

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTIN HEINRICH

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, on July 31, 2012, I unfortunately missed three votes, which included rollcall Nos. 537, 538 and 539.

If I had been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 537.

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EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS
ON GOVERNANCE OF THE INTERNET

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join Representative ESHOO, Representative BONO MACK, Representative UPTON, and Representative WALDEN as an original co-sponsor of this resolution.

The Internet has been a unique and powerful driver of social and economic progress. A critical element of that success has been the open manner in which the Internet is governed. Rather than relying on centralized control by governments, the Internet instead adopts a multi-stakeholder model in which all who have an interest can have a voice in the Internet's operation.

Lately, however, the multi-stakeholder model towards Internet governance has been under assault on the global stage. In a few months at the World Conference on International Telecommunications in Dubai in December, the International Telecommunication Union may consider proposals that could fundamentally alter the way the Internet operates. Some of these proposals, if adopted, would undermine the successful decentralized approach to Internet governance and impose a government-controlled management regime, thereby threatening citizens' access to content and information via the Internet as well as the global free flow of information online.

We cannot allow this to happen.

The Obama Administration has worked diligently to ensure that the Internet remains a tool for the global dissemination of ideas, information, and commerce. In doing so, the Administration continues the work of previous Administrations of both parties in protecting a global open Internet as a tool that benefits citizens around the world.

In May, the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing to examine proposals that would change the Internet governance model.

At that hearing we heard from witnesses from the Administration and experts with a long history of working on issues relating to Internet governance. The witnesses all agreed that the United States must continue to resist

any proposals that would undermine the multi-stakeholder model. Their testimony reinforced my belief that Democrats and Republicans in Congress must stand united with the Administration in its efforts to resist proposals that would undermine the existing multi-stakeholder approach.

I am pleased that so many Democrats and Republicans have signed on as co-sponsors of this resolution.

This large, bipartisan coalition of co-sponsors demonstrates that there is support across the political spectrum for continuing the multi-stakeholder model that allows the Internet to thrive. We urge the Administration to continue to resist international efforts to allow greater government control of the Internet, and I urge my colleagues to vote for this resolution.

RECOGNIZING FLEX-A-LITE ON
THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Flex-a-lite company, a Fife, Washington manufacturer for their 50 years of American manufacturing. The company has continuously set itself apart from its competition in the automotive industry by promoting strong domestic sales and rarely outsourcing manufacturing abroad.

Eddy Davis, along with his son-in-law, Rainer Willingham, founded Flex-a-lite in 1962. The company dramatically changed the automotive world, by inventing the very first flexible fan created from hand-cut fiberglass roofing material. In 1978, the founders patented the first electric fan and three generations later, the company continues to prosper.

The current president of Flex-a-lite and granddaughter of Eddy Davis, Lisa Chissus, has said that the business has been able to overcome hardships during tough economic times because Flex-a-lite remained loyal to three key factors: innovation, quality, and smooth succession.

The company has consistently produced new, innovative products and continues to bring new ideas to the table. Flex-a-lite takes great pride in their top quality products that are made and sold in the United States. It is clear that the business's family-owned values have helped to successfully guide the company for a half century.

Mr. Speaker, it is with honor that I recognize the Flex-a-lite company. I am confident that Flex-a-lite will flourish for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT INGRAM,
BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Robert Ingram, who is retiring as Presi-

dent and CEO of the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance. Under his leadership Baldwin County became the top "micropolitan statistical area" in the state and the 27th out of 576 in terms of economic strength ratings for the United States.

Robert's record in economic development is considerable. He is a Past Chairman of the 17-state Southern Economic Development Council, and in 2001, 2003, 2006 & 2007 received the organization's highest award, the Chairman's Award of Distinction. Robert is a past president of the Mississippi Jaycees, past National Vice President of the United States Jaycees, and past International President of the University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association. He previously served as President of the Mississippi Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and President of the Mississippi Economic Development Council. Robert holds the Professional Community Economic Developer designation, is a graduate of the Community Development Institute, and served on the National Board of Directors of CDI. In 2010, he was named by Janus Economics, an international economic development consulting firm, as the first Janus Fellow, in recognition for his service to the profession.

Robert has also served as Senior Vice President of Economic Development for the Metro-Jackson Chamber of Commerce, has coordinated the marketing/recruitment effort of the three-County, Metro Economic Development Alliance, served as President/CEO of the Greenwood/Leflore Industrial Board and served as Economic Development Assistant to the President of the University of Southern Mississippi. Robert holds both a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Business Administration from Southern Miss.

On the volunteer side Robert has served as president of a chamber of commerce and chairman of an economic development foundation. In the private sector he has been a senior business developer and commercial lending officer in a major financial institution and made multi-million dollar business loans. In the public sector he has worked in economic development for the State of Mississippi and has created a comprehensive county economic development agency and 501(c) 6 subsidiary "from scratch". He also served as Mayor of the City of McComb, Mississippi, where he both reorganized local government and helped consolidate local economic development agencies. On the entrepreneurial side, he was one of seven organizers and a charter director and officer of Pike County National Bank.

In his current position, Robert oversees the day to day operation of the Alliance and works closely with private and public sector leaders on countywide and regional community/economic development related issues critical to the future of south Alabama. Robert was active in the regional work of the Coastal Recovery Commission and currently serves on the Board of the Coastal Alabama Leadership Foundation.

On behalf of the people of Alabama and my colleagues in the Alabama Delegation, I would like to extend my personal appreciation to Mr. Ingram for his service to Alabama's past, present, and future through his leadership with the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance.

HONORING CHRISTA HARMOTTO
OF THE USA OLYMPIC TEAM

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Christa Harmotto, an outstanding athlete selected to the United States Olympic Team from the 9th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. Ms. Harmotto's Olympic Volleyball side has done very well to this point of the competition, and has earned an undefeated record following their first three matches in their group.

