

also at risk under these NAFTA-style trade agreements.

In Panama, a 2010 State Department Human Rights report notes that “the government lacked sufficient mechanisms to ensure that laws prohibiting employer interference in unions and protecting workers from employer reprisals were adequately enforced.”

We should not be entering into a trade agreement with a country that has yet to demonstrate its ability to uphold international standards for labor rights and financial regulation. We cannot afford to reward corporations for offshoring jobs and tax-evasion at a time of historic budget constraints.

Panama’s track record on fulfilling its promises is clear: just as it failed to adequately address its status as a tax-haven wonderland; it too has failed in its promise to adequately protect its workers from reprisals due to union activity.

JOBS LOSS UNDER NAFTA

It is undisputable that NAFTA has led to widespread job loss across this country. In a report titled “Heading South: U.S.-Mexico trade and job displacement after NAFTA,” EPI estimates that the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico totaling \$97.2 billion has displaced nearly 700,000 U.S. jobs. This number takes into account any jobs that were created through U.S. exports to Mexico. Like NAFTA, the Korea and Colombia FTAs are expected to result in the loss of over 200,000 jobs and increase our trade deficit by \$16.9 billion.

The majority of those jobs were in the manufacturing sector. Like Korea, much of our trade with Mexico is in the same industries that took a big hit under NAFTA.

We cannot have a strong economy without a strong manufacturing base. Any investments this Congress makes to rebuild our infrastructure and our domestic manufacturing sector would be significantly undermined by the passage of the three free trade agreements we are considering today. NAFTA-style free trade agreements that rapidly increase our trade deficit and lead to the further diminishment of our manufacturing employment base are not the answer.

“WHITE-COLLAR SERVICE JOBS” VULNERABLE TO BEING OFFSHORED

NAFTA-style trade policies are not just destructive to our domestic manufacturing and textile sectors. So called “White-Collar” service jobs are now some of the jobs most vulnerable to offshoring.

Alan S. Binder, a former Clinton advisor and member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve—and supporter of free trade—came up with a list of the top 100 jobs that are most likely to be offshored over the next 10–20 years as a result of our free trade policies. Those jobs include computer programmers, mathematicians, editors, actuaries and even economists. A 2007 paper by the Economic Policy Institute took the research one step further and found that the demographic most vulnerable to offshoring are persons with at least a four-year college degree.

Since the era of the WTO and NAFTA, U.S. wages have been stagnant and barely increased since 1973. Workers in the manufacturing sector displaced by our trade policies and looking for new work will be forced to go into service fields with even lower wages where jobs are not threatened to be offshored, such as in food service and hospitality.

Our \$776 billion trade deficit has already displaced hundreds of thousands of American

workers. It is time to end expansion of NAFTA to other countries. We have over a decade of evidence and the evidence is clear: this free trade model is damaging for our economy, our workers, the environment and for global economic security. It is time for fair trade, not free trade.

A TRIBUTE TO RITA COSBY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Ms. Rita Cosby, a charismatic New Yorker who’s energy and passion for her work is an inspiration to us all.

Prior to joining network news, Rita was an anchor/reporter for CBS affiliates in Bakersfield, California and Charlotte, North Carolina. During her tenure there, she broke numerous stories, reporting that Susan Smith drowned her young sons and that the father of NBA superstar Michael Jordan was murdered. Her investigative report inside a Tijuana, Mexico prison exposed government corruption and allowed an American, who was held unlawfully, to be freed.

Honors for the three-time Emmy® winner include the Matrix Award, Headliner Award and Jack Anderson Award for journalism excellence. She was also selected by *Cosmopolitan Magazine* as a “Fun and Fearless Female.” A recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Lech Walesa Freedom Award, she hosts the National Memorial Day Parade broadcast to all US military installations around the world.

A highly sought-after keynote speaker, Rita has talked to major groups all over America, including heads of state in Washington, D.C., ambassadors and foreign ministers at the United Nations, as well as for countless celebrity, charity and especially military/veterans events from coast to coast.

Her first book, *Blonde Ambition*, was a New York Times bestseller and called “The most talked about book in America” by *Extra*. Her second book, *Quiet Hero: Secrets From My Father’s Past*, is the most personal and important story of her life, as she uncovered an amazing history of heroism and courage involving her own father and shares the incredible journey in this highly acclaimed and poignant memoir. As a result, her father Richard Cosby, was awarded a special recognition by the Medal of Honor Society for his bravery. The book has raised money for the USO to help wounded soldiers and their families.

