

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PATUXENT RESEARCH REFUGE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 75th anniversary of the Patuxent Research Refuge—established in 1936 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the nation's only National Wildlife Refuge created to support wildlife research.

Over the past 75 years, the Patuxent Research Refuge has been the site of countless advances in wildlife and applied environmental research. Scientists working on the refuge have been international leaders in natural resource conservation and their work has improved the health of animals and humans alike. Pioneering work in the field of environmental contaminants undertaken at Patuxent served as the backbone of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* and research efforts at the refuge ultimately led to the banning of DDT.

Patuxent's research community has also made important contributions in the areas of migratory birds, wildlife population analysis, waterfowl harvest, habitat management, wetlands, coastal zone and flood plain management, endangered species recovery, urban wildlife, ecosystem management, and management of national parks and national wildlife refuges.

For those of us who live in this region, the Patuxent Research Refuge is more than a center for the advancement of science. It is an oasis in between two major cities—a site that gives all visitors the opportunity to immerse themselves in nature and reflect on the importance of preserving our environment. Indeed, among my proudest achievements in the Congress is helping to enable increased public access to Patuxent through the expansion of the facility from its original 2,670 acres to its present 12,841 acres.

I want to thank the staff and scientists of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Geological Survey for their continued efforts to preserve this marvelous asset and advance our understanding of our environment. And I urge my colleagues to join with me in congratulating all of those gathered at Patuxent this weekend to celebrate this important milestone.

EPA REGULATORY RELIEF ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 2250) to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators, and for other purposes:

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2250, the so-called EPA Regulatory Relief Act. This legislation is a special interest giveaway to a few big industrial polluters that won't create jobs but will expose American families to unnecessary and unacceptable health risks.

Despite the urgent need to create jobs and grow the economy, the House Republican majority is refusing to bring the American Jobs Act to the floor for a vote and instead, continues to bring up special interest bill after special interest bill for polluters who want to keep dumping toxic pollution into our air and water without consequence.

We have already seen Republicans grant power and cement plants the license to continue emitting mercury, lead, arsenic and other pollutants. With this bill, Republicans are now seeking to delay and indefinitely block the ability of the EPA to regulate mercury emissions from industrial boilers and incinerators. These rules were called for 21 years ago under the 1990 Clean Air Act and were to have been completed by 2000. According to EPA's analysis, delaying the current deadlines for cleaning up toxic pollution from the nation's largest industrial boilers and incinerators by three years, as called for by H.R. 2250, will result in 22,750 more premature deaths, 143,000 asthma attacks and over one million sick days. For the thousands of families living in the shadow of these boilers and incinerators, this bill will mean more neurological disorders, birth defects, learning disabilities, cancer and cardiovascular problems. Pregnant women and their developing fetuses and infants are particularly vulnerable to the deadly effects of mercury.

The Great Lakes Commission just issued a report finding that mercury levels have dropped by 20 percent thanks to the efforts of local and state governments working with power plants and incinerators to clean up their emissions. However, the report also notes that mercury levels still remain too dangerously high in most of the Great Lakes. All of Minnesota's lakes and streams have fish advisory warnings. This not only has real impacts for human health, but on jobs and our economy. The recreational fishing industry on the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior contributes more than \$10 million to our local economy. 1.4 million Minnesotans fish, generating more than 43,000 jobs and \$4.7 billion for our state economy. H.R. 2250 is certainly a job-killer for Minnesota.

The EPA estimates the cost of compliance for the boiler rule to be around \$3 billion annually while providing between \$17 billion to \$41 billion in benefits to the economy starting in 2014. Bruce Bartlett, former economic advisor to President Reagan, has noted that regulations were responsible for a minuscule 0.2 per-

cent of layoffs in 2010. Despite the evidence, Republicans continue to claim the economic necessity of discarding the health of our children and communities in order to protect a few bad polluters.

