

Upper Midwest and more than 645,000 residents of our region visit Canada each year for business and tourism.

I must also be highlighted that during peace and war time, Canada has always been a vital ally. During the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Canadian people have shared their enormous sacrifices with our military, and our nation is grateful for their deep contributions to national and international security.

It is an honor to join all residents in Minnesota's 4th Congressional District in commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Canadian Consulate General in Minneapolis, and for the celebration of the many ties between Canada and Minnesota on this grand opening of the "Canadiana" exhibit at the Minnesota History Center in Saint Paul.

**FUNDING RELIEF TO MULTIEMPLOYER
DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS**

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, Section 211(a) of the bill before us gives funding relief to multiemployer defined benefit plans, by giving them more time to make up for the severe investment losses that they suffered in 2008 and the first quarter of 2009.

One of the options would give multiemployer plans that meet a solvency test permission to amortize the net investment losses incurred either or both of the first 2 plan years ending after August 31, 2008 over 30 years. The other option—which can be elected independent of the plans' decisions on the first choice—would allow multiemployer plans to smooth those losses up to 10 years, in determining the actuarial value of their assets. The full market value of the investment loss is intended to be calculated as the difference between the actual market value of the assets and the expected market value of those assets, calculated using the assumed rate of return used by the actuary for valuation purposes, at the end of the relevant plan year, with adjustments for contributions and disbursements. In addition, it is also intended that multiemployer plans are to be permitted to reflect the full amount of those losses in their funding calculations, including those portions of the losses that will be recognized over a period of up to 10 years in the actuarial value of assets.

The bill limits the circumstances under which plans that elect either or both of the funding relief approaches may only be amended to increase benefits. It is intended that those restrictions apply for the first 2 plan years after the plan year in which relief is first reflected in the funding standard account. For instance, if the multiemployer plan chooses extended amortization for the losses incurred in the 2008 plan year, that would first be reflected in the funding standard account for the 2009 plan year, and the benefit-increase restrictions would apply for the 2010 and 2011 plan years; if extended amortization (or 10-year smoothing) is also used for losses incurred in 2009, the restrictions would apply for the 2011 and 2012 plan years. I note that a special effective date rule applies the restric-

tions only to benefit increases that become effective after the date of enactment.

The funding relief approaches are also intended to be available to plans that use actuarial funding methods that do not identify experience gains and losses as separate items. Treasury and the IRS is expected to allow all multiemployer plans to use the relief, either as an overlay to a funding method that otherwise does not produce experience gains and losses or by giving blanket permission to multiemployer plans to switch to a method that does produce them, effective for all relevant plan years, and without regard to procedural restrictions in relevant Treasury and IRS guidance (such as Revenue Procedure 2001-40) on the number of method changes a plan can adopt within a given period of years or the deadline for electing the change for a given plan year.

It is also intended that the funding relief approaches be made available in the case of a plan for which the deadline for determining funded status has already passed, and for a plan for which the deadline is approaching so quickly that plan sponsors and actuaries will have little time to take the relief into account in making these determinations. It is intended that Treasury and the IRS will provide a reasonable period for plan actuaries, if directed to do so by plan trustees, to withdraw their zone certifications for the first plan year that started after September 30, 2009, and substitute revised certifications if the result is different when the relief is taken into account. Treasury and the IRS is also expected to treat plan actuaries as not violating the deadlines for pending status certifications, even if they are completed within a reasonable period after the statutory due date, so that they can take account of changes due to the relief.

Finally, because time is of the essence, it is expected that the Secretary of the Treasury and IRS will issue guidance under this legislation promptly after the bill's enactment and that such guidance will provide that an action taken in good faith based on a reasonable interpretation of the legislation (including these statements) until the guidance is issued will be deemed to comply with the legislative provisions.

HONORING ROBERT L. TADE

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to one of our nation's most dedicated veterans, Robert L. Tade, Commander, American Legion El Cajon Post 303, which I have the honor of representing.

