

regarding this matter has led to confusion in an industry that has historically not been subject to regulation by FDA.

These establishments provide necessary agricultural inputs to growers of food, feed, fiber and fuel stocks. In some instances, seed grown in Southern Hemisphere countries is imported to provide American farmers fresh, quality seed for spring planting. Seed intended for planting is not food or feed and should not be regulated as such, at the border or anywhere else. It is not the intent of this bill to do so.

HONORING LONG-TIME COMMUNITY LEADER AND ACTIVIST MS. SHIRLEY ROBERTS

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 13, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Ms. Shirley Roberts, who passed away on December 7, 2010, at the age of 79. My heart goes out to her son, Chuck Henry; the many dear and loving friends that she embraced as her family; and all the people whose lives she touched and helped make better.

Born in Los Angeles, Shirley was an extraordinary citizen, a champion of progressive causes, and a vibrant mainstay in Democratic politics. She attended Fairfax High School and graduated from UCLA with a degree in business administration. Shirley's love of politics and human rights ran deep in her family. Her parents, Bernard and Esther, were dedicated to causes to improve conditions for the working poor. By 1944, Shirley would follow their example by co-chairing the American Youth for [Franklin D.] Roosevelt organization for Los Angeles County.

Shirley later went on to support Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles. An early advocate for better health care services for all Los Angeles residents, she served on the Mayor's staff and initiated outreach support programs for better nutrition, transportation, long-term care, and escort programs for seniors.

In addition, Shirley was a community activist in her home of West Hollywood. When rent prices increased sharply in the early 1980s, Shirley joined other West Hollywood residents to support the city's incorporation to better serve its diverse residents. The effort succeeded, and the city has since been a leader in providing social services to the people who call it home. In subsequent years, she would serve on the West Hollywood Human Services Commission and the West Hollywood Election Reform Task Force.

Shirley was also a tireless and tenacious force aiding numerous local, state, and national campaigns of Southern California's progressive political stars, including former Congresswoman and U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, Congressman Henry Waxman, Senator Sheila Kuehl, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and City Controller Wendy Greuel.

Shirley was generous with her friendship, guidance, and wisdom in the lives she touched. Her activism, leadership, and commitment to those who were most vulnerable will be deeply missed. I urge all my House col-

leagues to join me in honoring our community hero, Shirley Roberts, for her remarkable service and contributions to the City of Angels and to our country.

HONORING DR. JAY SHERIDAN

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 13, 2010

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a teacher from my district who recently retired. This teacher has given the past 40 years of his life to improve the quality of public education in his community of Yuma, Arizona.

Dr. Jay Sheridan has been a teacher at Yuma High School in Yuma, Arizona for almost 40 years. He was born in Clinton, Iowa in 1943. His father was a B-26 pilot in the 8th Air Force in Europe, and Sheridan and his mother resided with her parents in the village of Thomson, Illinois in the months after his birth. In November 1948, Sheridan, his parents and his sister moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Sheridan attended kindergarten in Greendale, Wisconsin, one of President Franklin Roosevelt's planned communities from the 1930s. He continued his elementary education at Valley View School, a small country school near Hales Corners, Wisconsin. Sheridan's family then moved to the Elm Grove, Wisconsin area in 1959, and Sheridan graduated from Brookfield Central High School in 1962. Sheridan then moved to the great State of Arizona to study at the University of Arizona, my alma mater. He graduated eight short semesters later with a degree in English and a minor in philosophy.

After graduating, Sheridan went to law school at Valparaiso University. Shortly after entering law school Sheridan was drafted into the military in 1967. He honorably served our country in Vietnam from August of 1968 to July of 1969 in the 1st Battalion, 69th Armor (4th Infantry Division).

After Sheridan was honorably discharged, he enrolled at Northern Arizona University to pursue a Master of Arts degree in English. He was awarded his degree in May of 1972 and accepted an offer as an English teacher at Yuma High School. In the summer of 1972, Sheridan met his wife Sally, a Yuma native. The two were married the following summer and have now been married 37 years. Sally, also a teacher, gave countless years to the Yuma community just as her husband did.

Sheridan was appointed Chair of the English Department at Yuma High in 1973 and spent his entire professional career at Yuma High. He taught every level of English during the course of his teaching career. Beginning in the early 1980s, he began teaching the National Advanced Placement (AP) English Literature and Composition course and assisted hundreds of students in earning passing scores on the national exam.

Sheridan completed his Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Arizona in August 1979 on the high school English department chair position in secondary schools west of the Mississippi River. He became chair of the Modern Languages department (in addition to the English department), with supervisory responsibilities over English as a Second Language,

French, German and Spanish classes. At one time, in addition to his teaching duties, Sheridan had supervisory responsibilities over more than thirty teachers at Yuma High School. Sheridan also taught part-time for Northern Arizona University/Yuma for a number of years (advanced composition and English teaching methods).

In 2001, Sheridan was awarded the honor of Yuma County High School Teacher of the Year by the Education Foundation of Yuma.

Sheridan accomplished a great deal during his time at Yuma High School. His proudest achievement was helping Yuma High earn first place in the district on the state AIMS writing exam for 2006, 2007 and 2008. He also recalls with fondness the yearly student trips to the Old Globe Theater in San Diego, which he organized and supervised for more than a decade. Students read, analyzed, and discussed a Shakespeare play in August and September of each year, and then two busloads of Yuma High students would travel to San Diego to view the play they had studied. Students were able to engage in analytical conversations with the actors immediately following the performances. Sheridan again gave Yuma High students opportunities that many could otherwise not afford.

