

HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS AND HYPOXIA RESEARCH AND CONTROL AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, keeping our oceans productive and healthy is of vital interest to coastal and inland communities across the world. As a Member who represents one of the biologically richest coastal Congressional Districts in the county, I rise today in support of H.R. 3650, the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act, which will take necessary steps toward maintaining the oceans' ecological health.

Harmful algal bloom (HAB) produces toxins harmful to shellfish, fish, and biomass, which affect other organisms along the food chain and pose real dangers to the vitality of all coastal areas. HAB can also decrease the sunlight entering the water and use up available oxygen, creating hypoxia or oxygen depletion. In extremely low oxygen environments, sedentary species perish, mobile species migrate, and spawning areas are jeopardized. If these conditions continue, the hypoxia may become permanent as coastal areas become lined with dead zones in which little marine life can exist.

Although algal blooms occur naturally, they are exacerbated by human activities, including the runoff from lawns and livestock feedlots, point-source discharge from sewage plants, and emissions from vehicles. All of these activities lead to elevated levels of nutrients and an increase of algal growth. HAB and hypoxia are growing more severe and more prevalent in our oceans.

The Marin and Sonoma coastline in my District is one of the most biologically productive regions in the world. This coastline includes one of only four coastal upwelling zones on the planet, which make up only 1 percent of the ocean but produce 20 percent of its fish. Unfortunately, even this biological hot spot has been impacted by algal blooms. As recently as last October, northward currents carried a large HAB from Point Reyes up the coast to Bodega Bay, harming marine life and irritating swimmers and divers. Increasing our understanding of these events and undertaking new efforts to monitor, control, prevent, and mitigate them must be a priority.

H.R. 3650 would establish a National Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Program to develop and coordinate a comprehensive strategy to address HABs and hypoxia.

Additionally this legislation will implement regional action plans to reduce HABs and hypoxia.

Madam Speaker, as a cosponsor of H.R. 3650, I commend my colleagues on the Science and Technology Committee for their hard work on this issue, and I look forward to this legislation becoming law. The increasing type, frequency, location, duration, and severity of these dangerous events demonstrate how urgently we need to implement solutions to these problems.

RECOGNIZING THE 189TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, As a lead sponsor of this resolution, I am proud to stand with my colleagues to commemorate the 189th anniversary of Greek independence. We gather here today not only in recognition of Greece's proud history, and in appreciation of the warm friendship our two countries share, but also to thank the Greek people for standing by our side in good times and bad, in peace and in war.

The U.S. connection to Greece reaches back to the days before the United States was even a country. It is well known that the Founding Fathers were well versed in Greek political philosophy and drew on that knowledge in their efforts to lay the political foundation of this Nation. Thomas Jefferson once said of Greece that it was "the first of civilized nations, (and) presented examples of what man should be." Indeed, many of the political ideas attributed to the United States today, such as freedom of speech and the respect for democratic governance can trace their origins back to ancient Greece.

On this 189th anniversary of Greek independence, let us all reflect on what we as Americans owe to Greece for our historical ties, for the role ancient Greece played in the shaping of our democracy and for the enduring friendship between the peoples of the United States and Greece.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CLARENCE FAULK

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of Mr. Clarence E. Faulk, Jr., who passed away at his residence on March 5, 2010.

Mr. Faulk was born on January 9, 1909 in West Monroe, La., and recently celebrated the occasion of his 100th birthday.

In 2003, Mr. Faulk lost his beloved wife of 72 years, Louise Benson Page. The couple is survived by their two sons and daughter, as well as their 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Having been raised by a family with deep roots in publishing, Mr. Faulk was well suited for a career path loaded with journalism and broadcasting endeavors. Mr. Faulk was the publisher of the Ruston Daily Leader from 1931 to 1962, the owner of radio station KRUS, the first radio station in Ruston, La. from 1947 to 1968. In addition, he served many years as the president of the Louisiana Press Association and the Louisiana Broadcasters Association.

Outside of this field, Mr. Faulk owned numerous rent homes and commercial buildings in Ruston, and even received the Russ Award from the Ruston-Lincoln Parish Chamber of Commerce for his efforts in support of his treasured Ruston community.