In the early 90s, Rob joined the American Legion and quickly became involved in El Cajon Post 303, serving as Post Commander for the past 3 years. Having been a dedicated service member of the Armed Forces for over 40 years, Rob understands the importance of advocating patriotism and honor to our nation's youth and devoting time to fellow service veterans. Since he joined the American Legion, Rob has displayed an endless enthusiasm in ensuring the success of his post, having almost tripled the membership and instituting more than two dozen programs to support the local community.

On June 26, 2010, Commander Tade was bestowed with the California Department of the American Legion's highest honor: Legionnaire of the Year for 2010. He was selected out of 117,000 dedicated members who serve our worthy veterans and youth groups today. Rob is truly deserving of such an award and is a prime example of the patriotism that makes our country the best in the world.

Madam Speaker, let us all applaud the devoted service that Mr. Robert Tade has provided to El Cajon and the rest of San Diego. I urge all my colleagues to join me in celebrating the many achievements of this great public servant.

**ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE BELEN HARVEY HOUSE**

HON. MARTIN HEINRICH

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. HEINRICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a notable constituent of New Mexico's First Congressional District, Ms. Maurine McMillan, who is the director of the Harvey House Museum in Belen, New Mexico.

The Harvey House Museum was founded in 1910 and served as an important gathering space for scores of railroad patrons during the first half of the 20th century. During that time, the Santa Fe line and its accompanying railroad industry defined development in central New Mexico but offered little in the way of comfort to travelers.

Fred Harvey's company brought elegant restaurants, hotel services and amenities to the traveling public throughout the Southwest and established a reputation for cleanliness and friendliness. At its peak, Mr. Harvey's company operated 84 unique Harvey Houses and was the first "chain" business in the world, with an average of one house every 100 miles of the Santa Fe rail line, from Kansas to California.

Many of those Harvey Houses have since been abandoned, demolished or converted to office or storage space for the railroad, but the Harvey House Museum in Belen has been preserved. It is now listed on the National Register and visitors are able to tour its many exhibits. Many community events are also held at the Harvey House Museum, earning the building high regard as a true "place of the heart" in New Mexico.

I am proud to honor Ms. Maurine McMillan of New Mexico's First Congressional District for her continued leadership in preserving the rich value of the Harvey House Museum of Belen to New Mexicans, on its 100th anniversary, this month of June, 2010.

**HONORING OFFICER KELLY
O'NEAL**

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Kelly O'Neal's retirement from the Pleasanton, California Police Department, and to honor his thirty-four years of exemplary service in law enforcement.

Officer O'Neal began his law enforcement career as a Reserve Police Officer with the City of Pleasanton in 1976. For 8 years, he volunteered his time working alongside full-time officers during patrol operations and during special events.

Beginning in 1985, Officer O'Neal worked as a full-time police officer. He worked on a variety of assignments, including patrol, detective, two assignments as a Motorcycle Officer, and as SWAT team member.

During his 34 years of service, his true passion was investigating drug-related crimes. Not only was he widely respected in the law enforcement community as a Drug Recognition Expert Instructor, but also by those who he arrested because of the fair and understanding manner he treated everyone. In 1999, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the California Highway Patrol recognized Officer O'Neal for arresting over 100 drug- or alcohol-impaired drivers. He was selected as the Officer of the Year for his outstanding accomplishments.

Throughout his career, Officer O'Neal served as a Field Training Officer and was responsible for training dozens of officers. His passion for new and innovative firearms and safety training brought the most realistic training scenarios possible to fellow officers.

He gave everything he had to the department and its members, and set a fine example of responsibility and dedication.

I join the City of Pleasanton in applauding Officer O'Neal's leadership within the Pleasanton Police Department and expressing appreciation for his commitment to public safety. He is an outstanding role model for others in law enforcement to follow and I wish him well in his retirement.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2194, the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act.

Mr. Speaker, it is in the national security interests of the United States and our allies to compel Iran's leaders to halt their nuclear program.

Sanctions, combined with unified international diplomatic pressure, are our best hope for peacefully achieving this goal.

The tools we use to confront this threat should not be go-it-alone military action, but diplomacy and international pressure.

I have long believed that Iran will only be convinced to give up their nuclear weapons program if a strong, unified international community rallies against Iran's nuclear ambitions.

With President Obama's diplomatic efforts over the past 18 months, we are getting closer to this reality.

