

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE DECEPTIVE CENSUS LOOK ALIKE MAILINGS ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, as the 2010 Census begins, there are an increasing number of reports from around the country about mailings with bold lettering saying "Do Not Destroy," "Official Document," and "Census Document Registered To:" on the exterior envelope without any return address, when in fact, the mailing is not associated with the U.S. Census Bureau or the decennial census at all.

These mailings, many sent by political organizations, appear to be designed to resemble official census documents. I believe that no political organization, whether Republican or Democratic, should use the census for fundraising in this type of manner.

The constitutionally mandated decennial census has begun. It is a massive operation that includes a multi-million dollar taxpayer-funded advertising campaign to urge Americans to respond to the census and return it by mail. Return by mail is the cheapest and most accurate way to be counted.

My concern is that mailings that are designed to look like census documents and come in envelopes marked "Census," without clearly defining the sender, will confuse people and might affect the response rate. We must do everything we can to ensure an accurate, cost-effective census.

That is why today I am introducing the Prevent Deceptive Census Look Alike Mailings Act. I am joined by original cosponsors EDOLPHUS TOWNS, Chair, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and WM. LACY CLAY, Chair, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives. The legislation would (1) require any mailing with an envelope marked "Census" to clearly indicate the sender and would (2) trigger an existing requirement in federal law to include a disclaimer that the mailing is not from or affiliated with the federal government. If organizations do not comply, then the U.S. Postal Service will take the appropriate action to stop them.

We must protect the integrity of census mailings, and the Prevent Deceptive Census Look Alike Mailings Act will be an important tool in achieving that goal.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol for votes on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 2 and 3, 2010.

On February 2, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 4495, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the "Jim Kolbe Post Office."

H. Res. 957, Honoring Jimmie Johnson, 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Champion.

H. Res. 1014, Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of North American Inclusion Month.

On February 3, had I been present, I would have voted:

H. Res. 1051, Providing for consideration of H.R. 4061, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act, on Ordering the Previous Question—"yea."

H. Res. 1051, Providing for consideration of H.R. 4061, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act, on Agreeing to the Resolution—"aye."

H. Res. 1043, Recognizing Brescia University for 60 years of leadership in higher education, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—"yea."

H. Res. 901, Recognizing the 49th anniversary of the first day of integrated schools in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—"yea."

H. Res. 1044—Commemorating the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, a Nazi concentration and extermination camp, honoring the victims of the Holocaust, and expressing commitment to strengthen the fight against bigotry and intolerance, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—"yea."

On the Hastings (FL) Amendment, on Agreeing to the Amendment—"aye."

On the Flake (AZ) Amendment, on Agreeing to the Amendment—"aye."

On the Dahlkemper (PA) Amendment, on Agreeing to the Amendment—"aye."

On the Cuellar (TX) Amendment, on Agreeing to the Amendment—"aye."

On the Connolly (VA) Amendment, on Agreeing to the Amendment—"aye."

INTRODUCTION OF THE E-RATE 2.0 ACT

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the E-Rate 2.0 Act, an important advancement in the effort to update the successful E-Rate program for the 21st century. I am pleased to introduce this bill with my colleagues Representative LOIS CAPPS (D-CA) and Representative DORIS MATSUI (D-CA).

While the U.S. lags behind other countries in several key broadband categories such as adoption rates, there is one area where our country leads: Internet connections to class-

rooms. Our leadership position in this important area can be traced back to the 1996 Telecommunications Act, which created the education rate—or "E-Rate"—program. I was proud to be the lead author in the House of the legislation creating the E-Rate program. At the time the 1996 bill was enacted, only 14 percent of K-12 classrooms had Internet access, compared with more than 95 percent today.

Over the past 14 years, the E-Rate program has helped schools around the country connect to the Internet and other telecommunications services, enabling students to access a vast universe of educational information, communicate with other students around the world, and capitalize on opportunities that otherwise would be out of reach.

With the E-Rate's mission of connecting classrooms to the Internet largely fulfilled, now is the time for an updated E-Rate program—an "E-Rate 2.0"—to move the program into the 21st century. I have introduced the E-Rate 2.0 Act, which directs the FCC to implement three vital pilot programs:

The first pilot program narrows the digital divide through the distribution of vouchers to enable low-income students to purchase residential broadband service.

The second utilizes a competitive grant program to extend funding for broadband equipment and services to selected community colleges and head start facilities that best demonstrate need and incorporation of broadband use in their educational mission.

The third enables certain E-Rate applicants serving particularly low-income students to apply for significantly discounted services and technologies for the use of e-books

The bill also would provide for an inflation adjustment to the current \$2.25 billion cap on the E-Rate program, so funding would increase with inflation. The bill also calls for the streamlining of the application process to improve the ease and accessibility of the application process.

As the scope of technology has expanded, the E-Rate program needs to keep pace. I am pleased to introduce the E-Rate 2.0 program today and look forward to its consideration in the future.

I urge my colleagues to join in cosponsoring this legislation.

**EASTERN WASHINGTON HONORS
RETIRING U.S. ATTORNEY JAMES
A. McDEVITT**

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize James A. McDevitt, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, who is retiring after eight years of outstanding service in that position and over three decades of service to America as a member of the U.S. military.

