

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 16, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong opposition to any cuts to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, in this misguided Republican CR.

Mr. Chair, cutting LIHEAP would literally leave thousands of families and seniors in the cold.

My constituents in the 3rd congressional district and people across the country, are experiencing one of the coldest winters on record.

The number of households served by LIHEAP has skyrocketed in recent years, jumping from 5.8 million in fiscal year 2008 to a projected 8.9 million in fiscal year 2011.

In just this year alone, Massachusetts expects to see a 21 percent increase in the number of eligible applications.

And, to make matters worse, the cost of home heating oil continues to go up this winter. Since November, the cost of heating oil has gone from \$3.11 to \$3.58 a gallon.

This means that the average family living in New England is now paying about \$30 more for home heating than they initially expected at the start of this winter.

It is unconscionable that we would even consider cutting heating assistance at a time like this.

My Republican colleagues seem to have no problem supporting tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires but, when it comes to families and seniors struggling to heat their homes, they have no problem saying "so be it."

I understand that we need to reduce our deficit and long-term debt but doing so by literally leaving thousands of Americans out in the cold is exactly the wrong approach.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to oppose cuts to LIHEAP and oppose this CR.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

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the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this amendment.

NEA funding is an investment in the arts, but it's also an investment in communities and jobs. The arts have an incredible ability to enrich our communities and strengthen our cultural diversity, while positively impacting local economies and spurring billions in economic activity.

A strong arts sector is an economic engine that stimulates businesses, generating \$166.2 billion annually in economic activity, supports 5.7 million full-time jobs, and returns \$12.6 billion in Federal income taxes.

The NEA provides grants to communities across the country, supporting our national progress and scholarship in the arts. For each Federal dollar spent on the arts, it creates 9 dollars in economic activity for local communities.

The arts creates jobs in every Congressional District across the country. In Representative GARRETT's district alone, there are 2,042 arts-related businesses that employ 8,473 people, according to Americans for the Arts. And yet, Representative GARRETT is proposing to completely eliminate funding for the NEA, which will threaten jobs and businesses in his district.

The arts also generates tourism revenue. Arts audiences spend more than \$100 billion annually boosting local economies. Every year, 78-percent of U.S. travelers take arts and heritage trips with their families, contributing more than \$192 billion annually to the U.S. economy.

In my district, the 28th District of New York, we have impressive institutions that attract tourists from far and wide, like the Shea's Performing Arts Center in Buffalo and the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester.

Americans embrace the arts on a personal level. Both military and civilian populations have long relied on the arts for inspiration, to raise morale, to fight anxiety, and to express our democratic values.

This amendment represents the Republicans' commitment to killing jobs and stifling economic activity. It's flawed ideas like this one that have created zero jobs with a Republican Majority.

I strongly urge my colleagues to oppose this job killing, economy stifling amendment.

### HONORING DR. USHA VARANASI ON THE OCCASION OF HER RE- TIREMENT

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 17, 2011*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to offer special recognition to my constituent, Doctor Usha Varanasi, on the occasion of her

retirement as the Science and Research Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Northwest Fisheries Science Center, a position Dr. Varanasi has held since 1994, when she became the first woman to lead a National Marine Fisheries Service Science Center.

During Dr. Varanasi's 35 years of federal service as a research chemist and marine scientist, the Northwest Fisheries Science Center has made potent advances in the fields of ecotoxicology, molecular biology, genetics, and microbiology. Dr. Varanasi's multidisciplinary approach has produced innovative research and established the Center as a high-performing and internationally-renowned research institution. Throughout her remarkable career, Dr. Varanasi has furthered science and technology essential to wise fisheries management and marine resource preservation.

Dr. Varanasi began her career at NOAA pursuing breakthrough research on the effects of chemical contamination on marine organisms. Dr. Varanasi's research revolutionized the field. Her work led to the development of techniques to assess the impacts of oil-related pollution on fisheries resources. As a result, Dr. Varanasi and her team provided invaluable seafood safety evaluation during the Exxon Valdez oil spill, Hurricane Katrina, and the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Dr. Varanasi's research is recognized nationally and internationally. She has authored more than 150 peer-reviewed articles in journals including *Nature* and *Science*. She has edited two acclaimed books and her seafood safety editorial, *The Seafood "Dilemma"—A Way Forward*, has influenced policymakers broadly.

Dr. Varanasi's ongoing efforts have ensured that the Center's science is of the highest quality, providing the scientific underpinning for complex decisions that guide management of the Nation's marine resources. From careful monitoring of the West Coast ground fishery, to salmon recovery, to protection of the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales, and, finally, to crucial regional ocean governance structures, Dr. Varanasi has led the way. Her foresight and dedication have made possible new collaborations and effective partnerships that changed the way we approach fisheries management and marine resources preservation.

A generous colleague and mentor, Dr. Varanasi has served for many years on the faculties of Seattle University and the University of Washington. She has been instrumental in helping countless students to understand that the wisest policies come from the best science.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Varanasi's remarkable career has advanced substantially our understanding of marine life and its vital connections to our own existence. Her legacy of leadership and breakthrough research will inspire students, scientists, researchers, and policymakers for decades. I extend to Dr. Varanasi my congratulations on her outstanding

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achievements, my appreciation for her many years of exceptional public service, and my best wishes for her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 17, 2011*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague Rep. PATRICK MEEHAN (PA-7), to congratulate the Immaculata University women's basketball team on its record of outstanding accomplishment.

