

to the various causes and constituencies for which he has fought. First as a councilmember and then as Mayor of Hillsborough, he has prided himself on promoting precision and efficiency—as all proud Marines do—and always ran city council meetings in a strict and timely fashion. John began his tenure on the board of directors of the Bay Area Water Users Association in 2004, and was elected that body's chairman in 2009. His creativity, leadership, and determination proved vital during negotiations with the City and County of San Francisco on an agreement that dealt with the future of the Peninsula's water supply. He also served as the town's Building and Planning Commissioner during a time in which the municipal code was successfully improved.

It should also be noted that, in spite of his hundreds of hours on the clock working for the people of Hillsborough, John remains a dedicated family man to his charming and spirited wife, Georgeann, his seven children, and his many grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, John Fannon is a fearless and determined public servant, and it is only fitting that this House give him special recognition for his unique contributions to the town of Hillsborough and his 12 years of service on the Town of Hillsborough City Council.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF RUSSELL R. CHARD

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Russell R. Chard from the Presidency of the Hollywood Professional Fire Fighters Local 1375 in South Florida.

President Chard has more than 30 years of distinguished service working on behalf of Hollywood, Florida's firefighters, paramedics and local safety community. For the last 20 years, Mr. Chard has served as President of Local 1375, overseeing the welfare of its membership, fighting for the professional standards and ensuring the safe working conditions that are befitting of the service of these men and women.

Known as a coalition builder, President Chard has served a critical role as liaison to all associated areas for the Local, as well as outside groups such as the AFL-CIO, Florida Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics, International Association of Fire Fighters and Paramedics, and Maritime Trade Council.

This commitment to the betterment of the community was second only to his dedication to his brothers and sisters in the Union. He was a powerful role model and mentor for many new recruits over 20 years, always emphasizing the unique bond that all fire fighters share.

In 1980, Mr. Chard was first appointed to the negotiation committee for Hollywood Professional Fire Fighters Local 1375, where he was quickly recognized for his grit and passion. He was quickly elected as a Trustee and has served Local 1375 ever since. His legacy of fierce advocacy, candor and friendship will not soon be forgotten or lost.

I am proud today to honor President Chard's distinguished career and leadership in

the South Florida community and wish him and his family well on their future endeavors.

THE AMERICAN MICROTURBINE MANUFACTURING AND CLEAN ENERGY DEPLOYMENT ACT OF 2010

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce "The American Microturbine Manufacturing and Clean Energy Deployment Act of 2010."

This legislation will help Congress continue to address two of our nation's primary needs: creating jobs and promoting clean, reliable energy. My bill would raise the investment tax credit for microturbines from 10 percent to 30 percent, putting it on par with other clean energy innovations. This simple and low-cost change in our tax code will lead to many clean energy jobs, increase deployment of clean energy technologies, reduce harmful CO₂ emissions, and increase American exports.

Microturbines are small, ultra low emission gas turbines that produce usable efficient thermal energy and clean electrical power. They are primarily used in commercial, light industrial, and multi-family residential building but have a wide range of applications, including renewable power, hybrid electric buses, trucks, and cars.

Over 90 percent of the world's microturbines are manufactured right here in the United States by American workers. However, most of these systems are exported because our own incentive structure has failed to encourage domestic adoption. My bill would strengthen a homegrown, domestic industry that will create good jobs while giving us cleaner air.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF, AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the general goals and ideals of the DREAM Act.

I agree with the principles of giving aspiring students the ability to follow their dreams, complete college, and contribute to our society and economy. Ultimately, America will benefit from their ambition and hard work as they earn their degree and citizenship.

However, I believe passing the DREAM Act outside of comprehensive immigration reform is ill advised.

Our immigration system is terribly broken. As a small business owner and farmer, before coming to serve the people of Oregon's Fifth Congressional District as their Representative, I know the current system does not work for the economic engines of Oregon.

It is not fair to small businesses to ask them to act as the focal point for enforcement; that

is the job of the Federal Government through Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The current system is especially unfair to our farmers, who do not have enough access to legal migrant workers to work the land. I support re-vamping employment verification and the AgJobs bill which, like the DREAM Act are vital to any successful comprehensive immigration reform package but do not work on their own.