Dr. Sheridan retired from Yuma High School in May of 2010. He remains in touch with a few hundred of his former students and he continues to encourage them in their college and professional endeavors. In almost 40 years Sheridan has touched the lives of thousands of students who have passed through the halls of Yuma High School. He encouraged students who doubted they were ready for advanced placement classes to work hard and pass the test. He kindled students' love for literature and Shakespeare in one short year. He pushed students to their limits and encouraged higher education for all of them.

Dr. Sheridan is a rare teacher that only comes around once in a lifetime. I am honored that he chose to give almost 40 years of his life to a public school in my district. He will be irreplaceable.

Jay and Sally are looking forward to spending their retirement productively by traveling and writing. The couple has two grown children, Jill and Jay Jr. Jill is an RN in Grand Junction, Colorado. Jay Jr. recently received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Parks and Recreation Management from Northern Arizona University.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the DREAM Act and in support of thousands of Florida students—and families and businesses in my community—who will benefit when we pass it.

Our great Nation is built upon the fundamental principles of liberty, equality and opportunity.

These values apply to all, except for a small group of young people who have been stuck

in limbo through no fault of their own and face obstacles to education and productivity.

Here are a few examples:

A young woman from central Florida came to the United States from Costa Rica with her family when she was very young. She graduated from an arts magnet school with a 4.2 GPA. She was accepted to every school she applied to, but she couldn't attend any because tuition was too high and she didn't qualify for financial aid. The DREAM Act will help.

An Armwood High School valedictorian faced obstacles as he tried to get college financial aid and scholarships. Despite perfect grades, he had a tough time getting the financial help he needed. The DREAM Act will help.

A young woman I personally know well was born in Mexico City and grew up with only her mother after she was brought to America as a baby. Despite stellar grades in high school, she was ineligible for in-state college tuition.

"It would have given me a lot more opportunities," she says. "It would have made me part of the fabric of this country that I have lived in my whole life and that I have contributed to my whole life."

In Florida, in-state tuition costs about \$5,200 per year, but out-of-state at the University of South Florida, \$16,000. At the University of Florida, it exceeds \$25,000. These students are barred from Florida's Bright Futures scholarship. Thousands of students are in this predicament. For them, hope is extinguished.

The DREAM Act will breathe new life into the hopes and dreams of thousands of young people who only know America as their home. We need to support and encourage higher education, instead of preventing and discouraging these teens from attending college or serving in the armed forces.

The DREAM Act would allow students who entered the U.S. before their 16th birthday, who have lived in the country for at least five years, who are in good moral standing and who have graduated from high school to be classified as permanent residents and pursue a path toward citizenship. As permanent residents, they would be able to apply for in-state tuition and federal student financial aid, enabling them to pursue the American Dream of higher education.

Young adults could also earn conditional permanent residency status if they complete 2 years in the military.

I am proud to co-sponsor this vital legislation and look forward to its swift passage so we can help put our hard-working and intelligent students on the road to citizenship.

HONORING SUPERIOR COURT
JUDGE JAMES ORLANDO AS THE
2010 WASHINGTON STATE ASSO-
CIATION FOR JUSTICE'S JUDGE
OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 13, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Superior Court Judge

James Orlando, whom the Washington State Association for Justice has honored as the 2010 Judge of the Year. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Judge Orlando for this commendable recognition.

Superior Court Judge James Orlando was honored as Judge of the Year at the Washington State Association for Justice's annual Law Day Dinner, which was held on May 6, 2010. The Washington State Association for Justice was originally formed in 1953 as the National Association of Claimants Compensation Attorneys and has since also been known as the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association. The organization presents the annual award to a judge who promotes our civil justice system to serve the people through the exercise of outstanding judicial ruling and leadership.

Judge Orlando has been praised for his work to reduce the backlog of criminal and civil cases in Pierce County. He is also a respected figure among many of his colleagues. As a graduate of the University of Washington and of the University of Puget Sound School of Law, Judge Orlando began his service with the Pierce County Superior Court as a Commissioner in 1995. In September 2000, then-Governor Gary Locke appointed him as Judge of the Superior Court. Judge Orlando served as the court's Presiding Judge in 2003 and 2004.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Judge Orlando on his remarkable honor and his venerable service to his country and community.

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID EXTENDERS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010. This legislation would reverse a scheduled reduction of 25 percent in Medicare physician payments and extend current Medicare payment rates through December 31, 2011.

Though we are providing a year-long reprieve on the Medicare physician reimbursement problem, my strong preference is for this to be fixed on a permanent, long-term basis. Unfortunately, the Senate blocked legislation that was passed in the House that would have done exactly that.

This legislation is needed so that Medicare beneficiaries are able to continue to have access to the care they need and to see their doctor of choice. It will also provide some stability for physicians that provide services to Medicare beneficiaries so that they and their practices can adequately plan for the expenses they incur in treating patients.

In addition to extending current Medicare physician payment rates for 1 year, the legislation includes extensions of important expiring

health care provisions, including extending the Medicare therapy caps process, Transitional Medical Assistance which allows low-income families to maintain Medicaid coverage as they transition into employment, and the Qualifying Individual program that allows Medicaid to pay the Medicare Part B premiums for low-income Medicare beneficiaries.

I am also pleased that the legislation extends for 2 years the Special Diabetes Program for Type I Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Programs for Native Americans. Though the Special Diabetes Program doesn't expire until the end of 2011, early reauthorization is vital so that NIH can continue existing research projects. Otherwise, NIH would have to shut down those projects and the potential to develop new treatments for Type I Diabetes would be lost.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 15

Time to be announced

Finance

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Carolyn W. Colvin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration.

Room to be announced

DECEMBER 16

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

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