

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, yesterday I missed rollcall vote No. 434 on H.R. 4514, rollcall vote No. 435 on H.R. 4438, and rollcall vote No. 436 on H. Res. 4773. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each of these rollcall votes.

COMMEMORATING THE DETROIT
SPORTSMEN'S CONGRESS ON
CELEBRATING ITS 75TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a special anniversary celebration for an important organization headquartered in my district in the Charter Township of Shelby. In September 2011, the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress, DSC, will mark its 75th Anniversary. This group has already started preparations to properly recognize this historic achievement. The organization traces its inception back to the year 1936 in the City of Detroit. And over time, it has grown into perhaps one of the nation's most distinguished conservation and sportsmen's groups.

The Detroit Sportsmen's Congress has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to preserve the natural treasures and pristine resources we are so blessed to live with in the State of Michigan. The DSC has offered a variety of educational programs for adults, children and the community at-large and has exhibited a strong record promoting conversation and safety. As a Member of the Homeland Security, I also want to applaud the group for offering its training facilities to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. This is just one of the many examples of how the DSC is serving the people of Metropolitan Detroit.

The Wolverine State abounds with so many wonderful opportunities and recreational activities like hunting, competitive target shooting, fishing, and boating. From the ATV trails to the banks of the magnificent rivers and all across this splendid peninsula, you can find people enjoying some type of leisure and pleasure in the great outdoors. These activities provide a tremendous boost to our quality of life and allow families to spend time together. Building memories with loved ones and handing down family traditions to the next generation are some of the most priceless moments we can hold dear and cherish.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the financial contributions these activities offer to the local and state economy. It is absolutely vital we protect and enhance our environment for not only future preservation, but also the benefits they offer to individuals who depend on them for their livelihoods and careers.

Madam Speaker, I am a water enthusiast and grew up sailing the Great Lakes. In fact, I have made the Great Lakes one of my principle advocacies since being elected to office. Therefore, I appreciate the hard work exhib-

ited by the DSC and its membership both past and present.

Moreover, I am always reminded of my oath to defend the United States Constitution, so safeguarding the Second Amendment is something I take very seriously. That is why supporting legislation which protects law-abiding citizens ability to keep and bear arms is something I will continue to fight for as long as I have the privilege to serve in this Chamber.

Madam Speaker, I applaud the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress for their dedicated efforts to educate people about our rights, our heritage and our environment. The DSC and its affiliates are providing a vital service to the community and continuing what is the strong tradition of sportsmen residing in Michigan.

It is here I am reminded of the words of our nation's 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt, who once said, "To waste, destroy our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them amplified and developed." I too would agree we have an obligation to leave the next generation with improved natural resources and even more opportunities in life than what we inherited. This is the ultimate goal and the reason we go to work each day.

Once again, I extend my best wishes to the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress on its upcoming 75th Anniversary. It is my distinct honor to represent this organization in the United States House of Representatives and to commemorate this notable achievement. Happy 75th Anniversary to the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress.

LACKLAND GATEWAY HERITAGE
FOUNDATION

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Lackland Gateway Heritage Foundation for their dedication to memorializing the proud heritage, tradition of honor, and legacy of valor of our country's Air Force and the countless sacrifices and contributions that our airmen make to defend and preserve the freedom of this nation. Since 2003, the foundation has been working tirelessly in their efforts to pay tribute to our enlisted airman.

Thanks to the vision of the Lackland Gateway Heritage Foundation, efforts for a modern museum are underway at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas to commemorate the transformation of young men and women into patriotic military professionals and leaders. The United States Air Force Airman Heritage Museum aims to make San Antonio the prime destination for those seeking to learn, understand, and admire the Air Force's history and traditions, providing an educational opportunity for the thousands who already visit Lackland Air Force Base and the many more who will do so in the future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Lackland Gateway Heritage Foundation as we recognize their noble efforts to memorialize the heritage of our United States Airmen.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF ALAN
REUTHER, LEGISLATIVE DIREC-
TOR OF THE UNITED AUTO
WORKERS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, after thirty-three years of dedicated service, Alan Reuther is retiring from his position as legislative director with the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, UAW. As legislative director, he has been responsible for supervising all aspects of the UAW's legislative program, including development of issues, presentation of testimony, lobbying Members of Congress, and grassroots organizing.

