

help battle the problems that threaten the planet.

Our deficit is now a record \$1.5 trillion. Most suggestions about how to reduce the deficit require cutting government programs and discretionary spending. These kinds of cuts hurt American families and don't stimulate our economy. I propose that we instead shrink our deficit by looking to the currency market.

Every day \$4 trillion in currency is traded by the world's largest financial institutions in the foreign exchange markets. U.S. banks generated \$7 billion in foreign exchange trading revenue in the first three quarters of 2010. Much of this trading is purely speculative. The banks attempt to outguess the market and in turn, destabilize the economy.

The Investing in Our Future Act will place a microtax of just 0.005 percent on the currency trades conducted on or on behalf of U.S. financial institutions. This small tax would not be enough to disrupt the larger currency market but it could decrease speculative trades by as much as 14 percent.

The billions generated by this tax will be divided between deficit reduction and causes that will help us build a better world. Forty percent of revenues would be reserved for deficit reduction.

Ten percent of revenues will go into a Child Care Assistance Trust Fund. These funds will be used for subsidized child care here in the United States, where six out of seven children who qualify for subsidized care do not receive it.

Fifty percent of revenues will be evenly divided between the fight against climate change and world poverty. The Global Change Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Trust Fund will receive 25 percent of all revenues. Climate change destabilizes our world because it contributes to extreme weather, food shortages, and poverty. The other 25 percent will go into a Multilateral Global Health Trust Fund. This trust fund will support programs in poor countries that lack adequate medical infrastructure to treat and prevent diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDs and tuberculosis.

By contributing the revenues from this bill toward these causes, we will be investing in a stable and healthy future for our own country and others across the globe. I urge my colleagues to support the Investing in Our Future Act.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA GAINING A PERMANENT SEAT ON THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution in support of the Republic of India gaining a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council. Addressing a joint session of India's Parliament this past November 8, President Obama said that "the United States not only welcomes India as a rising global power, we fervently support it." I could not agree more. In recent years India has proven to be a solid and supportive ally of

the United States. As the international community looks to reform the policies and procedures of the Security Council, no nation deserves a seat at the table more than India.

As the world's most populous democracy—and second most-populous nation—India is an increasingly influential power, not only in its neighborhood in South Asia but also on the world's stage. India is one of the fastest-growing economies in the world, enjoys the second-largest labor force, and is rapidly becoming a major hub for high-tech industry, telecommunications, and automobile manufacturing. As a major export/import nation, India is an important trading partner for dozens of countries around the world.

India has a strategic role in addressing major global security issues, makes its participation in international decisions essential. Having already provided tens of thousands of troops for dozens of UN peacekeeping missions around the world, India has earned a permanent role for itself in security decision-making, global conflict resolution, and questions of war and peace. As a nation which has suffered more casualties from terrorism than almost any other, India's commitment to effective counterterrorism measures is aligned with the United States' goals, and India has proved an indispensable ally with respect to our efforts in South Asia.

Finally, India regularly participates in numerous regional and international organizations, including the G20, the World Trade Organization, the East Asian Summit, and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation. India has thus demonstrated a commitment to international dialogue and constructive engagement, and, indeed, enjoys good relations with most countries around the world.

Mr. Speaker, India is already a nation of great influence, respect, ambition, and ability, and a trusted member of the international community. An overwhelming majority of the United Nations General Assembly recently elected India to serve as the Asian regional representative to the Security Council. The permanent membership of the Security Council reflects the reality of global power in the immediate aftermath of World War Two—not today's 21st century reality of rising powers. As President Obama and many other world leaders have pointed out, India deserves a permanent seat on a reformed Security Council, where its voice and clout will be a much-welcomed and much-needed addition to the global security regime. I strongly applaud this effort and urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

HONORING BENEDICT COZZI ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to congratulate Benedict Cozzi as he retires after a career as an operating engineer and union leader that has spanned more than four decades. Ben has been a remarkable presence in Connecticut's labor movement

and I, like so many others, consider myself fortunate to have benefitted from his knowledge and friendship.

A native of New Haven, Connecticut, Ben entered Boston University after graduating from high school, but it would be the employment he found during his breaks from school where he would find his calling as an operating engineer and a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 478. He soon left Boston University and spent the next twenty years operating the heavy machinery of the trade—bulldozers, backhoes, graders, loaders, combination machines, and cranes on construction sites throughout Connecticut. It was hard but honest work that Ben enjoyed and he also became increasingly involved with Local 478, serving as the steward on many jobs.

Ben has served on Local 478's Governing Board for more thirty years. He held the positions of Treasurer, Secretary, Referral Manager, and Business Agent for New Haven and Middlesex Counties before being elected Business Manager—the union's highest elected office and a position which he has held for the last decade. Through it all, and particularly as Business Manager, Ben has fought for the rights of thousands of Connecticut operating engineers, ensuring that they had jobs to go to, fair wages, safe work environments, and secure retirement benefits. His work has held to secure the economic viability of his members and their families.

