

RECOGNIZING SUPERIOR
CHEVROLET

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 24, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, we need businesses to set up shop in our community to provide the goods and services that are needed in order for our citizens to survive and thrive on a day to day basis; and

Whereas, in 1969, Mr. Lamar Ferrell started Lamar Ferrell Chevrolet here in Decatur, Georgia, to service the citizens of DeKalb County, Georgia, and nearby communities; and

Whereas, when Mr. Ferrell passed away, the new owner Mr. Buddy Hyatt purchased the business and it has been family owned ever since under the name of Superior Chevrolet; and

Whereas, Superior Chevrolet continues to be a resource for citizens in DeKalb County and beyond with excellent service, providing employment opportunities and providing a product that "keeps America moving" contributing to the local and national economy; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia is officially honoring, recognizing and congratulating Superior Chevrolet on their forty-second (42) anniversary as a business anchor in our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim October 21, 2011, as Superior Chevrolet Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 21st day of October, 2011.

HONORING CONNIE DREGA FOR
HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 24, 2011

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to pay tribute to Connie Drega as she is honored by the Connecticut Democratic State Central Committee with one of their 2011 Women's Leadership Awards. Connie is the quintessential volunteer and has devoted countless hours to improving the quality of life in her hometown of Middlefield, Connecticut.

Each year, in the spirit of the late Governor Ella Grasso, the Democratic State Central Committee selects ten women whose extraordinary leadership and contributions have made a difference in their communities. The annual Women's Leadership Awards celebrate the innumerable ways in which women, through their work in the political arena, have helped to shape our communities.

Connie has been a member of the Middlefield Democratic Town Committee for more than thirty years and has been involved with the local Democratic Party for even longer. She is a past Treasurer and is always involved in their fundraising efforts. Be it the annual Baked Potato Booth at the Durham Fair,

a spaghetti supper, or organizing meetings and other opportunities for the public to discuss their issues with local leaders, Connie can always be found in the background, quietly ensuring that everything is in order and running smoothly.

At 84-years young, Connie is involved in almost every facet of the Committee's activities. Every month, she calls through the membership to remind them of meetings and she has served on the nominating committee, assisting in identifying and recruiting folks to run for local office. She herself served on the local Board of Finance for several years and today acts as the Deputy Registrar, another volunteer effort where she helps to ensure elections and referendums are conducted with the highest of integrity.

In addition to her work on the Town Committee, Connie is also very involved in her church, St. Colman's, as well as at the Middlefield Senior Center. She is also a member of the Middlefield Community Services Council, a group of local residents whose mission is to reach out and support those members of the community who are facing difficult circumstances. In fact, Connie was honored by the Durham-Middlefield Exchange Club with their Golden Deeds Award which recognizes "exceptional contributions by a resident to the betterment of our communities."

Connie Drega reflects the very spirit in which the Women's Leadership Award are given and I am proud to join her family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating her as she receives this very special and well-deserved recognition.

TRIBUTE TO DR. GEORGE MILLER

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 24, 2011

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to Dr. George Miller, who has announced his intention to retire later this year from his position as the Director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Dr. Miller has served his country honorably for nearly forty years as a scientist and leader within the nuclear security labs, and he deserves our thanks and praise for a job very well done.

Throughout his long and varied career, Dr. Miller's work has made our nation more secure in ways that are difficult to fully encapsulate. He has been a critical force in maintaining and reinvigorating the nation's nuclear deterrent, has applied his unmatched scientific skills and personal energy to develop innovative technologies to support U.S. warfighters, and has been at the forefront of efforts to reduce and respond to the threats of terrorism, cyber attacks, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

During his nearly 40 years of service to the nation at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Dr. Miller's greatest contributions came in his efforts to ensure the U.S. nuclear arsenal is safe, secure, and reliable. Early on in his career, Dr. Miller was a leader in the design of the B83 gravity bomb, which was a tour-de-force in nuclear weapons engineering. The requirements placed by the military on the B83 design were incredibly demanding: the

bomb had to hold a variety of targets at risk, be capable of being released from low-flying aircraft to avoid air defenses, and must survive impacts with any sort of irregular ground feature or structure at speeds up to 75 miles per hour.

