

throughout his political career. Known as the "Dean of Washington County politics," Mascara fought successfully for projects to spur economic development in his district, including the Mon-Fayette Expressway and the Southpointe development project, which is now home to 150 businesses.

Congressman Mascara served in the Army and worked as an insurance salesman and an accountant before he entered politics as Washington County Controller in 1973. From there, he served as county commissioner as well as a trustee of his alma mater, California University of Pennsylvania. In 2009, he received his university's Lifetime Achievement Award, becoming only the third alumnus to receive such an honor.

Although he was sent to Washington as a leader of his district, he never lost touch with the blue collar, middle-class values of his western Pennsylvania home of Charleroi. He famously spurned fancy Capitol Hill restaurants for cheaper eateries, always aware that he was spending the taxpayers' money through his salary. While in Congress, he continued to live in the same house in Charleroi that he purchased for \$7,500.

Congressman Mascara had a calm, good-natured manner, but he fought vigorously in Congress for his district. For a time, the Southpointe development project that he championed was popularly known as "Frank's Folly." However, looking back on the project at the end of his career, despite difficulties getting it off the ground, he believed it to be his greatest political achievement. Through his blue-collar attitude and political wit, Mascara was a strong and effective advocate for his constituents.

Frank Mascara is survived by his wife Dolores, two sons, Frank and Jon, a daughter, Karen, and a brother, John. He will be remembered as a dedicated family man and a hard-working, down-to-earth public servant. He will be deeply missed by his family, his fellow Pennsylvanians, and his former colleagues here in Congress.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

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. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Chair, I strongly oppose H.R. 2354, which underfunds important clean energy priorities at a cost to the American public's health and welfare. Fiscal discipline is an important goal, and I support efforts to think critically about how to put the nation on a sound fiscal path. However this bill fails to accomplish that. This appropriations bill cuts funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy development programs that help American homeowners save money on their utility bills. At the same time, the bill increases

funding for fossil fuel technologies, which have no need of tax incentives or financial support, and which increase the level of harmful air and water pollution.

Energy efficiency and renewable energy programs offer the best chance that our nation has to become more energy independent and reduce climate-change inducing pollutants. Yet this bill cuts total funding for the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by 27 percent and cuts Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy by 44 percent compared to FY11. These clean energy programs have helped drive strong growth in solar and wind generation over the past decade, while reducing the costs of these technologies significantly. ARPA-E's support for path-breaking advanced technologies could hold the key to our energy future. In the long run, these cuts will mean less innovation, dirtier energy, and fewer clean energy jobs. This is absolutely the wrong way to drive American leadership and energy independence.

Two programs that have been improving our energy security while helping households to keep down their utilities bills are the Weatherization Assistance Program, WAP, and the State Energy Program, SEP. These programs target residential buildings, reducing the burden on low-income families by an average of 35 percent of utility bills and supporting local economies. The State Energy Program encourages innovative technologies and leverages Federal funds; since 2006, the State of Oregon has leveraged approximately \$27 in non-federal funds for every \$1 of SEP funds spent. These programs have demonstrated success, yet H.R. 2354 severely cuts funding. In Oregon alone, these cuts would mean that an estimated 374 families would no longer be eligible for weatherization assistance. For these reasons, I support the amendment offered by Representatives TONKO and BASS that would increase WAP and SEP funding by \$141.3 million and \$25 million, respectively.

In addition to handicapping energy innovation, the bill also includes a very damaging policy rider that would undermine the Clean Water Act. This rider would prevent the Army Corps of Engineers from restoring Clean Water Act protections to many rivers, streams and wetlands that supply drinking water and prevent flooding. Over 100 million Americans get their drinking water from public supplies provided in whole or in part from waters that are at risk of losing Clean Water Act safeguards. The recent flood events around the country have demonstrated some of the problems with wetlands losses, and these would be made even worse by blocking the Army Corps' ability to protect these waters.

Amendments passed on the Floor during debate mostly made this bad bill even worse. For example, I voted against an amendment by Rep. BURGESS that would prevent important new efficiency standards for light bulbs from going into effect. These standards, passed as part of the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act, are supported by industry and consumer groups as well as efficiency advocates. They would mean \$100 in savings for the average American family per year. I'm disappointed in the passage of this amendment to prevent DOE from enforcing these standards.

