

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS AND CREDIT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

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:

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act. I want to thank the Chairmen of the Financial Services and Small Business Committees, Representatives BARNEY FRANK, D-MA, and NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ, D-NY, respectively, for their leadership in bringing to bear this jobs-creating measure and Congressman GARY PETERS, D-MI, for providing critical guidance for Michigan on the bill as it moved forward.

Today, we are, voting on legislation that will encourage lending to small businesses and in turn job creation. First, H.R. 5297 sets up a \$30 billion small business lending fund for small- and medium-sized community banks, which could leverage up to \$300 billion in lending. The fund encourages small business lending by decreasing the interest rate at which the loan is paid back when the bank expands lending to small businesses. Second, the bill creates a State Small Business Credit Initiative to be administered by the Treasury Department which would provide funding for new or existing state lending programs. It is estimated the new Credit Initiative would create an estimated \$20 billion in new lending. Finally, H.R. 5297 contains a provision to restart private investment to meet small businesses' evolving financing needs through a new SBA public-private partnership.

While the Democratic Congress blunted the downward spiral of our economy that was born out of Bush administration policy, our unemployment rate still hovers around 9.5 percent nationwide and around 14 percent in Michigan. It is clear that we can and must do more to ensure our government continues to put the economy on the path to recovery. In particular, small businesses must have access to capital so they can expand and hire workers. In the beginning of this month at a Federal Reserve Bank meeting in Detroit, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke highlighted this need as he called on banks to lend to small businesses "for the safety and soundness of our banking system." This legislation fulfills the need articulated not only by Mr. Bernanke and other leading economists, but by small businesses in the 15th district such as our automotive suppliers and manufacturers, high tech start ups, and innovative alternative energy firms. I have listened to the concerns of small

businesses in my district about the lack of available credit and with the passage of this bill we are taking action to address their concerns.

The statistic has been cited many times before, but it is worth remembering that small businesses have created two-thirds of net new jobs over the past 15 years. Let's help our small businesses help grow our economy by passing this important legislation. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting "yes" on H.R. 5297.

HONORING LT. COL. DUDLEY R.
CANNON, JR., TITUSVILLE, FL

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lt. Col. D.R. Cannon Jr. who, on June 25th of this year, will be retiring after 28 years of service to the United States Air Force. Today, we celebrate his dedication to his family, our country, and the Judge Advocate General's Corp.

Col. Cannon was a direct appointee to the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's Department, starting as first lieutenant in June 1982. He began active duty in July 1982 and served four years at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts. Upon leaving active duty in June 1986, he joined the active reserves and was stationed at Eglin Air Force Base, FL until June 31, 1988. From August 1986 until June 1988, he served a split attachment with his tour at Eglin Air Force Base and inactive training at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. In June of 1988, Col. Cannon was reattached to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Eastern Space and Missile Center (now 45th Space Wing), at Patrick Air Force Base. After leaving active duty, Col. Cannon started working for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration with the office of Chief Council at Kennedy Space Center. Since November 2004, he has been the Director of Procurement at Kennedy.

Among his various awards, Col. Cannon has been awarded the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, NASA's Exceptional Achievement Medal, NASA's Exceptional Service Medal, and the NASA Small Business Administrator's Cup Award for Fiscal Year 2009.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Col. Cannon has remained a dedicated and caring leader, husband and father; putting his all in everything he does. His legacy will continue in the hundreds of JAG Corps personnel he has mentored through the years.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Lt. Col. Dudley Cannon on the occasion of his retirement and thanking him for his service to our great nation.

SUPPORT TAIWAN

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, as a long-time friend of Taiwan, and as one of the 140 bipartisan Members of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting an issue that my Taiwanese-American constituents and I care deeply about.

During the previous Congress, I introduced H. Con. Res. 250, which supports Taiwan's full membership in international organizations such as the United Nations. To me, it seems only fair that a country with a population of 23 million be represented in the U.N. and its affiliated organizations.

