

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Chair, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill is yet another glaring example of the flawed nature of the Republican budget. To try to meet their unrealistic goal of reducing the deficit solely through domestic non-defense discretionary spending cuts, Republicans are proposing to make crippling cuts to our national investment in improving energy efficiency and the development of renewable energy sources.

These cuts will only serve to make our Nation more dependent on the coal, oil, and gas interests that own the Republican Party and more dependent on importing our energy from insecure foreign sources. Meanwhile, our global competitors recognize that this is an area in which there are many gains to be made and they are investing heavily to develop their own renewable resources and promote domestic economic and job growth.

Investment in clean energy is much more cost effective than continued giveaways to the oil and gas industry—the Commerce Department has found that clean energy generates 17 jobs for every \$1 million spent on it, compared to just 5 jobs for every \$1 million we throw at an oil and gas industry that doesn't need subsidies but continues to fight for subsidies and tax breaks.

As a representative from Silicon Valley, I hear every day from the companies in and around my district about how renewable energy sources like solar, wind, fuel cells, and hydrokinetic are the wave of the future. To reach their full potential, these sources must be enabled by basic science underlying new energy technologies, by the development of advanced batteries for electricity storage and through improved energy efficiency across the board, through solid state lighting technologies, building technologies, and smarter electronic devices that know when to reduce their energy consumption.

These fields are where the jobs are—WIRED magazine asked the professional networking service LinkedIn to survey its members who have switched industries in the last 5 years, and what it found was that the growth in Renewables and the Environment was 56.8 percent, far more than any other. The Silicon Valley Leadership Group, an organization of influential high-tech CEOs, includes “greater deployment of clean energy and clean technology coupled with investments in energy ef-

iciency” in its federal policy agenda, because they know it “will contribute to this objective [energy independence] while generating hundreds of thousands of new, sustainable jobs here in the United States.”

Sadly, this Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill does not reflect these important priorities. Instead, it provides only \$1.3 billion for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy programs, 27 percent below the current funding level and 59 percent below the President's Budget Request. Funding is slashed for many activities: solar energy, 64 percent below the President's request; fuel efficient vehicle technologies, 57 percent below the President's request; building technologies, 68 percent below the President's request; biomass and bio-refinery research and development, 56 percent below the President's request; home weatherization assistance, nearly 90 percent below the President's request; and the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, 82 percent below the President's request.

The unrealistic Republican budget has left us with an allocation for this bill that is too small for our Nation's needs, and too small to offer meaningful amendments to improve these woefully inadequate funding levels. To make matters worse, Republicans have been so driven by ideology that they required the chairman to include an offset in this bill for emergency spending to deal with recovery from the storms and flooding along the Mississippi River, an offset that would gut our national investment in High Speed Rail. This requirement marks yet another way in which this Energy and Water Development bill would take our Nation backwards, away from achieving a sustainable future.

We need to do better than this bill. We need to aggressively pursue clean energy while we still have control of the game, before it is too late and our climate has changed forever, we are running out of oil, and we are running out of time. Silicon Valley is ready to lead, we just need the rest of the Nation to join us. I oppose this bill because it fails our Nation.

## HONORING LUPUS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERING SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

**HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, In 2003, Ms. Kim Schofield founded the Lupus And Community Empowering Support organization better known as “LACES”; and

Whereas, LACES is an organization that continues to serve those who live with or are affected by the chronic autoimmune disorder lupus, by empowering patients, bringing attention to the disease, and leading the way to find a cure through research; and

Whereas, today LACES sponsors its 3rd Annual Ride 4 Lupus Motorcycle ride to raise awareness and funds to assist individuals living with lupus; and

Whereas, this unique organization has given of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to advocate for our citizens and their families who battle lupus; and

Whereas, LACES continues to serve our county, state and country by being the sword and shield for those who live with lupus, encouraging better treatments, funding research and educating people about the disease to help heal families and strengthen our resolve to find a cure; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize LACES for their outstanding service to our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim July 9, 2011 as Lupus And Community Empowering Support Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 9th day of July, 2011.

HONORING EVA LYNN GANS

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Eva Lynn Gans, outgoing president of the Jewish Center of Teaneck and a dedicated leader of the Jewish community in northern New Jersey.

Throughout her tenure as president, Eva's inspired leadership and unwavering devotion has been instrumental in strengthening the Jewish Center of Teaneck and moving the synagogue toward a bright future. She has guided the center's transition from what was an independent traditional/conservative Jewish congregation to a fully Orthodox congregation, which puts the center in a great position to benefit from exciting new growth in the Teaneck community. With nearly 80 years of serving the community, the Center is Teaneck's first and oldest Jewish house of worship, and Eva is its first-ever female president. She is no stranger to this particular accomplishment, having also been the first woman to serve as president of the Endowment Foundation of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Federation of Bergen County and its successor organization, UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey; as well as the first female Campaign Chairman for the Bergen County Federation. Additionally, Ms. Gans has served as the Women's Division President of the United Jewish Communities (UJC) of Bergen County.

Eva Lynn Gans is a proven local leader, yet she also works to strengthen the Jewish community on the national level and abroad. She is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Jewish Federation of North America, as well as several national committees. She has traveled to Israel an impressive 26 times since

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1970, including 14 UJA Israel missions during which she has worked to continue the strong and vibrant relationship between Israeli and American Jews. Her deep personal connection to and involvement with the State of Israel is one of the many reasons Ms. Gans has been a successful leader in the Jewish community.

