skills and documented work history.

3. Project—Holes Creek, West Carrollton, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division C
Account: Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miami Conservancy District

Address of Requesting Entity: 38 E. Monument Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45402

Description of Project: Funds will go toward the construction of a levee and floodwall to protect 13 commercial and industrial properties north of the creek, and purchase three flood prone properties south of the creek and remove the structures, completing this flood protection project.

4. Project—Ohio Environmental Infrastructure, OH, City of Hillsboro, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division C
 Account: Construction
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hillsboro, Ohio,
 Address of Requesting Entity: 130 N. High St., Hillsboro, Ohio 44133

Description of Project: The funds requested would be used by Hillsboro, Ohio, located in rural Highland County for the construction of needed improvements to their wastewater treatment plant and the installation of additional equalization basins. Funds will also be used to upgrade aging water infrastructure for the treatment of waste.

5. Project—Ohio Environmental Infrastructure, OH, City of Dayton, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division C
 Account: Construction
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: CityWide Development Corporation
 Address of Requesting Entity: 8 N. Main St., Dayton, Ohio 45402

Description of Project: These funds, authorized by the 2007 WRDA, will provide additional water, sanitary and storm sewer infrastructure to the Tech Town Campus in Dayton, OH. This property is a former brownfield being remediated for future use.

6. Project—Ohio Environmental Infrastructure, OH, Fairview Commons, Dayton, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division C
 Account: Construction
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: CityWide Development Corporation
 Address of Requesting Entity: 8 N. Main St., Dayton, Ohio 45402

Description of Project: These funds will provide water and sewer infrastructure to neighborhood revitalization efforts underway in low-income neighborhoods in Northwest Dayton.

7. Project—Miamisburg Mound, OU-1 (OH)

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division C
 Account: Defense Environmental Cleanup go.
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Miamisburg, Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 10 N. First Street, Miamisburg, OH 45342

Description of Project: Funds for this project will go toward the final cleanup of a non-designated toxic waste landfill, the cleanup of which will allow for the full redevelopment of this former Department of Energy Nuclear Weapons Site.

8. Project—Dietary Intervention, Ohio

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Division A
 Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ohio State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Dr. William Ravlin 1680 Madison Ave. Wooster, OH

Description of Request: The funding would be used to continue ongoing clinical trials to evaluate new treatments for the prevention of colorectal cancer in conjunction with the cancer research centers within Ohio State University.

9. Project—Children's Medical Center of Dayton, Dayton, OH for facilities and equipment for the Pediatric Trauma Unit and Emergency Center

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division F
 Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Children's Medical Center of Dayton
 Address of Requesting Entity: One Children's Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45404

Description of Project: Funds for this project will go toward Children's Medical Center's renovation of their Pediatric Trauma and Emergency Center.

10. Project—Clinton Memorial Hospital Regional Health System for Facilities and Equipment

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division F
 Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clinton Memorial Hospital/dba CMH Regional Health System/Clinton Memorial Hospital
 Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 600, 610 W. Main Street, Wilmington, Ohio 45177
 Description of Project: Funds will be used to stabilize an historic structure on hospital grounds, and to renovate this facility for viable hospital use.

11. Project—Premier Health Campus, Franklin, OH, For Facilities and Equipment

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division F
 Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Premier Health Campus—Middletown
 Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Medical Center Drive, Franklin, Ohio 45005

Description of Project: Funds will go toward the expansion of the health and health education facilities at Atrium Medical Center in Southwest Ohio.

12. Project—Montgomery County, Dayton, OH for training services for displaced automotive and manufacturing workers

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division F
 Account: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)-Training & Employment Services (TES)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Montgomery County, Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 451 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45422

Description of Project: Funds for this program will provide for the training and development of displaced automotive and manufacturing workers to fill jobs in the advanced manufacturing, tooling and machine sectors.

13. Project—Aviation Heritage Foundation, Inc., Dayton, OH for exhibit upgrades and purchase of equipment

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division F
 Account: Museums & Libraries
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Aviation Trail, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 633, Dayton, Ohio 45409

Description of Project: Funds will be used to complete interactive and visual exhibits at the museum, which is a regional asset celebrating the Wright Brothers and the history of aviation.