She has headlined veterans’ events with Admiral Mike Mullen, The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as well as with performers such as Tony Orlando and Charlie Daniels. Because of Rita’s “extraordinary journalism and exemplary service on behalf of her community,” October 11th, 2010 was officially named “Rita Cosby Day” in the State of New York.

Rita earned her bachelors’ degrees from the University of South Carolina, graduating with honors. She grew up in Greenwich, Connecticut and currently resides in the New York area.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Rita Cosby for her outstanding contribution to the fields of literature and journalism.

HONORING KAYE FLANAGAN,
LYNN KRAEMER GOLDFARB,
GAIL KELLY AND DONNA M.
LORING

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kaye Flanagan, Lynn Kraemer Goldfarb, Gail Kelly and Donna M. Loring on being awarded the 50th Annual Deborah Morton Award by The University of New England.

The Deborah Morton Award, first presented in 1961, was the first annual award in Maine to honor women who have achieved high distinction in their careers or whose leadership in civic, cultural or social causes has been exceptional. The award was named in memory of Deborah Morton of Round Pond, valedictorian of the 1879 class of the Westbrook Seminary. Morton was a teacher, dean, linguist, historian and prominent Portland civic leader whose service to the State of Maine spanned more than 60 years.

Kaye, Lynn, Gail and Donna all display the exceptional commitment to public service that Deborah Morton did. Their tireless efforts have improved the lives of thousands of Mainers from all walks of life. While their backgrounds and careers are diverse, their selfless devotion to their communities is a shining example to all of us. Their efforts are a testament to the legacy of Deborah Morton, and I wish them all continued success in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in recognizing Kaye Flanagan, Lynn Kraemer Goldfarb, Gail Kelly and Donna M. Loring for their outstanding commitment to the state of Maine and for the impressive example they set for Maine’s young women.

IN SUPPORT OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS, H.R. 3078, H.R. 3079, H.R. 3080

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Korea, Colombia and Panama Free Trade Agreements.

Mr. Speaker, global leadership is not attained with mere rhetoric; it is achieved, preserved and strengthened by demonstrating a commitment to action. Today, as the U.S. economy struggles through a prolonged period of slow-growth, our economic competitors are proactively engaged in eliminating or reducing barriers to their exports in foreign markets around the globe, especially in Asia and Latin America. If America intends to remain a global leader we cannot disengage from our critical strategic partnerships with Korea, Colombia and Panama.

Mr. Speaker, decades ago the U.S.-Korean partnership was forged on the battlefield. Soldiers from both of our nations fought and died together defending the freedom of the Korean people. Over the years, our relationship has flourished and Korea is now one of America’s most trusted allies in the world. A vote for this trade agreement is a representation of America’s ironclad commitment to Korea’s future

and a clear demonstration of our enduring friendship with the Korean people.

Colombia and Panama are two of the United States' most critical allies in Latin America. With our help, and aided by their own determination, these two countries have made remarkable progress. Mr. Speaker, these two trade deals will build upon the investments that we have already made in these two countries. Colombia has demonstrated—with concrete actions—a genuine commitment to protecting its own people from violence. The rapidly expanding Panama remains a critical strategic partner and a literal gateway to maritime commerce in the Pacific. These new trade deals demonstrate America's long-term commitment to Colombia and Panama.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support these Free Trade Agreements.

A TRIBUTE TO LORRAINE CANCRO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Lorraine C. Cancro for her outstanding work with Veterans in my Brooklyn District.

Ms. Cancro has been working with returning veterans for most of her professional career—gaining a specialization as a clinician in treatment of returning veterans suffering from Traumatic Brain Injury, TBI, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD. In this capacity Ms. Cancro has served many in her community that deal with this very serious disorder.

When Ms. Cancro is not dealing with individuals directly she contributes as a mental health editor for Exceptional Parent Magazine, writing articles on topics that include returning veterans who suffer from TBI and PTSD, and chronic pain among other disorders. These articles furthered her efforts to spread awareness of psychiatric disorders which impact the general population as well.

Ms. Cancro also serves as Director of the Global Stress Initiative, GSI, an affiliate of the International Committee against Mental Illness, ICAMI. Together with Emmy Awarding winning Anchor Rita Cosby, they have launched the American Heroes Tour, which is a fundraising arm of the GSI. The Tour will visit Major League Ballparks throughout the country and offer veterans, first responders, and their families' acknowledgement for their heroic efforts to preserve our freedom.

In response to those who suffer from PTSD, Ms. Cancro along with her colleagues spearheaded cutting edge research and treatment for TBI and PTSD. The tour culminated at the 11th Annual World Congress on Disabilities in Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 23rd and 24th, 2011. At last year's event in Dallas, Rita Cosby emceed the event and Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was the keynote speaker.

