

HONORING NANCY J. REED

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nancy J. Reed of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Nancy is active in the community and she has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in Volunteerism.

Nancy is a truly outstanding individual and has been a volunteer and leader extraordinaire her entire life. She is respected for her leadership and passion for doing what is right for mankind. She broke ground in 1964 as a savvy political wife helping elect her husband to the Missouri House. She then participated in city, county, state and national elections. She was elected to the SJSD school board in 1976 and was president in 1980–1982. She served at a difficult time, closing four schools—including her own children's school. She has served for United Way, InterServ, the Planning and Zoning Committee, and the Francis Street United Methodist Church.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Nancy J. Reed. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

**SMALL BUSINESS JOBS AND
CREDIT ACT OF 2010**

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5297) to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Chair, I want to thank Chairman BARNEY FRANK and Members of the House Financial Services Committee for supporting the "Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010", and for the opportunity to explain my amendment, No. 12, to H.R. 5297. I also want to thank Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO from the Louisiana's Second District, one of the Gulf Coast communities affected by the oil spill for co-sponsoring the amendment.

My amendment would require the Secretary of Treasury to confer special consideration in the allocation of funds to states in the Gulf region, and to eligible financial institutions in the areas where the local economy has been adversely affected by the recent Gulf Region oil spill. Local communities that rely on the natural resources and the related business activity of the Gulf have been devastated. If economic action is not taken, they will continue to see layoffs, increased unemployment, and significant declines in economic activity. This

amendment will help resolve the negative impacts of the oil spill by ensuring that credit is extended to small businesses in these areas.

Madam Chair, given the enormous economy created by the natural resources of the Gulf of Mexico, the economic effects of the oil spill will be massive. In 2008, over 620,000 were employed in the tourism and recreation markets and 210,000 in commercial fishing industry in the Gulf Region. Secondary job markets also rely on business related to the natural resources of the Gulf. These include boat maintenance companies, fishing equipment suppliers, and cleaning companies to name a few. These markets are, and will continue to be adversely affected by the oil spill.

Estimates of the exact economic repercussions of the spill have yet to be determined. However, the University of Central Florida predicts that in Florida alone, 40,000 jobs and \$2.2 billion could be lost as a direct result. President Obama has recently stated that the American people should be prepared for an ongoing economic impact, resulting from the oil spill.

In my recent visit to the impacted communities of the Gulf Coast region, I had an opportunity to visit with oystermen, fishermen, watermen, shrimpers, boat owners and others to listen to their personal stories of lost dreams, lost revenues, and disruptions to their way of living caused by the oil spill. This bill represents a small step towards returning their lives to some sense of normality by requiring financial institutions in these devastated communities, to begin lending again to small businesses, which generate jobs and incomes.

Again, I would like to thank my colleague, Representative ANH CAO, for joining me as a co-sponsor of this amendment. He too understands the importance of this bill as a vehicle to provide small business lending to aid in the recovery of those communities affected by the oil spill. This amendment to H.R. 5297 would provide a major impetus in the sustained efforts towards recovery from this unfolding crisis. If small businesses are able to obtain credit, they would again gain the ability to grow, expand, and thus create new job opportunities in the regions affected by the oil spill. This would greatly offset the economic catastrophe that is already emerging in these areas; one that no one could have anticipated less than 57 days ago.

For these reasons, I urge the Committee to make my amendment in order.

HONORING EDWARD MOFFAT II
HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Edward Moffat and his service to the community. Judge Moffat passed away on January 16, 2010 at the age of 63.

Judge Edward Moffat II was born on December 20, 1946 in Denver, Colorado, to Edward and Josephine Sansone-Moffat. In 1963 the family moved to Oakland, California. Upon graduating from Bishop O'Dowd High School, he attended St. Mary's College at Moraga, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in history. He attended Golden Gate University

and graduated with a Juris Doctorate degree in 1972. Later that year, he was admitted to the California Bar.