During his tenure at the UAW, Alan championed significant legislative accomplishments, including: saving civil legal services for the poor, which were slated for elimination under the Gingrich "Contract for America"; the enactment of minimum wage increases in 1996 and again in 2007; halting efforts by the Bush Administration and Congressional Republicans to privatize Social Security; the enactment of the State Children's Health Insurance Program, SCHIP, in 1997 and its expansion in 2009; the enactment of compromise Corporate Average Fuel Economy legislation in 2007 that included the Section 136 program to fund investment in U.S. production of advanced technology vehicles; fending off repeated attempts by the Bush Administration to erode the protections of the Fair Labor Standards Act; the enactment of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 and hate crimes prevention legislation; the enactment of federal extended unemployment benefits in economic recessions; and finally, the enactment of both the stimulus provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and health care reform.

As chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee, I know first-hand the significance of Alan's accomplishments on behalf of the American worker. Just to use one recent example, my Subcommittee held the legislative hearing on the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. This was the first piece of legislation that President Obama signed into law after he took office, and it is a significant step in the fight to achieve equal pay between men and women. In addition, tireless work in the passage of health care reform cannot be understated. Congratulations, Alan, and thank you for your contributions to the public good. You will be missed—that's for sure.

HONORING ANGELO PLAKAS

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Angelo Plakas and to mourn him upon his passing at the age of 70.

Born on August 2, 1939, Angelo Plakas dedicated his life to serving his community and his country. After graduating from the University of Detroit in 1960, Angelo taught elementary school before returning to school himself to pursue a law degree. He graduated

from Wayne State University in 1967 and began a long and storied relationship with several cities in the Metropolitan Detroit Area, most notably serving the city of Westland for more than 30 years.

Angelo Plakas had represented the City of Westland since 1992 and was recognized as one of the most knowledgeable municipal attorneys in southeastern Michigan. During his tenure as City Attorney, Mr. Plakas served as an integral part of the economic development of the city with the purpose of making Westland a better place to live and work. Angelo donated much of his time and financial support to many civic organizations in Westland and encouraged others to be likewise involved. He was recognized as the Westland Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year in 2008. Angelo Plakas helped to form the following non-profit charitable entities: Westland Community Foundation, Westland Historical Society, Westland Rotary Charitable Foundation and S.P.A.R.K. (Sports, Parks and Recreation for Kids).

Angelo Plakas loved his community and his community loved him. Always mindful of where he came from, Angelo never forgot where he'd been and always endeavored to better the world around him. As an alumnus of Detroit McKenzie High School, Mr. Plakas formed the "Friends of McKenzie" to help raise money needed to continue the athletic programs of his beloved alma mater.

Regrettably, on July 13, 2010, Angelo Plakas passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sandra, and his children, Jim and Elaina. Angelo's legacy will continue in the lives of his grandchildren Cameron, Braden, Drew, Emma and Jack. Mr. Plakas also leaves behind his brother Jim.

Madam Speaker, Angelo will be long remembered as a compassionate father, a dedicated husband, community leader and friend. Angelo was a man who deeply treasured his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Angelo Plakas farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and legendary service to our country and our community.

HONORING MARYLAND TRUCK DEALER OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. John "Jack" Saum who was recently honored by his peers within the trucking industry as the 2010 Dealer of the Year by the American Truck Dealers (ATD) and Heavy Duty Trucking. The award recognizes excellence in dealership performance, industry leadership, civic contributions and community service. Mr. Saum is Chairman of the Board of Beltway Truck Companies, LLC, which is headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland in my Congressional district.

For more than 40 years, Mr. Saum has been involved in the truck business. He held a series of management positions with International Harvester in the Northeast region of the country before joining Beltway Inter-

national in 1984. Mr. Saum initially served as general manager at the Beltway dealership and assumed the role of dealer principal in 1997 when he purchased the dealership.

