

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.

Mr. LaMantia has contributed to the community of south Texas as a savvy businessman and plays an active role in many nonprofit organizations to benefit students and education. He is recognized as the Laredo Business Person of the Year at the Distinguished Business Awards Ceremony hosted by the Laredo Chamber of Commerce. Annually, the Laredo Chamber of Commerce awards and commemorates an individual that upholds characteristics of strong work ethic, integrity, a substantial history as an established business, growth in number of employees, and philanthropy. Mr. LaMantia's business and presence of community-orientated projects have impacted the development and growth of Laredo and south Texas.

Along with a profitable and successful business of L&F Distributors, he serves on several boards and civic organizations, such as Chairman of the Board of Laredo Medical Center, former President of the Washington's Birthday Celebration, Wholesale Beer Distributors of Texas, Mr. South Texas Selection Committee, Border Olympics, and Cola Blanca, to name a few. He has volunteered his time at Saint Augustine High School, Boys and Girls Club, and coached the Gateway Girls Softball organization.

His contributions to the area have impacted students and the education community greatly. In 1991, he formed a partnership with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, which raised over \$5 million and awarded over 2,600 scholarships to students in south Texas over an eleven-year period. In 2003, LaMantia also helped to establish a nonprofit organization, South Texas Academic Rising Scholars (STARS), which provides scholarships to students to attend the college of their choice. STARS has raised over \$9 million and have awarded scholarships to 4,100 students from south Texas. He has also been an extremely active member of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce Cola Blanca Big Buck Contest. Mr. LaMantia also dedicates his time with his wife of 27 years, Linda and his five daughters.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize Mr. Steve LaMantia, the 2010 Laredo Business Person of the Year. He has truly impacted the business community and dedicated his time for many nonprofit organizations in south Texas and Laredo.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ELMER
LEON DAGENAIS OF ESCANABA,
MICHIGAN

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and achievements of Elmer Leon Dagenais of Escanaba, Michigan. Elmer was beloved by his large family, countless friends and was an Escanaba legend. He was an entrepreneur, philanthropist and an active member of the community throughout his 93 years.

Born on January 30, 1917, just blocks from where his store Elmer's County Market currently stands, Elmer was the son of John and Alexina (Benoit) Dagenais. Elmer started working for his father as a young boy, running moonshine and working at the family gas sta-

tion in Brimley. When Elmer was 17 he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), leading to his involvement in a peace time army program with the goal of protecting the nation's natural resources. Elmer attributed his lifelong belief in hard work and respect for others to his time in the CCC.

After taking on several jobs outside the Upper Peninsula, including a year working for General Motors, Elmer returned to Escanaba and opened a grocery store. The store, still operating today, is now 100,000 square feet and is one of the largest stores in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

As a young boy Elmer attended St. Anne's School and later transferred to public school, dropping out at the seventh grade to help support his family. Last year, his family and Escanaba High School came together to present Elmer with an honorary high school diploma and, at age 92, he walked alongside his great-grandson as a graduating member of the class of 2009.

Elmer was a member of St. Anne and St. Thomas Catholic Church, the Elks, the Eagles, Knights of Columbus and the Lions Club. In addition to Elmer's County Market, Elmer's many successful business ventures included Elmer's Diner, Mel & Elmer's and Elmer's Restaurant. Over the years, Elmer was named Citizen of the Year by Escanaba Elks Lodge 354, received a Lifetime Achievement Award, the Good News Award and a Business of the Year award. From 1957 on, Elmer also purchased livestock at the U.P. State Fair from 4-H youth and sponsored local sports teams including baseball, bowling and hockey.

Elmer was not one for sitting idly by, whether at work or at home. He took special pride in keeping his lawn green and well maintained atop his John Deere tractor, was an avid bowler and a devoted Green Bay Packers Fan.

Elmer was a good friend of mine and my family and our prayers go out to his family. His spirit and enthusiasm were contagious and his commitment to his family and community was inspiring.

Madam Speaker, Elmer was a lifelong Yooper who knew the value of a hard day's work, the significance of a hand shake and the difference a smile and a helping hand can make in a person's life. A family man first and foremost, Elmer was a loving husband and proud father and grandfather, who devoted his life to improving the lives of those around him. Therefore Madam Speaker, I ask that you, and all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, join me in honoring the life and accomplishments of Elmer Leon Dagenais.

TRIBUTE TO LYLE MARTIN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lyle Martin of Huxley, Iowa on the occasion of his retirement as the owner of Blumsters on Main in Huxley.

Lyle had been making handcrafted furniture as a hobby until he bought a building on Main Street in Huxley. Lyle bought the Blumster Flower Shop, and he decided to combine it with his furniture-making endeavor, which is

now a fixture in Huxley. Over the years, Blumsters on Main expanded and now sells a variety of items including children's books, women's jewelry, and Iowa wine. Lyle would like to see the store continue to operate after his retirement. He has enjoyed meeting and talking with his customers about the store and labels it a great experience.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in recognizing Lyle Martin's service to the town of Huxley, and I wish him much happiness and health during his retirement.

PROTECTING GUN OWNERS IN BANKRUPTCY ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to Protecting Gun Owners in Bankruptcy Act of 2010.

This legislation, as it was drafted and brought to this floor, would exempt one firearm of any value or a combination of firearms not to exceed \$1,500 from creditors' claims during bankruptcy proceedings. That's right—this bill would allow an unlimited exemption for a single firearm. Despite claims from supporters that this bill is intended to protect firearms used primarily for personal, family, or household use, there is absolutely no reference to this requirement in the bill.

This means someone could claim an exemption for an antique firearm worth tens of thousands of dollars. In essence, Congress is incentivizing individuals to game the system by purchasing an expensive firearm prior to filing for bankruptcy. While I understand language will be added to correct this glaring loophole, this just goes to show why this bill should have been vetted first by the Judiciary Committee.

In addition, supporters of this bill claim that it is a Second Amendment issue and that it will allow individuals going through bankruptcy to continue to protect their households. While I sympathize with those facing bankruptcy, the Second Amendment protects the right to bear arms. It is not intended to protect an individual's property from legitimate claims during bankruptcy anymore than the First Amendment protects an author's novels or other works during those same proceedings.

Finally, this bill was introduced 5 days ago and has a total of 21 cosponsors. Yet, here it is on the suspension calendar—a process that is supposed to be reserved for non-controversial legislation, particularly when that legislation has evaded the normal Committee process. By contrast, the Gun Show Loophole Closing Act, a bill introduced 446 days ago and supported by 109 cosponsors, languishes in committee. Closing that loophole, which we know puts guns into the hands of criminals and the mentally ill, is something worthy of this Chamber's attention. Instead, we are spending floor time on this.

I urge my colleagues to vote against this flawed and unnecessary bill.