

1967–1972. He then went on to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in the 93rd Congress, and served for 36 years.

Congressman Regula last served as the ranking member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, and was one of the longest serving Republican Members of Congress. Congressman Regula retired at the end of the 110th Congress after a career of nearly 50 years of public service. Congressman Regula is married to Mary Regula and has three children and four grandchildren.

It is most fitting and proper to honor Congressman Regula with this designation.

I support H.R. 1687, as amended, and urge its passage.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. With that, Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BOCCIERI. Mr. Speaker, at this time I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KISSELL). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOCCIERI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1687, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. BOCCIERI. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE RECREATIONAL BOATING COMMUNITY

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 410) recognizing the numerous contributions of the recreational boating community and the boating industry to the continuing prosperity and affluence of the United States.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

##### H. RES. 410

Whereas the boating community in the United States includes over 59,000,000 individuals, generates more than \$33,000,000,000 annually in the United States economy, and provides jobs for 337,000 citizens of the United States who earn wages totaling \$10,400,000,000 annually;

Whereas boaters often serve as stewards of the marine environment of the United States, educating future generations of the value of these resources, and preserving such resources for such generations' enjoyment;

Whereas there are approximately 1,400 active boat builders in the United States, using materials and services contributed from all 50 States;

Whereas boating, as an activity, provides opportunities for families to be together, ap-

peals to all age groups, and has a beneficial effect on the physical fitness and scholastic performance of those who participate; and

Whereas, July 1, 2009, would be an appropriate day to establish as National Boating Day: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) the recreational boating community and the boating industry of the United States should be commended for their numerous contributions to the economy of the United States, the well-being of United States citizens, and responsible environmental stewardship of the marine resources of the United States; and

(2) the President should issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe National Boating Day with appropriate programs and activities that emphasize family involvement and provide an opportunity to promote the boating industry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. LARSEN) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on House Resolution 410.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 410, recognizing the numerous contributions of the recreational boating community and the boating industry to the continuing prosperity and affluence of the United States.

This bipartisan resolution was introduced by Representatives RON KLEIN of Florida and HENRY BROWN of South Carolina, along with the co-Chairs of the Congressional Boating Caucus, Representatives GENE TAYLOR of Mississippi and CANDICE MILLER of Michigan.

House Resolution 410 honors the 59 million boaters in the United States. As evidenced by the bipartisan cosponsors of this resolution, American boaters span all across the country, including my constituents in Washington State who take to the waters of the Puget Sound.

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Boating provides a great activity for thousands of families, Mr. Speaker, on our lakes and certainly on our great coasts—to fish, to dive, to snorkel or to simply enjoy America's stunning natural marine resources.

Boating isn't just a recreational activity. The boating industry is one of America's great industries that includes about 1,400 active boat builders in the United States, including many in my district, using materials and

services contributed from all 50 States. These are American jobs that are creating a uniquely American product. Additional jobs include electricians, carpenters, painters, and engineers who work to repair or to refit recreational vessels—along with all the crew members and employees at our many marinas and harbors.

When taken together, boating in America generates more than \$33 billion annually for our economy, and it provides 337,000 jobs, totaling \$10.4 billion in wages every year. For these reasons, I am urging my colleagues to support House Resolution 410.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of House Resolution 410, a resolution recognizing the recreational boating community and industries.

I now recognize for as much time as he may consume our colleague from South Carolina, Mr. HENRY BROWN.

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. I appreciate my colleague from Wisconsin for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my support for House Resolution 410, legislation I was proud to introduce with Representative KLEIN. As the Representative for 75 percent of South Carolina's coast and for many of my State's recreational and commercial boaters, I am proud of this resolution, which recognizes the numerous contributions of the recreational boating community and of the boating industry.

Boating is big business in the State of South Carolina, with more than \$826 million in sales a year and with nearly 9,000 boating industry employees across the State. Boats are owned by families of all income levels in communities across my State and the Nation. In my district alone, there are 82,441 registered recreational boats, and there are 145 boating businesses which range from small charter operations and marinas to major boat engine manufacturers at Cummins Marine, an employer of hundreds of my constituents.