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James A. McDevitt was appointed United States Attorney by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate on November 30, 2001. According to Jim, being the chief federal law enforcement officer has been the “capstone of my law career, and the most challenging and rewarding job I’ve had in the legal field.”

After earning his MBA in business and his law degree from Gonzaga University in 1975, Jim worked for five years as an assistant Washington State attorney general, when former Senator Slade Gorton served as our state AG. After leaving this position, Jim entered private practice as a partner in the law firm of Reed and Giesa, PS, and then, Preston Gates Ellis, LLS (now K & L Gates, LLP), until his appointment with the Justice Department.

According to Jim, he feels privileged to have served under two presidents and four U.S. Attorneys General. He is proud that no one in the U.S. Justice Department ever tried to apply political pressure regarding his supervision of the office or the handling of a particular case.

In addition to his legal career, Jim served for 35 years in the military, with five years in the United States Air Force followed by 30 years in the Washington Air National Guard, where he retired as a brigadier general. Because of his extensive military service, which included time as a commander in Saudi Arabia during the first Gulf War, and his position as U.S. Attorney, Jim has traveled to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Romania to serve as an advisor to officials in both countries. He has also worked extensively with Canadian officials on border issues.

Since 1965, Jim has been married to his wife, Gretchen, a retired school teacher and counselor. They are enthusiastic parents of two sons, Darby and Brendan. When Jim eventually semi-retires, in addition to teaching, he will devote more time to flying into the back country, enjoying nature and fly fishing on his favorite lakes and streams.

Madam Speaker, James A. McDevitt represents the patriotism and courage of America’s men and women in uniform plus the tireless commitment to justice that marks the best leaders of America’s U.S. Attorney and our entire justice system. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jim on eight excellent years as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington plus 35 brave years as a member of the U.S. military. We wish him continued success and productivity in his well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTER FOR
CAREER ALTERNATIVES

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, today I rise to offer special recognition to the Center for Career Alternatives (CCA), a presidential-award-winning non-profit agency in the Seventh Congressional District. CCA will celebrate three decades of success at its 30th Annual Community Awards and Appreciation Banquet on February 24, 2010. For thirty years, CCA has made good on its mission “to provide the highest quality education, employment, training and career development services leading to individual self-sufficiency and self-worth for a culturally diverse population of disadvantaged youth and adults.”

The success of CCA is due in large part to the vision and leadership of its founder and current executive director, Alan Sugiyama. Mr. Sugiyama, a third generation Japanese-American, was born and raised in Seattle, and is a graduate of Garfield High School. In 1979, he observed that many immigrants and people of color were being left out of important career opportunities and living wage jobs because of a lack of education, training, and connections. He also saw prospective employers interested in hiring a diverse workforce frustrated that they had to go to a variety of isolated agencies to recruit.

Mr. Sugiyama responded by creating a multiethnic organization, reflecting Seattle’s diverse communities, dedicated to helping individuals with employment services. From CCA’s humble beginnings in 1979 as a career counseling program with two staff, the Center for Career Alternatives now has 43 staff members, who speak more than 20 different languages, and offers 24 programs across five offices.

Madam Speaker, annually, CCA serves approximately 1,600 low-income youth and young adults who have multiple barriers to education and employment. And since 1979, CCA has provided unparalleled comprehensive education, employment and training services to more than 28,000 individuals in King and Snohomish counties at no cost to the individual clients. In difficult economic times, like the ones we face today, the importance of the Center for Career Alternatives’ critical services and programs can not be overstated. I extend my thanks and best wishes to CCA’s Executive Director Al Sugiyama, the board of direc-

tors, staff, and clients on 30 years of changing lives and creating hope.

TRIBUTE TO THE RESOURCE CONNECTION AND THE PEOPLE OF CALAVERAS COUNTY

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the great work The Resource Connection has done on behalf of the community of Calaveras County.

Having toured The Resource Connection Food Bank and witnessed the good work of Jeannie Hayward and her staff, it does not surprise me to learn that the generosity of the people of Calaveras County was recognized in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s “2009 Rural Development Progress Report.”

The residents of Calaveras County and the staff at The Resource Connection need to be congratulated as a community that consistently grows to meet and feed an ever-increasing need—no matter what. There was a time when the big hearts of this community were larger than the facility that housed it and the food bank literally had to turn away food or leave it outside at night.

Now, thanks to a \$1.36 million Community Facilities loan from USDA Rural Development—for which I wrote a letter of support—the food bank can operate out of a new, 5,500-square-foot building with offices and meeting space. It’s been open just over a year and it was a blessing over the 2009 Holiday Season when the need was so great.

Ms. Hayward is especially proud of the Santa’s Express Committee, which served over 800 families at Thanksgiving and 1,300 families at Christmas. This was made possible because of the success of the Santa’s Express Food Drive, which netted 28,000 pounds of food. In addition, the Food Bank was able to provide clothing and toys for the children of these families. Fraternal groups such as the Rotary, Lions, VFW, and others were team partners in this effort.

I am pleased to recognize and congratulate The Resource Connection and the people of Calaveras County on their accomplishment in being recognized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.