Immaculata University, located in Chester County, Pennsylvania, is considered to be the birthplace of modern college women's basketball. Known as the Mighty Macs, the Immaculata women's basketball team won three consecutive national college women's basketball championships in 1972, 1973 and 1974. These championships were the first college women's basketball championships played in the United States. The Mighty Macs also have the distinction of playing in the first nationally televised college women's basketball game as well as being the first college women's basketball team to compete outside the United States.

The Immaculata women's basketball team produced four All-Americans, Marianne Crawford Stanley, Rene Muth Portland, Mary Scharff and Theresa Shank Grentz. All members of the team are trailblazers and true American heroes who set the highest standards both academically and athletically, for not only women's basketball, but for women's and men's sports alike.

Mr. Speaker, I ask, along with Rep. PATRICK MEEHAN (PA-7), that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the Immaculata women's basketball team and, for bringing both tremendous pride to the citizens of Pennsylvania and inspirational change to American intercollegiate sport, ask that March 29, 2011 be known as Immaculata University Mighty Macs Day.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JOSEPHINE "JOSIE" AVILES

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 17, 2011*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of a dedicated civil servant, Ms. Josephine "Josie" Aviles. Josie has been committed to Homestead Air Reserve Base since 1984, working relentlessly to support and maintain the mission of the 482d Fighter Wing.

Josie has demonstrated genuine dedication as a Protocol officer, providing extraordinary assistance to each Group, Squadron, and Tenant organization. She is well known and admired amongst her peers for her expertise, excellent work ethic and selfless attitude.

Throughout her unwavering leadership, Josie directed the command staff after Hurricane Andrew destroyed Homestead Air Force Base in 1992; served as Administrative Team Chief for the fighter wing's first Operational

Readiness Exercise; and arranged events and conferences as the first Protocol officer. She has demonstrated a level of commitment to her country, community, and colleagues that deserves our sincere admiration and respect.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly honored to pay tribute to my friend Josie, a true leader who has dedicated her life to public service. As her colleagues, friends and family gather together to celebrate the next chapter of her life, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting this outstanding civil servant on this very special occasion. I wish Josie continued success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF FREESE AND NICHOLS

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 17, 2011*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Freese and Nichols, an engineering, architecture, and environmental science firm, and the recipient of the prestigious 2010 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in the small business category.

Overseen by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST, the Baldrige Award is the highest level of national recognition granted to organizations for performance excellence. Since its establishment in 1987, 86 organizations have received this prestigious award.

Freese and Nichols, Inc., FNI, traces its historical roots in Texas back to 1894, and has always been dedicated to the spirit of innovation. FNI's emphasis on approaching projects with a fresh and unique perspective allows them to push the boundaries with avant-garde solutions and to stay at the forefront of their field. From designing the first ever LEED certified building to their restoration projects to being conscious of their impact on our environment and striving to make the world a better and cleaner place for future generations, their commitment to responsible and sustainable development is evident. Their community service efforts and partnership with nonprofit organizations speak loudly of their belief in giving back and being good stewards of our local community.

I commend Freese and Nichols for their dedication to innovation and performance excellence; they are truly deserving of this great honor. Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Freese and Nichols.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CECIL L. ANCHORS, SR.

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 17, 2011*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Cecil L. Anchors, Sr.

Mr. Anchors was a pivotal community leader in the Northwest Florida community for dec-

ades. He grew up in Niceville, Florida and graduated from Niceville High School in 1936. After high school Mr. Anchors attended the University of Florida. His passion for the Florida Gators' storied athletic program was unrivaled.

Mr. Anchors was also a devoted patriot. After graduating from college, he returned to Northwest Florida to work at the Air Proving Ground at Eglin Air Force Base. When the United States entered World War II, Mr. Anchors volunteered for Army service. He served his country with honor and distinction in the European Theater, including at the famous Battle of the Bulge.

In 1948, Mr. Anchors was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okaloosa County, a position that he held until his retirement in 1976. Mr. Anchors was a leader in the community, and an innovator at the courthouse. He established the first computer system in Okaloosa County public offices and oversaw the construction of a new courthouse in Crestview, Florida.

A true local leader, Mr. Anchors was a charter member of the Choctawhatchee Rotary Club, the Rocky Bayou Country Club, and the Air Force Museum Board of Directors. He also served as the first elected Post Commander of the Niceville Chapter of the American Legion in 1945, as well as president of the Crestview Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Anchors played an active role in local, state, and national politics. He served as the Okaloosa County leader during President Kennedy's 1960 Presidential campaign; however, his fondest memories were of his time serving the people of Okaloosa County as the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

To some Cecil Anchors will be remembered as a patriot and a leader in the civic community. To others he will be remembered as a lifelong Florida Gator. To his friends and family, he will most fondly be remembered as a loving and devoted family man. His tireless work and immense contributions to Northwest Florida cannot be overstated.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to honor the life of Cecil Anchors, Sr., and his living legacy.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

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Mr. CARSON. Mr. Chair, as we continue to debate the Continuing Resolution and slowly whittle away funds for important programs, I rise to express my sincere regret over cuts to Community Health Centers.

In my State of Indiana, these health centers serve nearly half a million Hoosiers, and at a time when American families continue to struggle to afford basic healthcare, I believe this is not the time to defund this valuable program.