Under his leadership, the dealership has grown exponentially from a single point location in Baltimore to seven locations that span eight Maryland counties, the city of Baltimore, five West Virginia counties, one Delaware county and the city of Wilmington.

Mr. Saum is a strong supporter of green technology within the commercial truck industry. His innovative business approach is exemplified in his "A New Truck is a Green Truck" initiative which focuses on environmentally friendly truck technologies. With support from the National Automotive Dealers Association (NADA) and Navistar, Mr. Saum led efforts to educate public officials about the environmental and fuel efficiency advantages of new truck design improvements with a focus on new diesel-powered trucks, diesel-electric hybrid trucks, auxiliary power units (APUs) and retrofit programs.

Since Jack Saum became chairperson, the Board of Beltway Truck Companies, LLC has been the winner of multiple awards from Navistar for dealership performance, financing, lease and rental and operations excellence. In fact, Mr. Saum has won a number of individual awards from Navistar for his work, culminating with the award we recognize today.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent Mr. Jack Saum and his employees at Beltway Truck Companies in Baltimore and ask that you join me in congratulating him for this recent honor and for his efforts on behalf of his customers, his fellow business owners and all Marylanders.

Once again, I offer my best wishes to him for continued success in the future.

HONORING FRED "UNCLE FRED" BENJAMIN YOUNG

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of the late Mr. Fred "Uncle Fred" Benjamin Young, a constituent in the Congressional district I represent. It is with both profound sadness, but also an enduring sense of gratitude that I recognize him for the tremendous inspiration he provided to the South Florida community.

Mr. Young was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina on March 20, 1932 to the late Mr. Charles Young, Sr. and Mrs. Mattie Mae Bryson-Young. After graduating high school, Mr. Young enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was Honorably Discharged after serving four years as a radio operator on B-29 Bomber Aircrafts during the Korean War.

Upon returning home from the military, Mr. Young enrolled at Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina where he earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science. While in college, Mr. Young pledged Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity. Soon thereafter, he moved to New York, New York.

His professional career began when he secured employment in a number of administrative positions for the State and City of New

York. He was later tapped to head one of the largest Anti-Poverty Manpower Training programs—the Opportunities Industrialization Center, Incorporated. He was the Branch manager for the Lower East Side and later the Bronx.

In 1976, Mr. Young relocated to Miami, Florida and held a number of professional positions for the Miami-Dade Public School System. In 1996, he retired as a Data Analyst Manager with the Miami-Dade Schools' Police Department. Upon retirement, Mr. Young served as Administrative Assistant to Dr. Solomon Stinson, Chairman of the Miami-Dade County Public School Board—a position he held until his passing.

Mr. Young was blessed with a loving family who took pleasure in every aspect of his life and his interests. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the Young family.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Mr. Fred "Uncle Fred" Benjamin Young. I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Young for his invaluable services and tireless dedication to the South Florida community. He will be missed by all who knew him, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives. While he will indeed be missed, his legacy will live on and the outstanding contributions he made to the betterment of Miami-Dade County and South Florida will never be forgotten.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, the House passed H.R. 4899, the Disaster Relief and Summer Jobs Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2010. Included in this bill is a rider containing federal law exemptions for an Army Corp of Engineers and Transportation project in Dallas, Texas. As co-chairman of the House Historic Preservation Caucus and member of this Chamber, I want to express my opposition to exemptions like these that circumvent the established legislative process, committees of jurisdiction, and longstanding administrative processes.

Section 405 in Chapter 4 of H.R. 4899 would exempt the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Trinity River Flood Control project in Dallas, Texas, from the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. § 470 et seq., and "any highway project" in the "vicinity" of the Dallas Floodway from Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. § 303 and 23 U.S.C. § 138, setting an alarming precedent and undermining our country's national preservation program.

The NHPA establishes preservation as a national policy and directs the Federal government to provide leadership in preserving, restoring, and maintaining historic and cultural sites significant in American history, architecture, archeology, or engineering. To comply with the Act, Federal agencies having direct or indirect jurisdiction over a proposed Federal or