

in supporting this critically important piece of legislation that will help to put our nation's economy back on track.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,856,859,498,405.73.

On January 6, 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 \$ 4,218,433,752,111.93 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARGARET "PEG" ARNOLD ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE GREENE COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I rise today to recognize Ms. Margaret Arnold for her induction into the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame.

Ms. Arnold along with five other candidates was selected from a pool of many worthy women to receive this honor, and thus, she was nominated for her great endeavors in the fields of Public Education and Government.

Ms. Arnold was elected to the Beavercreek Board of Education in 2000 and is still an active on the board. Under her leadership the district passed an \$80 million dollar bond issue to build two new buildings in an effort to serve the rapidly growing population of the community. This was the first new school construction in 40 years. While it did take three attempts to gain the support of voters on the issue, she kept fighting for it until the plan was passed. She continues to play a key role to make sure the 2010 strategic plan is implemented properly. Further, Peg was awarded the Educator of the Year award by the Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce. At the same time, Peg is a certified level three acquisition professional and has been a highly successful and valued government employee at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for over 30 years, in the contracting field. In 1994, Peg was named one of the top 100 Federal Government Employees by Federal Computer Magazine.

Thus, with great pride, I congratulate Ms. Margaret Arnold and wish her well in her service to the community.

HONORING KENT ELWOOD EDSSELL

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Kent Elwood Edsell, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Kent Elwood Edsell was born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania on October 22, 1931. In 1950, Mr. Edsell graduated from LeRaysville High School and began working at DuPont in Towanda, Pennsylvania before entering the United States Marine Corps in 1951. After the Korean War, Kent was honorably discharged and began working for Jug Gerald. He then relocated to Nichols, New York, working for the Grange League Federation until he retired in 1992.

Mr. Edsell recently celebrated his 55th wedding anniversary with Catherine (nee Riley), whom he married on August 19, 1956 at the Saint Thomas Catholic Church of Little Meadows, Pennsylvania. Kent is the proud father of six (Larry, Barbara, Kevin, Andrew, Theresa, and Joel), grandfather of 14, and great grandfather of five.

A long-time baseball enthusiast and Yankee fan, Kent played baseball with North Orwell and the Tri-County League through the 1980s. In addition to his love of bowling, wood working, and hunting, Mr. Edsell is a long-time member of VFW Post 6824, having held a number of positions over the years.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Kent Elwood Edsell, on the occasion of his 80th birthday, and ask my colleagues to join in praising his commitment to his family and country.

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH—BOLIVAR, MISSOURI

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate the First Assembly of God Church in Bolivar, Missouri, on their 75th anniversary. I am honored to join them in their momentous milestone of celebrating 75 years of blessings.

In 1936, a small congregation in Bolivar, Missouri, received their official church charter from the Assemblies of God fellowship. Over the course of the last 75 years, First Assembly of God of Bolivar has served others with excellence, unity, and purpose.

First Assembly is a family-oriented, multi-generational church. They serve families and individuals through a variety of services and activities for all age groups, genders, and backgrounds. First Assembly believes that God makes His presence known in a variety of ways, and the church looks to Him to guide them in everything they do.

First Assembly is committed to the spiritual needs of the Bolivar community and provides

their congregation the necessary tools to live a Christian lifestyle in an ever-changing world. By demonstrating the compassion of Jesus Christ, First Assembly of God reaches out to people of all backgrounds in Southwest Missouri to deliver their ministry of love.

The church also sponsors missionaries across the world, sending out members to spread the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. They have donated over \$30,000 to purchase an African Tabernacle, vehicles, equipment, and study Bibles for international ministers.

It is clear that First Assembly has performed many great services and received many blessings over the past 75 years. I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating First Assembly of God for their exceptional service and wish them the best for another 75 years of blessings.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, October 10th marks the 100th anniversary of China's Wuchang Uprising which led to the creation of the Republic of China, ROC, that now exists on Taiwan. The uprising marked the end of the Qing Dynasty in what is now the ROC, effectively ending 2,000 years of imperial rule and resulting in East Asia's now-oldest republic.

It is worthy of note that the Republic of China was born at a time when many repressive and colonial regimes ruled much of East Asia.

Its founding father, Sun Yat-sen, had hoped the ROC would one day develop into a fully democratic society modeled on many of the same principles and norms that he had observed while an adolescent in Hawaii. And though it came to pass well after he left this world, and on a different land mass, his dreams of representative democracy are an undeniable reality on Taiwan today.

The ROC's emulation of American principles and ideals has not been limited to the political arena. Time after time, whether it be in the struggle against fascism, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or joining us in calling for the removal of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein in 2003, the ROC—be it housed on mainland China, or Taiwan—has stood shoulder to shoulder with the United States to defend and promote the very values and ideals that inspired Dr. Sun to create the ROC in the first place.

In recognition of all of the foregoing, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Republic of China on Taiwan on its 100th anniversary, while also acknowledging its Founding Fathers' foresight and—most of all—thanking the government and the people of Taiwan for their loyalty, friendship and support for an entire century.

H.R. 2681 AND H.R. 2250

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the two bills, H.R. 2681 and H.R. 2250, are an affront public health and to our environment.

