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INTRODUCTION OF THE EVACUEES TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2011

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Evacuees Tax Relief Act of 2011, legislation providing tax relief to those forced to abandon their homes because of a natural disaster. This legislation provides a tax credit or a tax deduction, depending on the wishes of the taxpayer, of up to \$5,000 for costs incurred because of a government-ordered mandatory or voluntary evacuation. Evacuees could use the credit to cover travel and lodging expenses associated with the evacuation, lost wages, property damages not otherwise compensated, and any other evacuation-related expenses. The tax credit is refundable up to the amount of income and payroll taxes a person would otherwise pay, thus ensuring working people who pay more in payroll than in income taxes are able to benefit from this tax relief. The credit is available retroactive to December of 2010, so it is available to those who were evacuated because of this spring's wildfires, tornadoes, and floods.

Having lived in the Gulf Coast of Texas for almost 50 years, I have firsthand experience with the burdens faced by those forced to uproot themselves and their families because of a natural disaster. Evacuees incur great costs in getting to safety, as well as loss from the storm damage. It can take many months, and even years, to fully recover from the devastation of a natural disaster. Given the unpredictable nature of natural disasters such as hurricanes and tornados, it is difficult for most families to adequately budget for these costs. The Evacuees Tax Relief Act helps Americans manage the fiscal costs of a natural disaster.

Mr. Speaker, with the 2011 hurricane season now upon us, it is hard to think of a more timely and more compassionate tax relief proposal than one aimed at helping families cope with the costs associated with being uprooted from their homes, jobs, and communities by a natural disaster. I hope all my colleagues will show compassion for those forced to flee their homes by cosponsoring the Evacuees Tax Relief Act.

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, this May, I am honored to join my friends in the Jewish community in celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month, and to recognize the many contributions Jewish Americans have made to our country.

Jewish immigrants came to our country inspired by the promise of cultural and religious tolerance and socioeconomic mobility. For more than 350 years, Jewish Americans have enriched American society by placing a strong value on education, community and culture.

They have also contributed to the economic vitality of our Nation, particularly California's 15th Congressional District, through their innovations in technology. Thanks to their entrepreneurial spirit, Jewish Americans have become the leaders in renewable energy development and high technology in my district. Without question, Silicon Valley would not be the hub of innovation it is today without the contributions of Jewish Americans.

The Jewish American community in my district serves as a shining example of what makes Silicon Valley a global leader. I am privileged to represent a community of Jewish Americans whose contributions in the fields of technology, business, and education, among many others, have served as a testament to America's promise as a land of opportunity.

URGING CITIZENS TO ENSURE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, the 2011 hurricane season begins today.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, I regularly meet with emergency managers to ensure they are ready to respond to a hurricane or other disaster.

Citizens must do their part as well. Make sure you have an emergency kit and develop an emergency plan. Be aware of evacuation routes in your area. Resources are available at bilirakis.house.gov to help you with these efforts.

Disasters can strike at any time, often with little warning. Our hearts and support go out to the victims of disasters our Nation has faced as they work to recover.

Mr. Speaker, we must work to create a culture of preparedness. Taking these small steps now can make a huge difference when disaster strikes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM HUELSKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, on May 26th, I missed rollcall vote numbered 376 be-

cause I was travelling to Kansas for a family funeral.

Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

CORNELIA HEERSINK TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cornelia Heersink for her dedication to the American Red Cross and the people of Colorado's San Luis Valley.

As an original member of the Red Cross Gray Ladies, Mrs. Heersink volunteered for 45 years at the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center. The devotion she showed to helping the people of her community is truly admirable. Her continual presence provided comfort to patients and families at the southern Colorado hospital. Patients, and members of the surrounding community, always appreciated the years of service she gave to the area's health.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and pay tribute to Cornelia Heersink today. She has given a lifetime of service to the health and rehabilitation of Colorado. I have no doubt that her impact will be felt for many years.

TRIBUTE TO RICHIE CRISAFULLI

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to an act of heroism.

In Glendive, Montana, just about as far east as the state stretches, a young woman is alive today, just as all the hopes and dreams for her future still are, because a firefighter by the name of Richie Crisafulli risked his life to save hers.

Richie Crisafulli is the Assistant Fire Chief for the West Glendive Fire Department, but he is more than a firefighter. He is a father, a husband, an EMT, a coach, and a community leader.

In the early morning hours of March 25th, a fire broke out in the home of a Glendive family. Smoke alarms went off and three of the four family members home at the time made it outside. But a teen girl lay sleeping in a basement bedroom.

Assistant Chief Crisafulli, who lived a few blocks away from the fire, heard the call come in, and though he had no rescue gear, responded immediately.

When Crisafulli arrived the family directed him to the room where the young woman was still inside. Richie attempted to enter the house, but the smoke from a fire in the laundry room was overwhelming without the proper equipment and he was forced to retreat.

Undeterred, and inspired by an idea from another one of Montana's finest, Dawson County Sheriff Deputy Ross Canen, who had just arrived at the scene, Crisafulli took Canen's stocking cap, filled it with snow, covered his mouth and nose with it and headed back inside. The make-shift respirator worked.

Crisafulli located the girl, and led her through the blazing, smoke-filled home to safety.

