

homeowners and business owners have benefited. And this once mostly desert land has given way to a vibrant community and a place millions call home.

As Mr. Beard enters the sunset of his life with his loving wife, Cherrell, at his side and reflects on his enormous accomplishments, his legacy continues with his children, Bradley, Scott G., Scott C., Kimberly and Michael, and the countless people he has helped.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we all stand to recognize the service, passion and dedication of a great American—Gerald William Beard—and wish him many more years of health and happiness.

NATIONAL MANUFACTURING STRATEGY ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4692, the National Manufacturing Strategy Act of 2010. I would like to thank Representative LIPINSKI for introducing this bill which put in place a plan to invigorate our nation's manufacturing sector.

It is no secret that our nation's manufacturers are struggling, and have been for a long time. In this globalized economy, it is now time to develop a strategy for the proper management of our manufacturing sector. Every day, manufacturing jobs move overseas. This outsourcing is hurting American families and shifting our economy from manufacturing to service. The plan developed through this legislation will improve our domestic manufacturing competitiveness in these new emerging markets so that we can keep our jobs at home. Moreover, there must be an established minimum domestic manufacturing capability in order to rapidly respond in times of national emergencies. This plan takes this important measure into account by further emphasizing the key role of continued domestic manufacturing to our national security.

Mr. Speaker, I also support the provisions of this bill that provide the necessary oversight for these improvements to be properly implemented. I think that the creation of a Manufacturing Strategy Board for the President is a tremendous idea. It enables a more focused body to narrow in on the needs and opportunities for the manufacturing sector and then report back to the President for action. This will enable budgeting requests to be in line with the recommendations and goals included in the strategy of this new board.

Overall, a unified, definitive plan is what the manufacturing sector needs in order to continue to grow and flourish. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

NO ENFORCEMENT MEANS LOWER WAGES, HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, Arizona's pleadings in support of their immigra-

tion enforcement law include an important declaration by Harvard Economics Professor George Borjas.

In his analysis of interstate wage trends from 1960 through 2006, Borjas found: "that the presence of unauthorized aliens in the Arizona workforce reduced the earnings of low-skilled authorized workers in Arizona by 4.7 percent.

Borjas says, "The overall wage depression for all Arizona workers is approximately \$1.4 billion.

"The evidence further indicates that the presence of unauthorized aliens in the Arizona workforce reduced the employment rate of Arizona's low-skilled authorized workers by 1.6 percent . . ."

This reinforces what we already know: the Obama administration's failure to secure the border and enforce our immigration laws means citizens and legal immigrants face higher unemployment and lower wages.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID WILLIAMSON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Williamson of Ogden, Iowa and his work with Project AWARE (A Watershed Awareness River Expedition), which is a volunteer river clean-up project organized by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

David utilizes metals collected from local rivers to create sculptures and other artwork to promote Project AWARE. He travels to the Iowa State Fair every summer and creates a metal sculpture to help increase the awareness and the importance of cleaning and maintaining Iowa's rivers.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending David Williamson for his dedicated work with Project AWARE. I consider it an honor to represent David in Congress and I wish him continued success in supporting Project AWARE through his artwork.

IN RECOGNITION OF CELIA G. KUPERSMITH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Celia Kupersmith, who is resigning after 11 years of service as General Manager of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District in Northern California.

A native Texan, Celia Kupersmith attended Southwest Texas State University where she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geography and Planning, followed by a Master's Degree in Urban Planning at Texas A&M University. Prior to joining the Bridge District in 1999, Ms. Kupersmith served as Executive Director of the Regional Transportation Commission in Reno, Nevada.

As General Manager, Celia Kupersmith has led an organization that comprises the land-

mark Golden Gate Bridge and two public transit systems, including a network of almost 200 buses and five ferries serving the North Bay Area and San Francisco County. Under her direction, approximately 825 employees serve more than 50 million Bridge and transit customers, as well as six million tourists each year.