Dr. Miller also led development of the W84 nuclear warhead, which was deployed on an Air Force ground-launched cruise missile during the 1980s. Intended for NATO deployment, the W84 included many advanced safety and security features that are still considered "best practices" in the nuclear weapons arena. These features include insensitive high explosives that will not detonate in an accident, a fire-resistant nuclear "pit" that mitigate the dispersal of radioactive fissile materials in the event of a fire, and advanced surety features to prevent unauthorized use of the weapon. Even today, the W84 is one of the safest and most secure nuclear warheads ever made. The deployment of the W84 on its ground-launched cruise missile helped foster the Soviet Union's willingness to sign the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, which dramatically lowered the number of—and threat from—nuclear warheads in Europe.

During his career, Dr. Miller initiated several programs to better understand nuclear weapon system performance at a more fundamental level. Motivated by intimate knowledge of nuclear weapon design issues gained through his experience as a design physicist for 16 nuclear explosive tests at the Nevada Test Site, Dr. Miller pioneered complementary above ground non-nuclear experiments to gain deeper insights into weapons physics phenomena.

Driving for greater scientific understanding of the physics underpinning the nuclear deterrent, Dr. Miller shepherded initiatives probing weapons physics using high powered lasers. By challenging the Lab's workforce to take advantage of laser capabilities coupled with advanced diagnostic techniques, he developed a new and highly stimulating training ground for weapons designers. Dr. Miller's innovation laid the groundwork for the highly successful program of high energy density physics experiments that continue to provide key data and understanding for the annual assessment and certification of the nuclear stockpile. Almost two decades after the first laser-driven weapons physics experiments, experiments on the National Ignition Facility (NIF) provided the final data needed to resolve "energy balance," a problem originally identified during the era of nuclear explosive testing that had remained an anomaly to weapons physicists for nearly 40 years.

As one of the architects of the Science-Based Stockpile Stewardship Program (SSP), Dr. Miller has provided national leadership and critical personal insight into defining and structuring a cohesive and multi-decadal national program to maintain the nuclear deterrent without nuclear testing. SSP brings together advances in experimental capabilities like NIF with tremendous computational capabilities to provide better understanding of the nation's nuclear stockpile. Since the 1990s, SSP has provided the foundation needed to ensure high confidence in the safety, security, and reliability of our nuclear weapons in the absence of integrated nuclear explosive testing. Dr. Miller's proven personal commitment to fundamental science in the service of national security has allowed the nation to maintain the deterrent without nuclear testing and enabled

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to meet an expanding range of national security challenges. The tools and highly skilled workforce enabled by SSP allows the Lab to support efforts to counter terrorism and nuclear proliferation, conduct in-depth analysis of foreign nuclear weapons programs, manage and respond to nuclear accidents and events, and contribute to the broader defense, energy, and health arenas.

In 2000, Dr. Miller was put in charge of the NIF construction project, which at that point was well behind schedule and over budget. Dr. Miller assembled a new management team with a new project execution plan, and put NIF on track for completion in 2009. As a result of his leadership, this NIF earned a project of the year award from the prestigious Project Management Institute, continues to meet its scientific and operational milestones, is now performing crucial experiments for SSP, and is enabling the U.S. to maintain global leadership in inertial confinement fusion research.

The nation is incredibly fortunate to have had Dr. George Miller's leadership, focus, and dedication to applying state-of-the-art science and technology to the nuclear security challenges of our time. His contributions will ensure the nation's next generation of nuclear scientists and engineers—already hard at work in the Lab and programs he helped shape—are ready to meet the challenges of the future.

RECOGNIZING GEORGE HOLTZMAN FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE GEORGIA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 24, 2011

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize George Holtzman for eighteen years of service to the Georgia Real Estate Commission.

A graduate of North Carolina State University, George is the Co-Owner and Broker of Coldwell Banker Holtzman in Hinesville, Georgia. George is also the President of the Holtzman Insurance Agency, Holtzman Real Estate Services, the Holtzman School of Real Estate, and All American Storage and U-Haul in Hinesville, Georgia. Previously, George has served as President of the Hinesville Area Board of Realtors and as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President of the Georgia Association of Realtors. George was later appointed by Governor Zell Miller to the Georgia Real Estate Commission, where he was elected Chairman.

In addition to his commitment to the Georgia Real Estate community, George has dedicated his life to helping others and serving the community. A United States Army Vietnam Purple Heart Recipient Veteran, George was presented the coveted United States Army's Patriotic Civilian Award for his continuous and unselfish support of the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield community. Additionally, George has served as a Military Liaison for the Hinesville Military Affairs Committee.