Judge Moffat moved to Madera, California to become an assistant district attorney. Over the next 12 years he gained broad experience in both criminal and appellate law with successive positions with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Public Defender's Office, Tulare County Public Defender's Office, as well as private practice. In 1986 Judge Moffat ran for Madera County Superior Court and was elected. He was re-elected in 1992, 1998 and 2004. Judge Moffat served as the Presiding Judge in 1989, 1991–1992, 1996 and 2002–2004. During his career, Judge Moffat also served as Presiding Judge of Appellate Division, Judge of Appellate Division for Madera Superior Court, Judge of Appellate Division for Mariposa Superior Court and Associate Justice pro tempore of the Court of Appeals, Fifth Appellate District.

Outside of the court room, Judge Moffat was a member of the California Judges Association, Cow County Judges Association, California State Bar, La Raza Lawyers Association of Fresno, Madera County Bar Association, and the California Public Defenders Association. Judge Moffat served as a Madera County Law Library Trustee for twenty-four years. He was also involved with many community organizations, including the Young Men's Institute, the Italo American Club, the Italian Catholic Federation, the Knights of Columbus, the Pan American Club, Madera Elks Club and Madera Noon Lions. He also worked tirelessly with local youth and the Boy Scouts of America. For his contribution and service, Judge Moffat received many awards and honors. He was named "Man of the Year" by the Young Man's Institute and the Pan American Club and the Dad's Can Cook 2003 "Father of the Year". Judge Moffat was honored by the Madera County Office of Education in 2001 when he was awarded the "Golden Apple Award", and again recently when they named the Mock Trial program in his honor.

Judge Moffat spent his free time golfing with his children and friends at the Madera Golf and Country Club, at home baking with his grandchildren or playing penny slot machines at the casinos with his wife, Veronica. He was a sports enthusiast, always finding opportunities to discuss major league baseball and the Denver Broncos; he read the sports section of the San Francisco Chronicle often.

Judge Moffat is survived by his wife of 35 years, Veronica; their children, Gina, Edward III, Sarah and Matthew; brothers John and Joe; sister Marie Capri; grandchildren Kobe and Devon. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and friends. He was a loving and devoted husband and father, a tireless community leader and a great friend to many.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Edward Moffat. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

IN MEMORIAM: GEORGE HODDY
HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, today, my district laid to rest a local hero, a man who truly

embodied the community spirit that makes our country so great.

George Hoddy, an extraordinarily accomplished businessman, booster, and philanthropist in Owosso, Michigan, died on Sunday at the age of 105. His life is an example for all Americans.

He moved to Owosso in 1936 as an enterprising young man, driven by a truly American spirit to provide jobs and help Owosso recover from the Great Depression.

He founded Universal Electric Company in Owosso, becoming a community icon and providing steady employment for thousands. George was a constant innovator, developing ideas and obtaining 32 patents in the small-motor field.

Not content with simply being a business leader, George was also icon in many community organizations. A run-down of just a few of those include Memorial Healthcare, the Rotary Club, the Boy Scouts, Shiawassee YMCA and YWCA, Shiawassee United Way, Owosso-Corunna Area Chamber of Commerce, Owosso Industrial Development Corporation, the Shiawassee Foundation. His service truly was life-long: he was a Mason for more than 80 years.

And there are many more. George's involvement illustrates how working together and giving back can better one's community.

One of his crowning achievements was to encourage Baker College to come to Owosso. He served as the original Board of Regents chair for Baker College of Owosso. Most recently, he donated his home and four other buildings to the school, and established a scholarship in his and wife Lois's names there.

He has been, rightly, called an "honorary founding father" by Owosso's Mayor. George Hoddy's belief in and commitment to the founding strengths our nation; free enterprise, limited government, and involvement in his community made him a giant among men. I valued his friendship and counsel. His life was one to be truly celebrated.

HONORING JENNIFER SOPER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jennifer Soper of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Jennifer is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Emerging Leader.

