

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2010 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and interact on issues of mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the U.S. Congress will be selected to visit Germany from July 3–11 of this year. During this 10 day exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag/Bundesrat Members, Bundestag and Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic, and media agencies. Participants also will be hosted by a Bundestag Member during a district visit.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States for 10 days April 24–May 2 of this year. They will attend similar meetings here in Washington and visit the districts of Members of Congress. The U.S. delegation is expected to facilitate these meetings.

The Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and the United States, and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of States' Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern to the United States and Germany such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues. This year's delegation should be familiar with transatlantic relations within the context of recent world events.

In addition, U.S. participants are expected to help plan and implement the program for the Bundestag/Bundesrat staff members when they visit the United States. Participants are expected to assist in planning topical meetings in Washington, and are encouraged to host one or two staffers in their Member's district in July, or to arrange for such a visit to another Member's district.

Participants are selected by a committee composed of personnel from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State and past participants of the exchange.

Members of the House and Senate who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated.

Applications may be sent to the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, HB–28, the Capitol, by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

HONORING THE TAWAS AREA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the 2009 Tawas Area High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team and coach Ken Cook on capturing the team's eighth straight district championship title and their first regional championship. Throughout the season these young men worked together as a team, displaying exemplary athletic skills along with determination and focus.

The team ended their season with an impressive 20–3–1 record, winning their first ever regional championship in a 3–0 victory over the Newaygo Lions. Despite playing in tough conditions, the Braves were able to dominate the offense while maintaining a strong defense, led by a shutout performance by goalkeeper Nick Hulea. The team also defeated the Roscommon Bucks, 3–2 in the district championship game. This was the 8th consecutive district championship for the Braves and the 11th district title in 13 seasons.

In addition to their talent on the field, I commend the entire team and coaching staff for their excellent display of teamwork throughout the season. Every one of the Braves saw playing time, and each individual was able to contribute to the team's championship season. This hard work and team spirit is a reflection not only on these young men and their coaches, but also the entire Tawas community.

In addition to the teams winning record, senior Cody Jordan set a Tawas record 45 goals in the 2009 season. With 12 seniors on the team it is especially fitting that they ended their high school soccer career achieving the long sought after goal of a regional championship.

Local sports play a key role in schools and communities throughout Northern Michigan. I congratulate each member of the 2009 Tawas Area High School Boys Varsity Soccer team: Seniors Kurds Branham, D.J. Decker, Aran

Freel, Nicholas Hulea, Cody Jordan, Ryan Kaschner, Braden Kauffman, Derek Keim, Dylan Loga, Antoine Mauron, J.D. Putz and Travis Simmons; Juniors Talal Abdallah, Joseph Boensch, Andrew DiFilippo, Benjamin Enzenberger and Kyle Hewitt; Sophomores Dylan Gotcher and Tyler Jordan; and Managers Ali Jungquist and Audrey Thoryk.

I also applaud the leadership of head coach Ken Cook and assistant coaches Matt Friedemann and Dan DiFilippo. Their diligence on and off the field, and post-season vision and strategy guided the team through a successful season, culminating in an impressive series of post-season victories.

Madam Speaker, the 2009 Tawas Area High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team has won an impressive eight straight coaches Matt Friedemann and Dan DiFilippo. Their diligence on and off the field, and post-season vision and strategy guided the team through a successful season, culminating in an impressive series of post-season victories.

CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4061, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2009, and I would like to thank my colleagues, Rep. LIPINSKI for introducing this measure, and Rep. EHLERS, Rep. WU, Rep. SMITH AND REP. HALL for their contributions to gain bipartisan support on this very important legislation that we are considering today.

This bill will help ensure a strategic plan for Federal Cybersecurity Research & Development (R&D) activities, strengthen public-private partnerships in cybersecurity, help train the next generation of cybersecurity professionals, and improve cybersecurity technical standards.

Our Nation's cyber-infrastructure is an interconnected combination of private, public and government networks. It is critical that government and industry work closely to protect both the infrastructure and the future of innovation. Giving them the tools to ensure they can protect themselves—access to timely action-oriented information and availability of insurance for cyber incidents—as well as encouraging critical cybersecurity R&D here in the U.S., are the most important efforts our administration can take to secure our cyber-infrastructure.

We are all aware of the growing number of Internet security incidents, involving such

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things as computer viruses, denial of service attacks, and defaced Web sites. These events have disrupted business and government activities, and have sometimes resulted in significant recovery costs.

While we have been fortunate so far in avoiding a catastrophic cyber attack, last year the Pentagon reported more than 360 million attempts to break into its networks. A 2009 Consumer Reports study found that over the past two years, one in five online consumers has been a victim of cyber crime.

In 2009 the Department of Homeland Security logged 5,499 such cyber attack incidents—a 40 percent increase over the previous year. A 2007 Government Accountability Office report estimates the total U.S. business losses due to cyber attacks exceeds \$117.5 billion per year.

It is time for a broad-reaching, forward-thinking approach and the successful passage of H.R. 4061 is the beginning to an increased collaboration and coordination with the private sector to conquer this dilemma.

Almost a year ago President Obama called for a comprehensive 60 day review of U.S. cyberspace policy. This review and the recommendations contained in the report led to a series of hearings on various aspects of cybersecurity R&D, including the state of research programs, partnerships with the private sector, the IT workforce, and how both NIST and the NSF are responding to the review.