Throughout Mr. Holtzman's years of community involvement, he has served as the President of the Liberty County Chamber of

Commerce, President of the Coastal Empire Association of the United States Army, President of the Bradwell Institute Band Boosters, President of a local Rotary Club, and was also appointed to the Coastal Bank Board of Directors. This list of achievements is just a small representation of Mr. Holtzman's community involvement.

I congratulate George on his many years of service. He has devoted his life and time to helping others and continues to make invaluable contributions to the Real Estate community and the state of Georgia. I wish him many more years to come.

IN HONOR OF THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN EASTERN TURKEY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 24, 2011

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deepest condolences for the victims of the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that shook the eastern region of Turkey on Sunday and claimed the lives of nearly 300 people.

As I join my colleagues in Washington this week, my thoughts and prayers are with the families of Van who have lost loved ones, the children of Erzurum who have lost the security of their homes, and the courageous rescue workers who have risked their lives searching for survivors in unsteady rubble.

While it is regrettable that moments of chaos and tragedy bring nations closer together, I see the outpouring of support by Turkey's neighbors and allies to be testament to the loyalty demonstrated by the Turkish people year after year. May the destruction of this earthquake serve not as a representation of tragedies past, but as a reminder of the assistance Turkey has provided her neighbors when they have faced similar calamity.

In my privileged capacity as a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, I am proud to witness the deluge of disaster aid offered by countries near and far. It would bring me a great sense of relief to see that the victims of this natural disaster receive access to the aid offered by Turkey's neighbors.

In honor of Turkey's resilience and strength, I once again offer my most sincere sympathy and appreciation for the pain felt by the Turkish people.

SUPPORT OF H.R. 3080, THE U.S.- SOUTH KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 24, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3080, the U.S.-South Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

The Korean Republic is our seventh largest trading partner, and this agreement will have a significant positive impact on our GDP as well as on job creation.

The current average tariff for U.S. exporters is more than four times the average tariff that

our imports from Korea face—this agreement levels the playing field.

Despite some sectors' concerns with the agreement, the services sector—which comprises 93% of the jobs in my district—stands to benefit greatly, with increased market access and the creation of new jobs.

Nationwide, 80% of the U.S. workforce is employed in the services sector, with U.S. cross border exports of services to Korea totaling \$12.6 billion in 2009, while imports were \$6.4 billion, netting a U.S. services trade surplus of \$6.2 billion.

The Korea FTA provides U.S. service firms with increased market access, investor protections and regulatory transparency, which is vital for job creation in my district and the broader U.S. economy, which is why I vote in favor of the agreement today.

PROTECT LIFE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I find it unbelievable that our colleagues across the aisle could make the comments that they are making about the Protect Life Act. H.R. 358 takes away no protections from women in this country. It does not take away any rights from women. It is not extreme.

In fact, 77 percent of the people in this country are opposed to taxpayer funding for abortions. H.R. 358 makes it absolutely certain that we are not going to use taxpayer money to pay for abortions, even under what has become known as ObamaCare. This bill is not outside the mainstream. As the poll I referenced indicates, it is well within the mainstream. It is our colleagues across the aisle who have fallen outside the mainstream. They represent 23 percent of the people in this country who want to see taxpayer funding for abortions. That is by definition outside the mainstream.

And talk about dilatory—the whole point of order is dilatory. It is an effort on their part to simply bring up issues that are irrelevant. And in many cases, the points made are not true.

Our friends across the aisle say we should be dealing with the jobs bill. Well, Madam Speaker, let me point out to our colleagues that not one of them who spoke, not one of them who gave 1-minute on the jobs bill, have cared to be cosponsors of the jobs bill. The jobs bill, which President Obama has been asking the Congress to pass, was defeated in the Senate.

It was introduced in the House by one Member, and he even placed a caveat on the bill indicating that it was introduced "by request." That means as a courtesy to the President. No other Member across the aisle chose to cosponsor that bill. If they were so eager to get that bill passed, Madam Speaker, you would think that they would become cosponsors of the bill.

We are doing a lot on our side of the aisle to create jobs. We are doing our best to reduce spending and to reduce rules and regulations: that will create jobs in this country.

New spending by the Federal Government won't create jobs. We know that from the stimulus bill that was passed in 2009.