

In the 16th century the citizens of Spain no doubt thought they would remain the world leader. In the 17th century it was France. In the 19th century, Great Britain. And in the 20th century it was the United States.

Unless we do things dramatically different, including strengthening our investments in research and education, the 21st century will belong to China and India.

Author Richard McGregor wrote in his new book, *The Party*, that the Chinese government, "still runs on Soviet hardware." It uses the full resources of the state to advance the interests of Chinese firms.

The Chinese are spying on us. They are launching millions of cyber attacks against American companies and the federal government every day.

The Chinese are funding the genocide in Darfur. They have Catholic bishops in jail, Protestant pastors in jail, and they have plundered Tibet.

If the U.S. is to be truly competitive in the global economy, we must be vigilant and proactive—in a manner that is consistent with our national interest and international treaties.

Madam Speaker, I urge swift passage of this legislation to help bring jobs back to the United States today and to lay the groundwork for tomorrow's manufacturing and technology base. We cannot afford to wait. Our international competitors aren't.

KEEPING A LONG-TERM FOCUS ON THE OIL SPILL RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, 101 days have passed, and the devastating impact of the BP Deepwater Horizon catastrophe continues to grow daily. As we continue to consider specific legislation in the House to address the problems we have identified that led to this unmitigated disaster, I rise today to express my concern over the environmental impact on the Gulf of Mexico and express my support for all the impacted residents, who deserve better from the federal government.

Our immediate focus is not only on ensuring that the flow of oil from the Deepwater Horizon spill continues to be stopped, but also on addressing the future environmental and economic effects of the spill. The House has already unanimously passed legislation to fund oil pollution research and we must continue to support the important work in this area being done throughout the United States. One of the centers for this research is in St. Petersburg, which I have the privilege to represent. The College of Marine Science at the University of South Florida has become an international center for the study of our nation's and our world's waters and of our coastal lands. Together with the Florida Institute of Oceanography, also in St. Petersburg, which is drawing together all the state of Florida's marine research expertise, and a variety of other local, state and federal organizations, our community has provided key information to our nation's decision makers about the movement of the oil, the impact it is having on our environment and the development of long-term strategies to clean it up. Even with all of this work

in St. Petersburg and throughout our state, the long-term effects of the oil spill itself, as well as those of the response and clean-up efforts, are still unclear and continued monitoring of the Gulf will ensure that we are prepared to quickly respond to the future consequences of this spill.

Further, we must draw on our knowledge and experience to ensure that this disaster is never repeated. In representing the Tampa Bay area, which has been at the center of some previous disasters, I have experience in responding to these crises. While serving as a Florida State Senator in 1970, the tanker *Delian Apollon* spilled more than 20,000 gallons of crude oil into Tampa Bay. In response, I introduced and the legislature quickly passed my landmark legislation to set in place emergency response plans for oil spills in the waterways surrounding Florida. The oil and shipping industry challenged my legislation, which was called our nation's toughest oil spill response law, all the way to the United States Supreme Court, where it was upheld in a unanimous decision.

When the oil industry proposed drilling off the Gulf coast of Florida, I offered an amendment to a 1983 supplemental appropriations bill to create the first buffer zone to protect Florida's west coast from offshore oil drilling. Because my amendment was carried on an appropriations bill, I had to negotiate with my colleagues to protect it year after year, sometimes fighting off challenges from my own party and leadership. We finally were able to negotiate more permanent protection against drilling in 2006 when we wrote into law a buffer zone that extends 234 miles off the coast of the Pinellas County beaches I represent.

In an effort to respond to the lessons learned from this year's disaster, I introduced the SAFEGUARDS Act earlier this month, which provides some commonsense solutions to prevent and respond to future disastrous oil spills. Drafted following a series of meetings and regular phone calls with the on-the-ground incident commanders, local research teams and community emergency response personnel, it is my hope that the solutions put forth in this measure will be included in the wider legislative response that we consider later this year to ensure that we impose rigorous safety standards on any off-shore platforms, while also establishing a fully thought out plan to respond to future disasters. We can and must do better. We cannot allow any more waivers of safety standards or response plans, and the SAFEGUARDS Act ensures that.

Our work on oil spill response legislation is just the beginning, and we have much more work to do in the coming weeks, months and years. The future environmental health and economic viability of the Gulf of Mexico depends on us, and we must do all we can to respond to the largest spill in United States history. We owe the American people and the entire Gulf Coast a comprehensive response that addresses both the causes and effects of this spill. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to work together to ensure the complete recovery of the Gulf of Mexico, while also addressing the systematic breakdowns which led to the BP Deepwater Horizon catastrophe.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION HONORING AND SALUTING AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of Americans for the Arts. As the leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education in the United States, Americans for the Arts continues to be dedicated to representing and serving local communities and creating opportunities for participation and enjoyment of all forms of the arts.