For over forty years, America has made tremendous bipartisan progress in cleaning up our environment while maintaining robust economic growth. We need to return to this tradition and refocus our attention on legislation that will actually address our pressing jobs crisis. I urge my colleagues to reject H.R. 2250 and stand-up for the health of American families.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF METROHEALTH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 175th anniversary of the MetroHealth System, one of the largest, most comprehensive health care providers in Northeast Ohio.

Founded in 1837 as City Hospital, MetroHealth has been providing care to the residents of Cuyahoga County as a not-for-profit, county operated, safety net health care provider. MetroHealth is committed to "responding to community needs, improving the health status of our region, and controlling health care costs." MetroHealth has also been affiliated with Case Western Reserve University for nearly 100 years.

MetroHealth is one of the three largest health care providers in Northeast Ohio and has the only Level I Trauma and Burn Center for Adults in the area. Additionally, in 1982, MetroHealth established its Metro Life Flight air ambulance service. Metro has more than 400 primary care and specialty care physicians that practice at its 14 medical facilities throughout Northeast Ohio. MetroHealth Medical Center provides care to more than 28,000 inpatients, delivers 2,900 babies, has more than 790,000 visits to its outpatient centers and 99,600 patients to the emergency department annually.

MetroHealth has been one of only 32 hospitals in the country to receive a 2010 Triple Gold Achievement Award from the American Heart Association's Get with the Guidelines Program for its treatment of coronary disease, stroke and heart failure. It has also been in the top one percent of hospitals in the Nation recognized with the Premier Award for Quality. MetroHealth has also been honored by Thomson Reuters as a Top 100 Hospital.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing all those who have made the 175th anniversary of MetroHealth System possible.

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TRIBUTE TO HOT GRILL

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention to the achievements of an outstanding small business, the Hot Grill in New Jersey upon reaching their 50th Anniversary.

It is only fitting that they be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known. Hot Grill has been a true asset and a part of the community in the City of Clifton for 50 years.

Under the ownership of Domenick Sportelli, an Italian immigrant, and Carmen LaMendola, the Hot Grill has become a community favorite that has drastically grown since its inception in October of 1961.

The Hot Grill started as a small establishment, with one long counter and roughly 20 seats. Thanks to the owners' dedication to quality and commitment to their community, the Hot Grill has undergone several expansions and has attained the ability to accommodate up to 160 customers on its premises.

One of the Hot Grill's accomplishments is its pioneering of the Texas Weiner, which many believe had its beginnings in Paterson, New Jersey. Texas Weiners, hot dogs with chili, have been served for over 40 years at the Hot Grill.

In 1996, Hot Grill celebrated their 35th anniversary and sold 60,000 hot dogs in just three days. Just five years earlier, it took four days to sell the same amount—proof of the business' growth and popularity.

Though it gained fame for its hot dogs, the Hot Grill is also noted for its homemade soups and chilis. Their chili, in fact, travels the world to countries as far as England and Italy.

The owners of this business consider the fact that they have now been serving three generations of the community's residents as one of their greatest achievements. The Hot Grill has been ranked as the "Number 1" Hot Dog in the Record Readers' Top 5 Survey, along with other enthusiastic reviews. Furthermore, it has been frequented by a number of celebrity personalities over the years, including the late President Richard Nixon.

The entrepreneurial spirit present at the Hot Grill is an example of the American Dream. Through hard work, they have demonstrated that businesses in our communities can thrive for generations.

Though the job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, few experiences compare to having the honor of recognizing the impressive accomplishments of local small businesses such as the Hot Grill in the City of Clifton.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Clifton, the Hot Grill, and its faithful customers in celebrating the great achievement of this outstanding small business upon reaching their 50th Anniversary.

VIOLENCE AGAINST EGYPTIAN PROTESTERS

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my outrage at the military government in Egypt which committed a horrendous act of violence against its own citizens last Sunday night, and at the state run media in Egypt which helped incite that violence.

Coptic Christians have lived peacefully in Egypt for millennia, but sadly in recent months Coptic churches and protestors have been targeted for violence by sectarian extremists. Sadly, it now appears that the government is playing a role in fostering this unrest, and attacking its own people.