Nationally, the recreational boating community includes over 59 million Americans, and it makes a significant impact on our economy. Boaters also serve as stewards of the marine environment as the boating community has a long history of educating future generations on the value of these resources and on how to preserve them for their enjoyment. Additionally, through annual motorboat fuel taxes, boaters contribute more than \$100 million towards fish restoration and towards other environmental programs.

More than anything else, boating is important to American families as it provides opportunities for them to spend quality time together. It appeals to all age groups, and it has the beneficial effect on the physical fitness and scholastic performance of those who participate.

At the request of my constituent, Mr. Bill Hanahan, I worked to include language in this resolution, marking the

important role that boating plays for American families. As Mr. Hanahan said, Joining family and friends on the water is a great way to escape the chaos of our busy lives, create quality memories together and appreciate nature in all its glory.

Boating does just that, and I encourage all of my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would like to yield 4 minutes to the cosponsor of this resolution, Mr. KLEIN of Florida.

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Washington (Mr. LARSEN) for yielding me time, and I also want to commend him for his leadership on this important issue.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 410, a resolution I introduced with my friend from South Carolina, the Honorable HENRY BROWN, along with the distinguished co-Chairs of the Congressional Boating Caucus, the Honorable GENE TAYLOR from Mississippi and the Honorable CANDICE MILLER from Michigan.

Our resolution highlights the important contributions of the recreational boating community and the boating industry as to the quality of our lives and as to our continued economic prosperity. I urge President Obama to issue a proclamation calling upon the American people to observe July 1 as National Boating Day.

Boating is a famous symbol for south Florida, where I come from, and for other parts around the country. Millions of residents in our community and tourists take to the waters of south Florida to boat, to fish, to dive, to snorkel, and to view scenic tours along our pristine coastline and along our unique intercoastal waterway. Palm Beach County alone has over 40,000 registered boaters. Fort Lauderdale's majestic canals have earned it the nickname "the Venice of America."

The significance of the boating community is not only symbolic. The industry is a major economic engine in Florida, responsible for over \$2.8 billion in direct sales and for 30,000 jobs State-wide. In my district alone, there are over 34,000 registered boats. The industry produces \$193 million, and it employs over 2,000 of my constituents.

As everyone here knows, the contributions of the boating community extend far beyond the Sunshine State. The boating community includes 59 million people and 13.6 million registered boats throughout the United States. In addition, the recreational boating industry provides more than \$37 billion in sales and in services to the U.S. economy, and it provides over 300,000 jobs throughout our country.

One need only look at the geographic diversity among members of the Congressional Boating Caucus, of which I am a proud member, to measure the broad influence and contributions of the boating community and of the boating industry. Members come from

33 States, including Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Kansas, and West Virginia.

Clearly, boating is not just a coastal pastime. It is an American pastime. Boating also brings us closer to our natural resources and treasures. I strongly believe that an appreciation for environmental stewardship comes through an interaction with nature. For example, it's hard to comprehend the beauty of our coral reefs until you see it under water with your own eyes through a boat. Once you do, you begin to understand their importance and the need to protect them for the continued health of our oceans.

Boating gives us these cherished opportunities to commune with nature, and it should be no surprise that boaters can be impassioned stewards of the environment, teaching future generations of boaters to have a healthy respect and appreciation for our natural resources.

For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 410, and I thank the gentleman from Washington again for bringing H. Res. 410 to the floor.

I urge its passage.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to our colleague from Indiana, Representative SOUDER.

Mr. SOUDER. I thank my friend and colleague from Wisconsin for his leadership on Transportation and for the time to speak on this bill.

As a member of the Boating Caucus, since we first formed this, I am really pleased to be supportive of this resolution. In northeast Indiana, basically, I represent a lot of water with plants and farms in between.

In Kosciusko County, we have 100 lakes. In Steuben County, we have 100 lakes. Along this ridge, one water system heads towards Lake Erie; one water system heads towards Lake Michigan, and the other goes down into the Mississippi Valley. Because of geological potholes basically connected together, sometimes through small dams and sometimes in natural larger lakes, we have the bulk of the lakes in Indiana. It is when the glaciers pulled back. So in this zone, I would guess we may have 40 to 60 percent of the natural lakes in the State of Indiana. Some have been, historically in United States' history, big attractions, not necessarily as big a tourist attraction as in Florida or as in Wisconsin or, for that matter, as in Washington State, but Winona Lake was a big Chautauqua area.