Founded in 1960 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the original mission of Americans for the Arts was and continues to be to enhance support for the nonprofit arts. In 1965 Americans for the Arts played a key role in the establishment of the National Endowment for the Arts. A half century later Americans for the Arts continues to foster the arts at the local, state, and national level.

Under the remarkable stewardship of Robert Lynch for the last 25 years, Americans for the Arts has provided leadership and training to local public and nonprofit agencies through a national network of Arts and Business Councils, Business Committees for the Arts, local and state arts agencies, state arts advocacy organizations, and community-based cultural organizations across the country serving 5,000 local arts agencies and their communities.

Research by Americans for the Arts measured the economic impact of the arts, which showed that approximately 100,000 nonprofit cultural organizations generate \$166.2 billion in economic activity every year supporting 5.7 million jobs. In my congressional district alone, there are over 1,200 arts-related businesses employing nearly 16,000 people.

In addition to fostering arts jobs in our local communities, Americans for the Arts has worked to promote the importance of Arts Education in our public schools. Young people who regularly participate in arts programming are more likely to have better attendance records, be involved in their school government, excel in their academics, and develop the creative and innovative skills necessary to compete in the 21st century global workforce.

Through national events like Arts Advocacy Day, Americans for the Arts brings national attention to the importance of arts throughout our nation. The arts define our culture and instill unique character in the communities across our nation. Art transcends barriers of language, time, and generation, translating cultural differences, breathing life into history, and bridging experiences across cultures. They accomplish the seemingly impossible task of both revealing our differences across the globe, while managing to illuminate all that connects us.

I thank Americans for the Arts for their fine achievements over the past 50 years. I know that the next 50 will be filled with even more accomplishments, and that we will continue to enjoy the richness that the arts provide to each of our lives.

PROTECTING GUN OWNERS IN
BANKRUPTCY ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer clarification for my vote in favor of H.R. 5827, the Protecting Gun Owners in Bankruptcy Act of 2010.

I have tremendous respect for our nation's Constitution. In 12 other states around the country, including my own state of Wisconsin, there are already State protections for gun ownership during bankruptcy proceedings. When the Federal Government, and other States, already give basic protections for personal property like jewelry and musical instruments, I believe that it is fundamentally unfair to deny a second amendment protected item from being included in this list.

I do, however, want to be clear that I remain steadfast in my support for the ability of the Federal Government, States, and cities to regulate firearms. There have been too many times that we have seen preventable deaths from guns that end up in the wrong person's hands. Representing the City of Milwaukee, I know first hand how important it is to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and others that cause harm and undermine safety in our communities. Within the last few years, six police officers were shot in my district using guns that were traced back to a single store. How did this one store seemingly sell so many guns to straw buyers—people purchasing the guns not for themselves, but on behalf of other people who are prohibited from buying, like convicted domestic abusers, felons, and people with outstanding warrants? Had Federal gun laws been adequate to properly regulate stores like this, and others around the country, I sincerely believe that much of the gun violence could be prevented.

My record for reducing gun violence in our communities is clear. This year I have sent a letter to the director of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms asking what resources they might need to more efficiently enforce Federal firearm legislation. I have also sent a letter requesting that the Attorney General revitalize and expand upon an existing "demand letter" program that can give the BATFE essential information on potential problem Federal Firearm Licensees. Current firearm regulation at the Federal level is simply inefficient and I will continue to work hard with my colleagues to make our streets a safer place.

HONORING BRIAN MORTON AS THE
RECIPIENT OF THIS YEAR'S ANGELS
IN ADOPTION AWARD FOR
OREGON'S SECOND CONGRES-
SIONAL DISTRICT

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker and colleagues, you may be familiar with the Angels in Adoption program that provides Members of Congress an opportunity to recognize individ-

uals, couples or organizations that have made and extraordinary contribution on behalf of children in need of adoption and foster care. This year I am proud to select Brian Morton as the recipient of this year's Angels in Adoption Award for Oregon's Second Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, the people of southern Oregon hold a deep appreciation for Brian Morton. As a well-known and respected news anchor at Medford's ABC television affiliate, KDRV, Brian has developed a special program dedicated to raising awareness about the community need to find adoptive and foster families.