Ben's leadership in the labor movement extends far beyond Local 478. He has also served as President of both the Connecticut State Building and Construction Trades Council and the Building Construction Trades Council of New Haven as well as Co-Chair of the Connecticut Construction Labor-Management Council, and Vice President of the Connecticut AFL-CIO. His expertise has also been sought out by community boards that directly impact his membership including the New Haven Workforce Alliance and the Construction Workforce Initiative. Ben was also asked to sit on two state boards the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board and the Second Injury Fund Advisory Board.

Ben has also dedicated countless hours to community service, volunteering his time and energies on behalf of a multitude of service organizations in our community. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Easter Seals Goodwill Industries, a Board Member of the Advocacy Council of Yale-New Haven Hospital as well as the Connecticut Yankee Council of the Boy Scouts of America. When a project needs a hands-on approach, Ben is the person you turn to. He assembled a team of 300 to participate in a walk to benefit the American Heart Association, volunteers to build Hannah's Dream—a playground for children with special needs, and has been responsible for coordinating Building Trades volunteers to construct the annual Easter Seal's Fantasy of Lights at Light House Point during the Christmas season. The impact of his community service on the lives of others is incalculable and we cannot thank him enough for all of the generosity and compassion he has shown to those in need.

It is difficult to imagine what Local 478, the Building Trades, and our community will be like without Ben Cozzi. He has been a fixture in the labor movement and in our community for decades. Today, as he celebrates his retirement, I am proud to have this opportunity

to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to him for all of his good work. I have no doubt that even in his retirement, Ben Cozzi will continue to stay involved and make a difference. I extend my very best wishes to him, his wife, Elizabeth; his children, Jennifer and Christopher; as well as their grandchildren, John, Isabelle, and Diego for many more years of health and happiness.

REMEMBERING FRED FOSTER

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I bring to the attention of the House the recent passing of an outstanding public servant, civic leader, and local business owner in Front Royal, Virginia. Frederick P. "Fred" Foster died February 7 at age 74.

I had the pleasure of working with Fred on the redevelopment of the Avtex Superfund site in Front Royal. He was a tireless and passionate advocate for his hometown and county and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, I submit an article from the Northern Virginia Daily about the life of Fred Foster.

[From the *nvdaily.com*, Feb. 10, 2011]

FOSTER ACTIVE PART OF SOCIETY

(By Ben Orcutt)

FRONT ROYAL.—Frederick P. "Fred" Foster was remembered on Wednesday as a man who got things done.

Foster, 74, died on Monday at Winchester Medical Center. A jewelry store owner, former town councilman and civic leader, Foster was noted for his ability to tackle issues and see them through.

"Just his determination and vision," said his son, Philip T. "Phil" Foster. "When he saw something that he needed to do or that thought that needed to be done or identified a problem, he had the tenaciousness to see it through."

Phil Foster, 51, said his father had been ill for the past four years and was on dialysis daily. Foster said his father had chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and most likely died of a heart-related ailment.

"We haven't seen a death certificate or anything," Phil Foster said.

Fred Foster opened Fosters Jewelers at 130 E. Main St. in Front Royal in 1984. Phil Foster said he and his father were partners and they opened a second store in Winchester in 1987.

"We're going to miss him," Phil Foster said.

Others said Wednesday they will miss him as well.

Marvin "Cotton" Owens, 72, graduated from Warren County High School in 1956 with Fred Foster. Owens said the two were like brothers for a time and that Fred Foster gave him his first job as a teenager.

"He was one of the leaders in retail in Front Royal for many a year," Owens said of Foster. "There's so many memories. I guess his personality, his good humor. He thought a lot of this town. I don't know how many people knew it. He really thought a lot of Front Royal and wanted to do everything he could to promote Front Royal and make it a better place, especially for businesses."

William P. "Bill" Barnett will second that. Barnett said Foster was an integral part of the Citizens Economic Development Action Committee that tried to help turn around the economy of Warren County years ago.

Foster also was one of the main catalysts behind the redevelopment of the Avtex Superfund site, now known as Royal Phoenix, Barnett said.

"Fred was passionate about Front Royal and Warren County," Barnett said. "His passion was very [infectious]. His enthusiasm and his persistence were very instrumental in making an impact on the community, whether it was while he served on the Town Council or the redevelopment committee. When he decided to get involved in something, he got involved in it 100 percent and just gave everything he had. . . . We're going to miss Fred."

Craig Laird, owner of Royal Oak Computers on Main Street in Front Royal, agreed.

