

oil refineries or large manufacturing facilities if such emissions are causing respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses and deaths, including cases of heart attacks, asthma attacks and bronchitis.

Markey Amendment which adds a new section at the end of the bill which directs the EPA Administrator not to delay actions to reduce pollution emissions from waste incinerators or industrial boilers at chemical facilities, oil refineries or large manufacturing facilities if such emissions are increasing the risk of cancer.

Edwards Amendment which adds a finding to the bill which states, according to EPA, if the rules overturned by the bill remained in effect, they would create 2,200 net additional jobs, not including jobs created to manufacture and install equipment to reduce air pollution. This finding is drawn from EPA's analysis of the rules.

Schakowsky Amendment which adds a finding to the bill that mercury released into the ambient air from cement kilns is a potent neurotoxin that can damage the development of an infant's brain.

Ellison Amendment (#12) which allows EPA to require compliance by boilers sooner than 5 years (underlying bill says boilers get at least 5 years or longer to comply) if the new regulations required to be written under the bill result in the creation of more than 1,000 jobs.

Welch Amendment which adds a finding to the bill affirming that that the American people are exposed to mercury from industrial sources through the consumption of fish containing mercury and every state in the nation has issued at least one mercury advisory for fish consumption.

Jackson-Lee Amendment which requires boilers to comply no later than 3 years after EPA completes the re-write of boiler rules required by the bill. The bill includes a deadline of at least 5 years, the Clean Air Act currently requires 3 years and gives states or EPA the ability to extend for a 4th year. The Jackson-Lee amendment would retain the CAA's current provisions.

MR. GERRY GRYBOSKI

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Gerry Gryboski for his performance as an athlete, coach, and role model, and on his acceptance into the Plains Sports Hall of Fame in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Gerry is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School, where he participated in basketball and baseball. He posted a 4-0 record as a pitcher in the 1962 Catholic League Championship, and he led the team with a .484 batting average.

Mr. Gryboski was invited to tryouts for both the Pittsburgh Pirates and Philadelphia Phillies; however, he ended up serving his country in the United States Army from 1963 to 1966.

Mr. Gryboski coached Bidy league as well as seventh and eighth grade basketball. He also coached Little and Teener league baseball for eleven years, from 1980 to 1991. He also contributed two All-Star sons to the Wyoming Valley Conference, Kevin and Brian.

Mr. Speaker, Gerry Gryboski must surely be proud of the spectacular athletes he has coached and raised, as well as of his career and the teams he has coached. It is with great pleasure that I commend him as he is accepted into the Plains Sports Hall of Fame.

SUPPORTING THE EXTENSION OF
TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE
AND OPPOSING THE FREE
TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH
SOUTH KOREA, PANAMA AND
COLOMBIA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of extending the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program (TAA) and in opposition to the three free trade agreements between the U.S. and South Korea, Panama, and Colombia.

TAA provides essential assistance to workers who lose employment due to trade agreements with foreign countries. We need to extend it. More than 280,000 displaced workers in 2010 relied on the greater job training options, health care tax credit coverage, and extra weeks of income support provided under the TAA program to get back on their feet after losing their jobs to foreign countries.

The residents of my district in California have firsthand experience with the benefits of TAA. California has seen multiple plant closings due to trade with countries around the globe. Last year, the NUMMI auto plant in my district closed and nearly 5,000 employees lost their jobs along with thousands more who worked at suppliers for the plant. For these workers, TAA is a lifeline that is providing retraining, education, and other assistance to help them find new jobs.

U.S. trade policies and free trade agreements, such as NAFTA and DR-CAFTA, have decimated our manufacturing sector. They have protected corporate interests at the expense of workers and created incentives to ship jobs overseas. I opposed those agreements and I oppose the unfair free trade Agreements with Panama, Korea and Colombia that are currently before Congress.

If we want to get our economy back on track, we need to focus on creating jobs and not shipping more jobs overseas. These three free trade agreements follow the same failed Bush-era trade policies that allow multinational corporations to challenge public interest laws that protect the environment, health, and workers.

The agreement with South Korea will increase our trade deficit by billions of dollars and cost us an estimated 159,000 jobs. The Colombia agreement stands out because it would have us lower trade barriers with a country in which only 2 percent of workers are unionized and more trade unionists are murdered annually than anywhere else in the world. We should not sign more agreements that ship our jobs overseas, grant exceptional rights to large corporations, and fail to protect workers' rights or our environment.