In 2008, the Coalition for a Working Oregon released a report prepared by a professor at Oregon State University. The findings suggest the loss of undocumented workers in Oregon would lead to the loss of an additional 76,000 jobs for legal workers in Oregon. This drop in economic activity would cost the State of Oregon as much as \$656 million in revenue and lower small business income by eight-point-five percent. Oregon's economy and state government cannot sustain such losses. We must look at the broader economic impact of policy decisions and do what is best for the United States and the American worker.

Our immigration system needs to be reformed, no question, but reformed in the right way. If we are to approach immigration reform in a piecemeal manner we will actually be making it harder to accomplish comprehensive immigration reform. Adding complexity to a broken system already in need of reconstruction will not make our job any easier.

The problems with our immigration system are so large and significant that they need to be addressed immediately and together. We need to figure out how to address all undocumented people in our country, we cannot cherry pick certain groups and advance them ahead of those who have followed the rules to obtain citizenship. There is a human face to and national interests to address in the problems each group faces.

Border control, employer verification, exit controls, keeping family units intact, protecting our economy and many others are tough issues to resolve effectively and fairly. They deserve our time and attention. I am not interested in just kicking the can down the road by not taking tough votes on immigration reform. My "no" vote is a request for urgency. The whole immigration system needs to be fixed, not just part of it.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAUL REGAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Paul Regan for his remarkable 25 years of public service to the town of Hillsborough, California. Throughout every step of his career, Paul has provided strong leadership, insightful financial guidance, and an unwavering commitment to his community and his country.

Through 35 years of thoughtful, diligent work in the field of forensic accounting, Paul has become a world-renowned expert who is widely acclaimed for his skill in researching complex financial scandals and disputes. Most would agree that he is the leading forensic accountant in the United States. He has lent his expertise to the Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission, and has testified as an expert witness before the

United States Congress as well as the World Court.

Alongside this remarkable work in the private sector, Paul has an equally impressive record of public service to the town of Hillsborough. His expertise in financial matters during his years of service has been critical to the town's success. He joined the Hillsborough City School District Board of Trustees in 1985, and served as that body's President from 1986 to 1987 and then again from 1993 to 1994. Paul has also been a member of the Town of Hillsborough City Council since 1998, and served as mayor from 2002 to 2004. In addition, he chaired the Sustainable Hillsborough Task Force, served on the Recreation Commission, the Central County Fire Board, and is currently our Finance Commissioner.

In addition to all of this, Paul is a loving husband to his equally involved and gifted wife, Barbara, and a devoted father to their three children.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the dedication and leadership of Paul Regan, and I encourage other members to join me in wishing him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF, AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, over the past several months I have thought quite a bit about what I would do if the DREAM Act came to the floor for a vote. I have studied the legislation and how it affects our current immigration laws. I have looked into how the DREAM Act would affect things like student loans, grants and other Federal subsidies. I have spoken with constituents, both for and against, about the legislation. I have considered the affect of the DREAM Act being signed into law on the prospect of comprehensive immigration reform—I asked, most importantly, does this simply allow us kick the can on that matter down the road for yet a few more years?

Today, Madam Speaker, I rise in favor of the legislation. As I mentioned, it has taken me some time to come to this conclusion, as I am tired of throwing patches at the immigration problem. Ultimately, we need a comprehensive immigration reform bill, and Madam Speaker, we need it desperately. However, I cannot in good conscience hold hostage young people who were brought to this country by their parents to a comprehensive reform bill. The DREAM Act is a small patch for a problem that has eluded our Nation for decades. Our country needs comprehensive reform, not piecemeal fixes.

All of this said, the DREAM Act will provide opportunity and hope to young immigrants brought to this country by their parents who, through no fault of their own, cannot be a meaningful part of our society without this Act. Most of these individuals speak English as well or better than their native tongue and they consider the United States their home, but they cannot realize their dreams because of their immigration status.

