

problems they already face for the tax problems accompanying the trust form that they will face if Section 646 is allowed to sunset.

I introduced H.R. 2320 because a permanent extension of Section 646 will immediately remove the disincentive presented by the sunset of Section 646 for Alaska Native corporations to use settlement trusts to provide benefits to their Alaska Native shareholders.

I would like to note to my colleagues that the fact that Section 646 is not already a permanent part of the tax code is a result of its unique procedural history, rather than a result of any substantive determination as to its merits or revenue concerns about its cost. Section 646 was originally enacted, along with several other provisions, as an unrelated, miscellaneous provision as part of the 2001 tax legislation which, because of the need to use the budget reconciliation process, was subject to a December 31, 2010 sunset provision. Rather than subsequently being made permanent similar to other unrelated, miscellaneous provisions in the 2001 tax legislation, Section 646 was extended for two years along with the 2001 individual tax rate reductions as part of the 2010 year-end tax legislation such that it is now scheduled to expire on December 31, 2012. Once again, the decision to enact a two-year extension (rather than a permanent extension) was not attributable to substantive or revenue considerations relating to Section 646 itself. Rather, it followed from a decision to enact a simple two-year extension of all of the expiring 2001 provisions without assessing the merits of alternative extension periods for each expiring provision being extended. Thus, it is fair to say that the current non-permanent status of Section 646 is an accident of the legislative process and that no Member has ever suggested that the provision should not be made permanent. Further, there was wide support for the permanency provision in the last Congress. H.R. 2320 would simply remedy this accident of the legislative process and make permanent a provision that should have originally been enacted as such.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT RUTLEDGE, THE HEART OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to acknowledge the recent passing of one of Mobile's most beloved and respected educators, Robert Rutledge.

"Coach Bob," as he was known to many, was head football coach, athletic director, assistant headmaster and headmaster over his 33-year career at St. Paul's Episcopal School. He has been described as the heart of St. Paul's and an influential role model for his students.

Under his guidance, St. Paul's athletic program gained statewide respect, including a trip to the 1993 State Championship game.

For three decades, Coach Bob inspired, led and prepared generations of students for the rigors of life, instilling in many the confidence to set their goals high and then work hard toward attaining them.

Bob's enthusiasm for coaching and teaching—and his devotion to improving the lives of each of his students—is what set him apart as a truly outstanding educator.

A former student and now local Mobile attorney, Charlie Potts, recently told the Mobile Press-Register that Coach Bob always followed the Golden Rule. Simply put, Bob Rutledge treated his students and players the way he would want to be treated.

Bob was also instrumental in shaping St. Paul's community service programs, including a fine arts program that today rivals the offerings of many colleges and universities.

For St. Paul's students and alumni, Coach Bob was more than a great educator and leader, he was like a parent and cherished friend. He had a talent for summoning the best in his students and building a faculty and staff that were second to none. Although he retired in 2006, his passing is a profound loss for St. Paul's and our entire community.

Mr. Speaker, I join with so many others from southwest Alabama in mourning the loss of a truly exceptional man who touched thousands upon thousands of lives with his generosity, leadership and strength.

My condolences go out to his wonderful wife of 45 years, Martha, and their children, Kellie, Brett and Dorie. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

JACKSON HOLE MOUNTAIN RESORT (JHMR)—NATIONAL SKI AREA ASSOCIATION'S (NSAA) GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD

HON. CYNTHIA M. LUMMIS

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2011

Mrs. LUMMIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor Jackson Hole Mountain Resort (JHMR) from the state of Wyoming for their receipt of the National Ski Area Association's (NSAA) Golden Eagle Award. Having been a previous recipient of this award in 1995, JHMR yet again receives the highest honor in environmental achievement. This prestigious award is judged by industry peers and a select group of judges.

As an example to all industries, both within and without the business of skiing, JHMR has managed to produce an environmentally-friendly ski resort. They are a great example to us all of environmental achievements. The award coincides with the resort's five year anniversary of ISO 14001 certification. JHMR is one of only two resorts in the United States to have met these standards. This specific award, the Golden Eagle Award, honors their environmental excellence for "Medium Size Ski Areas" (200,000–500,000 visits). Businesses, such as this resort, are our hope for a more beautiful world in the future, showing us that spectacular sites do not have to come at the cost of our environmental degradation.

