

made it clear where the Administration stands when he said, "One thing is very clear. We must review our Federal cocaine sentencing policy. This administration firmly believes that the disparity in crack and powdered cocaine sentencing is unwarranted. It must be eliminated."

There is absolutely no justification for this racial disparity in federal cocaine sentencing policy. The playing field must be leveled to bring total equality for all races in sentencing for drug use for all variations of the same drug.

I urge my colleagues to take an enormous step in the right direction by supporting this bill to greatly improve this outdated and discriminatory law. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### WOMEN OF THE MUSIC CITY

### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the accomplishments of the women of Music City. "Let's Hear It For The Girls," the 2010 Source Awards, celebrates the women who helped found the Nashville music industry. Celia Froehlig, Carol Phillips, Sherrytha Scaife, Elizabeth Thiels, Ruth Bland White and Jo Walker Meador Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Frances Williams Preston will be honored at the 8th annual event. "In the long run, you make your own luck—good, bad, or indifferent." Loretta Lynn's words many triumphs ago speak still for the women of today's victories who blaze the musical trail of their own luck.

Nashville's music industry has a dazzled history of women pioneers. Mother Maybelle Carter created the Carter scratch. Kitty Wells was the first female artist to have her own LP. Patsy Cline paved the way for women to sell records as well as men. And Loretta Lynn was the first woman in country music to have 50 Top 10 hits. Paving the way for Dolly Parton's songwriting strengths, Tammy Wynette's sultry vocals, and Reba McEntire's awarded success, the women on whose shoulders today's stars stand are a present part of Nashville's legacy.

The call of women to the varying notes of the music industry is just as strong today as when Sarah "Minnie Pearl" Cannon first graced the Grand Old Opry in 1942. Women have come a long way in the music business, and Nashville continues to celebrate their success in paving the way for tomorrow's high notes. Founded in 1991, Source began the work to unify women executives and professionals that work and succeed in all facets of Nashville's music industry.

With backgrounds as singers, songwriters, pianists, producers, publishers, mothers, wives, sisters, and performers, the honored at the 2010 Source Awards are tied together by the love of music and the stories Nashville tells in the notes she plays. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the accomplishments, vision, and success of the women of Nashville's music industry.

#### HONORING THE CITY OF FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON FOR HOSTING THE 2012 U.S. OLYMPIC DIVING TRIALS

### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Federal Way, Washington for being selected to host the 2012 U.S. Olympic Diving Trials.

It was recently announced that the USA Diving and the United States Olympic Committee selected Federal Way to hold the 2012 U.S. Olympic Diving Trials. This prestigious event will be made possible through the partnership with the Seattle Sports Commission, the City of Federal Way, and King County Parks and Recreation with USA Diving and the United States Olympic Committee. Federal Way also hosted the diving trials in 2000, in advance of the Summer Olympic Games held in Sydney, Australia.

The 2012 U.S. Olympic Diving Trials will highlight our country's 100 best divers as they compete to advance to the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London, England. Taking place from June 18 to 24, 2012, the trials will be broadcast by NBC from the Weyerhaeuser King County Athletic Center, a world-class facility that was first constructed for the swimming and diving events of the 1990 Goodwill Games and hosts more than 50 competitions annually.

In addition to bringing many of our nation's top athletes together in preparation for the 2012 Summer Games, the Diving Trials are also expected to bring increased tourism to the region and will spotlight the City of Federal Way and the greater Puget Sound Region. In total, USA Diving expects the U.S. Olympic Diving Trials to have an economic impact of \$3.5 million on the Federal Way area.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the City of Federal Way, Washington on this impressive opportunity, and to wish our athletes the best as they prepare for this competition.

#### IN TRIBUTE TO THE BREEZY POINT COOPERATIVE CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Breezy Point Cooperative for 50 years of service to the Breezy Point, Roxbury and Rockaway Point communities, which are located on the Rockaway peninsula in Queens, New York, the most populous barrier island in the country.

Though these beachside communities were founded in the late 19th century, it wasn't until 1960 that residents banded together to save the peninsula from being sold out to developers. On November 17 of that year, the Breezy Point Cooperative was organized and a few months later purchased the land that currently comprises Breezy Point. Members of

the community sometimes refer to it as "Cois Farraige", Gaelic for "By the Sea."