Eva has received numerous accolades and distinctions from the grateful organizations which have been privileged to have her involved in their causes. These include the Gates of Jerusalem Award from Boys Town Jerusalem, the Woman of Valor Award and the Award of Honor from Bergen County Israel Bonds Women's Division, the Woman of Vision Tribute from Women's American Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT) Northeastern New Jersey Region, the Lion of Judah Award from Israel Bonds, and selection as an Honoree at the United Jewish Community Women's Division Spring Luncheon. Additionally, Ms. Gans was the first woman in Bergen County to receive the Shofar Award from the Boy Scouts of America's Jewish Community on Scouting, Bergen Council.

A resident of Teaneck, New Jersey, Eva Lynn Gans and her loving husband Leo have raised three wonderful sons, who have enriched her life with five amazing grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my constituent and dear friend, Eva Lynn Gans, on her successful tenure as president of the Jewish Center of Teaneck. I join with the grateful members of her synagogue in thanking her for innumerable contributions to the northern Jersey Jewish community and American Jewry at large. I am confident that her involvement in Jewish life and leadership will continue to strengthen this special community.

#### INTRODUCTION OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER HEALTH DATA ACT OF 2011

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I have reintroduced legislation to amend the Public Health Service Act for the purposes of providing the resources necessary for the Department of Health and Human Services to survey the health of Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, NHOPI. Specifically, the bill directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop and implement an ongoing national strategy for evaluating the health status and needs of NHOPI populations living in the continental U.S., Hawaii, American Samoa, the CNMI, Guam, and the Freely Associated States. The Secretary would conduct a health survey to determine the major regions in which NHOPI people reside and include data helpful in determining the health care needs of the respective NHOPI communities. In developing both the national strategy and survey, the Secretary would work in consultation with community groups and non-governmental organizations to develop the best methods and practices. Additionally, the legislation would update the work of the 1998 Institutes of Medicine report: "Pacific Partnerships for the Health: Charting a New Course for the

21st Century." The report would include the data regarding the status and performance of health care systems in the insular areas, and determine the effectiveness of donor aid in addressing the insular areas' needs.

In 1997, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) revised federal data collection standards to recognize the significant demographic, historical, cultural, and ethnic differences that exist between Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans. These important distinctions are not simply cultural or historical, but also encompass unique health and socio-economic challenges among the different populations. The standard requires that Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander data be collected, disaggregated and reported separately from Asian American data by all federal agencies no later than January 1, 2003.

However, not all federal agencies are in full compliance with OMB Revised Directive 15. In the places where limited agency data do exist, they are not made publicly available or it takes years to release. On a national level, the sample size of the NHOPI population in studies and reports is not represented because of a lack of data—resulting in meaningful information and statistics being unavailable to health organizations, federal, state, territorial and local agencies and policymakers.

Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders are ready to move forward with efforts to improve public health in their communities. This scientific survey would establish baseline health information to inform health policy and interventions so that individual and community health can be properly tracked and evaluated. Additionally, it would provide critical information for both NHOPI communities' health care providers and organizations that work with these communities to develop appropriate health care strategies for public health education and resources.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in addressing this need and the larger cause of eliminating health disparities. I would like to thank Chairman DANIEL INOUE for his leadership introducing companion legislation in the Senate. I would also like to thank my fellow cosponsors in the House for their support: Congresswoman JUDY CHU, Congressman MIKE HONDA, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, Congresswoman MAZIE HIRONO, Congresswoman COLLEEN HANABUSA, Congresswoman DONNA CHRISTENSEN, Congressman ENI FALEOMAVAEGA, and Congressman GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN.

IN HONOR OF GREG BALDWIN

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud that my hometown is often held out as an example of a community where livability is a primary goal. For the last forty years, people have been pioneering efforts to make cities work better through creative land use planning, zoning, transportation initiatives, public art and public spaces.

There have been many who have helped shape this way of thinking and prove its effectiveness with results on the ground. Poli-

cians, civic and business leaders have all played important roles, but none has been more influential but less publicly known than Greg Baldwin.

Greg was a prominent Portland architect and designer who grew up in the city and went on to earn three Harvard degrees and study abroad. He came by his vision and commitment honestly; his father was a dedicated public servant and a key administrator in Portland for years with schools, the Port Commission, and later in life as the first real Commissioner of Transportation for the state of Oregon.

Greg played a leadership role, striving for excellence in design in our community with revitalization of our schools, creating our light rail system, and the Portland Transit Mall. Greg Baldwin was sought after for projects around the country that benefited from his keen eye and grand sense of aesthetics—the things that one would expect from a leading architect.

Yet, his most enduring gift was an insight into how planning and civic engagement can coax more out of these opportunities to shape our built environment, which in turn shapes us. Greg was patient, thoughtful, and a good listener, as well as being fair and smart. He excelled in bringing various groups together. He seemed able to help anyone who shared the ultimate goal of a signature project to help understand the contributions that everyone could make to achieve the desired objective.

With all his intellect and professional accomplishments, he was foremost a great friend and accomplished artist. Committed to family, friends, and coworkers he was an outstanding human being. While he will be deeply missed, those who mourn his passing will take comfort knowing his many contributions will influence communities across America for generations to come.

#### CONGRATULATING VERSAILLES RESTAURANT ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, this week a true Miami landmark celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Versailles restaurant has been a beloved institution in my South Florida community for decades.

Felipe Valls, Sr., opened Versailles in 1971. From the very beginning, Versailles has been a family affair.

Early on, his son, Felipe Valls, Jr., bussed tables and worked with maintenance crews after school.

From these humble beginnings, Versailles has become a franchise with restaurants throughout Miami, Doral and even Pembroke Pines.

The secret to Versailles' success has been its family-oriented atmosphere and its simplicity.

Its menu of traditional Cuban cuisine has enriched the cultural palate of South Florida.

From ropa vieja to its house-made fried plantains and yes, even its famed "cafecito," Versailles has become a culinary delight for its patrons.