If it weren't for China's disapproval, Taiwan would likely have become a member of the U.N. long ago. China consistently blocks Taiwan's membership in the U.N. because China opposes international recognition of Taiwan's status as a sovereign and independent country. And since China is a large country, and Taiwan a small one, Taiwan's involvement in international organizations has become contingent upon Chinese approval.

A prime example of China's influence occurred just a short while ago. In early April of this year, the media reported that China would permit Taiwan's Health Minister to attend the annual summit of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva for the second year in a row.

Then, in mid-April, our State Department sent a report to Congress supporting "meaningful participation" by Taiwan in the WHO. It read: "As we plan for the 63rd WHA [World Health Assembly] session this May, the U.S. welcomes the extension of WHA's invitation once again to Taiwan to send an observer delegation. [. . .] The invitation to attend the 2009 WHA was issued after the People's Republic of China agreed to Taiwan's participation." Clearly, Taiwan attended this year's summit only because China allowed it to do so.

I am concerned that other countries and international organizations will now begin to view China as Taiwan's suzerain. If this view becomes the accepted international norm, Taiwan's current status as an independent, sovereign state will be undermined further.

Some applauded the fact that Taiwan had any presence in this year's summit. I would like to point out though that, due to Chinese pressure, Taiwan participated under the name "Chinese Taipei," even though the name of the country is "Taiwan." Taipei is merely Taiwan's capital. In addition, Taiwan participated in the WHA session as a mere "observer." This meant that Taiwan's representatives did not have the right to vote during the weeklong meeting. Furthermore, Taiwan's participation was not permanent; it came under Beijing's sponsorship on a one-year-at-a-time basis.

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Rather than supporting “meaningful participation,” I believe the U.S. should promote Taiwan’s full membership in international organizations such as the WHO. I therefore urge my colleagues to join me in supporting Taiwan’s full and equal membership in the United Nations, the WHO, and other international organizations.

A TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT
ZACHARY WALTERS

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marine Sergeant Zachary Walters who was killed in Helmand, Afghanistan on June 8, 2010 while serving with the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force based out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Sergeant Walters attended Flagler Palm Coast High School and was a member of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC). He graduated in 2005 and joined the United States Marine Corps the next day, passing up college scholarships and job offers so he could serve the country he loved. During his initial tour in the Marine Corps, he deployed from August 2008 to March 2009 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After his initial enlistment was complete, Sergeant Walters could have returned to civilian life, but he instead chose to re-enlist in the Marine Corps. Sergeant Walters learned that the Marines whom he had trained would be deployed to Afghanistan, and he felt it was his duty to lead the Marines he had prepared into combat. He selflessly chose to answer the call once again. Sergeant Walters shipped out in May for Afghanistan, just days before his 24th birthday.

Sergeant Walters lost his life to a roadside bomb while doing what he had chosen to do: leading men into combat. Our Nation can never repay the debt we owe to this brave man and his family. Sergeant Walters represents the best values of this Nation and the Marine Corps, embodying the Corps’ values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

I cannot state it any better than Sergeant Walters’ mother, Regina Walters, did, when she said: “I’ve never been prouder in my life. My precious boy made the ultimate sacrifice. He would not have had it any other way.”

I wish to extend my condolences to Sergeant Walters’ family and hope that they continue to find solace in his lasting impact on both his grateful Nation and his proud Corps.

IN HONOR OF THE 51ST ANNUAL
DINNER OF THE CLEVELAND
CHAPTER OF THE NAACP

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 51st Annual Dinner of the Cleveland Chapter NAACP. The Cleveland Chapter and all NAACP Chapters were a

driving force behind our nation’s civil rights movement. Founded in 1912, the Cleveland Chapter continues to serve as a source of support and strength on behalf of the rights and freedoms of minorities.