The DREAM Act is no “get-out-of-jail-free card,” however. For individuals who meet minimum qualifications, such as being in the United States for 5 years before enactment and under 16 years old before coming here, the DREAM Act requires that its beneficiaries participate in one of the two most enduring institutions of American society: military service or higher education. In addition, DREAM Act beneficiaries must be in a conditional immigration status for a decade before becoming legal permanent residents. In so doing, the DREAM Act only gives legal status to those who really want to be here and at the same time creates new horizons for an untapped and eager group of young people to contribute to the country's long-term well-being. Indeed, improving our military readiness, increasing the number of college-educated workers, and expanding the Federal, State, and local tax base are among the bill's virtues. And the DREAM Act will not allow a “chain migration” as some opponents of the law have been saying. In fact, only after a DREAM Act beneficiary waits the full 13 years it would take to become a U.S. citizen are they able to petition for immediate family to gain legal status in the United States. Immediate family would have to wait in family immigration lines before being able to immigrate. And family members already here illegally face additional barriers under current law that will continue to make it difficult to obtain legal status. That is not a “get-out-of-jail-free card.”

As I stated earlier, I do not vote for this bill without reservations. The DREAM Act is just a temporary fix to a serious problem. It is my sincere hope that within the year period required by the bill for individuals to apply, we will be able to consider, in a bipartisan manner, a comprehensive bill that will fix our broken system.

THANKING MS. MARION PACIC FOR HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement September 23, 2010, we rise to thank Ms. Marion Pacic for outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives. For the past 35 years Marion has served this great institution as a valued employee of House Information Resources (HIR) within the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Throughout her career with HIR, Marion has held many positions of increasing responsibility. She began her career at the House in November 1975 as an Administrative Assistant for HIR. Marion joined the Digital Equipment Corporation “Office Automation Project” as an applications analyst helping to develop user requirements and teaching Member and Committee staff to use software designed to keep track of constituent correspondence, office accounting, personnel management and committee calendar publication. Marion's technical, analytical and communications skills served her well in her efficient management as Deputy Manager of the Member Services Division in 1989. She became Manager of the Technical Support Representatives in 1994 and

held that position until accepting the position of Acting-Director of Client Services in 1997. She assumed the position of Manager, HIR Telecommunications in June 1999 and during her tenure of 11 years, wireless service expanded almost ten-fold from 1,700 to over 11,000 customers in the House. Marion's unending commitment to opening the first wireless kiosk in the House has made wireless support more available to Members and their staff. Her peers and co-workers will miss Marion's professionalism and friendly manner.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Marion for her many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish Marion many wonderful years in fulfilling her retirement dreams.

HONORING MS. TONI L. WATTS

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and philanthropic contributions of Ms. Toni L. Watts, and to acknowledge our pride in the legacy she left with the Tampa Bay Community.

Toni began her career at Tampa Methodist United Center in February 1990. In September 1993, Ms. Watts was hired by the Founder and President of the Corporation to Develop Communities, CDC, of Tampa, Inc., Chloe Coney and Audrey Spottford, as the first full-time employee. She then attended Saint Leo University and graduated in 1995 and continued her education at the Bank of America Leadership Academy and graduated in 2001. By successfully completing these endeavors, Toni gained a thorough understanding of finance, marketing, and real estate development that she could apply to her job at the CDC of Tampa.

Toni's perseverance and successes have most recently been recognized as she retires after four years as the Chief Executive Officer of the CDC of Tampa. Prior to being named CEO, Toni served as the agency's administrative assistant, grants manager, finance director, and chief operations officer.

During Toni's 17 years in the CDC of Tampa, the corporation has provided career counseling, business planning, job training and placement, youth empowerment programs, and home ownership programs. In nearly two decades, the agency has raised more than \$35 million in public and private ventures. The corporation is also responsible for building affordable housing in East Tampa and currently owns eight foreclosed homes that will be repaired and sold to low-income families. In 2009 alone, CDC of Tampa helped about 3,000 low-income families. Under her leadership, the CDC of Tampa successfully constructed the Chloe Coney Urban Enterprise Center, a new 10,000 square-foot center that will host most of CDC's operations.

The philanthropic contributions of Toni Watts have unquestionably improved the lives of many Tampa Bay residents on the path to homeownership in safe communities.

The Tampa Bay community is proud to recognize Toni Watts, her daughter Tiffani, her son Keena Watts, Sr., and the entire Watts