

returned "home on the range" after 8 years of selfless service to the people of Oregon's Second District. His transition to the ranching business continues a proud family tradition five generations in the making.

In 1993, Colby graduated from Burns High School and went on to attend college at Ambassador University in east Texas, where he met his beautiful bride of 15 years, Shelley, whose family has ranched in and around Pendleton and been involved with the world-famous Pendleton Round Up Rodeo and Happy Canyon Pageantry Show for 100 years. Together, Colby and Shelley have two wonderfully charming children: seven-year-old daughter Hadley and nearly-four-year-old son Wyatt.

Colby graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor of science in agriculture business management in 1999 from Eastern Oregon University. He worked several jobs to put himself and Shelley through school: he drove a mail carrier truck, tutored his peers, worked at the local grain co-op, and fought wildfires with the elite La Grande Hotshots. He still found time to rise to president of the student body. Little wonder he was honored with the Outstanding Agriculture Graduating Senior Award and Outstanding Student Leadership Award.

Colby got his first taste of Congress as an intern for Chairman Bob Smith, my predecessor in the Second District, on the Committee on Agriculture. Post-college, he worked for Pendleton Grain Growers before serving as Eastern Oregon University's alumni and government relations director. While there, he oversaw the formation of an alumni board of directors and helped lobby successfully for \$32 million to construct the EOU Science Center, a state-federal-private shared enterprise.

In 2002, I made the very wise decision to hire Colby. He remained in my office for the next 8 years. Colby spent 2 years managing my central Oregon office in Bend before moving with Shelley to Washington, DC to manage natural resources and energy policy.

Colby helped shepherd key bipartisan bills through the legislative process, including the Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Reauthorization, and the Mount Hood Stewardship Legacy Act. Colby managed a package of bills aimed at improving watersheds and water supply—an exceedingly important and delicate issue in the arid lands of eastern Oregon. The Oregon Water Resources Management Act contained four different acts—all became law with overwhelming bipartisan support.

The last major act Colby handled was the Healthy Forests Restoration Amendments Act, which would give federal foresters the tools they need to bring our sick national forests back to health and put people back to work in the forests again. This bipartisan legislation is vital to the rural West. I am hopeful we will carry across the finish line the good work that Colby started.

Colby returned to eastern Oregon in January 2008 to open my office in La Grande—the first ever congressional office on the east side of the State. In July 2009, Colby moved to Bend to once more manage the central Oregon office while continuing to oversee the operation in La Grande.

In March 2010, Colby transitioned out of my office and returned to the family land and livestock business. He is now a manager of the Broken Circle Company, the holding company

for Broken Circle Ranch. He and his family live on the ranch 27 miles outside of Burns. His daughter, Hadley, attends the same one-room school that Colby and his mother both attended.

My colleagues, please join me today in paying tribute to Colby and his family as they turn to their new form of service. His unflinching dedication and faithful service will not soon be forgotten by myself or the many people whose lives he enriched through his outstanding work. While I will miss his counsel, I look forward to his close friendship for many years to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO DERRILL YAEGER

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Derrill Yaeger, a close personal friend and prominent attorney in the Inland Empire. On Sunday, September 5, 2010, Derrill passed away at the age of 83. He will be deeply missed.

Derrill was born on April 2, 1927, in Lincoln, Nebraska. He attended La Sierra Academy and served as a surgeon's assistant in the Army Medical Corps in World War II. He went on to receive a business degree from La Sierra College and became the founding manager of the Alumni Association of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Derrill eventually resigned from the Alumni Association to pursue a law degree, and while attending law school at night at the University of Southern California, Derrill worked as an investigator for the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney. Upon graduation, he joined the Corona firm established by Walter Clayson in 1910, where he practiced business and real estate law for 45 years. He became a principal shareholder with the firm which is now known as Clayson, Mann, Yaeger and Hansen.

Known for being in his office by 4:00 a.m. many mornings, Derrill built a legacy of well-planned residential and commercial development in Corona, Riverside and Beaumont, and became a leading expert in real estate law and development. His clientele ranged from La Sierra and Loma Linda Universities, to 3M Corporation and the Bren Company. He even served as personal attorney to musician and television star Desi Arnaz for many years.

Through one of his projects, Derrill worked to lift a moratorium on major land development in Corona and worked with the city to create a thriving community south of Ontario Avenue. He also helped Loma Linda University market 300 acres of sheep pasture for development that included homes and a medical plaza, and also provided support for the University's endowment.

