

Velarde who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Maleah Velarde is an 8th grader at Everitt Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Maleah Velarde for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

#### A TRIBUTE TO SENATOR PAULA HAWKINS—MAITLAND POST OFFICE RENAMING

##### HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 25, 2010*

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, as our country pauses to recognize National Missing Children's Day, I rise to remember one of our former colleagues, Paula Hawkins, who tirelessly championed children and children's issues and to pay tribute to this extraordinary woman by renaming the Maitland Postal Facility in her honor.

Former U.S. Senator Paula Hawkins authored and helped secure enactment of the Missing Children Act in 1982 which authorized the Attorney General to collect and exchange information to identify and locate missing persons, especially children. Having served as her Chief of Staff when the legislation passed, I can say with certainty there would not be Federal missing children's statutes or the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children if it was not for Senator Hawkins' determination and tireless work.

On October 13, 1982, President Ronald Reagan signed the Missing Children's Act into law, and this year marks the 28th year in national recognition of the law's passage. It is appropriate that on this day, the entire Florida Congressional Delegation join with me in introducing legislation to rename the Maitland Postal Facility at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland, Florida to bear the name of Paula Hawkins.

Senator Hawkins, known as the "Maitland Housewife", began as a community activist in that city and went on to become the first female elected to the U.S. Senate without family connections. Paula Hawkins also has the distinction of being the first Florida statewide elected female when she won a seat in 1972 on the Public Service Commission. With her passing on December 4, 2009, we lost a remarkable public servant and trailblazer for women and all Americans in the state and national political landscape.

On behalf of the Hawkins family, a grateful home state of Florida and a thankful nation, this Post Office renaming is a humble tribute to our former U.S. Senator, Paula Hawkins.

#### WIND POWER

##### HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 25, 2010*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, on Monday, May 24, 2010, an editorial was printed in the Paducah Sun by Ben Lieberman with the Heritage Foundation regarding wind power. This article highlights the negative impact a renewable electricity standard, RES, would have on our economy and energy sector as well as the inability of wind power to meet our energy demands.

[From the Paducah Sun, May 24, 2010]

WIND POWER TOO INEFFICIENT, COSTLY TO SOLVE ENERGY WOES

(By Ben Lieberman)

Think Washington can't get any more out of touch? Well, Congress is considering measures that would raise our electric bills and kill more than 1 million jobs.

Sounds like hyperbole. But that's exactly what a renewable electricity standard (RES) would do. An RES (imbedded in legislation already approved by a Senate committee and part of the House global warming bill that passed last June) requires that a set amount of the nation's electricity be generated by wind or other approved alternatives.

It stands to reason that an RES would raise electricity costs. After all, if wind energy could compete with conventional sources like coal, natural gas or nuclear, there wouldn't be any need for a federal law forcing us to use it.

We don't have to guess, however. A study by The Heritage Foundation looked at a hypothetical RES starting at 3 percent in 2012 and rising by 1.5 percentage points each year after that—reaching 15 percent by 2020 and 22.5 percent by 2025. This roughly coincides with the pending proposals in Congress.

Heritage projects that such a provision would raise residential electric bills by 36 percent, or about \$300 annually for an average household of four. Industrial electricity costs would be even harder hit, rising by 60 percent.

Wind turbines tend to be pricey relative to the amount of juice they generate, but that's only part of the cost of an RES. Since the best sites for wind are remote mountain ridges or plains far from the customer base, multi-billion-dollar transmission-line projects would be required—with customers (that's you and me) picking up the tab.

The biggest and costliest problems of all stem from wind's unreliability. The wind doesn't always blow, and it's least reliable during hot summer days when electricity demand peaks but the air is often still. In other words, unlike coal or natural gas or nuclear, wind power can't be relied upon, especially when it is needed most.

Since the wind can stop at any time, it must always be backed up by reliable non-wind sources, ready to step in and carry the load. Thus, utilities can't really cut back on conventional electricity sources when they add wind to the mix. For this reason, an electric system that's forced to include wind becomes a marvel of expensive redundancy. And make no mistake—every penny will show up in our monthly bills.

One big selling point of an RES is the "green" jobs created by it. President Obama has made numerous trips to wind turbine factories and boasted about the jobs at each. Granted, there will be employment among those who build, install and maintain wind turbines, but the expensive electricity that results will send many more to the unemployment line.

The Heritage Foundation projects net job losses reaching 330,000 in 2012 and exceeding 1 million in 2017 and thereafter. Overall, the hit to the American economy of an RES reaching 37.5 percent by 2035 would be \$5.2 trillion. That's right, America would be more than \$5 trillion poorer with a wind-power mandate.

That works out to \$2,400 per year per family of four. Know anybody who's got an extra \$2,400 just sitting around? At a time when Americans consider the economy to be Washington's top priority, Congress shouldn't be considering an RES. The last thing we need is a multi-trillion dollar anti-stimulus package that would harm struggling homeowners and businesses. Renewable energy may have a future, but Washington can't force it through costly mandates.

#### MEGAN VANCE

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 25, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Megan Vance who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Megan Vance is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Megan Vance is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Megan Vance for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

#### THE DREAM CHURCH DAY

##### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 25, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, Whereas, The dReam Center Church of Atlanta has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for their past four years; and

Whereas, Pastor William H. Murphy, III and the members of the dReam Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our community; and

Whereas, The dReam Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past four (4) years by preaching the gospel, teaching the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, The dReam Center Church has produced many spiritual warriors, people of

compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with DeKalb County and the world their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the dReam Center Church family for their leadership and service to our District on this the 4th Anniversary of their founding;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 16, 2010 as, The dReam Center Church Day, in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 16th day of May, 2010.

## MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

SPEECH OF

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 24, 2010*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I voted against H. Res. 1258 designating the month of May as National Mental Health Month to draw attention to the threat to liberty posed by proposals to perform mandatory mental evaluations of all schoolchildren without parental consent.

The New Freedom Commission on Mental Health has recommended that the federal and state governments work toward the implementation of a comprehensive system of mental-health screening for all Americans. The commission recommends that universal or mandatory mental-health screening first be implemented in public schools as a prelude to expanding it to the general public. However, neither the commission's report nor any related mental-health screening proposal requires parental consent before a child is subjected to mental-health screening. Federally-funded universal or mandatory mental-health screening in schools without parental consent could lead to labeling more children as "ADD" or "hyperactive" and thus force more children to take psychotropic drugs, such as Ritalin, against their parents' wishes.

Too many children are suffering from being prescribed psychotropic drugs for nothing more than children's typical rambunctious behavior. According to Medco Health Solutions, more than 2.2 million children are receiving more than one psychotropic drug at one time. In fact, according to Medco Trends, in 2003, total spending on psychiatric drugs for children exceeded spending on antibiotics or asthma medication.

Many children have suffered harmful side effects from using psychotropic drugs. Some of the possible side effects include mania, violence, dependence, and weight gain. Yet, parents are already being threatened with child abuse charges if they resist efforts to drug their children. Imagine how much easier it will be to drug children against their parents' wishes if a federally-funded mental-health screener makes the recommendation.

Universal or mandatory mental-health screening could also provide a justification for stigmatizing children from families that support traditional values. Even the authors of mental-health diagnosis manuals admit that mental-health diagnoses are subjective and based on

social constructions. Therefore, it is all too easy for a psychiatrist to label a person's disagreement with the psychiatrist's political beliefs a mental disorder. For example, a federally-funded school violence prevention program lists "intolerance" as a mental problem that may lead to school violence. Because "intolerance" is often a code word for believing in traditional values, children who share their parents' values could be labeled as having mental problems and a risk of causing violence. If the mandatory mental-health screening program applies to adults, everyone who believes in traditional values could have his or her beliefs stigmatized as a sign of a mental disorder. Taxpayer dollars should not support programs that may label those who adhere to traditional values as having a "mental disorder."

In order to protect our nation's children from mandatory mental health screening, I have introduced the Parental Consent Act, H.R. 2218. This bill forbids federal funds from being used for any universal or mandatory mental-health screening of students without the express, written, voluntary, informed consent of their parents or legal guardians. This bill protects the fundamental right of parents to direct and control the upbringing and education of their children. I hope all my colleagues will co-sponsor H.R. 2218.

## IN HONOR OF JOHN KERRIGAN

**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 25, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Kerrigan, a volunteer for the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), a program that has matched volunteers with Burlington County non-profit organizations since 1971.

Mr. Kerrigan has volunteered for twenty-five years at Catholic Charities, Emergency and Community Services in Delanco, New Jersey. As a dedicated volunteer in their food pantry, he spends his time shelving and packing donated food items for families in need in Burlington County.

Thanks to John's steady, behind-the-scenes efforts, six to seven hundred families receive emergency food assistance from Emergency and Community Services each month. John's work is seen by only a few but appreciated by so many.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you please join me in congratulating John for his outstanding and dedicated service to the less fortunate in our South Jersey communities.

MATTHEW MCGEE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 25, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Matthew McGee who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Matthew McGee is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because

his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Matthew McGee is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Matthew McGee for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING ST. CLARE WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL IN LOCUST HILL, VA

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 25, 2010*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I am privileged to rise today to recognize St. Clare Walker Middle School in Locust Hill, VA for their recent national accreditation as a "School to Watch".

In 1999 the National Forum introduced the "Schools to Watch" Program. This program is a national partnership that seeks to identify and recognize high-performing middle schools. A strict criteria and guidelines, set by the "Schools to Watch" Forum, help identify the high-performing middle schools. Schools that are distinguished as "high-performing" demonstrate academic excellence by challenging students, are sensitive to the unique developmental needs of early adolescents, and provide students with high-quality resources and educators. St. Clare Walker Middle School in Locust Hill, VA was recognized for meeting and exceeding the criteria.

St. Clare Walker Middle School Principal Dr. James Lane spearheaded and succeeded in creating a school that helps students excel academically, socially, and developmentally. Dr. Lane's commitment to excellence has resulted in national recognition as one of the best middle schools in Virginia. I want to commend the entire faculty, staff and students of St. Clare Walker Middle School for their hard work. As the husband of a school teacher I understand the vital work and learning that takes place every day in classrooms across the Commonwealth. The educators at St. Clare Walker Middle School have helped to create a learning environment that positions their students for lifelong academic success. I also want to recognize Superintendent Donald Fairheart, school board members, and members of the board of supervisors for their support and dedication to the success of St. Clare Walker Middle School.

Recently I had the pleasure of visiting St. Clare Walker Middle School. I was able to spend the day with the faculty, teachers, and students. I was impressed by the many dedicated teachers and faculty with a passion for educating our Nation's youth. I also enjoyed meeting and talking with many St. Clare Walker Middle School students who exhibited great enthusiasm for learning.

I want to take some time today, to congratulate St. Clare Walker Middle School in Locust