

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

SPEECH OF

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the passage of the DREAM Act by the House of Representatives on December 8, 2010. I am a longtime supporter of the bill, and I am thankful that we finally have the opportunity to move forward with this significant and life-changing legislation. With the passage of the DREAM Act, an estimated 800,000 young people that have been kept in the shadows and overlooked by this country would be given what they never had before: a chance.

Currently, there are young people in this country who know no other home, yet they do not have access to the opportunities that make this country strong. They are unable to resolve their immigration status and therefore can offer little to the country that they love. The DREAM Act would make it possible for those brought to this country as young children who have grown up in the United States to contribute to the United States and achieve their full potential.

This bill is carefully constructed to target only those people most deserving of this opportunity. To earn conditional immigration status, these young people must demonstrate that they have graduated high school, obtained a GED, or been accepted to an institution of higher learning. They must also have arrived in the United States before they were 16, have lived in the United States for at least five years before the bill's enactment, and be under 29 years of age. After a minimum of thirteen years and if additional requirements are met, those eligible can apply for U.S. citizenship.

The contributions of these young people would benefit our country and our economy, and I would like to thank my colleagues who supported this extraordinary legislation. This bill would allow young people throughout the country to pursue the kind of futures that they deserve. It would also allow our country to take advantage of the talents that these bright young people have to offer.

The enactment of the DREAM Act would give young people the chance to better themselves and in turn would make this country a better place.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JAMES E. THODE

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Sergeant First Class James E. Thode, who was killed in action on December 2, 2010.

A resident of Tucson since the age of 6, James graduated from Catalina Magnet High School before attending the University of Ari-

zona. A decorated combat veteran, he was assigned to Detachment 1 of the 118th Engineer Sapper Company, 1457th Engineer Battalion based out of American Fork, Utah. He was on his third combat deployment with the Army National Guard in Sabari District, Khowst Province, Afghanistan when he was killed by insurgents who attacked his convoy with an improvised explosive device. In his civilian life, James served as a police officer in Farmington, New Mexico, having joined the department in 1996 and working as a field training officer and member of the SWAT team.

Among his many decorations, he earned the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and the Purple Heart. He was one of our Nation's most elite, best and bravest, and he will be remembered always.

We remember James and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that James made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

This body and this country owe James and his family a debt of gratitude, and it is vital that we remember him and his service to this country.

Sergeant First Class James Thode is survived by his wife, Carlotta; mother, Evelyn; father, Ernest; daughter, Ashley; son, Tommy and sister, MaryAnn.

HONORING WILSON H. PARRAN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wilson H. Parran, a member of the Calvert County Board of Commissioners since 2002 and president of that commission from 2006–2010. It is my distinct honor to share his story of commitment, dedication and public service to Calvert County, to our great State of Maryland and to our Nation.

Commissioner Parran was born and raised in Calvert County, where he still resides today with his wife Deborah. The youngest of ten children, he grew up on a tobacco farm where his parents were sharecroppers. Wilson grew up under segregation. At the age of six, he had to walk a mile to catch the school bus every day, even though some buses stopped on his street. Wilson learned at an early age, as he watched his mother go before the County Board of Education to get a her son a bus ride to school, that you must be an advocate and in so doing you can see government in action. Twenty-five years later, Wilson was serving on that same Calvert County Board of Education, motivated by his experiences to give back to his community and support education for the betterment of all students.

Following his parents' model of hard work and high expectations to reach for your dreams, Wilson worked his way from entry-level technology positions to a top tele-

communications executive. In 1969 he went on leave to join the military, serving in the Air Force for 4 years during the Vietnam War era. Wilson had been out of high school for 12 years before he received his first degree. While serving on the school boards he was going to school himself, and became the first member of his family to graduate from college. An advocate of lifelong learning, Wilson served on the Calvert County Board of Education for 6 years and the Maryland Board of Education for 5 years. Commissioner Parran is past president of the Maryland Association of Counties, MACo, and represented Calvert County on the MACo Legislative Committee. He has served on numerous civic organizations including being on the Calvert Memorial Hospital Foundation Board and president of the Maryland Association of Board of Education, MABE. He is a member of the NAACP and was the recipient of the MABE 2007 Charles W. Willis Award for outstanding School Board Leadership.

Mr. Parran was elected to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners in 2002, and achieved re-election in 2006. Following his re-election, board members crossed party lines to elect him as president, a position in which he has demonstrated courage, judgment, and integrity.

Calvert County has been well served by Commissioner Parran's two decades of dedicated public service. He has been an ardent advocate for maintaining Calvert County's quality of life, assuring a balance between its rich agricultural heritage and its expanded economic base. We are indebted to his service and leadership and know that his parent's would be so proud to see that the foundation they set of strong family values and commitment to community have reaped many fruits.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Commissioner Wilson H. Parran for his years of public service, dedicated work and commitment to excellence on behalf of the people of Calvert County.

IN HONOR OF MS. JEAN VELORIA GIORDANO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Ms. Jean Veloria Giordano, a generous spirit and a devoted mother, daughter, sister, and friend. Even during the hardest parts of her long struggle with cancer, she lived life with uncommon joy and appreciation for those around her.

Jamie, as her friends knew her, was born in Dededo, Guam, on February 6, 1962, to David and Juanita Veloria. She moved to Ohio as a young adult and soon became well-known in Cleveland as a vivacious hairdresser who always saved an open ear and an open heart for her clients. She had a special connection to the natural world and frequently visited Bridal Veil Falls in Walton, Ohio to reflect and renew her spirit.

Even during her final days, Jamie always put her best face forward. On her way to chemotherapy sessions, she made sure to stop to pick up coffee and donuts for the hospital's parking attendant. According to a close

friend, "her life was constructed around kindness and caring. She was always ready to help anyone in need."