Mr. Faulk was a friend to many, and deemed a gracious and hardworking person by all who knew him. It is my privilege to honor Mr. Faulk as a man emblematic of the true spirit of North Louisiana. He will surely be remembered by all as a loving husband and father, a successful businessman and an important part of the Ruston community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the late Clarence Faulk.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010 RIMPACT DAY HELD BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHAIN DRUG STORES

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2010 RIMPACT Day held by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS).

Founded in 1933, NACDS has worked tirelessly to promote the positive community impact of the chain drug industry. Throughout its history, NACDS and its 150 chains and 39,000 individual pharmacy members have worked to adapt to the changing needs of consumers. RIMPACT Day allows community pharmacies to share the numerous benefits of their industry.

I am delighted to recognize the chain drug stores nationwide that have a significant presence in my district. Not only do they provide thousands of quality jobs, but these pharmacies also provide a vital service as part of the healthcare delivery system of my district.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing The 2010 RIMPACT Day, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, and the work these tireless professionals are doing to provide high quality health services to the public.

HONORING THE PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 230

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, for more than 120 years the United Association—the union of plumbers, pipefitters, welders and HVAC technicians—has built the infrastructure of cities and towns across the United States.

In the 1930s the UA helped pull the country out of the Great Depression as members built dams, roads, libraries, schools, public buildings and housing projects as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal.

During World War II, thousands of UA members answered our nation's call and volunteered for the armed forces. Once completing their duty, members returned home and continued to build across the country.

In San Diego, UA Local 230 members have had a hand in building iconic structures such as Petco Park, Sharp Memorial Hospital, Palomar Medical Center and the new Hilton Bayfront.

In addition to being a part of building the San Diego of today, Local 230 has helped to

build a strong and unified labor community in San Diego and Imperial Counties by being a leader in the Labor Council's foundation of great volunteers.

The members of Local 230 can be found volunteering at nearly every Labor Council event, from precinct walks to the Cesar Chavez Day March to the Letter Carriers Food Drive.

Led by their Business Manager, Kirk Crosswhite, the plumbers and pipefitters of Local 230 have stood in dedicated support of their union brothers and sisters.

For creating a solid infrastructure through volunteering and participation, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 230 are the Labor Council's 2009–2010 "Union of the Year."

PREVENT DECEPTIVE CENSUS LOOK ALIKE MAILINGS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4621, the "Prevent Deceptive Census Look Alike Mailings Act," and commend Representative MALONEY for bringing this issue to the Floor. Like my colleague from New York, I am concerned about any mailing that could cause confusion and impact the response rate in the 2010 Census. Because of the importance of the Census, with its count determining many important calculations for federal funds and political representation, we must make every effort to ensure the integrity of the process.

I believe this legislation will mitigate some of the confusion and fraudulence that could cause underreporting, especially among targeted populations. The requirement for organizations that include "Census" on their mailings to provide a disclaimer that they are not writing on behalf of the federal government will help our constituents know that those materials are not part of the official 2010 United States Census.

I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

WHEN, HEARTS TOOK FLIGHT, IN HONOR OF THE MAGNIFICENT WOMEN OF THE AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS THE WASP AND THEIR COURAGEOUS ACTS DURING WWII AND THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL CEREMONY MARCH 10, 2010 AT THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL "SAVING THE WORLD"

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of The Magnificent Women of the WASP, Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II and the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medals to them on this day, March 10th 2010 in the United States Capitol. Our nation owes a great

debt of gratitude to these women of faith and courage, who helped set the stage so that this war could be won. Breaking and fighting stereotypes, they helped to forge the way for women in today's world. As their courage, character and dedication were key to Saving The World. As the son of a World War II Flying Tiger of the 14th Air force, Hugh DeV. Wilson, I appreciate firsthand the extraordinary pilots who protected the people of India and China defeating totalitarians worldwide. For as this darkness approached and mankind bled, they stood at the edge and helped To Save The World. I ask that this poem penned in honor of them and their families by Albert Caswell, a very thoughtful poet and patriot, of the United States Capitol Guide Service be placed in the RECORD.