Jackson Hole Mountain Resort is justly proud to receive this award. Their selection shows their positive impact and contribution to a better environment. A few of their contributions, to note, are: modifications to their heating systems, reducing propane use by 20% and recycling all motor oil, along with anti-freeze, batteries, and snowmelt (from grooming equipment). They have demonstrated a

level of responsibility, commitment and care that deserves our recognition, support and utmost respect. Their developments and strategies are exemplary. They are a great example to us all. I commend them for their great deeds, and agree they are most deserving of this Golden Eagle Award.

AMERICA INVENTS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1249) to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform:

Mr. HOYER. Madam Chair, I rise in support of this legislation. I am a strong supporter, as many of you know, of what we call our Make It In America agenda. Make It In America simply means we are going to provide jobs, we are going to provide opportunities, and we are going to build the manufacturing sector of our economy. In order to do that we also need to enhance the inventive, innovative, and development phases of our economy. This bill, I think, will facilitate this.

I congratulate the gentlelady from California for this amendment as well, which I think improves this bill. I rise in strong support and urge my colleagues to support this piece of legislation. I congratulate all of those who have worked on this legislation. It is obviously not perfect, but then again, no piece of legislation that we adopt is perfect. It is, however, a significant step forward to make sure that America remains the inventive, innovative development capital of the world. In order to do that we need to manufacture goods here in America—manufacture the goods that we invent, innovate, and develop here, because if we continue to take them to scale overseas, then the inventors, innovators, and developers will themselves move overseas.

So I thank Mr. SMITH, Mr. WATT, Ms. LOFGREN, and the others who have worked so hard on this legislation, who have dedicated themselves to trying to make sure that we have a context and environment in America which will facilitate the innovative sector of our economy.

IN MEMORY OF JIM WHAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2011

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to a man of great character, patriotism, and community pride: Mr. Jim Wham of Centralia, Illinois, who passed away May 20, 2011, at the age of 92.

I first met Jim when, as a child, I visited my late grandfather, John Shimkus, who owned a clothing store in Centralia. Jim Wham, already a well known attorney, knew my grandfather and I remember meeting this well educated, well informed, larger than life man. Many years later, when I began running for Congress, I again met Jim—who was very active

in politics—and became much more acquainted with him. Jim became a friend and trusted advisor. His viewpoints on crucial issues were always well thought out and came from a deep love of his country. I could always count on Jim to tell me exactly what he thought.

Jim was a 1936 graduate of Centralia Township High School, was center on the Centralia Orphans basketball team that competed in the State Tournament at Champaign, and later attended the University of Illinois where he lettered in track. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1947 and practiced at the law firm started by his grandfather William Bundy and remained the active senior partner of Wham and Wham until his death.

Jim also served in the Army Air Corps in World War II advancing to the rank of major and was awarded the bronze star.

Jim was large in stature and large in his love of politics, the law, and life. He shared his passion for this country and the Republican Party any chance he could.

Jim even ran for Congress once on the Jim Wham Party banner, after missing the deadline to file as a Republican. The reason for his Congressional run was because of the incumbent's vote against the amendment prohibiting the burning of the flag. Jim had seen firsthand in WWII the price paid for that flag and wanted others to know it as well. He was first and foremost a true patriot.

Jim also served as a judge of the Illinois Court of Claims and was a candidate for Illinois Appellate Court Judge. Jim was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Centralia and was a Sunday School teacher there.

Most recently, well into his 90's, Jim hosted a weekly radio show on WILY in Centralia. I had the privilege of being his guest on this show in studio. He was still well informed, still very articulate, and I could still not win an argument with him. His voice in Centralia will be missed.

Survivors include his wife Phyllis; daughters Sarah Cary and Jennifer Price; his brother William; grandchildren: Andrew Wham Cary, Stephen Wham Cary, Rebecca Ann Cary, Susannah Jane Price, James Daniel Price, Katharine Elizabeth Price and Mary Karen Price; and great grandchildren: Zachary Cary and Samantha Cary.

Jim was laid rest in Centralia. And while I was unable to attend in person, I can certainly take this opportunity to let his name ring throughout this hallowed hall. He deserves no less and would certainly love hearing it.

REMARKS IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN TRACY D. SMYERS, UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2011

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Tracy D. (T.D.) Smyers for his 27 years of dedicated and distinguished service to our nation on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Navy.

It is an honor to join the people of Texas' 12th Congressional District in honoring one of our own, Captain Smyers, upon his retirement

as Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base for the past three years.