Republicans in Congress have spent eight months tying the extension of critical TAA benefits to the three pending free trade agree-

ments. In doing so, they've abandoned the very people who will get our economy going again: workers. It is a further wrong that the extension of TAA is just for two years, and not longer. These new trade agreements are going to be permanent. We should ensure that permanent TAA protections are there for the workers who will lose their jobs as a result of the trade agreements. Our vote today in favor of an extension of TAA will provide real help to these workers and their families. We owe it to them to support TAA and to oppose the three pending free trade agreements that will cost more jobs. I urge my colleagues to do the same.

HONORING DR. JOSEPH N. HANKIN

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Joseph N. Hankin, who will be honored October 12 for his 40 years as President of Westchester Community College, the State University of New York, in Valhalla, NY. His four decades of exceptional leadership and dedication at this outstanding institution make him the longest-serving community college president in the nation.

That distinction is only the latest in Dr. Hankin's distinguished career in higher education. At age 26, he became the youngest community college president in the nation, when he assumed the presidency of Harford Community College, in Maryland. Four years later, he moved to Westchester Community College. Under his leadership, WCC's enrollment has grown from several thousand to more than 30,000 in both credit and non-credit programs. The college's Continuing Education division is now the largest in New York State, providing lifelong learning for students of all ages. Its faculty and professional staff have received more SUNY Chancellors Awards for Excellence than any other community college in the system and the Westchester Community College Foundation has grown into one of the most successful community college foundations in the nation.

Mindful of the need to keep education relevant to the changing needs of its students and society, Dr. Hankin has overseen the addition of dozens of new curricula and the redesign of existing programs as well as the growth of comprehensive corporate training for businesses and entrepreneurs. Committed to the college's mission of quality, affordability and accessibility, he launched the highly-regarded Honors Program, and continues to support WCC's English Language Institute and its Virginia Marx Children's Center on campus. The latter gives students and staff the best child care possible at affordable rates. Dr. Hankin also has expanded the college's reach into every corner of the community, with five stand-alone extension centers and class offerings at hundreds of additional locations.

For all of these accomplishments and many more, Dr. Joseph N. Hankin has been named one of the Top Fifty Community College Leaders in the Nation and one of the Most Effective College Presidents in the U.S. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing him for his exemplary educational leadership, vision, service and commitment during his 40 years at Westchester Community College.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EMMA
BATES**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor the memory of Emma Bates from Riviera Beach, Florida. Mrs. Bates passed away on October 9, 2011, following a year-long battle with stomach cancer. Previously, she had beaten both breast and colon cancer, attesting to the strength and perseverance that drove Mrs. Bates throughout her life.

Mrs. Bates moved from her native Baxley, Georgia to the Glades area in Florida as a child. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in West Palm Beach. After graduation, she enrolled in several business management courses at what is now known as Palm Beach State College and later found an interest in cosmetology. It was not long until she opened her own hair salon, the Intimate Salon of Beauty in Riviera Beach. Mrs. Bates was believed to have been the first licensed African-American beautician in Palm Beach County.

She was known by many in the community as an activist who worked tirelessly for what she believed was right and in the best interest of the Riviera Beach community. She served as the chairwoman of the Citizens Task Force and was a campaign manager for multiple candidates, including a successful campaign for City Council in 2007.

Mrs. Bates was a woman who was truly loved by her community and worked hard for what she believed in. I am deeply saddened by her passing, which is more than a personal loss, but also a loss for the community that she fought for and inspired. Her selfless efforts will continue to be felt for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to Mrs. Bates' family and friends during this most difficult time. Her memory will live on and she will be dearly missed.

CELEBRATING THE 70TH
BIRTHDAY OF TAKAYOSHI OSHIMA**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American innovator and entrepreneur, Mr. Takayoshi Oshima. On the occasion of his 70th birthday, which he celebrated last month, I would like to take this opportunity to herald Mr. Oshima's many achievements in the field of business and technology—achievements that have helped establish Silicon Valley, which I am proud to represent, as the international center of IT research and development.

Born in Tochigi, Japan on September 17, 1941, Mr. Oshima moved to the United States with the support of generous benefactors to pursue an engineering degree at the University of Florida. He began his studies with little English fluency, but he studied hard and excelled academically, demonstrating early the

high standards to which he has held himself throughout his life. Upon graduating, he was recruited by ITT to work in Puerto Rico. Restless for new challenges and opportunities, Mr. Oshima returned to Florida to study business after which he joined the esteemed ranks of the technology industry's earliest and most promising pioneers. He worked for the legendary Fairchild Semiconductor company, where he and his colleagues like Dr. Robert Noyce, Dr. Gordon Moore, and Dr. Andy Grove helped start what today has become Silicon Valley. He would later take on senior technical, marketing, and managerial roles at Advanced Micro Devices and Ungermann-Bass.