The Cooperative fought tirelessly with and alongside the federal government and the National Park Service to preserve the breathtaking and resplendent scenes of nature that surrounded the area, and the Gateway National Recreation area was developed around Breezy Point, where Gateway continues to be one of the greatest treasures Queens County has to offer.

There are several civic groups in Breezy that also deserve recognition at the time of this anniversary. The Roxbury People's Association, headed by Katherine Sebale, the Point Breeze Association, headed by Christopher Stokes, and the Rockaway Point Association, headed by Tom MacLellan, are all organizations that work tirelessly to better their community and strengthen the heart and soul of Breezy Point.

The story of the Breezy Point Cooperative is a story of a community that relies on the strength of its leaders and citizens, and I would like to memorialize this great milestone of 50 years of service and dedication to bettering the community and its neighbors. I wish the residents of Breezy, as well as the General Manager of the cooperative, Arthur Lighthall, the other members of the cooperative's management Denise Neibel, Patricia Kirby, Dennis Dier, Edward Ammirati, and the Board of Directors of the cooperative, Joseph Lynch, Kerry Schreiner-Cardaio, Barney Cassidy, George Donley, Brendan Gallagher, Martin Ingram, Joseph Kerrigan, Robert Pier-son, Matthew Regan, Arthur J. Smith, Thomas Sullivan, Donatina Trotter, John Tully, Thomas Wipf and Robert Lee, congratulations on this important milestone and wish them many happy returns on this happy occasion.

#### TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

SPEECH OF

### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express strong support for House Resolution 5849, which extends temporary programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

It is a well known fact that small businesses drive our economy in a significant way and serve as a stimulator for job creation and economic development. In my congressional district, there are thousands of small businesses which provide work opportunities and facilitate the continuous flow of goods and services which help to keep the economy moving.

Again, I express my strong support for House Resolution 5849 and look forward to its implementation.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARION STRICKLER ADAMS

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a much beloved Mobile

businessman and friend, Mr. Marion Strickler Adams Jr., who passed away at age 78 on July 26, 2010, after a courageous battle against lung cancer.

Ma'on, as he was known by his family and many friends, exemplified honor and leadership throughout his endless accomplishments and in everyday life.

While studying at Vanderbilt University, his future leadership skills became apparent with his role as commander of "A" Company in the Naval Reserve.

After graduating Cum Laude, he was commissioned in the United States Navy as an Ensign and served on active duty for two years. He continued as an active member of the Naval Reserve for several years following his discharge, attaining the rank of full lieutenant, along with being a member of the Mobile Council of the Navy League.

Ma'on joined his father's family owned business, Mobile Glass Company, where he served as president until his retirement.

An active member of the community, he was a Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow and a member of numerous civic and mystic societies.

As a lifelong, faithful member of Government Street Presbyterian Church, Ma'on served in numerous leadership roles on both local church levels and in Presbytery and General Assembly capacities. His faith was the foundation of his life.

His love for family and the outdoors was nurtured during countless summers at Point Clear, and later on at his beloved Mount Pleasant where he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and being surrounded by his adoring children and grandchildren.

A friend to everyone and a devoted family man, he brought great joy to his loved ones.

Ma'on was deeply loved by his wife of 50 years, Ann Greer Adams, his three children, Marion S. Adams III, Sumner Greer Adams, and Monnie Adams Caine, as well as his eight loving grandchildren, Strickler IV, Glenn, Robin, Sumner, Laura, Winston, Marion, and Elliott. He also leaves behind a sister, many nieces and nephews and 17 first cousins who continue to congregate at the Adam's home place in Beersheba Springs, Tennessee, along with countless numbers of friends all over Alabama.

On behalf of everyone who knew and loved Ma'on, I offer my deepest condolences to his family. Marion Adams lived a truly remarkable life and will always be remembered.

#### UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 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 to support H.R. 5874, the United States Patent and Trademark Office Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2010. This bill will help reduce backlogs in processing patent

applications. I am a proud to have voted with a majority of the House to pass this important piece of legislation.