In Kosciusko County, we have a number of State parks on these lakes, and so we're proud to bring in lots of regional tourism and people who enjoy them. They're sometimes lined up to get to the open space on our lakes in Indiana.

Yet, as the number one manufacturing district in the United States—I can't remember the latest figures—I believe we're fifth in the manufacturing of boats. Many of those boats go

down to Florida and to the coasts. The inboard-outboard engine and the jet engine were both invented in my district, working with Volvo in Sweden. Many of the larger boat companies are based there—everything from float boats to fishing boats to high-powered speedboats. It is a critical part of our district. It has been a pleasure to work with the boating industry as we work on how to get retail floor plan financing for boats.

We hear a lot right now about GM and Chrysler—the auto companies. I represent Elkhart County, along with Congressman JOE DONNELLY. We've been working to make sure of the RV industry, 58 percent of which is there; but if you'll notice and look carefully at the retail floor plan financing and at SBA and at what they've done through TALF and other things, you'll see it says cars, trucks, RVs, motorcycles, and boats, because the same challenge that we're facing in the auto industry is true for the boating industry, which is how do we make sure there are adequate boats being purchased from manufacturers; how do we make sure there is the financing to keep them afloat, and then how do we make sure of the dealers. If they can only get one-fourth of their normal inventory there, here in this peak season for selling boats, it isn't going to work.

So this is a very unusual time and an important time for the boating industry. Not only are we entering the summer season in the Great Lakes region and in other areas of the country where boating and recreation are at a peak, but it's also a time of survival. It is probably the biggest challenge to the boat manufacturers since the luxury tax nearly sunk them years ago.

So I stand, honored to speak on behalf of this resolution because it's very important that we call to the attention of the American people not only the great pleasures of recreational boating but also the importance of having our boating industry survive.

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, we have no further speakers. So, at this point, I will reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I fully support House Resolution 410, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 410, introduced by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. KLEIN), which recognizes the recreational boating community and boating industry for their contributions to the national economy and urges the President to issue a proclamation to observe July 1, 2009 as National Boating Day.

In the United States, the boating community consists of over 59 million people and over 13 million registered recreational boats. The boating community supports over 330,000 American jobs with total wages totaling approximately \$10.4 billion a year. There are approximately 1400 boat builders in the United States that construct and repair boats using materials and services from all 50 States. In addition, recreational boating and the boating industry

contribute over \$33 billion to the American economy annually.

In my state of Minnesota, there are over 866,000 registered boats—the third largest number of boats of any state in the country. In fact, Minnesota has the most boats per capita of any state: there is one boat for every six people.

Whether it is on the river, a lake, along the ocean, inter-coastal or intra-coastal waterway, recreational boaters support and depend on over 12,000 marinas all across the United States.

Recreational boating is an American pastime. It is a family activity that appeals to all age groups and is a constructive outlet for entertainment. Whether water skiing, snorkeling, fishing, or just relaxing on the water, boating is a perfect reason to turn off the television and put away the video games and to bring families and friends closer together. For these reasons, July 1, 2009, should be established as National Boating Day.

I support H. Res. 410, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 410, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. LARSEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 410.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### SUPPORTING NATIONAL PIPELINE SAFETY DAY

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 484) expressing support for designation of June 10th as “National Pipeline Safety Day”.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

#### H. RES. 484

Whereas there are more than 2,000,000 miles of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines in this country operated by over 3,000 companies;

Whereas these pipelines play a vital role in the lives of people in the United States by delivering the energy we need to heat our homes, drive our cars, cook our food and operate our businesses;

Whereas in the past decade significant new pipelines have been built to help move North American sources of oil and gas to refineries and markets;

Whereas, on June 10, 1999, a hazardous liquid pipeline ruptured and exploded in a park in Bellingham, Washington, killing two 10-year-old boys and a young man, destroying a salmon stream, and causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damages and economic disruption;