This bill follows on President Obama's successful work to pass a very strong fourth round of sanctions through the United Nations Security Council.

The U.N. resolution brought Russia and China on board for globally-binding U.N. sanctions on Iran's banking, finance, shipping and energy sectors.

Now it is time for Congress to act.

The bill before us today complements the diplomatic gains made at the U.N. by expanding sanctions on foreign companies that sell Iran goods, services, or know-how that assist it in developing its energy sector.

In addition, H.R. 2194 imposes significant financial penalties and travel restrictions on Iran's human rights abusers.

Ultimately, this bill provides Iran, and the people and companies that do business with the Islamic Republic a stark choice: comply with the will of the international community, or face the consequences of diplomatic and financial isolation.

Until Iran makes the strategic choice to abandon their nuclear ambitions, this body and the international community have a responsibility to act.

I urge my colleagues to vote for this important legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GULF COAST RESTORATION ACT

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Gulf Coast Restoration Act, legislation that would create jobs and national service positions to clean and restore the Gulf Coast, and help rebuild communities throughout the Gulf Coast region. Funding for these jobs and services would be provided by BP in accordance with the company's liability under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

We have now learned twice—both in the wake of the Exxon Valdez spill and the ongoing cleanup of this disaster—that oil companies will never hold themselves accountable for their mistakes. Negotiating or trying to work with oil companies is futile. We have heard from BP over and over again that it is prepared to fund the cleanup of the Gulf Coast and compensate those whose livelihoods have been devastated by the spill. And over and over again, the American public has seen how unprepared BP was to handle a catastrophic event like the Deepwater Horizon incident. It's going to take Congress and the Administration to force oil companies to do their fair share. This bill will both help clean up the Gulf and provide a much-needed infusion of jobs into the region.

I want to thank Representatives ISRAEL, HIMES, CONNOLLY, LANGEVIN, SUTTON, HINCHEY, BLUMENAUER, and JOHN LEWIS for signing on as original co-sponsors. I also want to thank the continued commitment of the 54 members of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, who have endorsed the bill and whose dedication has been invaluable.

An estimated one million Gulf Coast residents will likely face permanent job loss as a result of the Deepwater Horizon accident, and experts predict that it will take years, if not decades, to recover from the environmental devastation. We've already heard that some fisheries and ecosystems will likely never fully

recover. If we learned anything from the Exxon Valdez spill, it's that we're going to need an enormous and continued effort to clean up this mess, and this bill will help us do just that.

PAULA HAWKINS POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of legislation to honor Senator Paula Hawkins by designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland, Florida, as the "Paula Hawkins Post Office Building."

Senator Hawkins was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on January 24th, 1927 where she attended Utah State University. In 1947 she moved with her husband to Atlanta, Georgia, before finally relocating to Winter Park, Florida, in 1955 where she became active in local politics.

In 1972, she became the first woman elected to statewide office in Florida by winning a seat on the Florida Public Service Commission. After years of hard work and dedication, she ran for the U.S. Senate in 1980 and won, becoming the first woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate with no previous familial ties to the institution.

Serving a 6-year term in the Senate, Senator Hawkins worked hard to defend abused children, fought drugs, championed stay-at-home mothers and fought for freedom across the globe. Her signature pieces of legislation were the Missing Children's Assistance Act and the creation of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

We lost Senator Paula Hawkins this past December. On behalf of the Florida delegation, I would like to express my condolences to her family and friends. For her contributions as a Senator and her hard work for the State of Florida and the Nation, I rise in remembrance of the late Senator Paula Hawkins and also to express my support for this legislation in her honor.

HONORING OFFICERS DAVID CURTIS AND JEFFREY KOCAB

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of David Curtis and Jeffrey Kocab, Tampa police officers who were shot and killed in the line of duty Tuesday morning. Both officers were highly revered by their peers.

Officer Curtis is remembered fondly for his positive outlook on life, his rational demeanor, and his devotion to this family. Many of those who know him comment about his dedication to his wife, Kelly, and four sons Austin, Sean, Tyler, and Hunter. He chose to work midnight shifts so that he would have more time to spend with them.