

Lowrey, and her five grandchildren. We honor the memory of Trish Hooper for the life she lived so well and for her extraordinary service to our Nation. She was a force of nature and will be sorely missed and never forgotten by anyone who was privileged to know her. Trish made our community better and our country stronger. Her brand of citizenship stands as the highest standard for all of us to emulate.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DR. WALTER LEAR

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Dr. Walter Lear. Dr. Lear was a committed physician, outspoken health advocate for gay and lesbian people, and a great Philadelphian. A native of Brooklyn, New York, he was born in 1923 and went on to receive degrees from Harvard College (B.S.), Long Island College of Medicine (M.D.), and Columbia University (M.S.). In the 1960s, Dr. Lear left New York to become the Philadelphia health commissioner and later became the executive director of Philadelphia General Hospital and then the regional health commissioner for the Pennsylvania Department of Health. As one of few "out" gay public officials, Dr. Lear was a leading advocate for the inclusion of sexual orientation in civil rights provisions barring discrimination. Additionally, he was influential in ensuring the passage of the Philadelphia Gay Rights Bill in 1982.

Throughout his career, Lear sought to improve the lives of ordinary people by broadening access to quality healthcare, especially to those who were marginalized in society because of their sexuality. In 1979, Lear and a small group of others founded Lavender Health, which would become the first health center in Philadelphia dedicated to meeting the unique needs of the city's gay and lesbian community. Lavender Health, now known as the Mazzoni Center, continues to provide a much needed resource in Philadelphia as it is the only organization to provide comprehensive health and wellness to LGBT people. Furthermore, the Mazzoni Center is the oldest AIDS organization in Pennsylvania and the fourth oldest in the nation.

Lear's determination to help others was truly unmatched and the extent of his work is far reaching. He helped found the Gay and Lesbian Community Center (now the William Way Center), the Philadelphia AIDS Task Force, and the Maternity Care Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. In addition, he also convened the first national conference on AIDS in the 1980s before the disease received any widespread attention from the media or government. In the 1970s, he was a part of a small group that helped to desegregate medical schools in Philadelphia. Moreover, Lear was visionary in his advocacy for expanded access to healthcare beyond gays and lesbians, to include communities of color facing similar barriers to care. Toward the end of his life, his research interests included documenting the 100+ year struggle to obtain universal healthcare.

Lear was not only an advocate for LGBT issues, but also vocal in his support for the

wellbeing of all Pennsylvanians. As an active member in the American Public Health Association (APHA) for over 50 years, Lear championed a number of causes involving minority health, social justice, and health issues facing lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. The APHA recognized Lear's vast work and activism at their 134th annual meeting where they awarded him the Helen Rodriguez-Trias Award for Social Justice. Sadly, Dr. Lear died on May 29, 2010. He is survived by his loving partner of over 50 years, James F. Payne, his former wife, Evelyn Lear; a son, Jon Stewart, and a daughter, Bonnie Stewart. I express my sincere condolences to his family and friends, and honor the great work he has done for the City of Philadelphia and the Nation.

REPUBLICAN YOU-CUT PROPOSAL

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with Americans who are telling this Congress to stop spending.

More than a million votes have been cast this week as part of the You-Cut initiative, which gives Americans the chance to say what spending we need to eliminate.

This week, the American people said we need to stop paying federal workers to conduct union activities.

These are bureaucrats who are paid by taxpayers but spend 100 percent of their time helping their unions. Their salaries should be paid for by union leaders—not hard-working American families.

These workers cost taxpayers \$1.2 billion

This is not the ethical government the American people were promised, and today, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote to stop this unfair funding.

INTRODUCING THE END BIG OIL
TAX SUBSIDIES ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to introduce the End Big Oil Tax Subsidies Act, legislation that will end the expensive and unnecessary subsidies that the American people provide to the world's largest and most profitable companies. The legislation leaves untouched the tax treatment for small, independent companies.

Every year, Americans file their tax forms, contributing to our nation's defense, education, and infrastructure. Yet the biggest oil companies retain staggering tax benefits that shield these companies from their tax burdens. These benefits may have made sense decades ago for a fledgling industry, but today there is no need to protect the largest and most profitable companies in the world from burdens that every other taxpayer faces.