Christa Harmotto was brought up in Hopewell Township, PA where she excelled at sports from a young age. In high school, as a multiple year letterman for volleyball and basketball, Christa won the Pennsylvania Gatorade Player of the Year. She then transferred her high school success to that at Penn State, where she chose to continue her pursuit of volleyball. Her student athlete career was one of great success and achievement, as she acted as an integral member of a two-time national championship team, while simultaneously attaining All-American status for four straight years. A prominent figure on the squad as a middle blocker, Christa makes her Olympic debut in 2012. I am positive she will continue to fight valiantly and work hard for her side in their journey to win the gold medal.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate this Olympic hero of Pennsylvania's 9th district. With her effort and determination, this young lady is destined to do great things for our country and the 9th district of Pennsylvania. I am very proud of her hard work and determination to win for the United States Olympic Team, and will continue to track her team's success throughout the duration of their competition. I hope you join me in wishing Christa and the rest of our Olympic athletes well in their respective competitions at this year's Games.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 537 due to a travel delay stemming from yesterday's inclement weather, I was unable to cast my vote on this legislation.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

CRITICAL PATH INSTITUTE

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Critical Path Institute, a non-profit organization based in Tucson, Arizona, that plays an important role in helping to improve the way that much-needed drugs are brought to the market.

Critical Path, or C-Path, was founded six years ago by the University of Arizona and the

U.S. Food and Drug Administration. It is not affiliated with any single entity or interest group—a status that allows C-Path to serve as an effective and objective facilitator among scientists from the government, academia and the private sector.

C-Path was founded after the FDA called attention to an alarming decline in the number of innovative medical products being submitted for government approval. The FDA cited the need for applied research to bridge the gap between basic scientific research and medical product development.

Since then, C-Path has worked with scientists from academia as well as biotechnology companies, the government and the pharmaceutical industry to develop innovative new testing methods. This enables life-saving drugs, devices and biological products to reach patients faster and with proven safety.

Developing effective drugs and medical devices is a lengthy and expensive process—even under the best of circumstances. It is a process that can take more than 12 years and cost \$1 billion in laboratory research and testing. About 95 percent of new compounds fail during development.

C-Path has demonstrated that public/private partnerships focused on noncompetitive consensus science have the capacity to provide new tools so drug developers can speed important new medicines from discovery to patients more quickly.

C-Path was founded by Dr. Raymond L. Woosley, who stepped down as president and CEO earlier this year. He was succeeded by Dr. Carolyn Compton, an internationally respected scientist with extensive experience in translational science and personalized medicine.

I am proud to recognize the Critical Path Institute, based in Tucson, Arizona, for its important role in improving the way that researchers, academia, the private sector and government work together to bring needed medical advancements to the people who need them.

C-Path has shown us what is possible when we work in partnership and collaboration to solve important national concerns.

IRAN THREAT REDUCTION AND
SYRIA HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, the Iranian nuclear threat is a daunting and dangerous challenge. With Iran stalling diplomatic talks, adding enrichment centrifuges, and continuing work at unmonitored enrichment sites, there is frustration and alarm that time may be running out. But time has not run out and if we are to avert a military confrontation with Iran over its nuclear weapons ambitions, we must make use of every opportunity to pressure Iran to change course. This bill achieves that goal with sanctions that are deeper and stronger than any we have ever seen.

Without a doubt sanctions against Iran are having a powerful impact. In the last year alone, exports of Iranian oil have dropped by sixty percent. The value of Iran's currency has

plummeted by more than one-third. Full tankers are idling in Iranian harbors unable to sell crude in the world market. Although Iran has attempted to work around the sanctions by re-flagging vessels and hiding transactions, the shell game isn't sustainable. Sanctions announced by President Obama in recent days and weeks and those authorized in the bill before us today will tighten the grip.

Our message to Iran is loud and clear—there is no escaping accountability. The consequences of defying the international community and continuing an illegal nuclear program are severe and they will be gravely worse if the Iranian government continues on its current course.

This bill is our third round of congressional sanctions legislation since the Obama Administration successfully galvanized U.N. Security Council support for multilateral sanctions against the Iranian nuclear program in June 2010. Together with sanctions enacted in July 2010 and December 2011, the sanctions in the bill before us today reinforce the message to countries, companies and financial institutions that now is not the time for business as usual with Iran.

The bill gives the Administration an array of new tools to shore up international resolve. It has sharp enforcement mechanisms to help enlist other countries in the effort to starve the Iranian nuclear program of cash flows from Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, the National Iranian Oil Company, the National Iranian Tanker Company, and other Iranian banks, businesses and government entities being used to funnel money into nuclear activities.

The bill also expands sanctions against Iranian and Syrian officials responsible for human rights abuses by using electronic monitoring and tracking of regime opposition and specifically targets the paramilitary organizations that have been most insidious in terrorizing democracy activists.

But what this bill does not do is authorize war with Iran. In fact, the bill explicitly says so. I want to underscore that point, because the motivation of the sanctions is to pressure Iranian leaders to abide by the International Atomic Energy Agency's demands and negotiate in good faith and to avoid a military escalation.

As President Obama has stated clearly, the United States does not have a policy of containment. All options are on the table if Iran does not change course. By passing this legislation we will continue to leave no stone unturned in our determination to try and achieve a diplomatic resolution to this crisis.

HONORING MR. JOE HECKSTALL

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Georgia State Representative Joe Heckstall on the occasion of his retirement from the Georgia General Assembly. For thirty-one years, Joe has served the people of Georgia, first as a City Councilman for the City of East Point, Georgia and then as a State Representative from Georgia's 62nd House District. These many years of public