While the Cleveland Chapter began as a small group, they quickly grew to 1,600 members by 1922. The population of African Americans in Northeast Ohio increased during the 1920s and 1930s, allowing political leadership to organize and emerge. In 1923, supported by the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP, Thomas W. Fleming was elected the first-ever African American to Cleveland City Council. A few years later, three more African Americans were elected to serve on the Cleveland City Council. In 1927, Harry E. Davis was elected to serve on the Cleveland Civil Service Commission and Mary Martin Brown was elected as a member of the Cleveland City School Board. They too were the first African Americans to hold these positions.

During its first few decades, the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP fought fiercely against racism. Chapter leaders and members rallied and organized for fair housing, educational and job opportunities, and an end to segregation. The Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP filed lawsuits against theaters, restaurants and other establishments that discriminated against African Americans. Chapter members also worked diligently behind the scenes to persuade white business owners to stop discriminatory practices.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the members and leaders, past and present, of the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP as they gather to celebrate their 51st Annual Dinner. Since their formation in 1912, members have risked their lives and their livelihoods to fight for equality and tear down the walls of racism. In their quest for freedom they paved the way for a society where equal opportunity and justice exist for many as never before and where someday, will exist for all.

HONORING LAURA DESTEFANO

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laura DeStefano, the Award of Merit Winner for the 4th Congressional District’s high school art competition, “An Artistic Discovery.” An Artistic Discovery recognizes and encourages the artistic talent in the Nation, as well as in each congressional district. The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

Laura DeStefano, a resident of the 4th Congressional District, is currently a senior at East Meadow High School in East Meadow, New York. Ms. DeStefano offered her digital photography piece, “Where the Side Walk Ends.” Laura’s eye for beauty is certainly a testament to her achievement.

The contest in the 4th Congressional District continues to flourish and I owe it to all of the

talented students like Laura from our high schools that submitted their art to be displayed in this distinguished contest. It is essential for art programs and curricula to remain in our schools and communities. I believe that having a forum for our young people to express themselves in a creative way is extraordinarily important and I will continue to work in Congress to ensure that the arts are preserved.

The future of this country depends on the hopes and dreams of its children. Our community, and our Nation, is enhanced by the contributions of students like Laura DeStefano. Additionally, I would like to recognize the work of the teachers and administrators at East Meadow High School who dedicate their lives to their students. The staff is the backbone of the students’ success and I thank them for all that they do on a daily basis.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my thanks and recognition to Laura DeStefano.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER SHAWNEE
CITY COUNCILMEMBER FRANK
GOODE

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Frank Goode, who recently concluded 32 years of public service to the citizens of Shawnee, Kansas. In April, Frank Goode concluded a 30-year tenure as an elected member of the Shawnee City Council, which was preceded by 2 years of service on the Shawnee City Planning Commission.

On April 12, the City of Shawnee announced that it is naming the city’s Public Works Service Center after former Councilmember Goode, in recognition of his long and distinguished service to Shawnee. As Mayor Jeff Meyers said in making the announcement, “I’m sure we couldn’t find but a handful of individuals across the county who have served their community for 32 years. That kind of commitment to the community deserves recognition that a plaque could never give.”

Frank Goode grew up in Shawnee, attending St. Joseph Grade School and St. Joseph High School. He also attended Donnelly College, Rockhurst College and Finlay Engineering School. A Korean War veteran, Goode was a division sales manager for the Stuart Hall Company. He first became involved with local issues when he was appointed to the Planning Commission in 1977; in the following year, he launched his first campaign for City Council.

As Council member, Goode focused on expanding the city and improving its infrastructure, while holding the line on taxes. He was particularly supportive of tax abatements, particularly those for Bayer Animal Healthcare, which he credits with keeping that major employer in Shawnee.

Having left the Council at age 80, Frank Goode is certainly entitled to a relaxing retirement. Nonetheless, he’s still going strong, having spent the past few years also working at Goode Brothers Asphalt, a business started by his brothers at about the same time he first