Whereas in response to this June 10th pipeline tragedy Congress passed significant new pipeline safety regulations in the form of the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 and

the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006;

Whereas in the past decade the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, with support from a diverse group of stakeholders, has instituted a variety of important new rules and pipeline safety initiatives such as the Common Ground Alliance, pipeline emergency training with the National Association of State Fire Marshals, and the Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance;

Whereas even with all these new pipeline safety improvements, in 2008 alone there were still 274 significant pipeline incidents causing over \$395,000,000 in property damage and uncounted economic disruption;

Whereas even though pipelines are the safest method to transport huge quantities of fuel, pipeline incidents such as the 1994 pipeline explosion in Edison, New Jersey that left 100 people homeless, the 1996 butane pipeline explosion in Texas that left 2 teenagers dead, the 2000 pipeline explosion near Carlsbad, New Mexico, that killed 12 people in an extended family, the 2004 pipeline explosion in Walnut Creek, California, that killed 5 workers, and the 2007 propane pipeline explosion in Mississippi that killed a teenager and her grandmother are still occurring;

Whereas these millions of miles of pipelines are still out of sight and therefore out of mind for the majority of individuals, local governments, and businesses, leading to pipeline damage and general lack of oversight;

Whereas greater awareness of pipelines and pipeline safety can improve public safety;

Whereas a “National Pipeline Safety Day” can provide a focal point for creating greater pipeline safety awareness; and

Whereas June 10, 2009, is the 10th anniversary of the Bellingham, Washington, pipeline tragedy that was the impetus for many of the above-mentioned safety improvements and would be an appropriate day to designate as “National Pipeline Safety Day”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the designation of National Pipeline Safety Day;

(2) encourages State and local governments to observe the day with appropriate activities that promote pipeline safety;

(3) encourages all pipeline safety stakeholders to use this day to create greater public awareness of all the advancements that can lead to even greater pipeline safety; and

(4) encourages individuals across the Nation to become more aware of the pipelines that run through our communities and do what they can to encourage safe practices and damage prevention.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. LARSEN) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on House Resolution 484.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to ask the House of Representatives to support the designation of June 10, tomorrow, as National Pipeline Safety Day. There are more than 2 million miles of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines in our country. Pipelines play a vital role in the lives of the American people by delivering the energy we need to heat our homes, to drive our cars, to cook our food, and to operate our businesses.

In the past decade, significant new pipelines have been built to help move oil and gas to refineries and to markets. These pipelines are invisible to most people and, therefore, are out of sight and are out of mind. This can lead to pipeline damage and to a general lack of government oversight.

On June 10 of 1999, a pipeline leak caused a massive explosion in my district in Bellingham, Washington. The rupture released more than a quarter of a million gallons of gasoline into Whatcom Creek. The gasoline ignited, sending a fireball racing down the creek, which killed two 10-year-old boys and an 18-year-old man. The two boys—Stephen Tsiorvas and Wade King—were playing in the creek on a summer day, near their homes, and 18-year-old Liam Wood had just graduated from high school and was fly fishing for trout.

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Previous generations certainly ask themselves, Where were you when President Kennedy was shot? But in my district, people literally ask the question and know the answer to, Where were you when the pipeline exploded? It had that much of an impact in my district.

In response to this tragedy and several other pipeline explosions across the country, Congress passed legislation to strengthen pipeline safety regulations. The 2002 Pipeline Safety Improvement Act increased penalty fines, improved pipeline testing timelines, provided whistleblower protection, and allowed for State oversight. In 2006, Congress reauthorized the 2002 law by passing the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act, or the PIPES Act. Since that day in June, we’ve made significant progress in ensuring the safety of our Nation’s pipelines. The frequency of so-called “high-consequence events” to pipelines has diminished almost 35 percent in the last 10 years. Due to the integrity management program required by the new law, pipeline operators have made extensive repairs to their pipelines that otherwise would have led to future accidents.

The 811 One-Call program now provides a number that people can call before they dig to make sure that they won’t hit a pipeline when they do dig. “Call 811, the One-Call program.” And Congress has significantly increased the number of pipeline inspectors in