H.R. 4061 is built upon these hearings, and addresses the issues raised in the 60-day review. Specifically, it aims to build strong public-private partnerships, improve the transfer of cybersecurity technologies to the marketplace, train an IT workforce for both the public and private sectors, and coordinate and prioritize federal cybersecurity R&D. Of course cybersecurity research, standards setting, and education are only one piece of the recommendations of the 60-day report, and are only part of the solution. However, it is the beginning to a widespread need to improving the security of cyberspace is that is one of the utmost importance and it will take the collective effort of the federal government, the private sector, our scientists and engineers, and every American to succeed.

H.R. 4061 requires federal agencies participating in the NITRD program to develop, update, and implement a strategic plan guiding the overall direction of federal cybersecurity and information assurance R&D.

Requires the President to conduct an assessment of cybersecurity workforce needs across the federal government and formally authorizes the scholarship for service program.

Reauthorizes cybersecurity research and cybersecurity workforce and traineeship programs at NSF.

Requires the director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to convene a university-industry task force to explore mechanisms for carrying out collaborative R&D.

Requires NIST to develop and implement a plan to coordinate U.S. representation in the development of international cybersecurity technical standards.

Requires NIST to develop and implement a cybersecurity awareness and education program for the dissemination of user-friendly cybersecurity best practices and technical standards.

As we work to improve our country's security, it is important that we take inventory of all

systems that are vital to the functioning of the nation, and do all we can to protect them. This certainly includes our computer networks systems that can be attacked anonymously and from far away. These networks are the glue that holds our nation's infrastructure together. An attack from cyberspace could jeopardize electric power grids, railways, hospitals and financial services, to name a few.

Last fall, under the leadership of Congresswoman CLARKE, we passed a resolution recognizing National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Among other things this resolution contributed to an important education and awareness campaign, a national effort to make people aware of the problem. However, federal leadership not only needed to increase public awareness, but also in research, education, and in demonstrating how to secure our own systems. Again, H.R. 4061 ensures an overall vision for the federal cybersecurity R&D portfolio, trains the next generation of cybersecurity professionals, and improves cybersecurity technical standards.

As a member of the Homeland Security, I am committed to working with my colleagues, businesses, and educational institutions to enhance the development and implementation of existing and future cybersecurity standards that enhance the nation's security. I support H.R. 4061.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTRADO

HON. BETSY MARKEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Longmont, Colorado based Intrado on the occasion of the celebration of their 30-year anniversary.

Founded by two Boulder County Sheriffs, George Heinrichs and Stephen Meer, Intrado has played a key role in helping to define, build and maintain the country's complex emergency communications system. Today Intrado provides the core of the Nation's 9-1-1 infrastructure, supporting over 200 million calls to 9-1-1 each year. Intrado is responsible for the ultimate delivery of over 90% of all 9-1-1 calls in the country.

Intrado's history of emergency communications excellence is based on a strong foundation. Their extensive involvement in all aspects of the current 9-1-1 network has given them a unique perspective on how the system must evolve to support new technology, new system requirements and citizens' growing expectations.

9-1-1 is fundamental to telecommunications service. To meet this market requirement, Intrado helps telecommunications service providers ensure their subscribers' 9-1-1 calls are delivered to the correct public safety answering point (PSAP) over the dedicated 9-1-1 network along with the caller's accurate location information and call back number. As communications networks converge and 9-1-1 callers become more mobile, Intrado has a proven track record of both anticipating and pioneering the solutions needed to keep pace with subscribers' demands for ubiquitous access to 9-1-1.

Intrado's success has come in large part due to its leadership, dedication and persever-

ance in helping the public safety community. I want to thank them for all they have done to contribute to Colorado's economy and to the advancement of 9-1-1 communications around the country. Once again, congratulations on the anniversary of 30 years providing service to our community.

RECOGNIZING GARRETT METAL DETECTORS OF GARLAND, TEXAS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Garrett Metal Detectors, a global leader in the security industry for over forty-five years, which calls my own Third Congressional District of Texas home.

Founded by Charles and Eleanor Garrett in 1964, the Garland, Texas-based company specializes in the production of walk-through, hand-held and ground search metal detection products and training for security and law enforcement applications.

The company's three main divisions, Hobby, Security and Countermine/Explosive Remnants of War (ERW), define its outreach. While Garrett hobby detectors are the treasure-hunter's tool of choice, the company also produces advanced models specifically designed to pinpoint the danger of buried landmines. In addition, the company's expertise has been called on to provide security checkpoint screening at countless events worldwide including eleven Olympic Games and numerous political conventions, concerts, and awards shows.

In fact, Charles and Eleanor Garrett, Bob Podhrasky and Vaughan Garrett recently had a turn at carrying the Olympic torch as it makes its way to the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver, Canada.

All products produced by Garrett are proudly designed, assembled and tested for quality control here in the USA. Due to its extraordinary success and global impact, the company has even been profiled by John Ratzenberger for his hit TV series, *Made in America*, which airs on the Travel Channel.

I am pleased to recognize Garrett Metal Detectors for its invaluable contribution to the safety and security of people worldwide. It is an honor and a privilege to represent this fine American business.

CONGRATULATING THE TRANSPORTATION TRADES DEPARTMENT, AFL-CIO (TTD) ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. LATOURETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), on its 20th anniversary. TTD is a leading advocacy organization for transportation workers and for a strong investment in our nation's infrastructure.

Throughout its 20-year history, TTD has consistently stood up for our nation's transportation workers. These outstanding men and