

that I could do most anything I set my mind to. That was really to think beyond the box.

Today is an opportunity not only to thank Mrs. Oker, but to thank all of the teachers in the 13th District of Illinois and the Nation for following their calling and enlightening the next generation of American leaders.

#### CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MS. ELISE JONES MARTIN

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, longtime South Carolina resident Ms. Elise Jones Martin is a leader throughout the communities in our State, particularly in the capital of Columbia. It was on Washington Street that she opened a thriving beauty salon. It was at South Carolina State University that she furthered her education by taking teacher training courses. This eventually led to her teaching position at Booker T. Washington High School, where she enriched the lives of many young students.

Ms. Elise Jones Martin has many passions: teaching, politics, and philanthropy. Her contributions in each of these areas are extensive. But it was Ms. Martin's lifetime dedication of fighting for viable neighborhoods that recently culminated in the launch of the Elise Jones Martin Place. This housing community carries Ms. Elise Jones Martin's name because of her work to improve neighborhoods by establishing solid foundations for America's young citizens.

It is my honor to celebrate the contributions of Elise Jones Martin today and thank her for making Columbia a stronger city and inspiring people of all ages to give back to their communities.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

God bless Duane Jackson for stopping the terrorist attack on New York City.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JACKSON of Illinois). Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Friday, April 30, 2010:

H.R. 5146, to provide that Members of Congress shall not receive a cost of living adjustment in pay during fiscal year 2011.

#### AMERICANS WANT SECURE BORDERS

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Arizona's immigration enforcement law mirrors what is already in Federal law. So why are some special interest groups in an uproar? It shouldn't be surprising. The very same people who want to throw out Arizona's new immigration law also want Congress to throw out America's immigration laws. Open borders advocates want amnesty for millions of illegal immigrants, so they find fault with any law that tries to reduce illegal immigration.

Arizona has every right to protect its residents and secure the border. The message from Arizona is not to pass an amnesty bill in Washington, but to enforce immigration laws and strengthen border security.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

#### HONORING THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1307) honoring the National Science Foundation for 60 years of service to the Nation.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

#### H. RES. 1307

Whereas Congress created the National Science Foundation in 1950 to promote the progress of science, to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare, and to secure the national defense;

Whereas the National Science Foundation, under the capable leadership of its directors, advised by the distinguished members of the National Science Board, has worked continuously and successfully for 60 years to ensure that the United States maintains its leadership in discovery, innovation, and learning in science, engineering, and mathematics;

Whereas the National Science Foundation strengthens the economy and improves the quality of life in the United States as the Federal Government's only agency dedicated to the support of fundamental research and education in all scientific and engineering disciplines;

Whereas the National Science Foundation supports a network of 200,000 individuals each year, including scientists, engineers, students, and educators at over 2,000 colleges and universities, schools, nonprofit organizations, science centers and museums, and small businesses throughout our Nation, and funds multi-user facilities and tools for conducting world-class research and research training;

Whereas during the past decade, the National Science Foundation has met increasingly challenging national needs with strategic planning, hard work, and unrelenting dedication;

Whereas the National Science Foundation supports science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education at all levels, including support for undergraduate and graduate students, early-career researchers, and K-12 STEM teachers, and emphasizes broadening participation in the Nation's science and engineering research and education enterprises;

Whereas the National Science Foundation, through its National Hazards Reduction Program, the George E. Brown, Jr., Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation, the Approaches to Combat Terrorism program, and similar research activities, has contributed to predicting and reducing the risk of devastation from natural and manmade disasters, and during the past decade has funded quick-response research at the sites of unprecedented national and international tragedies, including the September 11 attacks on the United States, the South Asian earthquake and tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, and the Haitian earthquake, which in turn will contribute to further preventing and mitigating the impact of future disasters;

Whereas the contributions of the National Science Foundation to understanding the fundamental nature of the universe included the completion, during the past decade, of the Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope, the Gemini South Telescope, the Long-Range Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory, the South Pole Telescope, and the United States contribution to the Large Hadron Collider; and