Processing patents is crucial to the U.S. economy. In order for our nation to thrive in a global economy, it is essential that patent and trademark applications are processed in a timely and efficient manner. Currently, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) can take an average of nearly three years to complete the examination of a patent application and has maintained a backlog of unexamined applications for several years. At this time, there are approximately 1.2 million patent applications in the system with more than 750,000 awaiting review by a USPTO patent examiner. The more time patent applications are waiting to be reviewed, the longer the U.S. goes without an invention that can spur economic growth.

Specifically, H.R. 5874 provides up to \$129 million, fully offset, to help prevent additional backlogs in the processing of patent applications. With this funding, the USPTO will be able to hire additional staff and afford to pay necessary overtime to prevent additional backlogs.

Patents are critical to American innovation and economic growth. An efficient patent examination system will foster innovation and job creation by ensuring that individuals and small businesses have the ability to protect their intellectual property and continue to create new products.

Again, I am a proud supporter of this supplemental appropriations bill for the USPTO. I am proud to have voted with a majority of the House yesterday to pass this vital legislation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, July 26, 2010.

Had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 467 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1320), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 468 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1504), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 469 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3101).

#### HONORING VALERIE HENRY

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and express sincere gratitude to Valerie Henry, who after 13 years of work on Capitol Hill, including seven years of service to the people of Oregon's Second Congressional District, is departing this institution today to become, as she puts it, full-time CEO of her household as she continues to raise her two wonderful children.

Valerie has become very well-respected in the Congress as a sharp-as-a-tack policy aide in health care, education, taxes, budget issues, and telecommunications. But don't just take my word for it. In 2005, the National Rural Health Association bestowed on her the NRHA Legislative Staff Award in recognition of her ongoing commitments to improving the health care of rural Americans.

Valerie was born and raised just across the Potomac River in Alexandria, Virginia. She learned the value of representative democracy from her mom (Virginia Franco) who served for 30 years as the deputy registrar of voters for the city of Alexandria and oversaw the administration of hundreds of local, State and Federal elections.

After graduating from her beloved Virginia Tech in 1997, she began her career on Capitol Hill as an intern for her home State senator and quintessential statesman, Senator John Warner. That internship eventually translated into a full-time job. She worked for Senator Warner through the historic impeachment proceedings of President Bill Clinton.

While in Senator Warner's office, she also met her future husband, Patrick Henry, who worked for Senator Warner in his committee office. Pat remains a dedicated public servant, serving now as Special Agent in the U.S. Secret Service, and is one heck of a good guy.

In 1999, Valerie joined the staff of Idaho Senator MIKE CRAPO shortly after he was sworn in as United States Senator. It was there, Madam Speaker, that Valerie says she developed her love for policy analysis and an appreciation for the impact that the Federal government has on the lives of individuals.

A brief stint downtown with a health law and lobbying firm confirmed for Valerie that Capitol Hill was where her talents could best be put to use. So in April 2003, Valerie returned to the Hill as a legislative assistant in my Washington, D.C. office, where she faithfully served the people of Oregon's Second Congressional District for the next seven years.

Through those years, Madam Speaker, Valerie provided essential guidance to me on several historic legislative measures, including the Medicare Modernization Act and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

I and my staff celebrated when Valerie and Pat welcomed their first child in 2005—a daughter, Carlson "Carly" Jean Henry, named after Valerie, and again in 2009 when their son, Patrick "Trip" Timothy Henry III, was born. Carly and Trip are great kids, and fortunate to have such loving parents.

Madam Speaker, it is these precious legacies that have lured Valerie away from our beloved House on Capitol Hill to her home in Falls Church, Virginia.

I speak for all of Oregon's Second District, and this historic institution, when I say "thank you" to Valerie Henry for her selfless and valuable service over these years.

Madam Speaker, I will greatly miss Valerie's highly informed counsel and wonderfully infectious personality. And I know the staff will miss the camaraderie that Valerie brought to the office every single day. While we might prefer not to lose her invaluable professional contributions, we are comforted knowing that our friend will never be that far away.