In 2008, the top five oil companies made a combined profit of \$100 billion. In 2009, ExxonMobil hit an all-time record \$45.2 billion

in profits, yet paid no U.S. federal income taxes. In fact, they received a \$156 million tax refund. To be sure, these companies face other tax liabilities. But the cornerstone of financing the federal government is the federal income tax and here Big Oil can largely offset its income with these tax subsidies. It is patently unfair that ordinary Americans must pay into a system that subsidizes this mature industry.

At time when we are working to rebuild our economy and curb the deficit, America cannot and should not subsidize the most profitable corporations in the world. President Obama's FY 2011 Budget proposed ending many of these tax breaks, which could reduce the deficit and fund national priorities from education to clean energy. At the recent G-20 Summit in Pittsburgh, the administration agreed with the other G-20 nations to eliminate these subsidies.

The unique tax breaks enjoyed by the oil industry provide unnecessary and harmful incentives for exploration, drilling, and refining activities that keep America anchored to oil, a threat to our environment and our national security. The United States consumes 25 percent of the world's oil but has less than 3 percent of the proven reserves.

By continuing to artificially subsidize fossil fuels, we undermine investments that will guarantee our energy dependence. It is time for our country to shift gears, end the billion dollar carve-outs for the largest oil companies, and start investing our limited taxpayer dollars in America's future rather than America's past.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2194,
COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS,
ACCOUNTABILITY, AND
DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Conference Report for The Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010.

I can think of nothing more pressing to our national security than putting a stop to Iran's nuclear plans. Today, Iran learned that the United States Congress will not stop until we end the tyranny Iran's leadership is promoting.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, I spend a great deal of time focused on preventing Iran from developing an enrichment program that leads to nuclear weapons. Their current leadership is unstable, provocative, and would be a danger to the entire region armed with nuclear weapons.

Non-military options—including activities to disrupt Iranian research—are similarly problematic. This then leads us to consider military options. Here, all we need to do is look at Iraq to understand the difficulties of a military response in Iran.

In fact, during an unofficial "war-game" on Iran, former National Security Council official Ken Pollack said, "Compared with Iraq, Iran has three times the population, four times the land area, and five times the problems."

Some suggest precision strikes at Iran's nuclear facilities, as the Israelis did when they

successfully destroyed an Iraqi reactor in 1981. But Iran has learned from Iraq's mistakes. They have protected their facilities by burying them deep underground and dispersing them widely.

Additionally, virtually every military tool at our disposal—from limited and surgical to a major land war aimed at regime change—is impacted by one thing: oil. Iran could blockade the Straits of Hormuz and choke the supply of oil that is necessary to keep the lights on in the Pentagon and the tanks filled in our fighter jets, and double the price of fuel in the United States.

That's why the right set of economic sanctions is so badly needed, and why this conference report and the smart, tough sanctions it contains, advances our agenda of stopping Iran's quest for nuclear weapons.

This bill toughens penalties for those investing in Iran's energy sector and it also includes providing refined petroleum to Iran as a sanctionable offense. This bill also requires that any companies that want to do business with the U.S. government have to certify that they are not engaged in any activities that are considered sanctionable regarding Iran.

I am proud of this bill and what we have achieved as a Congress to bring more pressure on Iran.

**A TRIBUTE TO CHESTER REED
FOR A LIFETIME OF DEDICATION
TO PUBLIC SERVICE**

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I join my colleague KEN CALVERT to pay tribute to Chester Reed, a hard-working, highly valued employee of the United States Postal Service. Chester will soon retire after 37 years as a forklift operator in the Postal Service's facility in Redlands, CA.

One item I should note: Chester is 95 years old, making him the oldest of the Postal Service's 596,000 career employees.

Joining the plant in 1973, this Ohio native and proud Riverside, CA resident started a career of service that was marked by never arriving late, never using a day of sick leave, and regularly working 12-hour days while volunteering to work more. His enthusiastic spirit has made him a favorite among his colleagues.

Chester knows something about longevity. He was married for over 60 years. Prior to his time with the Postal Service, Chester served 25 years in the Air Force where he retired as a sergeant. He attributes his durability to his faith, no junk food, not much meat, and an onion sandwich every day.