Whereas the research and observations supported by the National Science Foundation and conducted in the United States in the polar regions and across the planet increasingly contribute to our understanding of the climate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the significance of the anniversary of the founding of the National Science Foundation;

(2) acknowledges that 60 years of National Science Foundation achievements and service to the United States have advanced our Nation's leadership in discovery, innovation, and learning in science, engineering, and mathematics; and

(3) reaffirms its commitment to support investments in basic research, education, and technological advancement through the National Science Foundation, one of the premier scientific organizations in the World.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. FUDGE) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H. Res. 1307, the resolution now under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Science Foundation for 60 years of service in promoting the discoveries and innovations that have made this country great. As the Federal agency charged with ensuring U.S.

excellence in science, engineering, and mathematics through basic research and education, the Foundation's efforts have been critical to maintaining our leadership in a competitive world.

In addition to its primary mission to support fundamental research in all science and engineering disciplines, the Foundation supports many cross-cutting and transformative research and education programs that should serve as models for other agencies and other nations. I will cite just a few examples here.

First, the Foundation supports Engineering Research Centers, which serve as models for public-private partnerships in areas of national needs. Today, the Foundation is funding ERCs in such areas as smart lighting, nanotechnology, and robotics.

Second, the Foundation supports much of the basic climate science and model development that will enable scientists and policymakers to understand and predict changes to the climate on a regional scale.

Finally, the Foundation supports the Noyce Teacher Scholarship program, a central piece of the K-12 STEM education initiatives included in the 2007 America COMPETES Act. The Noyce program provides scholarships to undergraduates who major in a STEM field while preparing to become certified or licensed to teach in a K-12 classroom. But this program is about more than providing scholarships. It is about reforming how K-12 STEM teachers are prepared. And no agency is better positioned to do this than the National Science Foundation.

Keeping America competitive provides good jobs and a strong, growing economy. That process begins with a high-quality educational system and continues with investments in new ideas and skilled people. The National Science Foundation's capable leadership and its staff meet these national needs with expertise and enthusiasm, and I commend them for the continued high caliber of their performance.

I want to thank the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Science and Technology, Mr. GORDON and Mr. HALL, for introducing this resolution, and I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

I rise in support and as an original cosponsor of H. Res. 1307, honoring the 60th anniversary of the National Science Foundation. We are proud of the work of this independent agency that focuses on basic research in the frontiers of knowledge and is a very vital asset to our Nation. It's the only Federal agency that supports all fields of fundamental science and engineering, and makes sure that research is integrated with education so that our next generation of scientists and engineers are also world class. According to

NSF, basic research is, quote, "where discoveries begin," and I could not agree more.

NSF funds more than 10,000 new awardees a year. From those awards have come discoveries that have revolutionized the way every American lives in one way or another. It was NSF-funded research that led us to the Internet and to the Web browsers that we use today. Fundamental research supported by NSF is responsible for what we now know as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technology.

Bar codes appear on nearly everything we purchase today, from toys to shoes to boxes of cereal, helping industries with a range of activities from inventory to marketing to pricing. This is yet another technology where the National Science Foundation plays a crucial role. The American Sign Language Dictionary, speech recognition technology, fiber optics, Doppler radar—all end results of NSF-sponsored research.

NSF-funded researchers have won more than 180 Nobel Prizes in numerous disciplines, and the agency leads a robust international research program in the polar regions, including managing U.S. interests in Antarctica.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the role of the current director of the Foundation and its recent accomplishments. Dr. Arden L. Bement, Jr., has led the agency with distinction for the past 6 years. He will be returning to Purdue University in June. This Congress and Nation owe him a debt of gratitude for his service.

Likewise to those National Science Board members whose term is up next week, including President Steven G. Beering. We also appreciate his hard work and dedication in ensuring our scientific enterprise remains unsurpassed.