Ms. Cancro has a specialty in Journalistic advocacy and development of mental health programs for research and treatment. She is a member of the International Committee Against Mental Illness (ICAMI)—Association for Stress Disorders, The David Lynch Foundation's Operation Warrior Wellness, Autism Speaks and Fountain House, Mental Health Advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Lorraine Cancro for her contribution to the education and awareness of veterans suffering from the various disorders of service can create.

PRESIDENT & CEO OF JEMNI, INC.,
MARK ELLSON, OF WOODBURY, MN

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, this month, veteran business owners from across the nation are receiving special training through the National Center for the Veteran Institute for Procurement (VIP). Upon completion of this training, these veteran employers are equipped with the knowledge and skills to compete in the federal government contract process. Today it's my honor to recognize one of those veterans, President and CEO of JEMNI Inc., Mark Ellson, of Woodbury, Minnesota upon his graduation from VIP.

As a small-business owner, Mark brings more than 20 years of experience to providing services and products for his customers. Mark was a perfect candidate for the VIP certification because of his distinction as an Army combat and service disabled veteran and his dedication to hiring other disabled veterans. VIP invests in veteran-owned businesses because they know owners, like Mark, will strongly consider hiring and mentoring a veteran for future business growth. This VIP certification strengthens Mark's ability to secure federal government contracts that will grow his business, and in turn, increase job opportunities for veterans.

Mr. Speaker, Mark's dedication to veterans is admirable in every way and it is my sincere wish that the VIP certification will continue to create jobs for these heroes in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District and beyond. Please join me in congratulating Mark Ellson of JEMNI, Inc. on his graduation from the National Center for the Veteran Institute for Procurement.

UNITED STATES-KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, thanks to my good friend and Michigan colleague DAVE CAMP for his leadership on this issue. I come from the State of Michigan, where there is no single issue of greater importance than jobs and the economy.

The fact is hundreds of thousands of American jobs rely on exports, and promoting a robust trade agenda will only help bolster our economy and create more jobs. 95 percent of the world's consumers live outside of the United States, so opening up their markets for our manufactured and agricultural goods is a matter of common sense.

In 2010, U.S. exports totaled more than \$1.8 trillion, or 12.5 percent of GDP. Michigan

ranks 8th in the nation for the number of export-dependent jobs. In 2008, nearly 12,000 companies exported goods from locations within our state. And last year, Michigan export shipments totaled some \$44.5 billion.

The three pending free trade agreements are expected to increase Michigan agriculture exports by \$45 million per year—the agreement with South Korea alone will increase Michigan pork exports by \$4.5 million annually.

The medical device industry also stands to benefit greatly from these agreements. Demand for medical devices in South Korea is expected to grow by 10 percent each year, and the new duty-free status given to devices will give companies like Stryker, headquartered in my district, unprecedented access to that market. In fact, it is my understanding that medical device sales may increase as much as \$1 billion. This legislation finally allows us, the United States, to reverse course and export products rather than jobs. Isn't that a good thing? Of course it is!

By removing barriers to U.S. exports, American job creators will have significant new market access: that good news for business, jobs, and Southwest Michigan; and the entire country.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. DOUGLAS LAZZARO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Mr. Douglas Lazzaro for his exceptional service to Brooklyn and the Greater New York area in the field of corneal transplantation and other complex corneal surgeries.

Dr. Lazzaro, the Richard C. Troutman M.D. Distinguished Chair in Ophthalmology and Ophthalmic Microsurgery, serves as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at SUNY Downstate. Dr. Lazzaro received his MD degree and his residency training in ophthalmology at SUNY Downstate and then completed a cornea and refractive surgery fellowship at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital and Cornell Medical Center.

Dr. Lazzaro has been involved in residency training since 1994 and has served in a variety of roles since then. He was director of surgical training at the Kings County Hospital Center for a decade and has been its Chief of Ophthalmology from 2001 to the present time. This eye service is the largest in the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation and currently sees over 27,000 outpatients regularly. In addition to being responsible for the design of the clinic, Dr. Lazzaro has been serving as President of the Medical Board at Kings county since 2010.

The ophthalmology residency that Dr. Lazzaro directs is one of the largest in the United States and is recognized as one of the top training programs in the NYC area. Dr. Lazzaro serves on the board of the Eye Bank for Sight Restoration and the NY Society for Clinical Ophthalmology, and was recently elected to the NY Ophthalmic Laser Society.

Dr. Lazzaro has also been the recipient of many other awards including: Attending of the