

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF DONALD KENNEDY, PH.D. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2011*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Donald Kennedy, Ph.D., a highly distinguished American and treasured friend on his 80th birthday.

Dr. Kennedy was born in New York on August 18, 1931. He earned his A.B. and Ph.D. degrees in biology from Harvard University, but left the East to spend his academic career at Stanford University, a jewel in the crown of the 14th Congressional District. He joined Stanford in 1960 and was named Chair of the Department of Biology in 1964. In 1972, he became the Director of the Program in Human Biology, where he served until 1977.

In 1977, Don Kennedy was appointed Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration by Health Education and Welfare Secretary Joseph Califano. After giving our nation the benefit of his wisdom and considerable talents at the FDA, he returned to Stanford in 1979 and succeeded Richard Lyman as President of the University in 1980. He served with dignity and distinction until his resignation in 1991. He was Editor-in-Chief of Science from 2000 to 2008, and is now the Bing Professor of Environmental Science and President Emeritus of Stanford.

I've been privileged to know Don Kennedy for many years. He has been a friend, a mentor, and an inspiration to me and to thousands more. Generations of students have been the beneficiaries of his wise counsel and his scientific knowledge. We've been blessed with his ability to see the 'big picture' and to make connections across disciplines. His early attention to the health consequences of environmental degradation was visionary and his commitment to changing policies to benefit the health of our planet is nothing short of extraordinary.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in wishing Don Kennedy, a patriot in the highest sense of the word, a joyful, family and friend-filled 80th birthday. May this milestone be just the beginning of more productive, creative and prolific decades. Don Kennedy is indeed a national treasure and it is a privilege to represent him and his wonderful wife Robin, and call them my friends.

HONORING FLORIDA'S SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2011*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a truly gifted educator from Northeast Florida, Jackie Cornelius, who has been named Florida's Secondary School Principal of the Year.

With tireless dedication, Jackie guides young students and their teachers to achieve their best as principal of the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts in Jacksonville, Florida.

You can accomplish anything if you truly believe in it—that is Jackie's philosophy, and she sticks to it.

With this award, her special brand of leadership will be shared across the country as she competes for national honors. It's really no surprise that Jackie has taken state-wide honors. Now, it's time for the rest of the Nation to have the opportunity to learn from this truly inspiring woman. Congratulations and best wishes.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR. JOHN MCGUIRE

**HON. W. TODD AKIN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2011*

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Dr. John McGuire.

Since November 1996, Dr. McGuire has served as President of St. Charles Community College, St. Peters, Missouri. Prior to his current presidency, he served as President of Owensboro Community College in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Dr. McGuire has served over forty years in community colleges in five states, including chief academic and student services officer at Community College of Aurora, Colorado, and assistant chief academic officer at Parkersburg Community College in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He has exercised leadership in institutional research and effectiveness, student success, and statewide policies to strengthen transfer opportunities for community college students.

Dr. McGuire serves on numerous civic and educational boards, including Past President of the Executive Committee of the Economic Development Council in St. Charles County, former President of the Missouri Community College Association Presidents and Chancellors Council, member, board member of the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association (RCGA), and has served on the Barnes-Jewish St. Peters and Progress West Hospital Advisory Board. He has also previously served on the American Association of Community College Presidents Academy Executive Committee, the FOCUS St. Louis Board, and past president of the St. Peters Chamber of Commerce.

I rise today to express my sincere gratitude to Dr. John McGuire and the many years of service he has dedicated to Missouri and to the education of so many. I wish him the best in his retirement and ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his years of service.

RECOGNIZING LAUREN CHANG OF BURKE, VA

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2011*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lauren Chang of Burke, Va., for her participation in the People to People World Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C.

People to People offers young leaders the opportunity to grow educationally while expos-

ing them to new cultures. Founded in 1956 under the auspices of the Eisenhower Administration, People to People has continuously enjoyed Presidential support for its mission of instilling our nation's next generation of leaders with the international experience they will need to succeed in an increasingly global society and economy.

Lauren's acceptance to the program is no small accomplishment. Academically selective, the program is built for the brightest students in the nation. From June 30–July 6, Lauren participated in numerous educational activities in the Washington, D.C., area, all of which were focused on leadership development. Lauren and her fellow participants gained access to areas of American government rarely seen at such a young age, and that experience will serve her well in her studies.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lauren Chang and wishing her continued success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2011*

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, due to family obligations, I was unable to attend the vote on H. Res. 268 last Wednesday, July 7, 2011. However, I would like to make it known that as a co-sponsor of the resolution, I would have proudly voted for H. Res. 268 in support of Israel.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,342,965,850,128.20.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,704,540,103,834.40 since then.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

RECOGNIZING ALEXANDER HORNADAY OF SPRINGFIELD, VA

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2011*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Alexander Hornaday, a 2011 People to People World Leadership Forum participant. Alexander has been identified by his educators for his academic excellence, leadership potential and exemplary citizenship to participate in the People to People World Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C.

This leadership forum allows students to participate in daily educational activities in

Washington, D.C., as well as the surrounding areas. The program allows participants to make friends with young leaders from all over the world with a focus on leadership development. At the end of the program, participants receive a certificate of completion.

Alexander is a student at West Springfield High school in Springfield, Virginia. He has been active in his school and community on issues regarding agriculture and environment. It is inspiring to see young people who are interested in educational and developmental experiences such as these.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable achievement by Alexander Hornaday and wishing him continued success in his further pursuits.