14. Project—Dayton Society of Natural History, Dayton, OH for Exhibits and Purchase of Equipment

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division F
 Account: Museums and Libraries

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dayton Society of Natural History

Address of Requesting Entity: 2600 DeWeese Parkway, Dayton, Ohio 45414

Description of Project: Funds will provide new interactive space science exhibits, and for new museum equipment at the Boonshoft Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

15. Project—Greater Dayton RTA Bus Replacement, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division I
 Account: Bus and Bus Facilities
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority
 Address of Requesting Entity: 4 South Main Street, Dayton, OH 45402

Description of Project: Funds will go toward the replacement of 78 diesel buses between the years of 2008 and 2012.

16. Project—I-75 at South Dixie Drive/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division I
 Account: Interstate Maintenance, Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of West Carrollton, Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 E. Central Ave, West Carrollton, Ohio 45449

Description of Project: Funds will go toward constructing the four missing movements at exit 47 on I-75.

17. Project—Great Miami Boulevard Extension, Dayton, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division I
 Account: Surface Transportation Priorities
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Montgomery County, Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 451 West Third Street, 10th Floor, Dayton, Ohio 45422

Description of Project: Funds will go toward rebuilding Great Miami Boulevard from Riverside Drive to Shaw Avenue and extending Great Miami Boulevard from Shaw Avenue to Forest Avenue.

18. Project—For Acquisition and Demolition of Blighted, Vacant Properties and Buildings in Order to Revitalize the Area

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division I
 Account: Economic Development Initiatives
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Montgomery County, Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 451 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45422

Description of Project: Funds for the Brown Warren Redevelopment Project will go toward acquisition and demolition of blighted, vacant properties and buildings in Dayton, OH in order to revitalize this neighborhood.

19. Project—For Build-out of Approximately 3 Historic Buildings to Make them Tenant Ready for Business Occupancy

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division I
 Account: Economic Development Initiatives
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wright Dunbar, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1105 W. Third St. Dayton, OH 45402

Description of Project: Funds will provide build out of approximately three historic buildings (25,000 square feet) in the Wright-Dunbar historic neighborhood in Dayton, OH, to make them tenant ready for business occupancy.

20. Project—Ohio Hub Cleveland—Columbus Rail Corridor, OH

H.R. 1105 incorrectly named me as a requestor of the "Ohio Hub Cleveland—Columbus Rail Corridor, OH" project in the Research and Development Account of the Federal Rail Administration. I did not request this project.

IN RECOGNITION OF JANICE KAMINIS PLATT IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month, I rise today to honor Janice Kaminis Platt, a devoted advocate for our natural environment, high ethical standards, and education in the Tampa Bay area. Ms. Platt's life is an example of true integrity in public service.

Ms. Platt was born in St. Petersburg, Florida and is a 1958 graduate of Florida State University where she was the Vice-President of the student body, President of the Student Council and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board, and Hall of Fame. Later in life, from 2004–2006, Ms. Platt returned to her roots, serving as the Chair of the Tampa Bay Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association.

Ms. Platt's love of Tampa Bay's natural environment formed her strong advocacy for growth management and environmental protections. She was never afraid to say "no" to special interests who sought unwise or untimely permission to promote development or environmental harm.

Ms. Platt was elected to serve on the Tampa City Council from 1974–1978 and then elected to serve as a commissioner on the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners from 1978–1994 and from 1996–2004. She also served as chair of the commission several times during her tenure.

Ms. Platt was named as a member of the American Library Association's "Freedom to Read Honor Roll" and received the "Best Friend of the Year" award from the Friends of the Library of Hillsborough County, Inc. in 1999. In honor of her committed work with libraries and education, the Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library was dedicated to her on December 11, 2000. Hillsborough Head Start is viewed as a model among other institutions nationwide because of Jan Platt's guiding hand over many years.

Her extensive list of awards and achievements is remarkable. She has received more than fifty, demonstrating how much time and energy she devotes to truly making a difference. Her awards include: the Florida State University Distinguished Alumna for the College of Social Sciences Award, The University of Tampa Ethics Award, the Mortar Board Distinguished Lifetime Member Award, and the Don Hansen Conservationist of the Year Award.