Outside of his law career, Derrill remained very active in his community. He was a member of the Loma Linda University Board for 16 years, served on the Board of Directors and as legal counsel to Corona Community Hospital and the Versacare Corporation and later the Versacare Foundation. He also served as the President of the La Sierra University Alumni Association where he was awarded alumnus of the year. La Sierra University even renamed its new entrance road "Yaeger Way" in

Derrill's honor. He was also a member of the Corona Lion's Club for many years. In May 2000, Derrill was given the "Humanitarian of the Year" award at Loma Linda University in recognition of his generous donations and tireless efforts on behalf of the University.

As a longtime member of the Victoria Club in Riverside, Derrill served as Club President from 1994–1995. A decade later, Derrill had the proud honor of witnessing his son, Kurt Yaeger, serve as president from 2005–2006, which was a rare honor.

Though his professional accomplishments were many, Derrill will be remembered for his kindness, integrity, and generosity, which was felt by those around him. Undoubtedly a busy man, Derrill tried to balance his professional life with his personal life, and often acknowledged that spending time with his family was what gave him the most joy. His children fondly remember the cherished time they spent as a family over the dinner table on Sunday nights, a tradition kept through the years.

Derrill is survived by his wife of 59 years, Frances; daughter, Nedra Yaeger; daughter-in-law, Andrea; and grandchildren Jacqueline, Elizabeth, Emily and Adam. Sadly, Derrill's son Kurt recently preceded him in death.

On behalf of all those who knew him, it is my honor to offer these remarks as a tribute to the life and legacy of my friend Derrill Yaeger. His life and presence will be sorely missed and I extend my condolences to his dear family and friends.

#### ARTHRITIS PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND CURE ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act. It is estimated that approximately 46 million Americans suffer from arthritis or chronic joint symptoms. Of those, 19 million suffer enough to limit their activities. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), by the year 2030, 25 percent of the population in the United States will have physician-diagnosed arthritis. Those projections are likely to be low since they do not account for an expected increase attributable to rising obesity rates.

Arthritis affects the daily lives of its victims in powerful ways. The pain is often chronic and relief can be rare. The inability to kneel or even walk more than a few hundred yards requires profound changes in almost every aspect of lifestyle. Those stricken might risk losing their job, and their ability to provide for loved ones. It is a devastating disease with no known cure.

The Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act, would establish the National Arthritis Action Program. This program will help in the research and identification of ailments, possible treatments, and preventative methods of Arthritis and other rheumatic diseases. It will also allow the CDC to access more grant money, permitting them to further their research. Those already suffering from arthritis will be assisted with control and prevention programs along with opportunities for patients

to learn self-management. It would also provide education of the public and education and training for physicians.

I am proud to support this bill as an important first step toward a day when we can prevent, treat, and cure Arthritis.

#### ALGAE-BASED RENEWABLE FUEL PROMOTION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. JERRY McNERNEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, yesterday the House of Representatives passed H.R. 4168, the Algae-based Renewable Fuel Promotion Act of 2009, a bill I am pleased to support. I would like to thank Mr. TEAGUE for his efforts to incentivize the production of environmentally-friendly biofuels. Mr. TEAGUE worked across party lines to advance bipartisan legislation, and he deserves recognition for his leadership.

H.R. 4168 is a significant step forward, but I believe that additional refinements could help incentivize a broader array of environmentally friendly, economically viable biofuels. As we continue working to fine tune this legislation and related proposals, we should seek to ensure that federal tax policy treats all viable technologies fairly and equitably. I look forward to working with Mr. TEAGUE, Mr. BILBRAY, and other interested members to make sure that algal biofuels produced in Northern California fully benefit from this bill.

Developing new sources of cellulosic biofuels is beneficial to the environment, the economy, and national security. I thank the authors of H.R. 4168 for their efforts.