#### PTO LETTER

### HON. DANA ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, a fellow southern Californian recently was featured in the LA Times with respect to an issue involving one of his patents ("Defending patents takes financial toll on inventor," LA Times, June 14, 2011). In addition, this week, a letter to the editor from former Senator Birch Bayh appeared in the Congress Blog from Hill.com and referenced a letter that the former Senator recently received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) about the very same issue.

While I am not weighing in on the merits of this particular case, the underlying issue involved should be of great concern. Therefore, I am submitting the aforementioned PTO letter.

UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE,  
Alexandria, VA, June 3, 2011.

Hon. BIRCH BAYH,  
Venable LLP,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. BAYH: Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of Lawrence Lockwood. The letter indicates that Mr. Lockwood filed a petition for writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court seeking review of the Federal Circuit's decision affirming the trial court's holding that state tort claims by patent holders against persons who file sham reexamination requests are preempted by Federal patent law. The letter asks the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to confirm that there are no procedures permitting a damages remedy for patent owners subjected to sham reexamination requests, and to state whether it sees a problem with patent owners pursuing state tort claims for such damages.

The USPTO can confirm that it does not have a procedure that offers a damages remedy for patent owners in Mr. Lockwood's position. As to your request for the USPTO's support of Mr. Lockwood's case, please understand that the USPTO cannot participate in the case without the Solicitor General, who rarely files uninvited amicus briefs at the cert stage. Moreover, any amicus brief would be due very shortly at this point, given that Mr. Lockwood has already filed his petition.

Please know that the USPTO is sympathetic to the concerns of patent owners. The agency is particularly concerned whenever a patent owner is subjected to a fraudulent re-

examination or some other form of harassment. Thus, the USPTO will be monitoring Mr. Lockwood's certiorari petition closely. At the same time, we note that the USPTO has the power to police misconduct through its Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED). Anyone with knowledge of unethical conduct can report it to OED for investigation.

Sincerely,

DAVID J. KAPPOS,  
Under Secretary and Director.

#### RECOGNIZING MARC SCARBROUGH OF WOODBRIDGE, VA

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Marc Scarbrough of Woodbridge, Va., for his participation in the People to People World Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C.

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Marc's acceptance to the program is no small accomplishment. Academically selective, the program is built for the brightest students in the nation. From June 30–July 6, Marc participated in numerous educational activities in the Washington, D.C., area, all of which were focused on leadership development. Marc and his fellow participants gained access to areas of American government rarely seen at such a young age, and that experience will serve him well in his studies.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Marc Scarbrough and wishing him continued success in the future.

#### CONGRATULATIONS CALLAHAN FAMILY

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate my good friend and senior legislative assistant Paul Callahan and his wife Jenni on the birth of their daughter Penelope Joy Callahan. Penelope was born on Wednesday, July 13, 2011, in Alexandria, Virginia. She is welcomed home by her sister, Charlotte, and brother, Judah.

Penelope Joy Callahan is nine pounds and three ounces and 22½ inches of pride and joy to her loving grandparents, Gerald T. and Madonna Callahan of Taylors, South Carolina, and Steve and Pam Crowe of Taylors, South Carolina.

I am so excited for this new blessing to the Callahan family and wish them all the best.

#### ENDOCRINE DISRUPTING CHEMICALS EXPOSURE ELIMINATION ACT OF 2011

### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, for decades our sons and daughters have been exposed to a chemical stew in water, food, fragrances, personal care products, children's toys, and household items. Unfortunately we do not know if this chemical stew is safe for pregnant mothers, their unborn babies, young children, or for that matter, anyone else. That is why I'm pleased today, along with Mr. MAURICE HINCHEY, Mr. GERRY CONNOLLY, Ms. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, Mr. GEORGE MILLER, Ms. LAURA RICHARDSON, Mr. RAÚL GRIJALVA, Ms. JAN SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. NITA LOWEY, Mr. BOBBY RUSH, Mrs. LOIS CAPPS, Mr. JAMES MCGOVERN, and Mr. DAVID PRICE, to introduce the "Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals Exposure Elimination Act of 2011." This bill is of enormous importance because it will arm us all with the information that we need to keep our families safe from these potentially harmful chemicals.

There are numerous alarming studies showing increasing disease rates unheard of generations before. Asthma rates have nearly tripled in the past three decades. The United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported this year that one of every six American children has a developmental disorder such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, dyslexia, and mental retardation. A recent study from Korea shows that 4 percent of children have autism spectrum disorder—that is one in every 25 children!

Just this week an extensive University of Michigan study confirmed the correlation of phthalates and bisphenol A (BPA) to thyroid disruption. Thyroid hormones play a vital role in many human physiological processes including fetal and child growth and brain development, as well as energy balance, metabolism, and other functions in the nervous, cardiovascular, pulmonary, and reproductive systems of children and adults. The study confirmed previous reports associating phthalates and BPA with altered thyroid hormones.

Phthalates and BPA are high-production chemicals commonly used in plastics and other applications, including fragrances in perfumes, children's toys, and body-care products. Exposure to these chemicals among Americans is widespread, according to the CDC. Recent studies show a decline in brain development related to phthalates and BPA exposure. Chemically-induced altered thyroid function may also be involved in increased waist circumference, insulin resistance, and diabetes among adults.

Cancer, after accidents, is the leading cause of death among children in the United States. Primary brain cancer increased by nearly 40 percent and leukemia increased by over 60 percent among children 14 years and younger in the last 30 years. Childhood obesity has quadrupled in the past 10 years. Type-2 diabetes has increased drastically. There is an increase in sexual abnormalities, particularly in newborn boys. An analysis of the umbilical cords of a test group of newborns found over 200 chemicals in the blood—chemicals to