

innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes:

Mr. WU. Mr. Chair, my amendment, which I have submitted along with my colleague from Maryland, Mr. BARTLETT and will be part of an en bloc amendment, will facilitate ARPA-E applications by small businesses and entrepreneurs and will allow ARPA-E to consider a wider range of proposals relevant to its mission.

This amendment is straightforward and emphasizes the importance of proposals submitted by small businesses and entrepreneurs—the lifeblood of innovation and our American economy. This amendment further mirrors the DARPA program by creating flexibility within ARPA-E for solicitations year-round, on broadly defined areas of science and technology, creating a greater diversity of projects coming into the pipeline, while still maintaining the program's ability to focus on funding projects in specific areas of technological innovation.

ARPA-E is a robust pathway to new discoveries in technology and new investment in American manufacturing. To paraphrase Secretary Chu, ARPA-E was designed to provide for opportunity to swing from the heels. There will be missed pitches, but there will be home runs and grand slams, too. While the program has been considered a success—recently announcing 37 diverse solicitation winners—by providing continuous and non-restrictive solicitations, ARPA-E will be able to act in an all-comers fashion, selecting from a wide range of products in order to foster innovative solutions to the energy issues our Nation faces.

I am happy to have worked in a bipartisan way with Mr. BARTLETT from Maryland—I greatly appreciate his thoughtful contributions to this amendment. Through both his scientific background and his work on Armed Services, Mr. BARTLETT has always brought an informed and helpful perspective in the establishment of ARPA-E. The House Committee on Science and Technology may be one of the last bastions of nonpartisan policymaking in this body and Mr. BARTLETT's work and forethought has helped to exemplify that ideal. I ask that the House support this amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I missed rollcall vote No. 248 on May 5, 2010. If present, I would have voted "nay."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING SGT. 1ST CLASS CHARLES KOMAROMY FOR FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND NATIONAL GUARD

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Sgt. 1st Class Charles Komaromy has served forty years in the United States Army and the National Guard; and

Whereas, Sgt. Komaromy answered his country's call of duty and served honorably and bravely in Vietnam, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

Whereas, Sgt. Komaromy has represented the community of Dover and his country proudly and admirably with forty years of military service; and

Whereas, the community of Dover will honor the distinguished service of Sgt. Komaromy with a celebration on Saturday, May 15 at the Dover Armory, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, the United States Army and National Guard, and residents of the 18th Congressional District of Ohio, I commend and thank Sgt. 1st Class Charles Komaromy for his forty years of exemplary service to his country and his community.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1272, COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAY 4, 1970, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY SHOOTINGS

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Ms. SUTTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1272, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the May 4, 1970, Kent State University shootings.

As a lifelong Northeast Ohioan and a graduate of Kent State University, I hold what took place on May 4th close to my heart.

After the announcement of the U.S. incursion into Cambodia, Kent State students began a weekend of anti-war protests that culminated in the deaths of four unarmed students on May 4th . . .

. . . Another nine were injured, including one of my constituents, Barberton resident and my very dear friend, Alan Canfora.

During the height of the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1971, 17 people were killed during anti-war protests on college campuses.

Many of these Vietnam War demonstrations, including those at Kent State, pitted students against their peers serving in the National Guard.

Forty years after the Kent State shootings, the tragic events of May 4th remain a symbol of the Vietnam War and the protests that ensued at college campus in Ohio and across the country.

I commend the recent placement of the site of the May 4th shootings on the National Register of Historic Places.

I also applaud the establishment of the May 4th Visitors Center, Memorial, and Historical Walking Tour on the campus.

May 4th took the lives of Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer, and William Schroeder.

They will always live on in our memories.

They represent a generation and a tumultuous chapter of our Nation's history that should not ever be forgotten.

SUPPORTING WAL-MART'S EFFORTS TO COMBAT HUNGER IN THE UNITED STATES

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a notable work of good citizenship on the part of Wal-Mart and the Wal-Mart Foundation. Their announcement of a five year, \$2 billion initiative to improve the efficiency of the U.S. food bank system and make nutritious food more accessible to those in the greatest need will contribute towards the goal of ending childhood hunger by 2015. This initiative will provide 1.1 billion pounds of food to families who desperately need it, and will deliver \$250 million in grants to help support hunger relief organizations.