#### INTRODUCTION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEE DISABILITY INSURANCE ACT OF 2010

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a bill to offer Federal employees supplemental disability insurance at no cost to the Federal Government. My bill will allow Federal employees to collect disability benefits to replace a portion of their income if they become unable to work because of a non-work related injury or illness. While the Federal Government does offer non-work related disability benefits to Federal employees, they do not protect the lost income of employees who become disabled but who have not been employed by the Federal Government for at least 18 months, or 5 years as the case may be, and are disabled for less than 1 year. Under current law, Federal employees hired before 1984 who become disabled for more than 1 year are eligible to collect their Federal employee retirement pension if they have 5 years of creditable civilian service, while Federal employees hired after 1984 who become disabled for 1 year or more cannot collect such benefits unless they have been employed by the Federal Government for 18 months or more. With-

out the disability insurance option that my bill will offer, a Federal employee who becomes disabled, even for a short time, is at risk of financial ruin.

My bill is also significant because, although it will require Federal employees to pay 100% of premiums, the purchasing power of the Federal Government will allow Federal employees to pay lower insurance premiums and will not exclude those with preexisting conditions. A Federal employee can still elect to purchase disability insurance in the private marketplace, but they may face higher premiums or even be denied coverage altogether because of a pre-existing condition. This bill is a much needed supplement to the insurance benefits currently available to Federal employees.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### THE STEM TO STEAM RESOLUTION

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the STEM to STEAM resolution, which recognizes the importance of art and design in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields.

Art and design advance the understanding of STEM learning and collaboration. In classrooms and laboratories across the country, the innovative practices of art and design play an essential role in improving STEM education and advancing STEM research. In order to strengthen the pipeline of future artists and designers, we must add STEAM to legislation that shapes the future of our education system, especially the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the America Competes Act. Congress must also encourage institutions of higher education to incorporate art and design into their STEM curricula.

Art and design contribute real solutions to our everyday lives, distinguish America's products in a global marketplace, and create opportunity for economic growth in the United States. Artists and designers can effectively communicate complex data and scientific information to multiple stakeholders and broad audiences. The tools and methods they use also offer new models for creative problem-solving and interdisciplinary partnerships in our growing 21st Century economy. For instance, they are integral in planning sustainable neighborhoods, renewable energy initiatives, and health information technologies. They also play a critical role in the development of modern technology to support new American manufacturing opportunities.

It is also important to seek collaboration among the different federal agencies that oversee STEM programs. That is why I recommend the creation of a STEM to STEAM Council, which would bring together artists, designers, education and business leaders, and Federal agencies to facilitate a comprehensive approach to incorporate art and design into Federal STEM programs.

I encourage all my colleagues to support this resolution to change STEM to STEAM to expand innovation and opportunity in our country's education and research fields.

#### INTRODUCING THE CLEAN, RENEWABLE JET FUEL ACT OF 2010

**HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, currently, the aviation industry does not have a commercially available low-carbon fuel option nor is there a statutory requirement (like the Renewable Fuel Standard for transportation fuels or tax incentives to help bring one to market. However, low-carbon, renewable aviation biofuels have been successfully tested in flights of both military as well as civilian aircraft.

Unfortunately, the volatility of jet fuel prices makes it difficult for renewable jet fuel to compete with lower-cost petroleum-based fuel and attract the investment necessary to build commercial-scale refineries.

I rise today to introduce the Clean, Renewable Jet Fuel Act of 2010. This bill will establish a responsible loan program that will allow biofuel producers to climb over the economic hurdles associated with commercializing their product. The commercialization of these products will not only create jobs at these facilities it will also create jobs throughout the aviation and agriculture industry. Additionally, the fuels that will be produced will also enhance our Nation's energy security as all of the feedstocks used to make these biofuels can be grown on U.S. soil. Recently, the Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus, made the research development, and increased use of alternative fuels a priority for the Department of the Navy.

These biofuels also offer a range of attractive technological and environmental aspects that will introduce efficiencies into our aviation sector that cannot be realized with current petroleum-based fuel sources.

In the great state of Washington, interests from the private sector, universities, and major airports are already working to bring the first generation of aviation biofuels to the market, and their efforts can be greatly enhanced by this legislation. These fuels are based on plants such as camelina, jatropha, and even algae; plants that can be grown right in the Pacific Northwest. In addition to being able to grow these feedstocks in our own backyard, research on the next generation of biofuels is also creating jobs at our highly regarded research institutions. These efforts will make sure that the U.S. secures its competitive edge in this field.

In closing, I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bill, and hope that we can work together to move it towards passage as soon as possible.

#### HONORING FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I acknowledge this month as Filipino American History Month. With passage of House Resolution 780 last year, the House of Representatives officially recognizes