During the monthly feature, "Wednesday's Child," Brian and KDRV produce personalized segments on children who are eligible for adoption. Normally, potential adoptive families have little more than one photo and a minimal amount of text description on children available for adoption. But in "Wednesday's Child," the children are featured in poignant everyday activities where their stories are shared in a sensitive and heartfelt manner.

Madam Speaker, the response to "Wednesday's Child" has been so overwhelmingly positive that potential families from all over the United States have sought to adopt the featured children. In some cases, relatives, who were previously unknown, were able to get in contact with the children.

Because of Brian's dedication, adoptive children throughout southern Oregon now have a better possibility of finding loving families and a brighter future. Yet Brian's dedication to the cause of adoptive children does not wane when the cameras are turned off. With his wife, Laurie, they have remained involved in the community at large. Brian has served on the board of directors at CASA, the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Jackson County.

The work of Brian, Laurie, and Angels in Adoption helps raise public awareness about the need for adoptive and foster families. Every child deserves an opportunity to have a loving and supportive family, and Brian and Laurie are making sure that occurs one family at a time. For that, Madam Speaker, they deserve our deep appreciation.

It is an honor to have the privilege to recognize Brian Morton before the United States House of Representatives. I salute Brian for his selfless deeds and great acts of charity, and believe that all Americans can learn from his benevolence and commitment to adoption.

TRIBUTE TO THE BOY SCOUTS
FROM TEXAS' 1ST DISTRICT AT-
TENDING THE JAMBOREE

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, this is in tribute to and in honor of the Boy Scouts of America Troops 1524 and 1525 along with other Scouts and Scout leaders, located in my District in East Texas. This week they are participating in the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. This year's Jamboree carries on a long tradition, where just steps from the Capitol Building, the first ever Jamboree was held on the National Mall in 1937. Over the years, the Jamboree has become the pinnacle of all Scouting camps.

Every 4 years or so, Troops descend from all over America to celebrate the tenets they all hold dear and to develop even further the life lessons Scouting is so effective in teaching. The entire process has traditionally done an outstanding job in molding boys into outstanding young men, while building character and instilling notions of personal responsibility, all of which have helped make America the envy of civilized nations.

This year's Jamboree also holds special significance because 2010 marks the 100 year anniversary of Scouting in America. Over this period they have grown into a premier youth organization and had very positive effects on millions of young males.

Individual Boy Scouts throughout Scouting's 100 year history have gone on to do great things and serve our country in manners that have brought great honor and credit to the United States. More than 50 percent of all NASA Astronauts were Boy Scouts. More than 30 percent of graduates from the Military, Air Force and Naval Academies were involved in Scouting in their youth and five of our Presidents were once Boy Scouts. Even within Congress, 199 of our current Members once participated in Scouting, with 22 achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. America is truly a better nation because of Scouting.

As an Eagle Scout and Member of Congress, I can truly say that the wisdom and leadership I gained in Boy Scouts still benefit me every day. All those who take up the mantle of effective Scouting can be identified by the traits named in the Scout Law as "trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent." If America is going to continue to be great then, in the paraphrased words of Alex de Tocqueville, America must continue to be good. The Scouting doctrines clearly assist in making America "good."

If we continue to see the young people in America living a morally sound life following the tenets supported by 100 years of Boy Scouting while dedicated to family values and country, then surely God will continue to bless America as He has during the last 100 years. To that end, the words from the Scout's Oath are as meaningful today as they were throughout Scouting's rich history:

On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country;
To obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, men-
tally awake and morally straight.

Participating in this, the historic Boy Scout Jamboree of the United States during the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts, are the following Boy Scouts from the 1st Congressional District of Texas: Thomas Alberts, Brian Allen, Beathan Andersen, William Arnold, Alex Baker, Peter Ball, Rusty Bell, Zachariah Brown, Nate Cargile, Christopher Carlin, Hartley Coker, Paul Cook, Robert Cooper, Brian Cousineau, Carter Crump, Charlie Cullen, Myles Elbel, Michael Fedell, Michael Fedun, Joshua Fields, Chris Finlay, Danny Fisher, Garrett Froats, Bryan Gilliland, Jacob Gage, Kyle Gage, Wyatt Gay, David Gean, Thomas Gunn, Rielly Hassell, Clint Hearn, Stratton Hibbs, Kaleb Hively, Trent Hood, Jacob Houck, Luke Hughes, Brian Humphreys, Andrew Kazlow, Kerrigan Keele, Nicholas Kottwitz, Francis Gene Lewis, Trevor Ligon, Garrett Manning, Noah Morrill, Koehler Munoz,