

privacy while performing their duties in public. As a result of my view, I do not believe that prosecuting citizens for exercising a constitutionally protected right is a proper use of the justice system.

I ask for your support of H. Con. Res. 298 to bring awareness to this startling abuse of power and waste of taxpayer dollars.

DELAYING EPA FISHING BOAT DISCHARGE RULES

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to speak in support of H.R. 5301. H.R. 5301, proposed by my colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. LOBIONDO, consists of two titles.

Title I of H.R. 5301 is an extension of an already existing moratorium. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure recently passed this bill out of Committee with no amendments and no objections. This extension is necessary because the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, recently completed a study that indicates that discharges from vessels under 79 feet in length are not benign. However, the EPA needs additional time to set appropriate Clean Water Act requirements to protect the nation's waters from these types of discharges.

This legislation would extend the current moratorium until December 18, 2013, giving EPA the opportunity to include these vessels in the next round of permitting under the EPA Vessel General Permit.

I would like to point out to my colleagues that this Chamber has already passed this same language earlier this Congress, in H.R. 3619, the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010."

The second title of this legislation is the "Clean Estuaries Act of 2010," which reauthorizes the National Estuary Program. This Chamber successfully passed this legislation 278–128 in April of this year, with support from both sides of the aisle.

Estuaries are unique environments that are extremely productive in terms of their ecosystem values. The ecological productivity of estuaries translates directly into important economic output in terms of commercial fishing and recreational fishing.

The Clean Estuaries Act of 2010 will give these regions the resources and means to effectively manage watersheds and protect estuaries. At the same time, the legislation does an excellent job of including all levels of government and all types of stakeholders.

This legislation increases the authorization for appropriations; allows for increased and improved federal coordination; increases accountability; and, includes some necessary programmatic changes.

The National Estuary Program needs an increase in authorized appropriation levels in order to provide more resources to on-the-ground stakeholders and to enable more communities and estuaries to join the Program.

I ask all members of this Chamber to once again join me in supporting communities and estuaries through the passage of this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, on the evening of Tuesday, July 20, 2010, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 451 through 453.

Had I been present for rollcall 451, on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1491, Congratulating the University of South Carolina Gamecocks on winning the 2010 NCAA Division I College World Series, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 452, on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5604, the Surface Transportation Savings Act of 2010, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 453, on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1516, Recognizing the 65th Anniversary of the end of World War II, honoring the service members who fought in World War II and their families, and honoring the servicemembers who are currently serving in combat operations, I would have voted "Aye."

IN HONOR OF U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST ROGER LEE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to mourn the loss of a soldier constituent, U.S. Army Specialist Roger Lee, 26, of Monterey, California. He was a brave soldier who fought valiantly for our freedom. More importantly, he was a proud father, a loyal husband, a caring brother, and a devoted son.

Roger Lee was born and raised in Monterey, California. He came from a loving family that followed the American Dream by starting a family-owned business on California's Central Coast. Roger graduated from Monterey High School and later went to the Arizona Automotive Institute in Glendale, Arizona where he met his wife, Elvina Lee.

In 2005, Roger and Elvina Lee celebrated the birth of their daughter Jazmyne Lee. Shortly after, in 2007, Roger made the decision to enlist in the United States Army, both to fulfill his lifelong goal of serving our country and to build a better life for his wife and daughter. Specialist Lee served in United States Army 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment based in Hohenfels, Germany.

On July 6, 2010, insurgents attacked Specialist Lee's vehicle near Qalat, Afghanistan, with an improvised explosive device. He ultimately perished from the wounds inflicted by that attack. For his actions and service to our country, Roger was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Madam Speaker, I know that I speak for the whole House in offering our deepest sympathies to Specialist Lee's family and friends. Our nation extends its deepest gratitude for Specialist Lee's service to the United States of America.

HONORING THE WORK OF DR. CHRISTOPH THOMAS OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Christoph Thomas, one of my constituents and an Oregon State University atmospheric scientist who has received a National Science Foundation "Career Award" which is designed to support emerging influential scholars and educators who will become 21st century leaders.

During the next five years, Dr. Thomas will be receiving funding from the NSF to support his research on the relationship between plant canopies—such as forests and crops—and the lower atmosphere. The air exchange between these environments plays an important role in the transport of heat, moisture, momentum and trace gases, but they are poorly understood. Dr. Thomas will work with graduate students at Oregon State University, an Oregon K–12 high school teacher, and several colleagues on the studies. The project will include a teaching component, site visits by science classes, and a new graduate-level field course for students in atmospheric sciences, forestry, engineering and agricultural sciences.

Madam Speaker, this research will create better models of air transport that will lead to better large-scale weather and climate models, reducing uncertainty in projections of carbon and energy budgets while improving the ability to predict water availability in forests. I am proud to represent Dr. Christoph Thomas and Oregon State University and wish Dr. Thomas success as he puts National Science Foundation dollars to work in the coming years.

DEAUTHORIZING PORTION OF POTOMAC RIVER WATER PROJECT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5545. H.R. 5545 would deauthorize one-half of the federal navigation project width of the Potomac River, Washington Channel, District of Columbia.

This change to the width of the navigation channel will enable Washington, DC to better develop and utilize the waterfront near this channel.

To ensure that this action will not affect public safety, Committee staff checked with the Coast Guard, Navy, and Corps of Engineers. None of these agencies oppose the deauthorization of the segment of channel.

I am unaware of any controversy concerning this legislation, and I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5545.