I encourage our colleagues to join Chairman GORDON and me in supporting this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ).

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the indulgence of my colleague from Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, I rise a little off topic to honor two extraordinary young women who are here with us today in the gallery, Lauren Henschel and Taylor Davis, for receiving the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

At age 12, Taylor found out that due to budget constraints her school was considering canceling art education. So she sent handwritten letters to 45 art supply CEOs in United States and Europe, securing \$30,000 worth of donated art supplies.

Now 13, Taylor has started a non-profit called The Traveling Canvas to provide arts education to students around the world.

At age 14, when Lauren saw her father struggling with psoriasis, she took

action, spearheading the country's first psoriasis fund-raising walk. In the last 4 years, Lauren's vision has spread nationally, raising more than \$750,000 for the National Psoriasis Foundation. And in the spirit of this legislation and promoting research, I know we are all proud of her accomplishments.

When Lauren herself was diagnosed with psoriasis—and remember that she is 14 years old—she said the following: I now understand that if anyone on earth should have been diagnosed, it was me, so I could use all of my abilities to make a difference for the millions of sufferers around the world.

Lauren, Taylor, through your actions, you remind us that our capacity to help others is truly limitless. Congratulations, you are both truly the pride of the Sunshine State.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds all Members that it is not in order to refer to occupants of the gallery.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1307 to honor the National Science Foundation for 60 years of service to the nation.

The National Science Foundation is a remarkably important federal agency that is tasked with promoting the progress of science and advancing our national health, prosperity, welfare, and defense. Americans and people across the world have led more fulfilling and dynamic lives due in large part to the technological revolution that has shaped our world in the last half-century. It is important that we give credit to the National Science Foundation for their role in engineering this transformation and making our world safer, easier, and more efficient.

One of the main roles of the National Science Foundation is to fund and support unique research proposals, and throughout the years, more than 180 Nobel prizes have been awarded to foundation-funded researchers. Additionally, the National Science Foundation works diligently to ensure that young people are studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. We know that the jobs of tomorrow are going to rely heavily on a sound understanding of the hard sciences, and this part of the National Science Foundation's mission is central to our country's longterm economic and technological viability.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the National Science Foundation, and I look forward to the next sixty years of technological and scientific breakthroughs. The National Science Foundation truly is one of our country's greatest treasures, and I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today in honoring this foundation for the discoveries that they have achieved and their long-lasting support of the sciences.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1307, "Honoring the National Science Foundation for 60 years of service to the Nation." As a former member of the House Science Committee, I would like to thank my colleague Representative BART GORDON for introducing this legislation as it is important that we recognize the important role that the National Science Foundation has played in support of education, research and innovation in our country.

Mr. Speaker, the National Science Foundation was originally created by this very body—the United States Congress—in 1950. The intent of Congress at the time was to promote the progress of science, to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare, and to secure our nation through defense technology and innovation.

Since that time, the National Science Foundation has worked diligently to ensure that the United States maintains its expertise and precision in discovery and innovation in addition to education in science, engineering, and mathematics.

Additionally, the National Science Foundation was created with the intent of helping to educate the children of our nation and give them the tools necessary to become doctors, researchers, astronauts and chemists. As the Chairwoman of the Congressional Children's Caucus, I fully support the National Science Foundation in its efforts towards childhood education and I understand the great importance of educating our children in these areas.

Moreover, the National Science Foundation supports science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education at all levels from elementary schools to national research universities. We all know the great importance this type of education has on children and I applaud the National Science Foundation for its dedication to high-quality education for the children of our nation.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, the National Science Foundation had made many significant contributions to our collective standard of living and economy. By creating opportunities for research and innovation in new areas, our nation has benefited from cutting-edge medical tools, safer cars and transportation systems as well as defense innovations that have helped to protect the American people from those that would seek to do us harm.