Chester cites his time with the Postal Service as the best job he's ever had. Throughout his nearly four decades with the Postal Service, Chester represented the highest values Federal employees want to provide: courtesy, commitment, and a dedication to public service.

Retirement is something to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but rather the beginning of a new adventure. Chester has his sights set on world travel and pursuing his hobby of hang gliding. Madam

Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join Rep. CALVERT and me in sending our best wishes to Chester Reed.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE U.S. SOO
BAHK DO MOO DUK KWAN FED-
ERATION**

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the U.S. Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation, one of the largest uniform karate organizations in the world, practicing the official martial arts system created by legendary martial artist, the late Grandmaster Hwang Kee.

With over 5,000 members this martial arts system places emphasis on personal growth and values as directed by Grandmaster Hwang Kee. He not only wanted his students to be able to avoid outside physical conflict, but he wanted them to be able to avoid inner conflict as well. Most importantly, these students have developed the ability to improve themselves, their community, and the world for years to come.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in recognizing the outstanding work of the U.S. Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation.

**IN RECOGNITION OF FRANK
KAPPELER**

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor and pay tribute to Frank Kappeler, one of eight surviving members of "Doolittle's Raiders" who passed away Wednesday, June 23, 2010, in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 96.

Lieutenant Colonel Kappeler was one of 79 U.S. Army Corps aviators who volunteered to fly the daring bombing mission over Japan four months after the surprise attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor.

Sixteen B-25 bombers and the men aboard launched from an aircraft carrier in the Pacific on April 18, 1942, and headed for Japan, knowing that they did not have enough fuel to return and even if they could get back, the large bombers were not able to land on the American carriers.

Lt. Col. Kappeler was the navigator on the No. 11 plane and was forced to bail out over China when the plane's engines stopped at 11,000 feet. Chinese partisans helped Lt. Col. Kappeler and his crew mates escape capture by Japanese forces.

He eventually escaped from China and spent the rest of WWII in the European theater, where he flew 53 combat missions.

He retired from the Air Force in 1966 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

The Doolittle Raid was a significant episode in the war in the Pacific because it demonstrated to both the American and Japanese people that Japan was not invincible and that

American forces could and would strike the Japanese homeland.

All of the planes participating in the raid were lost and 11 crewmen were killed or captured.

Lt. Col Kappeler is survived by his wife of 53 years, Betty Kappeler, his daughter, Francia Kappeler, and three grandchildren, all of Santa Rosa, California.

Madam Speaker, Lt. Col. Frank Kappeler is a true American hero who served his country with great distinction. It is therefore appropriate that we honor him today and send our condolences to his family.

**SUPPORTING NATIONAL
POLLINATOR WEEK**

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, pollinators play a key role in the support of our ecosystem and agricultural production. Most Americans don't realize the day-to-day impact that bees, bats, birds, butterflies and other pollinators have on our crops, family gardens and natural habitats, but nearly 75 percent of the world's flowering plants and two-thirds of our agricultural crops depend on pollinators for survival. One out of every three bites of food we eat exists because of pollinators.

Pollinator species, especially bees, bats and butterflies, are extremely sensitive to changes in their environment. In particular, Colony Collapse Disorder is threatening entire varieties of bees, including three that have recently been added to the endangered species list. One-third of all bee colonies in the United States did not survive the 2010 winter. As most pollinators are "indicator species," their declining numbers provide cause for concern and should encourage us to examine how changing climate, increased pollution levels, and the increased use of toxic products and genetically modified crops is impacting our environment and our economy.

I applaud the goals of National Pollinator Week and look forward to working with my colleagues on the newly formed Pollinator Protection Caucus.

**INTRODUCTION OF "STOP DECEPTIVE
ADVERTISING IN WOMEN'S
SERVICES ACT"**

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Stop Deceptive Advertising in Women's Services (SDAWS) Act with 11 other Members of the House of Representatives. Senator MENENDEZ is introducing the companion legislation in the Senate as well.

Fake reproductive health clinics that sometimes bill themselves as legitimate crisis pregnancy centers entice women with unintended pregnancies through their doors under the pretense of providing a full range of reproductive options, and then try to dissuade women from