When we take our air, waters and land for granted; when we show a simple lack of respect for nature and our environment, we unmake God's good creation. Over 40 years ago, Republicans and Democrats passed the Clean Air Act because they believed that every American child deserved to breathe clean air. They believed that every American child deserved an environment free from toxic pollutants that cause cancer and impair their ability to learn.

EPA standards, like the ones attacked in this bill, did not run our economy off the cliff. EPA standards did not drive us into debt, or stop the banks from extending credit. But here we are, ready to stop common sense protections are 11 years overdue. If enacted, these bills would make damaging changes to the Clean Air Act. We would stop future EPA standards from protecting our children and our families from mercury and toxic air pollution. 2,500 lives are lost for every year these pollution reductions are delayed.

There are protesters right outside this building, Mr. Chairman. They want us to take up the American Jobs Act. They want it passed. They don't need another attack on the Clean Air Act. They don't need another attack on the public's health. We're wasting their time, Mr. Chairman.

It is my strong belief that our country needs environmental protections and that real protections do not have to come at the expense of jobs or our economy. Whatever we do to the earth, we do to each other. I urge my colleagues to vote no.

THE BREAST DENSITY AND MAMMOGRAPHY REPORTING ACT OF 2011

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, this year, more than 200,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. We owe them every opportunity for early detection. Information on breast density can help both doctors and patients better understand a patient's risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer. This is why I am so pleased to join Representative DELAURO in introducing this extremely important piece of legislation. Mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers and aunts across America deserve all the information and resources possible when concerning their physical health. When we empower scientists, women and their doctors with knowledge, we take another step towards finding a cure.

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HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, this year, a memorial honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was finally unveiled on the National Mall. This unveiling, which occurs during the presidency of the first African-American President of the United States, is, for many, the culmination of the movement for equality and civil rights that began with Dr. King in the 1950s and 60s.

However, those of us who have carried Dr. King's dream forward to the present understand that history isn't so neat and clean. While the arc of history does bend toward justice, it bends only because advocates for justice, peace, and human dignity have dedicated their lives to bending that arc through their leadership, determination, and sheer force of will.

My friend, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, is one of those people. From his days standing alongside Dr. King in Selma, to his groundbreaking run for the presidency in 1988, Reverend Jackson's commitment to an uncompromising vision of racial harmony and economic opportunity for all Americans has inspired millions.

Perhaps the work Reverend Jackson is best known for are his efforts to fulfill the promise of America's great democratic experiment. Our history books teach us that the America established by our Founding Fathers purported to endow each American with certain fundamental rights. However, we all know that certain residents of this country—African-American slaves, immigrants, women, and those without property—were left out of this original social contract. Reverend Jackson has spent his life trying to remedy this failing—to expand the membership of our social contract and ensure that everyone feels welcome in our big, loud American family.

That's exactly what Reverend Jackson was doing when he founded the National Rainbow Coalition in 1984 and later ran for President in 1988. All of a sudden, millions of new voters—the young, ethnically and racially diverse minorities, the poor, and the politically marginalized all felt like they had a voice and a candidate who spoke for them. For the first time, many of them felt like they had ownership and a stake in the direction of their country. They realized they had power. I'm certain that the young people currently making headlines with their "occupation" of Wall Street owe much of their movement's energy to the groundwork laid down by Reverend Jackson in 1988, when he reminded America that "people power" is the only surefire way to successfully challenge an entrenched and corrupt power structure that favors a wealthy few.

Jesse Jackson has spent the last 50 years bending the arc of history towards justice. It is hard work, and a lesser man might be getting tired. For Reverend Jesse Jackson, the work of creating a more perfect union continues. Just last week, he marched with me through the streets of Detroit and spoke out on behalf of 41,000 mothers and children in Michigan who risk losing their access to the basic ne-

cessities of life because of cruel and misguided government policies. He was there to give a voice to the voiceless. That's just what he does. Mr. Speaker, this is why I am proud to acknowledge Reverend Jackson on the floor today for his life, his tremendous legacy, and, most of all, for the work that is yet to come.

A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DR. MARY AGNA ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE GREENE COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I rise today to recognize Dr. Mary Agna for her induction into the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame.

Dr. Mary Agna, along with five other candidates, was selected from a pool of many worthy women to receive this honor, and thus, she was nominated for her great endeavors in the field of public health.

Dr. Agna was the first woman Health Commissioner in Greene County, where she served from 1963 until 1970. During this time she started the first home care program within the County Health Department. She was also an Associate Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the Wright State School of Medicine from 1979 to 1987, and, continues today as Emeritus Associate Professor. She also served on the State Public Health Council from 1974 until 1981. This council is the primary rule-making body for the State Department of Health. Her vision and leadership led to Greene County being recognized by the Ohio Council of Home Health Agencies and the Ohio Department of Health as one of Ohio's premier home health agencies.

Thus, with great pride, I congratulate Dr. Mary Agna for her exemplary service to Greene County and extend best wishes for the future.

PEOPLE'S MOJAHEDIN ORGANIZATION OF IRAN

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, last July, the DC U.S. Court of Appeals found that People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran, PMOI/MEK, was not awarded due process when their petition to be removed as a terrorist organization was denied by the State Department. The Court ordered the State Department in conjunction with the Attorney General to review the decision and make a decision.

But I stand here today, over 500 days after the Court made this decision, and the State Department still has not given a response. Every day of delay means another day where peaceful MEK democratic leaders and activists are at risk.