During her tenure, Ms. Kupersmith moved the Bridge District forward in many ways, including leading efforts to seismically retrofit the Bridge, now two-thirds complete; enhance overall security of the Bridge; transform Golden Gate Ferry services into an expeditious 30 minute crossing; lead the introduction of new technology including FasTrak and TransLink; and improve internal business operations and long-term financial stability.

Celia Kupersmith has also been active in various professional organizations including serving as Chair of the American Public Transportation Association and on various committees of the International Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike Association. She has been a member of the Mineta Transportation Institute's Board of Directors, the Transit Cooperative Research Project Selection Committee, and the National Transportation Institute's Advisory Board.

Ms. Kupersmith leaves the Bridge District to pursue a new career as Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Sound Transit in the Seattle, Washington area where she will oversee the construction and operation of commuter and light rail systems, as well as a regional commuter bus service.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor Celia Kupersmith for her extraordinary contributions to the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District. I thank Ms. Kupersmith for her service and join her colleagues in wishing her continued success in her new career.

EMERGENCY BORDER SECURITY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5875, but am disappointed the bill does not contain critical spending for the overwhelmed district courts along our Nation's Southwest border.

During the last several years, stepped up enforcement and prosecution efforts in Southwest border jurisdictions have resulted in a significant increase in the number of drug, immigration, and weapons cases being filed in courts along the border. Consequently, the current workload experienced by the five district courts along the Southwest border is staggering. When combined, border districts handled nearly 75 percent of criminal immigration cases in the Nation's 94 districts in fiscal year 2009 and almost 40 percent of all the Nation's federal criminal case filings.

Here's a brief snapshot of the district court in Arizona:

Last year in the Tucson division of the district court for Arizona, felony cases and defendants increased by more than 65 percent

from the previous year. Ninety percent of those cases were drug and immigration related. In addition, there were 300,000 apprehensions during the first six months of 2009, and 1.2 million pounds of marijuana were seized. Although the court facility is sized to handle no more than 120 detainees a day, at one point the Tucson court processed 323 detainees in a single day.

It is clear that the Judiciary's resources must continue to keep pace with these workload increases.

As written, the Border Security Emergency Supplemental provides a total of \$701 million for border security. Spending in the bill includes critical funding for border patrol agents, Department of Justice programs, Customs and Border Protection, among other items.

While this spending is needed to secure our border and protect our communities from the escalating drug-related violence, it must be coupled with adequate resources to the Judiciary in order to keep pace with the anticipated growth in workload. As it stands now, the district courts along the Southwest border are already overwhelmed and understaffed.

In June, the Judicial Conference of the United States wrote to the Office of Management and Budget Director, Peter Orszag, requesting \$40 million for the Judiciary. To ensure the federal government's stepped-up border security plan is full-circle, several of my colleagues and I have urged Congressional Appropriators to make these funds available to the Judiciary.

Unfortunately, the \$40 million requested for the Judiciary is not included in this emergency spending bill. Without these resources, a bottleneck in the judicial system will occur because the courts will lack the resources necessary to process the additional criminal cases brought by the Department of Justice.

As Congress continues to debate a comprehensive border security strategy, we must consider the Judiciary. It would be a shame to spend so much money on border security and then fail to provide the Judiciary the resources necessary to ensure justice is met along the border.

IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL MANUFACTURING STRATEGY ACT OF 2010 (H.R. 4692), THE CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING AND EXPORT ASSISTANCE ACT (H.R. 5156), THE END THE TRADE DEFICIT ACT (H.R. 1875), AND H. RES. 1558

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of today's manufacturing legislation and strongly endorse the "Make It In America" agenda it represents. Given the erosion of our manufacturing base in an increasingly global economy, a deliberate and comprehensive "Make It In America" strategy is long overdue.

In that regard, the National Manufacturing Strategy Act of 2010 (H.R. 4692) will kick start this effort by directing the President to establish a Manufacturing Strategy Task Force charged with thoroughly analyzing the nation's manufacturing sector and developing a com-

prehensive national manufacturing action plan by February 28, 2011—and every four years thereafter. Standardizing this process will help drive economic growth, increase employment and promote American exports.