As Chair of the Congressional Urban Caucus, I know that too many of the nation's urban residents face the silent epidemic of food insecurity, and that they are not alone in their plight. Up to 49 million Americans and 22 percent of all children went hungry in 2008. This is a travesty in a country as rich and prosperous as the United States. This cannot be allowed to continue.

I wish to congratulate Wal-Mart in its efforts to help combat hunger in the United States, and I hope that this is not only a significant step in a broad commitment on the part of this corporation, but one that motivates their peers to join us in this cause.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT HEARING ON THE REAUTHORIZATION OF STATE REVOLVING FUNDS

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Chairman WAXMAN, Chairman MARKEY, Ranking Member BARTON, Ranking Member UPTON and all of my distinguished colleagues that sit on the Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, thank you all for allowing me to make these remarks for the record on this important hearing on the reauthorization of State Revolving Funds within the "The Assistance, Quality, and Affordability Act of 2010."

Chairman MARKEY, I would especially like to thank you and your staff for working with my office over the past year to tighten the regulations within the SRF that govern water security to ensure that the incident that happened in my congressional district of Crestwood will not be replicated and that all of our constituents will have access to clean, safe drinking water.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to briefly recount for all of my colleagues the preposterous and unbelievable events that happened in Crestwood that has brought us to the point we are today. It is a story that, unfortunately, is ripe with abuses of the public trust by crooked and corrupt public officials at a level that is hard to fathom.

And it is a story that, hopefully, with the measures that we will enact in this legislation, will never be allowed to happen again.

Mr. Chairman, the story of Crestwood began in 1986, when the Illinois EPA was notified that the well water that was being used for public consumption was contaminated and was found to be unsuitable under federal EPA standards. Officials from the Village of Crestwood told State EPA authorities that the well would no longer be used for drinking purposes, but would remain open for emergency uses only, such as fighting fires.

Unbelievably, despite the warning from the IL EPA to the Crestwood officials about using the well for public consumption, for another 20 years, from 1986–2007, untreated well water was mixed with Lake Michigan water and was piped into the homes of village residents for drinking and other uses.

Mr. Chairman, for over 20 years, the citizens of Crestwood Village were consuming water, filled with contaminants, while the IL EPA never went back in to test the water quality or ensure that Crestwood officials had followed their edict to stop using the well for public consumption.

Then, in December 2007, acting on a tip from a private citizen, Tricia Krause, the IL EPA decided to test the well water for the first time since they were first alerted to the problem in 1986.

During these tests, the IL EPA found that the well water contained unacceptable levels of perchloroethylene (PCE), a chemical linked to liver damage and neurological problems, as well as other carcinogenic chemicals that were higher than federal standards permit.

Mr. Chairman, it took the brave and courageous act of an everyday, hardworking, private citizen, Ms. Tricia Krause, to finally pull the plug on the nefarious and despicable acts of Crestwood officials. For 20 years, these officials willfully and reprehensibly lied to State authorities and fed contaminated water to the very citizens they were sworn to protect.

After Ms. Krause blew the whistle on these despicable acts and the story became public, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Justice executed search warrants and found that Village officials had been falsifying records regarding the purchase and delivery of water to its citizens for over 20 years.

And while we must acknowledge and praise the work of courageous citizens like Ms. Krause for taking matters into her own hands to shed light and seek justice, we must also do everything in our power to make it more difficult for immoral and despicable public officials to dupe the public again and feed contaminated and poisonous water to our citizens.

Mr. Chairman, the steps that you have taken in this bill will go a long way toward restoring the public trust in the system by requiring our State agencies, which are in many cases the last line of defense in ensuring public safety, to go that extra step to protect the public.

This language would simply compel the EPA to set up requirements for notifying the public served by a water system when different types of violations occur. The EPA would be allowed to use the same categories of violations that have already been developed under subsection (c) of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Additionally, for each category of violation, the EPA will determine what types of follow-up inspections are needed, and how many inspections the State will need to carry out. This

gets right at the issue of the Illinois EPA not being required to go out and check whether the contaminated well was being used, without being overly burdensome if the violations are not related to public safety.