Last Sunday more than 1,000 Copts gathered to protest a recent attack by Islamist radicals on a Coptic church in the country's south. While it's not clear why this protest turned violent, what we do know from video shot at the scene is that 26 protestors died after the military drove armored vehicles into the crowds.

Perhaps even more disturbing, state run media sources called upon other Egyptians to take to the streets to protect the military from the protestors. The actions of the media served only to heighten tension and create the increased likelihood that a peaceful protest would turn violent.

I applaud Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister Hazem El-Beblawi who submitted his resignation on Tuesday in protest over the government's actions. I am disappointed that Egypt's military government has refused to allow him to resign.

The end of the reign of Hosni Mubarak creates an enormous opportunity for Egypt to create a democratic society that respects the rights of minorities. In order to maintain international legitimacy and the support of the United States government, the Egyptian military must demonstrate a commitment to protecting Christians and others who have been targeted for violence.

TRIBUTE TO ADDIE CAMILLA BUTLER RUSH

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable constituent and entrepreneur on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Addie Camilla Butler Rush is a dear family friend and like a second mother to my brothers and me. Having lost my own mother at the age of 55, it gives me great joy to celebrate this special centenarian's birthday.

Addie Camilla Butler Rush was born on October 22, 1911. She was the 13th child of 15 children born to the late Richard and Adelaide Butler. She is one of two surviving siblings; her baby sister, Richmond Danny, is currently 94 years old. As a child, she was reared in the Tindal area of Sumter, South Carolina.

In 1937, Mrs. Rush began her study of Cosmetology in Roanoke, Virginia, and later com-

pleted her studies at Breland School of Cosmetology in Orangeburg, SC. She established Ambritt's Beauty Shop, better known as Rush's Beauty Shop on the south side Sumter in 1938. She was also trained in cake decorating, floristry, and millinery arts. She later opened businesses for all of her many trades. She is a true entrepreneur and had businesses in Pinewood, Camden (Mather Academy), Bishopville, Sumter, Manning and Timmonsville. Rush's Florist and Rush's Beauty Shop are still in operation today in Sumter.

Mrs. Rush briefly served as a State Cosmetology Inspector, but resigned to care for her young child. The beauty culture field included hair and makeup, and she was renowned for her skill in doing makeup for legs, which was a popular alternative to hosiery during the 1940s. She is a charter member of the Sumter Beautician's Club and is a current member emeritus.

Over the years, she earned numerous recognitions including: 1st Place winner in styling at the Bronner Brothers Hair Show (1960); Service Awards for SC State and National Beauty Culture League (1981, 1984, 1994, 1999); Super Achiever Award in Business and Community Service from Jehovah Baptist Church (1988); Women in Business Award, National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (1992); and honored as Grand Marshall for the Festival on the Avenue Parade (2010).

Mrs. Rush has always been very grounded in her faith. She has been a member of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church for eighty-nine years. She served on the Gospel Choir, Wide Awake Ministry, Missionaries, Church School, the Friendly Gospel Singers, and she is a founding member of the Golden Stars. She still faithfully attends the 7:45 a.m. Sunday service.

Mrs. Rush was blessed with one child, Dorothy Dean Rush Palmer. She has four grandchildren; Edmond L. Palmer, Yvette A. Palmer-Montsho, Floydean B. Palmer-McLeod, and Wygelia E. Palmer; five great-grands; Latoya, Addavia, Jamela, Quinton, and Jabari; and two great-great grandchildren, Javeon and Jada. She also has a significant number of god-children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in sending best wishes to Mrs. Addie Rush on her 100th birthday. She is an extraordinary woman with a generous spirit, a mind for business, and a heart filled with love and faith. I am proud to call her a dear friend and a member of my extended family.

WELCOMING AND HONORING THE EASTERN IOWA HONOR FLIGHT AND IOWA'S WWII VETERANS

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, next week, 90 Iowa veterans of the Greatest Generation will travel to our nation's capital. Accompanied by volunteer guardians, these veterans will travel to Washington, DC, to visit the monument that was built in their honor.

For many of these veterans, next Tuesday, October 18th, will be the first time they will see the National World War II Memorial. I am