"Fred was a mainstay of Main Street," Laird said. "During the reconstruction of downtown in the mid 1980s, he was affectionately called the mayor of Main Street. He was a dear, dear friend and he will be greatly missed."

As president of Save Our Gateway, Laird also recalled when Foster was a member of the council in 2003 and deliberately missed meetings to help prevent the panel from having a quorum on a vote on Wal-Mart's commercial rezoning request on Strasburg Road.

"His bravery at standing up for his principles will also be remembered," Laird said.

Even though they were on opposite sides of the Wal-Mart issue, Councilman Hollis L. Tharpe, who served on the panel with Foster for two years, spoke highly of him.

"He was for the citizens," Tharpe said. "I don't think personally he ever had anything on his agenda, but every vote that he took, he took it the way he thought that the citizens would be best served. He was always available to talk to, whether it was town business or personal. He always had that big smile on his face even when he didn't like voting for something that he did."

Jean Plauger, owner of Jean's Jewelers on Main Street, also agreed about Foster's contributions, especially downtown. "A lot of things got done down here definitely because of Fred," she said.

"They call him the godfather of Main, the mayor of Main Street," she said. "Fred had a presence down here."

HONORING TWIN SISTERS HELEN ASHE AND ELLEN TURNER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to honor two of the most beloved people in my District.

Twin sisters Helen Ashe and Ellen Turner have been serving the homeless and winning over hearts in the City of Knoxville since they founded the Love Kitchen in 1986.

The Love Kitchen served just 22 meals the day it opened, but 25 years later, it now serves more than 2,000 meals each week to the homeless and homebound.

I have known Helen and Ellen for many years, and they are the kindest, most gracious and selfless people I know.

They live their life by the Love Kitchen's slogan: "Everybody is God's Somebody."

Over the years, their hard work and devotion to the less fortunate stoked the volunteer spirit of one of this Nation's great cities and turned the pair into local celebrities.

As the holidays near, it has become tradition to see Helen and Ellen on local television

pleading for help so that no one in need is turned away. And the good people of East Tennessee always deliver, donating supplies and offering volunteers in droves.

In fact, a few years ago my wife Lynn volunteered at the Love Kitchen, and she will never forget the experience.

Helen and Ellen always exercise a remarkable humility, redirecting any deserved attention showered on them back to the Love Kitchen and those it serves.

Today, they were guests on The Oprah Winfrey Show, and I am so thrilled and thankful that Ms. Winfrey took notice of these extraordinary sisters. Now, millions more outside of Tennessee have been touched and hopefully moved to similar community service by their story.

Reflecting on her upbringing as the daughter of a share cropper, Helen told the Knoxville News Sentinel in 2008, "The three truths daddy taught us were: There is but one Father, and that is the Father in heaven. There is but one race, and that is the human race, and he taught us not to take the last piece of bread from the table, because somebody may come by that is hungry."

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in recognizing Helen Ashe and Ellen Turner for their compassionate, life-long devotion to community service and unwavering faith in God.

On the occasion of their appearance on The Oprah Winfrey Show, I request that the Knoxville News Sentinel article celebrating their service to Knoxville be reprinted in the RECORD below.

[From the Knoxville News Sentinel, Dec. 31, 2008]

DRINNEN: "EVERYBODY IS GOD'S SOMEBODY"

AT THE LOVE KITCHEN

(By Beth Drinnen)

"Everybody is God's Somebody." That's the slogan at The Love Kitchen in East Knoxville, and from the moment you walk in the building, you start to feel it. Complete strangers greeted me with smiles and a couple of "good morning, honey's," as I was wrapped in warm, welcoming hugs by both Helen Ashe and her twin sister, Ellen Turner, founders of The Love Kitchen.

Helen and Ellen were born in Abbeville, S.C. Their parents were share croppers. "We've been working since we were 8 years old," said Helen proudly. "My sister and I used to wash dishes for a contractor. He built a little step so that we could reach the sink easier. We made 50 cents a week," she said as she looked at Ellen and smiled.

The sisters moved to Knoxville in 1946 when they were 18 years old. "That's what our parents gave us as a graduation gift," said Ellen. "Our parents saved up a little bit of money and we were to choose where we wanted to live." They chose Knoxville because their favorite aunt, one of their father's sisters, Eva Icem, lived here.

"The three truths that my Daddy taught us were: There is but one Father, and that is the Father in Heaven. There is but one race, and that is the human race, and he taught us not to take the last piece of bread from the table, because somebody may come by that is hungry," said Helen.

People going hungry had always weighed on Helen's mind. "Every single day I would tell Ellen, 'One day, I'm going to do something about it.'" Ellen nodded her head.

"One night," Helen began, "I had a dream . . ."

Ellen quickly interrupted. "No, you let me tell that," she said, her eyes shining. "We