Taki currently serves as Chairman and CEO of Allied Telesis Holdings KK which he founded in San Jose, CA in 1987. Internationally recognized for developing sophisticated data networks used in high performance and high reliability applications, Allied Telesis today employs over 2,400 people in 23 countries around the world. At 70, he remains committed to leading a company on the cutting edge of technological innovation. He is personally motivated to address some of our nation's most pressing challenges: improving health care, homeland security, and transportation through more advanced technologies.

Mr. Oshima has not only distinguished himself in engineering and business; he is also a respected leader in the San Francisco Bay Area's Japanese American community. He is a committed family man—a proud father to two daughters and one son and a doting grandfather to four grandsons.

As a fellow Californian, as a Japanese American, and as a friend, I am proud today to pay tribute to Mr. Oshima for his contributions to America's technological advancement and economic growth. Although his modesty would seek to convince you otherwise, Mr. Oshima is among Silicon Valley's most successful and transformative entrepreneurs.

Mr. Speaker, I thank and applaud Mr. Takayoshi Oshima for his outstanding achievements and his passion to discover and foster untapped potential in every frontier. He is a true American pioneer.

MS. MARIE PAGE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Marie Page, president of Marie Page Cleaning Services, for her entrepreneurial spirit. Ms. Page started her business in residential cleaning and janitorial service in 1989. She proved herself as a legitimate business owner through hard work and determination. Marie Page Cleaning Services LLC is certified by the State of Pennsylvania as a woman-owned business enterprise.

Ms. Page's company is affiliated with the not-for-profit organization, Cleaning for a Reason, through which Marie Page Cleaning Services provides free cleaning for women undergoing cancer treatment—something we should note during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Ms. Page shows her good heart as a business owner as she still offers compensation to her employees but donates the supplies and serv-

ices. Marie Page has made her presence known as a businesswoman as well as her community efforts. It is for these reasons that I commend her.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the efforts of this woman and her enterprising spirit in the face of adversity and in a difficult business climate. It is citizens such as Marie Page that make Northeastern Pennsylvania a wonderful place to live and work. As a former small business owner, I understand the concerns of starting a business, and Ms. Page has turned her start-up company into a successful and philanthropic organization that I am sure has a very bright future.

UNITED STATES-COLOMBIA TRADE
PROMOTION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, the free trade agreement between the United States and Colombia means jobs. If you are looking for bright spots in the U.S. economy, our trading relationship with Colombia is one of them. Even though we have been operating under a handicap to competitors like Argentina because of higher tariffs and duties, American exports to Colombia have been growing. Our exports last year were worth \$12.1 billion, up 26 percent, and the International Trade Commission estimates this agreement will increase exports by at least another \$1.1 billion.

Each of those exports supports jobs in the United States, not to mention jobs in the State of Alabama. Colombia is one of Alabama's best export markets in this hemisphere, and it is an excellent customer for high-value manufactured products like machinery and transportation equipment. Our former Governor Bob Riley demonstrated the importance of the partnership when he led a trade delegation to Colombia in 2009, and it is my view that this agreement will create even more opportunities for mutually beneficial trade.

Colombia is a strategic ally committed to a free market economy. Working together, our governments have made progress in addressing the scourge of narcotics. The Colombian government has also instituted major labor reforms, and the labor provisions in this agreement reflect the government's commitment to protect those rights. For the record, I am submitting information I received from the Colombian Ambassador to the U.S. regarding the Action Plan on labor protections.

The U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement will open up new avenues of cooperation between our two countries, and provide an immediate boost to our farmers, the textile industry, our energy industry, and our manufacturers to name just a few. It is a win-win agreement and I am pleased to support it.

THIRD PARTY VALIDATORS

COLOMBIA HAS ACHIEVED ALL OF THE ACTION
PLAN MILESTONES

September 15 Milestones: "Colombia continues to meet its milestones for the action plan."—Deputy USTR Miriam Sapiro, September 23, 2011.

June 15 Milestones: "The Action Plan is designed to significantly increase labor protections in Colombia, and we are pleased