Jamie's life philosophy is faithfully expressed by two verses of the Linda Ellis poem, "Dash," read at her memorial service. If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real.

And always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more And love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile . . . Remembering this special dash might only last a little while . . .

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Ms. Jean Giordano. I offer my condolences to her sons, Joey and Brandon Giordano, her parents David and Juanita Veloria, and her siblings David, Mercy, Ana, Tina, Dyna, Dulcie, Chris, David Jr. II, Sinder, and Mark. Ms. Giordano inspired all those around her with her deep appreciation for all of life's miracles. She will always be remembered for her grace and generosity.

TARGACEPT'S GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH WILL IMPROVE COUNTLESS LIVES

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, during these difficult economic times, it is rare to find stories of business success as strong as that of Targacept, a pharmaceutical firm based in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

I recently attended a Targacept event on Alzheimer's that highlighted the breakthrough research Targacept is doing on this debilitating condition. Targacept is making great strides towards helping those who suffer with Alzheimer's and I am confident that their work will one day enable senior citizens with Alzheimer's to live with independence and great dignity.

It is not just groundbreaking research that makes Targacept a standout company. It has been named one of the top 10 best employers in North Carolina and was ranked in the top 30 places to work in industry by "The Scientist" magazine.

Targacept's innovation and strong leadership have made it one of the finest businesses in North Carolina and I am proud that they are investing their considerable human capital and research prowess in Winston-Salem.

As this fine company continues to grow and expand, even in the midst of an economic downturn, I am sure that it will continue to bring great jobs to the Triad and make progress towards improving the lives of those who suffer with chronic diseases like Alzheimer's. Targacept is a real asset to Winston-Salem, our state and the scientific community—their success reflects the entrepreneurial spirit that continues to make our nation great.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARLIN A. STUTZMAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. STUTZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 624, I was unavoidably detained, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I was detained from voting due to a family emergency on Wednesday, December 8. If present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: rollcall vote No. 611, rollcall vote No. 612, rollcall vote No. 613, rollcall vote No. 614, rollcall vote No. 615, rollcall vote No. 616, rollcall vote No. 617, rollcall vote No. 618, rollcall vote No. 619, rollcall vote No. 620, rollcall vote No. 621, rollcall vote No. 622, rollcall vote No. 623, rollcall vote No. 624, rollcall vote No. 625.

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Incarnate Word Academy.

On September 11, 1935, the school opened for 33 pupils. In December of 1940, a new building was dedicated to the church to act as a convent and boarding residence for students. The school has been using the current convent and boarding facility since 1952. Seventy-five years after the first students enrolled at the Incarnate Word Academy, enrollment today has reached 467 students.

Inspired by the teachings of Jeanne Chezard de Matel and her Sisters of the Incarnate Word, the Incarnate Word Academy community nurtures the spirit, intellect, creativity, values and social consciousness of children for the benefit of society. The Incarnate Word Academy provides a positive learning environment for all of its students. It is a school committed to excellence in all things as an expression of their devotion to their faith.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of all students, staff and administrators of the Incarnate Word Academy of Parma Heights, Ohio, past and present, as we celebrate their 75th Anniversary. The Academy exists as a vital source of opportunity through academic achievement, and also as a springboard of personal strength, confidence and integrity for every student who has ever entered its doors—brightening their futures, and ultimately, strengthening the foundation of our entire community.

SANGRE DE CRISTO AREA STUDY

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

SECTION 1. SANGRE DE CRISTO AREA STUDY

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) The Sangre de Cristo Mountain range ecosystem, which extends from Santa Fe, New Mexico, through southern Colorado, to the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, includes a number of thirteen and fourteen thousand foot peaks, diverse and abundant wildlife, and a rich diversity of ecotypes.

(2) The Sangre de Cristo Mountain range provides a wide range of recreational activities, including fishing, hiking, camping, hunting, and other activities.

(3) The Sangre de Cristo Mountain range contains numerous areas of cultural and historical interest, beginning with the earliest Native Americans in the area, spanning the periods of Spanish and Mexican rule, and including the creation of the States of Colorado and New Mexico within the United States of America.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to authorize a study to determine the most effective ways to preserve, protect and interpret the natural, historic, and cultural resources associated with the Sangre de Cristo Mountain range ecosystem in northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado.

(c) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) shall conduct a special resource study of lands within the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and nearby communities in the San Luis Valley in the State of Colorado and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and nearby communities in the State of New Mexico, north of the city of Santa Fe, including any federal lands adjacent to the mountains or within these areas to determine whether any such lands may be suitable for inclusion in the National Park System.

(d) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under subsection (c), the Secretary shall—

(1) evaluate the national and international significance of these lands, including

(A) the Native American history of the area before the founding of the City of Santa Fe in 1598;

(B) the history of communities under Spanish rule from 1598 through 1821;

(C) the history of communities under Mexican rule between 1821 and 1848, the date of conclusion of the Mexican American War; and

(D) the post-1848 history of the area under United States' rule including the first non-native American settlements, and the creation of the States of Colorado and New Mexico;

(2) determine the suitability and feasibility of designating portions of these lands as a unit of the National Park System;

(3) consider other alternatives for preservation, protection, and interpretation of the lands by federal, State, or local governmental entities, or private and nonprofit organizations, including

(A) coordination of land management among federal agencies in the area; and

(B) cooperative voluntary conservation efforts with private landowners;

(4) consult with interested federal, State, or local governmental entities, private and nonprofit organizations or any other interested individuals; and

(5) identify cost estimates for any federal acquisition, development, interpretation, operation, and maintenance associated with the alternatives.