WHEN, HEARTS TOOK FLIGHT

As a time ago . . .
As when, it looked as though . . .
The world stood, at its edge . . .
As Woman and Mankind bled . . .
With Satan on the rise . . .
As his son's filled the darkened skies . . .
With all his dark death and hate, as this evil begins!
Would this be the end, of woman and mankind?
As upon them, all our hopes hinged . . .
When, Hearts took flight!
To but bring their light!
Lifting us all above, to such high heights!
To all of those wrongs, to right!
All in their strength, and might!
To help Save The World . . .
But, for their country they so loved . . .
Upon, the wings of a dove!
As a darkness approached!
As upon them, were placed all our hopes . . .
As out across the world, such an evil unfurled!
When, came such women of faith To Save The World . . .
To rise up, with such splendid courage in eyes!
To fight a war, and all those stereotypes . . . those lies!
To but bring their light!
As this fearless force of women, so won the night!
All out upon their most heroic course . . .
With, but only their most courageous hearts to voice . . .
To Fly!
As was but a time When Hearts Took Flight!
To win that day, that night!
To Soar so bright, and reach for the skies . . .

Heroines, pioneers on the cutting edge!
Upon, these machines of steel their fine lives were pledged!
Magnificent test pilots, who died and bled!
Carriers of freedom, who all in their actions so led!
Who flew the planes to the theater, as the blood ran red!
Over 25,000, would apply . . .
But only 1,074 . . . the cream of the crop, would fly!
As The WASP . . .
The WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS, so filled the skies!
All for God and Country, but ready to die!
For no war could be won, without these ones!
All in what they had done, now all so etched in history's sun!
To "Help Save The World!"
To teach all of our little boys and girls!
What can be done, when courage is unfurled!
And hearts take, flight!
So on this day, we now bestow . . .
Upon, all of these . . . and all of those!
Most Magnificent Patriots of Peace we know . . .

The Congressional Gold Medal . . . So!
Great American patriots, with such hearts of gold!

And Ladies, your final flight . . .
Will be, up to our Lord in Heaven's light!
Because, you helped . . . "Save The World!"
As history will find!
It was but a time, when hearts took flight!
Amen . . .

HONORING UFCW INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT JOSEPH T. HANSEN

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, Joseph T. Hansen is leading the transformation of the UFCW into a dynamic, growth-focused organization poised to unite the millions of North American workers who want and need a union. After four decades of union activism, Joe's mission is essentially the same as it was when he began his career: organizing workers for power and uniting them at the bargaining table to win middle class wages, benefits, and respect on the job.

Today, Hansen stands at the helm of the broad-based worker movement to win respect for work and those who do the work. Joe is an effective voice for working people, advocating for affordable, quality health care for all; for comprehensive and humane immigration reform; and for the millions of working people who want a voice on the job. He is helping revitalize the labor movement to meet the challenges of the global economy—by delivering union jobs that provide wages that pay the bills, retirement security, and affordable health care. His leadership is bringing new hope and opportunity for workers and their families to improve their living standards and live a middle class life.

Joe began his career as a meat cutter in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Since that time, Hansen has been activating and empowering members. He spent more than 11 years working at his trade while serving as a volunteer organizer for his local union—Local 73 of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America. His activism helped keep Milwaukee a union town, where new grocery stores were quickly met with organizing activity. His passion for organizing led Hansen to become one of the youngest members of his local union's executive board. Hansen was elected to serve as International Secretary-Treasurer in 1997 and International President in 2004.

Hansen has been active in the global union movement since 1994. His early experience with global unionism provided him with the foresight to realize that only global solidarity can confront global corporations. He took office as president of Union Network International (UNI), an international labor organization representing 15 million workers in 900 unions in more than 100 countries, in 2003. He was reelected president at its second World Congress in Chicago in 2005.

In the United States, lawmakers and opinion leaders seek his perspective and leadership on two of the most important challenges facing American workers in the 21st century—health care and immigration reform. In 2005, the U.S. Congress named Hansen to the 14-member