Now is the time to be putting America on track toward a clean energy future, and working to reduce the damage to our water and air

quality that harm public health. I support policies to create a green energy economy, to reduce dependence on foreign oil, to support advanced technologies and cost-saving energy-efficient systems for homes and businesses, and to protect the health and well-being of the nation's health and environment. Unfortunately, this appropriations bill is detrimental to all of those goals.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 15, 2011

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker on rollcall No. 44 I was detained off the House floor during this 2 minute vote series and was unable to cast my vote before the vote was closed. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING LUCIO E. PEREZ, OF
NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 15, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of community member Lucio E. Perez for being named Agriculturalist of the Year by the Napa County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Perez comes from a long history of working with Napa's bountiful soil. His grandfather, Mr. Lucio D. Perez, emigrated from Mexico and settled in the Napa Valley in the early 1930s and worked as an agricultural laborer. In 1935, the L. Perez & Sons Family Estates began growing wine grapes. The business was passed to his son Ezequiel, and later to his grandson Lucio, or as he is known throughout the valley, "Cio."

He attended St. Helena High School and later studied at Stanford University before transferring to the University of California—Davis, where he graduated with a degree in Enology & Viticulture. His first job outside of the family farm was with Beringer Brothers; assisting with the development of new vineyards, fertilizer, and pest management problems. Mr. Perez continues to manage L. Perez & Sons Vineyards, and also farms acreage in Conn Valley, Carneros and St. Helena. He produces zinfandel, chardonnay and, cabernet—reflecting the diverse terroirs of the Napa Valley appellations.

His passion for sustainable agriculture and protecting farmlands led him to work with the Napa County Farm Bureau in 1988, where he has served on the Board of Directors and as President. He has also participated on the California Farm Bureau Federation—Grape Advisory Committee, the Tax and Land Use Committee, and Finance Committee. Don Lucio Perez, his grandfather, founded a non-profit by the name of Comite Mexicano de Beneficiencia, where Mr. Perez has been an active member and past treasurer.

Being recognized as Agriculturalist of the Year by the Napa County Farm Bureau is an astounding achievement for someone who has dedicated their life to protecting and defending agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge Mr. Lucio E. Perez for his years of devoted service to the Napa Valley community.

HONORING VERONICA LEWIS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 15, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute an outstanding Federal employee and citizen of the District of Columbia, Veronica Lewis, who is retiring this month after forty-one years of service with the Federal Government. Ms. Lewis, a dedicated public servant, is known for her contributions to both the government and to her fellow employees.

Ms. Lewis has lived and worked in Washington, DC all of her life. She began her career as a public employee in 1970 as a personnel information assistant with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 1986, she became a secretary with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), where she is still employed today, in the agency's Division of Corporation Finance. She has been a loyal and dedicated Federal employee for the past 4 decades.

Ms. Lewis attended public schools in the District of Columbia. Prior to her career with the Federal Government, she worked for the Metropolitan Police Department and also as a teacher's aide at Taft Junior High School.

In 2000, Ms. Lewis was one of the original founders of the Federal employee union that now represents all of the non-management employees at the SEC National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU), Chapter 293. She served as the union's chief steward for several years and, since 2006, has served as the vice president of Chapter 293.

Ms. Lewis has two children, Cecilia Vernet Camp and Edward Walker, and three grandchildren, Angela Lewis-Camp, Veronica Lewis-Camp, and Edward Walker, Jr. In retirement, Ms. Lewis plans to travel as well as to volunteer at St. Jude Children's Hospital. Her hobbies are dancing, traveling and bicycling.

Mr. Speaker, Veronica Lewis has been a dedicated civil servant all of her adult life, both as an SEC employee and as a leader of NTEU Chapter 293. It is appropriate that we honor her today for her many contributions and congratulate her on her retirement from the Federal Government.

CONGRATULATING TIM SOLSO OF CUMMINS, INC. ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 15, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Tim Solso for his successful and influential career as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Cummins Inc., located in my hometown of Columbus, Indiana. After forty years of dedicated service, he is set to retire from Cummins on December 31st of this year.