In her lifetime as a public servant Ms. Platt has been a member of more than 40 community Boards and has served as chair of more than 20 of these organizations. Ms. Platt was also a distinguished member of the Constitutional Revision Commission.

Madam Speaker, Jan Platt is an incredible woman who has dedicated her life to improv-

ing reading education in Tampa. I was proud to call her a colleague. She served as one of my most important role models of what a public servant should be. I join many others to applaud her lifelong contribution to the Tampa Bay community.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT PUBLIC SERVANTS BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE NATION DURING PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK, MAY 4 THROUGH MAY 10, 2009

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, the week of May 4 through May 10, 2009 marks the 25th anniversary of Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW). PSRW is a week set aside to commemorate the hard work, dedication, and sacrifice made by our Nation's Federal, State and local government employees. As Chairman of the Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee, I am proud to introduce this resolution honoring public service and public servants.

PSRW offers an opportunity for all Americans to both recognize and learn about the significant contributions public sector employees make on a daily basis to our local communities, states, and country. Whether fighting crime, educating future generations, or serving on the front line to protect our nation, public servants touch every aspect of our lives.

While Public Service Week lasts only seven days, I believe that the contributions and sacrifices of public servants ought to be recognized and appreciated throughout the entire year. By honoring public servants we show younger generations the importance of public service and inspire them to consider entering the field, whether on the federal, State, or local level of government.

We, as a nation, have a responsibility to honor the commitment of government employees and to recognize that our country runs on their diligence and hard work. The commemoration of Public Service Recognition Week stands as a reminder to every citizen that the sacrifices and contributions made by American public employees is what makes our country a more perfect union and our government one that is truly of the people, for the people and by the people.

CONGRATULATING THE MADISON COUNTY, OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Madison County Chamber of Commerce on the celebration of its 50th anniversary. The Chamber of Commerce has

been extremely important in building and growing hundreds of businesses in Madison County. At this significant moment in time, with much volatility and uncertainty in our economy, it is important to recognize the role that local chambers of commerce play.

The Madison County Chamber of Commerce's purpose is to serve the businesses and entrepreneurs in the local community. The Chamber plays an integral role in bringing new ideas and jobs to the area while sustaining small businesses and working on their behalf. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. They have continued to employ American workers through some of the toughest times in history. These businesses stay true to their employees and do everything they can to positively impact their local community.

The Madison County Chamber of Commerce is working hard to ensure jobs stay at home in Central Ohio. Just last week the Chamber of Commerce announced nearly 15,000 jobs are available in Madison County. These competitive jobs require high levels of training; with my support and the support of the Chamber of Commerce, we are committed to providing the proper resources to equip our workforce with the tools they need to prosper in the 21st Century work environment.

Madam Speaker, I wish that our work here in Washington did not cause me to miss tonight's gathering. As the Madison County Chamber of Commerce begins its anniversary celebration, I am reminded of the importance of Main St. in our national economy and dedicate my efforts to continuing a partnership that benefits central Ohio.

I want to thank all of the businesses that contribute so much to Madison County and Central Ohio. I want to specifically acknowledge the Chamber's current leadership: Executive Director Sean Hughes, President of the Board of Directors Tim Suter, 1st Vice President Brenda Adams, 2nd Vice President Joan Denes, 3rd Vice President Pamela Peterman and Secretary-Treasurer Sarah Hankins-Miller. May the next 50 years be prosperous and successful. I ask that my colleagues join me to acknowledge and celebrate this milestone with my friends at the Madison Chamber of Commerce.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ELLIE RICKER TO THE SCOTTSDALE SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ellie Ricker for the many significant contributions she has made to the Scottsdale Sister Cities Association. She has spent the last 30 years of her life working with Scottsdale's sister cities of Alamos, Mexico; Cairns, Australia; Kingston, Canada; and Interlaken, Switzerland.

Ellie, who is now retiring, was recently honored by Scottsdale Sister Cities for her three decades of loyal, dedicated work for the association and the people who benefit from their labor. She has served as secretary and representative to Cairns and chair of the Alamos and Kingston home-stay committees. Her passionate activism has ranged from organizing