Locally appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy by Representative Charles Stenholm of Texas' old 17th district, he graduated from the academy in 1984 and attended flight school. He was designated a Naval Flight Officer (NFO) in September of 1985.

Spending the majority of his career in a P-3 Orion aircraft, Captain Smyers succeeded in all leadership roles in multiple squadrons during his career. The most notable position was as the Commanding Officer of the VP-62 Broad Arrows. Captain Smyers led this squadron during Operation Enduring Freedom in three different operational theaters. Additionally, Captain Smyers attended the National Defense University's Industrial College of the Armed Forces earning a Master of Science Degree in Strategic Resourcing.

On April 11, 2008, Captain Smyers reported as the eighth Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, which provides support for units from every service and over 11,000 active duty, guard, reserve, and civilian employees. It has truly been an honor to work with Captain Smyers. He is respected by all for his true professionalism. While Captain Smyers has remained focused on the mission, his dedication to the sailors under his command has been exceptional. He epitomizes the phrase "Mission First, People Always" and I know the thousands of officers, sailors, and civilians he has led hold him in the highest regard.

Captain Smyers has upheld the highest traditions of the United States Navy. We will miss his leadership as Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, but we look forward to the contributions he will make to our community as he and his family transition to civilian life in our area.

HONORING MR. ARUN SHIMPI

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2011

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding commitment to public service made by Mr. Arun Shimpi, who retired in June after 43 years of tireless service toward enhancing the social and economic independence of Americans who are blind. When Mr. Shimpi began work at National Industries for the Blind in 1968, he was a new immigrant from India in search of greater opportunity. Fifteen years later, fueled by a desire to participate fully in our democracy, he transitioned from legal resident to U.S. citizen. Not only is his story one that captures the spirit of the American Dream, but he has also worked tirelessly for over 40 years, opening the doors of opportunity to thousands of Americans who are blind or severely disabled, making their own dreams become a reality.

National Industries for the Blind, along with its 90 associated nonprofit agencies operating under the AbilityOne Program, remains the largest single source of employment for Americans who are blind. Under Mr. Shimpi's leadership, the AbilityOne Program has made great progress in breaking down barriers for all persons with disabilities.

Schooled as an industrial engineer, Mr. Shimpi has approached these barriers faced by Americans with disabilities as problems that can be overcome through concrete solutions. He has provided valuable research and analysis, creating better efficiency within the AbilityOne Program, and his depth of knowledge acquired through four decades of service at National Industries for the Blind has been a valuable resource for those looking to close the 70 percent unemployment gap among Americans who are blind.

Please join me in honoring a lifetime commitment to service by Mr. Arun Shimpi.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. MICHAEL R. REDMOND

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is with great respect and honor that I rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Dr. Michael R. Redmond.

Born in Milton, Florida on March 19, 1943, Michael Redmond lived a life deeply rooted in love for his family and community. Dr. Redmond was a devoted public servant, and the contributions he made to Northwest Florida are innumerable.

Upon graduation from Campion Jesuit High School, Dr. Redmond attended St. Louis University, and after only three years of study, he was admitted to St. Louis University Medical School. A true patriot, Dr. Redmond served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971 as a General Medical Officer at Leonard Wood Army Hospital. During the Vietnam War, Dr. Redmond served in the 25th Infantry Division as an Emergency Room/Casualty Physician and earned two Bronze Stars. For 35 years, Dr. Redmond practiced at the West Florida Medical Center in the Department of Ophthalmology and served as the Chief Executive Officer from 2000 until his passing. His expertise while serving on the American Academy of Ophthalmology Board of Trustees and later as President of the AAO in 2003 was invaluable. Dr. Redmond served as a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Children's EyeCare Foundation, the Escambia County Medical Society, the Escambia County United Way Campaign and numerous other committees and organizations.

Respect emanates from his colleagues who say Dr. Redmond will forever be remembered as a caring physician who always put his patients first. In the eyes of the many people whose sight was restored due to his life-long dedication to "helping kids see," he was a true hero. Serving as a testament to the gratitude his colleagues, the medical profession, and the public have for him, Dr. Redmond was awarded the Florida Medical Association's highest award, the Certificate of Merit, for his outstanding service to the FMA. He also earned the American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award from 1975 to 2000.

To some, Michael Redmond will be remembered as a community leader, and to others, as a dedicated doctor and hero. To his family, he will forever be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Michael is