As managing attorney for the local office of Legal Aid of Western Missouri, Jennifer leads the largest individual unit within the organization. She has dedicated her career to assisting the underprivileged and victims of abuse, and serves on several councils and committees that further the interests of the less fortunate and minority groups. Some of her accomplishments include developing educational brochures in multiple languages to inform clients of their rights and obligations, facilitating programs to disperse that information, teaching a course in family law, and recruiting interns.

Jennifer demonstrates excellence in her various roles as a volunteer. Her impact has been extensive, both to the individuals she is working to serve and to her co-workers whom she serves alongside.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Jennifer Soper. Her achievements and selfless acts of service have impacted countless individuals in and beyond the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2142, The Government Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Performance Improvement Act. This legislation will force federal agencies and Congress to confront a crucial question: does the government we have operate as efficiently and responsibly as possible? By requiring agency heads to set measurable goals, subjecting identified programs to frequent assessments, and by enhancing transparency, this bill goes a long way towards creating an accountable, results-oriented government.

Before coming to Congress, I was a scientist and a businessman. In both science and business, data, clear metrics, and measurable goals guide any successful endeavor. The same should be true of the federal government. Whenever taxpayer dollars are spent, the American people deserve to know whether they're getting their money's worth. This means identifying which agencies are working, and which are not.

With deficits on an unsustainable long-term course, we must have a mechanism in place to ferret out wasteful spending and not hesitate to slash underperforming programs. This bill not only puts in place that mechanism, but it also allows the public to participate in the process. Agencies will be required to consider public input on program goals and the criteria by which they are assessed.

This bill is a victory for accountable government and the American taxpayer. Those who oppose it will say that it does not go far and fast enough, but they will not dispute that it is a step in the right direction. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

MEDIA HELPS ATTORNEY GENERAL

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the media recently covered a meeting between Attorney General Holder and police chiefs who oppose Arizona's new immigration enforcement law. The stories left readers with the impression their views were representative of law enforcement officers.

That's not the case, as Investor's Business Daily has pointed out:

The meeting was "staged by a liberal Washington lobby group . . ." that "describes itself

as a 'progressive' organization 'challenging traditional police practices.'"

They are "partnered with the ACLU and [have] lobbied against even federal enforcement of immigration laws."

If a group of self-described "conservative" law enforcement officers had met with Attorney General Holder, the media would have mentioned their bias in the news coverage—if they bothered to cover the story at all.

HONORING LONG-TIME LABOR LEADER, ACTIVIST AND UCLA SCHOLAR MR. JOHN DELLORO

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Mr. John Delloro, who passed on the morning of June 5, 2010, at the young age of 39. My heart goes out to his wife, Dr. Susan Suh, their two young children, Mina and Malcolm, and the rest of John's family and friends.

Delloro was an extraordinary citizen, a powerful advocate for social justice in Los Angeles, our Nation and beyond. He helped improve the lives of many people in his short yet fulfilling life, becoming a nationally recognized labor leader, educator, organizer, teacher and mentor well before the age of 40.

A Bruin through and through, John earned his master's degree in Asian American Studies and his bachelor's degree in Psychology at UCLA. He worked as a lecturer at UCLA's Asian Studies Department for three years, inspiring countless students to become involved and active in their community.

During his tenure as a faculty member at Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Delloro helped groomed a new generation of union leaders, teaching classes in politics and labor, labor leadership and strategic planning for labor unions.

John will always be remembered as a tireless advocate for working men, women and families. He served as manager of the southwest California area of the 90,000 member SEIU Local 1000, the Union of California State Workers and as staff director for the acute care hospital division of SEIU Local 399. He was a dedicated labor leader, spending countless hours organizing workers of all backgrounds, from cooks in Las Vegas to court employees in Los Angeles.

He was also a leading advocate for his own Filipino American and APA community, co-founding the Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California and serving as National President of the Asian Pacific Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO, the largest and only national organization dedicated to representing the interests of Asian Pacific American working families.

I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring my friend John Delloro for his remarkable service and contribution to our country. He has made a true impact on lives of many, and will be sorely missed.