Through its research capacities, the National Science Foundation supports a network of 200,000 individuals each year, including scientists, engineers, students, and educators at over 2,000 colleges and universities, schools, nonprofit organizations, science centers and museums, and small businesses throughout our Nation. The National Science Foundation also works with and funds multi-user facilities and tools for conducting world-class research and training initiatives.

In addition to these efforts, the National Science Foundation has taken a protective stance for our country against the threat of earthquakes and other natural and man-made disasters. Through its National Hazards Reduction Program, Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation, the Approaches to Combat Terrorism program, and similar research activities the National Science Foundation has contributed to predicting and reducing the risk of devastation from natural and man-made disasters during the past decade.

The National Science Foundation has also funded quick-response research at the sites of unprecedented national and international tragedies, including the September 11 attacks on the United States, the South Asian earthquake and tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, and the Haitian earthquake. These response and research efforts have helped to contribute to further preventing and mitigating the impact of future disasters.

I stand today with Representative BART GORDON and other members of Congress in

reaffirming our national commitment and appreciation for the National Science Foundation as it celebrates its 60th anniversary.

I would also like to thank and praise the thousands of scientists, engineers, researchers and administrators who have worked in conjunction with the National Science Foundation towards the creation of new technologies and the improvement of our collective standards of living.

I ask my colleagues for their support of H. Res. 1307, as well as for their continued support for the National Science Foundation and its initiatives. By maintaining and increasing the capacity of our nation to research and develop new technologies and innovations, I am confident that the United States will continue to be a leader in the market for technology products for years to come.

I would like to again thank my colleague Representative BART GORDON for his leadership in introducing this bill as well as for his support of the National Science Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1307.

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. FUDGE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1307.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### SUPPORTING THE IDEALS OF NATIONAL LAB DAY

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1213) recognizing the need to improve the participation and performance of America's students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields, supporting the ideals of National Lab Day, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

#### H. RES. 1213

Whereas in 2005 the National Academy of Sciences published a report entitled "Rising Above the Gathering Storm", which estimated that in the United States innovations generated by the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields account for nearly half of the growth in gross domestic product;

Whereas in 2006 only 4.5 percent of college graduates in the United States received a diploma in engineering, compared with 25.4 percent in South Korea, 33.3 percent in China, and 39.1 percent in Singapore;

Whereas increasing the number of students pursuing careers in STEM fields is vital to

the global competitiveness of the United States;

Whereas many STEM occupations do not have representation of women and underrepresented minorities proportional to these groups in the population or their enrollment in higher education;

Whereas strengthening partnerships between the Federal and State governments, the private sector, nonprofit organizations, professional societies, and the education community will improve STEM education in our Nation's schools;

Whereas the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that science and engineering occupations are projected to grow by 21.4 percent from 2004 to 2014, compared to a projected growth of 13 percent in all occupations during the same time period;

Whereas an understanding of science and mathematics is necessary not only for those who will enter STEM fields as majors but for all citizens to understand scientific and technical issues that affect their lives;

Whereas scientific and technical skills are a requirement for an increasingly wide range of occupations and hands-on inquiry-based learning in the STEM fields is an essential element of a well-rounded education;

Whereas the President has launched an "Educate to Innovate campaign" which aims to increase STEM literacy so that all students can learn deeply and think critically in STEM, to move American students from the middle of the pack to the top in the next decade, and to expand STEM education and career opportunities for underrepresented groups, including women and girls;

Whereas National Lab Day is a nationwide initiative to foster community-based collaborations between educators and STEM professionals and other volunteers across the country to support high-quality, hands-on, discovery-based laboratory experiences for students;

Whereas more than 200 business, science and technology, and education organizations have declared their support for National Lab Day; and

Whereas schools and educators across the country will celebrate the first National Lab Day during the first week of May at a time of their own choosing: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the ideals of National Lab Day;

(2) calls upon the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the National Science Foundation to continue fostering partnerships such as those involved in National Lab Day; and

(3) encourages scientists, volunteers, and educators to participate in National Lab Day.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. FUDGE) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H. Res. 1213.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.