West Glendive Fire Chief Tim Mort had this to say: "He's an absolute hero. There is little doubt in my mind that young woman is alive today because of the actions of Richie Crisafulli."

To Richie Crisafulli's credit, he has remained humble in the face of the ensuing praise, saying the story was not about him, but more about the department and the people he both serves and serves with: "My grandfather was a part of this fire department from the beginning. I'm proud to be able to follow in my family's footsteps and honored to serve with my fellow firefighters. If it would have been one of my four kids, I'm sure someone else would have done the same."

Fearless in response and humble in praise—Richie Crisafulli went above and beyond the call of duty and I applaud him today. May he and his family be blessed, just as I know the grateful family of the young woman he rescued are, now that their daughter and sister is alive today to love and be loved by her family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently cast a "no" vote during the rollcall vote No. 356 on amendment 42 to "H.R. 1540—The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012." I would like to change my vote on the amendment to "yea."

MEDIA IGNORE STUDY SHOWING STIMULUS FAILED

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a recent study found that the Obama Administration's so-called stimulus plan destroyed American jobs.

Economists from Ohio State University and the University of Western Ontario determined that the stimulus caused a net loss of over a half-million jobs from April 2009 to September 2010, including a loss of more than one million private-sector jobs.

If you didn't hear about this study, you're not alone—the national media largely ignored it.

Investor's Business Daily and Fox News covered the study, but most other national outlets were predictably silent.

It's no wonder only 1 in 10 Americans trust the media, according to a recent public opinion poll.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not ignore them to protect the Obama Administration.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. STEVEN DAVIES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Steven Davies who retires this year after completing thirty five years of teaching visual arts and photography at Westlake High School.

Mr. Davies graduated from Bowling Green University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and received his Masters degree in the Art of Teaching from Marygrove College.

Mr. Davies has been teaching visual arts and photography at Westlake High School for thirty five years. Among art forms which interest him most are drawing, wood, sculpture and photography. During his long career at Westlake High School, Mr. Davies served as the Art Department Chairman and as a member of the Building Leadership Team. He has coached football and baseball and was senior class advisor.

Mr. Davies approaches his teaching profession with diligence and a serious commitment. "I will do anything in my power to help your child reach his or her full potential. My mission, as a teacher, is to make the learning process a thrilling life-long endeavor. I will promote the concepts of trust and respect within my classroom. And, I will establish high expectations for the students and hold them accountable to fulfill these expectations."

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of Mr. Steven Davies as he retires after thirty five years of teaching.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on May 24, 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted on the following:

Rollcall No. 333—On Ordering the Previous Question—"nay."

Rollcall No. 334—On Agreeing to the Resolution—"no."

Rollcall No. 335—On Motion that the Committee Rise—"no."

Rollcall No. 336—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Tonko No. 2)—"aye."

Rollcall No. 337—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Cardoza No. 9)—"aye."

HONORING RANDALL D. BYRNE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Randall D. Byrne as he retires as City Manager of the City of Grand Blanc, Michigan, after nearly 30 years of service. His retirement is planned for June 3.

Randy Byrne served as the Village Manager of Almont Village before accepting the post of Grand Blanc City Manager. During his tenure with the City of Grand Blanc he served with 6 Mayors and 24 City Council members and has accomplished numerous major projects. These include the construction of the City Hall, the Water Softening Project, the Grand Oak Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Project, expansion of Rust Park, creation of the Downtown Development Authority, expansion of the Gordon Mancour Fire Hall, the Jack Kipps Public Works Building, and construction of the Grand Blanc Senior Center, street and infrastructure projects and \$12 million worth of grant projects.

In addition to his work for the City, Randy Byrne served as President of the Grand Blanc Rotary Club twice, Vice President of the Genesee County 911 Executive Board, President of the Michigan Local Government Management Association, and Board Member of the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce. He was named the 1999 Citizen of the Year by the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University, his Master's Degree from Oakland University, received Credential Manager Status from the International City Management Association and attended the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia. Randy and his wife Patricia have 3 sons, Phil, Kevin, and Chris.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the public service career of Randall Byrne. Through his hard work, and perseverance the City of Grand Blanc is a thriving community. The residents, staff, and elected officials have all benefitted from his expertise and enthusiasm and his leadership will be missed. I wish him the best as he enters the next phase of his life.

HONORING CHUCK APPLEBY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN CONNECTICUT CARPENTER'S UNION LOCAL 24

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chuck Appleby of Waterford, Connecticut upon his retirement as the President and Business Manager of the Central and Eastern Connecticut Carpenter's Union Local #24.

For 31 years, Chuck has been an active member of Local 24, the last 11 of which he has served as the President and Business Manager. In communities across Connecticut, Chuck has led the fight for fair wages, good jobs and equal treatment for his fellow carpenters and those in the labor fight. Chuck also served in leadership positions for the Southeast Connecticut Labor Council and the New England Regional Council of Carpenters Executive Board.

Chuck is also an active member of his community. From the Gemma Moran food bank to Three Rivers Community College to the Fallen Veterans Foundation and the Ocean Beach Boardwalk rehabilitation project, Chuck has volunteered his time, his talents, and his treasure to make a difference in the region.