HONORING KATHRYN WINTER OF
NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend Kathryn Winter on the occasion of her retirement as executive director of Fair Housing Napa Valley in Napa County, California. Kathryn's leadership will be truly missed by her colleagues, the people of Napa County, and all of the organizations around Northern California that heavily relied on her immense knowledge and experience in public service.

Mrs. Winter is a native San Franciscan who graduated from Lowell High School. She received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley and her masters from Stanford University. Mrs. Winter has dedicated her life to serving her community. She began her career of public service as an English instructor on the Navajo and Hopi Indian reservations, Napa Valley College and Hillsdale High School in San Mateo, California. Prior to her current position, she served honorably as a town councilmember in Yountville, California and as a Napa County supervisor. She also brought her talents to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

In her 6½ years as executive director of Fair Housing Napa Valley, she has worked tirelessly to eliminate housing discrimination and ensure equal housing opportunity for all people through leadership, education, conciliation, outreach, advocacy and enforcement. Under Kathryn's leadership, Fair Housing Napa Valley emerged as a powerhouse in the local non-profit community. She raised over \$1.8 million, expanded the program from one to five staff members, doubled caseload and tripled revenues.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Kathryn Winter for her many years of service to Napa County, California, and to thank her for her many contributions to our community. I know she will continue to make the Napa Valley a better place during this next phase of her life. I join her husband Mick, her daughter Joanna and our colleagues in wishing her the best as she moves on to future challenges.

SUPPORTING SOCIAL SECURITY

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, as we approach the 75th anniversary of Social Security, I rise today to reaffirm its promise as an economic lifeline to millions of senior citizens and those with disabilities, and to preserve it for future generations.

More than 50 million Americans depend on Social Security benefits to make ends meet. For many, it is their only source of financial security during these tough economic times. Seniors have worked all their lives and made contributions to the Social Security program. However, we should not threaten their benefits to reduce the federal deficit and pay for the

policies of fiscal irresponsibility that President Obama inherited. Fixing this budget mess should not come at the cost of hurting Social Security beneficiaries.

Our Republican colleagues have once again advanced a proposal to partially privatize Social Security that puts the financial security and stability of America's seniors at risk. Seniors cannot afford to have their retirement security gambled away on the volatile stock market. At the same time Washington Republicans want to repeal the Wall Street reform legislation, they are pushing for a risky plan that would funnel billions of dollars of America's Social Security retirement savings to Wall Street.

Madam Speaker, we have a choice to make. We can take the path that jeopardizes the Social Security program and the benefits it provides, or we can take the road that preserves the retirement benefits that seniors have paid for, earned and need. Let's choose the right path and make sure that Social Security continues to provide seniors with the same financial stability, reliability and security as it has for the past 75 years.

**HONORING THE EFFORTS OF THE
YOUNG ARTISTS FROM THE
WORD OF FAITH CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL**

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students from the Word of Faith Christian School in the small rural community of Spindale, North Carolina. These students have produced an impressive collection of approximately 300 pieces of art depicting World War II and the legacy of the Holocaust. Their work has been displayed in several exhibitions in North Carolina. After reviewing the work, Michael Berenbaum, the Founding Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, stated that he "was profoundly impressed by their quality, their diversity, their integrity and their passion. I have never seen such work from students of their age."

From July 19 to July 22, these students will feature their work at the Christians United for Israel Summit, which is to be held at the Washington Convention Center. I would like to recognize these students and the Word of Faith Christian School for their tremendous artistic accomplishments, their dedication to the preservation of history, and for their unwavering support of Israel.

HONORING DENNIS CUPP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dennis Cupp, the former Chief of Police in Moberly, Missouri, who retired after 30 years of service to the city.

Over the course of his storied career, Lieutenant Colonel Cupp has compiled an impres-

sive resume of accomplishments and accolades. Lt. Colonel Cupp has received training from a number of prestigious institutions including the Harry S. Truman Police Academy, the University of Missouri, and the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. It should also be noted that Lt. Colonel Cupp graduated from the 127 class of Police Management School, School of Police Staff & Command, which is nationally recognized.

Lt. Colonel Cupp is the regional vice president of the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. He is a member of Missouri and International Association of Chiefs of Police. He also serves the community in other ways as well. He has recently served in the role of region 4 coordinator for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lt. Colonel David Cupp for his service to the city of Moberly and the State of Missouri.

**PREVENTION OF INTERSTATE
COMMERCE IN ANIMAL CRUSH
VIDEOS ACT OF 2010**

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5566, the Prevention of Interstate Commerce in Animal Crush Videos Act of 2010. This bill will ban the sale and distribution of so-called animal crush videos. In reality, they are shocking displays of animal cruelty.

This bill was introduced in response to the Supreme Court's decision in *U.S. v. Stevens* to strike down a previous law that banned these videos, as unconstitutional. The sponsor of the new bill, Congressman Gallegly, worked with law and constitutional scholars to ensure that this bill is narrowly tailored to be able to survive strict First Amendment scrutiny while still banning the sale and distribution of these horrific videos.

Additionally, for the opponents out there who incorrectly object to the bill on the grounds that it may restrict hunting and fishing rights, the bill clarifies that depictions of hunting, fishing, trapping and common animal husbandry practices are exempt.

As many of my colleagues know, I have had a lifelong love and compassion for animals of all kinds. That is why I am simply shocked at the cruelty exhibited in these videos. What upsets me more is that there is an audience out there that enjoys the brutality depicted in these videos.

I supported the original legislation that banned the depiction of animal cruelty in the 106th Congress. Today I want to strongly add my support to H.R. 5566, the Prevention of Interstate Commerce in Animal Crush Videos Act of 2010.

Mr. Speaker, it is past time that this inhumane and cruel practice is once and for all put to an end.