As Co-Chair of the House Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus, I am especially pleased to support the Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Act (H.R. 5156). This legislation directs the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration to develop a National Clean Energy Technology Export Strategy aimed at increasing exports in our clean energy sector while promoting policies that reduce production costs and encourage innovation in the clean energy sector here at home. We can and must be a world leader in the 21st century clean energy revolution.

Finally, I urge a "yes" vote on today's End The Trade Deficit Act (H.R. 1875), which will establish an Emergency Trade Deficit Commission to examine the causes and potential solutions for reducing our current trade imbalance. Since growing trade deficits both reflect and exacerbate the erosion of our manufacturing base, this initiative—along with Mr. CARDOZA's resolution encouraging America's fruit, vegetable and commodity producers to display the American flag on the labels of products grown in the United States—are an important part of the Make It In America agenda.

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN GEIS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kevin Geis of Ames, Iowa, who is currently in the process of riding his bike to Wyoming to raise money for charity.

Kevin usually rides his bicycle as an escape from work and to stay in shape but is now utilizing cycling as a philanthropic tool. Kevin has embarked on a 1,200 mile journey from Iowa to Wyoming to raise money for the Matthew 25 House located in Ames, Iowa. The Matthew 25 House is a faith-based halfway house for former prison inmates. Kevin began his adventure on July 23, 2010 and plans on arriving at his final destination of Wheatland, Wyoming on August 3, 2010.

I commend Kevin for putting forth a tremendous effort for the Matthew 25 House. Kevin should be admired for literally going a great distance for a cause he believes in and supports. Kevin is an inspiration to all for doing such a selfless act to help, not only the Matthew 25 House but also the community as a whole. I am honored to represent Kevin and his family in the United States Congress, and I wish him the best of luck in this ride and in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF EMILIO "MIM" DADDARIO

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Emilio "Mim" Daddario,

a Connecticut statesman and member of this body who passed away earlier this month, and to honor his exemplary career of service to our nation.

A graduate of Wesleyan University and the University of Connecticut School of Law, Mim enlisted in the Army during World War II and was sent to Italy as part of the Office of Strategic Services, a precursor to the CIA. For his courageous service in that theater, which included capturing Benito Mussolini's Chief of Staff in 1945, he was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Italian Medaglia d'Argento.

After terms as mayor of Middletown, Connecticut, and as a judge on the Middletown Municipal Court, he once again heard the call of service overseas. During the Korean War, he defended our nation as a member of the National Guard in Korea and Japan.

In 1958, Mim Daddario was elected to Congress from the First District, and he served in these halls ably for six terms. As a member of the House Science Committee, he was a forceful advocate for enhancing our technological capacity and harnessing American innovation.

Mim chaired the subcommittees on science R&D and patents, and he helped to plan the Apollo missions that took our nation to the moon. After his congressional service and a gubernatorial run, Mim continued his commitment to promoting technology and innovation, as director of the Office of Technology Assessment and president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

As we mourn his loss today, we can take solace that Mim has rejoined Bernice, his wife of 66 years, who passed in 2007. And we know that his legacy of service lives on—in America's continued commitment to the scientific inquiry and space exploration that he held dear, and in the love and service of his sons Anthony, Stephen, and Richard, his sister Laura, and his seven grandchildren. I offer condolences to the Daddario family on their loss, as I thank them for Mim's lifelong commitment to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, on July 28th, 2010, I was absent for three Rollcall votes because I was attending a wake in New York. If I had been here, I would have voted: no on rollcall vote 480, no on rollcall vote 481, and yes on rollcall vote 482.

HONORING STEVE LAMANTIA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Steve LaMantia, the award recipient for the 2010 Laredo Business Person of the Year. Mr. LaMantia is currently Vice-President and general manager of L&F Distributors in Laredo.