Mr. Chairman, as representatives of the people we serve, for most of us the actions taken by Village of Crestwood officials would be unconscionable. In all of my time as a public servant, I have rarely encountered public officials acting so egregiously against their own citizens or abusing their power in a way that puts the public safety at risk.

In March 2010, the IL Dept. of Public Health released a report that found cancer rates were “significantly elevated” in Crestwood residents, with higher-than-expected cases of kidney cancer in men, lung cancer in men and women, and gastrointestinal cancer in men.

While researchers could not make a definite link between the consumption of contaminated water for 20 years for the 11,000 residents of Crestwood and the elevated rates of cancer there, they determined it was possible that toxic chemicals in the drinking water caused the extra cancer cases.

Well, I’m not a researcher, but I can analyze commonsense, and for me, the coincidence between drinking cancer-causing contaminated water for 20 years and then having higher-than-normal rates of cancer appear in those same citizens shows that there must be some connection between the two.

With our actions here today and in moving this bill forward, it is my sincere hope that no other community in America will have to suffer from the reprehensible acts of a few despicable public servants who would seek to abuse the public trust.

Thank you again Mr. Chairman, and distinguished Members of the Subcommittee, for allowing me to participate today.

CONGRATULATING ERMA JOHNSON HADLEY AND RECOGNIZING HER MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE AND HER COMMUNITY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to congratulate Erma Johnson Hadley, the newly appointed Chancellor of the Tarrant County College District, and to recognize her many accomplishments to TCC and her community. Hadley is not only the first female to be named Chancellor of TCC, but also the first African American.

Hadley has been with TCC, which includes five districts and has an enrollment of more than 45,000 students, for over 40 years. Prior to being named Chancellor, Hadley has served as both a faculty member and administrator, including Director of Personnel, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, and Vice Chancellor for Administration.

During her distinguished tenure at TCC, Hadley has been voted “Outstanding Teacher”, she established the District’s call center, and created the TCC Employee Scholarship Program, among other notable accomplishments. Hadley has also served as Equal Opportunity Officer and formerly oversaw the Ad-

missions, Records and Registration departments.

In addition to her service to TCC, Hadley has contributed significantly to the local community for more than 35 years. She has served as Chairman of the Tarrant County Hospital District Board of Managers, Chairman of the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Board, and Chairman of the North Texas Commission. Hadley was also selected by former Texas Governor Bill Clements for the Trinity River Authority of Texas and former Texas Governor George W. Bush for the Texas Governor’s Committee on Volunteerism.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to congratulate and recognize the accomplishments of Erma Johnson Hadley, Chancellor of the Tarrant County College District. It is a privilege to represent such a dedicated community member and public servant, and such a superb educational institution, in the United States House of Representatives.

2010 14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ART COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. DOYLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young woman from my Congressional District, Stephanie Taylor of South Allegheny High School. Ms. Taylor is the winner of the 2010 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania’s High School Art Competition, “An Artistic Discovery.” Ms. Taylor’s artwork, an acrylic painting entitled “Leaves,” was selected from a number of outstanding entries to this year’s competition.

In fact, sixty works from twelve different schools in Pennsylvania’s 14th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists. It’s a real tribute to her skill and vision that her work was chosen as the winner of this year’s competition. I am certain that Ms. Taylor’s family is proud of her artistic talents and this impressive accomplishment.

Ms. Taylor’s artwork will represent the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students’ artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year. I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Ms. Taylor’s artwork, along with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other Congressional Districts, which will be on display in the Capitol tunnel. It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year’s 14th Congressional District High School Art Competition, “An Artistic Discovery” from Brashear High School, Nour Qutyan; from the Pittsburgh High School for the Creative and Performing Arts, Zoe Capcara, Emily Daley, Kyle Gorcey, Amber Key, Noel Peterson, and Audrey Stygar; from East Allegheny High School, Cody Atkins, Nikki Croft, Chey A. Gojkovich, Randy Stegner, Jr., Brianna Stevens, and Jacob Williams; from Northgate High School, Carolyn Denes, Alison Gusew, Seth Huston, Collyn