During his career at Cummins, Tim Solso lived the American dream and proved that hard work pays off. He first joined Cummins in 1971 after receiving a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University and a bachelor's degree in psychology from DePauw University. His first position with Cummins was as an assistant to the Vice President of Personnel, and during his career Tim worked in several of Cummins' international locations—including Huddersfield, England, and Sao Paulo, Brazil. In 2000 he was named Chairman and CEO.

Under Tim's extraordinary leadership as CEO, Cummins experienced record profits of more than \$1 billion, and the company's shareholders enjoyed an astonishing return of 1,300 percent. International business at Cummins grew 20 percent from 2000 to 2010, and they have truly established themselves as a global leader in their industry.

Tim has also received many personal accolades for his achievements with Cummins including: named a top five finalist to Marketwatch's CEO of the Decade in 2010; named one of Barron's list of the thirty Most Respected CEOs for 2010 and 2011; selected as the national Six Sigma CEO of the year; received the Anti-Defamation League's Man of Achievement Award; named the International Executive of the Year by the Academy of International Business; and received the American Business Award for Best Chairman.

While I am confident that Cummins will continue to grow under new leadership, there is no doubt that Tim's legacy will continue to have a lasting impact on Cummins and on the Columbus community. I wish him the very best in his retirement and in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING MADELEINE JARAS, ELMHURST, IL "MAYOR FOR A DAY"

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 15, 2011

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an aspiring leader from my Congressional District, Madeleine Jaras. Madeleine's essay was recently selected as the winner of the City of Elmhurst's "Mayor for a Day" competition. On behalf of this Congressional body, I welcome Madeleine and her family to our nation's capital.

The text of Madeleine's essay reads as follows: "If I were Mayor of Elmhurst, I would demonstrate my Trustworthiness to the citizens of Elmhurst by following through with my promises, being honest, being reliable, being loyal, being dependable, and having the courage to do the right thing, not always the easy thing. All these things are hard sometimes, but if I were Mayor, I would try my hardest to make the citizens safe, happy, and help the city of Elmhurst blossom into an even greater community than the past leaders have made it."

Even in her youth, Madeleine recognizes that in light of today's critical debates, tough decisions need to be made with great integrity. Madeleine's virtuous beliefs should serve as a reminder to all citizens and leaders that we should be courteous of others, and that honesty is of utmost importance. Her positive out-

look is exemplary of her outstanding character.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, Madeleine Jaras is a promising young leader, full of modesty and confidence. It is truly a privilege to serve as her Representative. Please join me in honoring Madeleine's spirit and wishing her all the best in her future endeavors.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

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. DINGELL. Mr. Chair, I rise in strident opposition to H.R. 2354, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2012. This unfortunate bill is just another in a long line of Republican attempts to sabotage policies put in place to protect the health and safety of Americans, as well as to improve the environment while at the same time fostering economic recovery. I categorically reject the Republicans' cynical and shortsighted approach to governing and urge my colleagues to follow suit by opposing this bill.

I am not without justification in my criticism of H.R. 2354. To be clear, it contains a rider to block the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ability to clarify the scope of the Clean Water Act, landmark legislation that I helped write and pass into law. The bill also blocks EPA's authority to oversee mountaintop removal coal mining, effectively allowing mountains to be carved away at corporate leisure. Finally, the bill would remove EPA's authority to make storm water programs more effective, which strikes me as curious given my Republicans' bent on making government leaner, meaner, and more effective. On a broader note, H.R. 2354 constitutes an attack on the integrity of the Clean Water Act, which has helped restore the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters. Just as this bill would allow coal companies to carve away mountains, so too would it carve away EPA's precious and necessary authorities under the Clean Water Act.

H.R. 2354's assault on Americans and their environment extends beyond allowing the desecration of the beautiful waters they so treasure. The bill also curtails programs meant to advance economic recovery in a manner more sustainable for the environment. While I commend my colleagues on the House Appropriations Energy and Water Subcommittee for dedicating funding to repair the damage caused by the recent storms and floods, I do not agree with taking funding from critical infrastructure projects that offer enormous economic impacts in a myriad of communities across this country. If my colleagues recognize the storms and floods as emergency events, then they should have had the fortitude to allocate emergency funding to these