

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH
ANNIVERSARY OF TEICHERT, INC.

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Teichert, Inc. and its employees as the company celebrates its 125th anniversary. For well over a century, this company has enabled the Sacramento region to grow and prosper into the wonderful place it is today. As Teichert's management, staff and business partners gather to celebrate the company's 125th anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Teichert, Inc. and its rich history.

Beginning with its inception in 1877, the company has truly captured the spirit of the American Dream. Its founder, Adolph Teichert emigrated from Germany with little more than a keen eye for outstanding craftsmanship and an unyielding drive to succeed. Adolph was soon hired by California Artificial Stone Company to supervise various construction projects, including laying concrete pavement around some of California's most recognizable landmarks, such as Golden Gate Park. Adolph then started his own construction firm and would become a pioneer in Sacramento's business community.

Over the next few decades, Adolph's small business progressively expanded into a multifaceted corporation that is responsible for many of Sacramento region's highways, neighborhoods and iconic pieces of infrastructure. In 1912 the company became known as A. Teichert and Son when Adolf's son joined its ranks. Since its founding, Teichert has maintained its roots as a family business. Its current CEO, Jud Riggs is the 4th generation Teichert to lead the company and Fred Teichert leads the Teichert Foundation. The 5th generation of Teicherts are dutifully at work within the company's ranks.

125 years after its founding Teichert, Inc. is the proud holder of the State of California's oldest active contractor's license, license No. 8. The company has led a wide array of Northern California's most significant construction projects, varying from the construction of the Sacramento Weir in 1918 that has kept Sacramento safe from flooding to being an integral part of the team that built Sacramento International Airport's beautiful new state-of-the-art Terminal B, which opened in 2011 and now welcomes travelers to California's capital city.

The company's values of "building," "trust," and "tradition" have helped sustain the company in good times and bad. The company has grown to include Teichert Construction, Teichert Materials, StoneBridge Properties, and Teichert Foundation embracing construction, aggregate production, real estate development, and charity.

By encouraging employee philanthropy and honoring their commitment to the region, Teichert has created a special bond with the people of Sacramento. Above all of their industrial efforts, the company is celebrated for the charitable reach of the Teichert Foundation. The foundation's work is evident in many aspects of the Sacramento area, including the Boys and Girls Clubs' location in Lemon Hill that carries the Teichert name.

Mr. Speaker, as the leadership and employees of Teichert, Inc. come together to celebrate the company's 125th anniversary, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their dedication to building the infrastructure that has made Sacramento what it is today. I am confident that the company's dedication to the Sacramento community will stand for generations to come.

HONORING COLONEL SAMUEL "BO" MAHANEY UPON ASSUMING COM- MAND OF THE 452D AIR MOBIL- ITY WING, MARCH ARB

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations and good wishes to one of the members of our armed forces, Colonel Samuel "Bo" Mahaney, who put in exemplary service as a Military Fellow in my office and who will soon assume command of the 452d Air Mobility Wing at March Air Reserve Base, California.

It is true, Mr. Speaker, that we in this body are proud of every brave member of our military. Their service to our nation deserves recognition every day, and their sacrifice deserves our gratitude and honor no matter where they are posted or what their rank or station.

But as a former Fellow, Col. Mahaney became a highly valued member of my staff, and he and his wife Chris became a part of the extended "Lewis family." It is especially delightful to be able to congratulate Bo on his Assumption of Command of the Air Mobility Wing at March, which is near my Redlands home and congressional district in the Inland Empire of California.

Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues will agree that the Military Fellows program is an outstanding example of a collaborative venture that helps Congress better understand the Pentagon, and helps the military become familiar with the ways of the legislative branch. After an intense selection process, 100 young men and women are assigned by the services to join a congressional office or committee for a year of service. These are some of the Pentagon's brightest young officers, and the expertise they provide Congress is invaluable.

While I served as chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and later as Committee Chairman, I was honored to have the aid of six Military Fellows: Army Colonel Craig DeDecker, Marine Corps Colonel Michael Reilly, Marine Corps Colonel Carl Kime; Army Colonel Chris Gibson; Air Force Colonel Bo Mahaney, and Air Force Colonel Anthony "Awgie" Genatempo. All have gone on to distinguished commands and careers—and one of them, Chris Gibson, is now one of our colleagues from New York!

Colonel Mahaney was commissioned in July 1985 as a graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). He was a B-52 electronic warfare officer and commanded a KC-10 aircraft, amassing over 5,000 flying hours over the years. His academic training includes a Masters Degree in Public Administration and a law degree, as well as time as a Harvard National Security Fellow and a

Georgetown Legislative Fellow. He is a licensed attorney and an adjunct professor at Georgetown University School of Law. He has received the Meritorious Service Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, and many other medals for outstanding service and accomplishments.

Colonel Mahaney assumed command just last year of the 459th Air Refueling Wing at Joint Base Andrews outside of Washington, D.C. In that short time, he has led the wing to top marks for operational readiness and received high praise from commanding officers.

He is now moving to take over command of the 452d Air Mobility Wing, which includes a C-17 "Globemaster III" flying squadron and two KC-135R "Stratotanker" flying squadrons as well as numerous support squadrons. March Air Reserve Base provides air refueling to Air Force, Navy and NATO aircraft as well as rapid delivery of troops and all types of cargo in times of war and national emergency to anywhere in the world. The base creates a total economic impact of \$522 million in the local area. More than 8,500 people work there.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud and honored to have been able to contribute to the distinguished career of Colonel Bo Mahaney, and I am delighted that he and Chris will soon be neighbors in the Inland Empire. I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating him on his new command, and expressing our gratitude to all of the exceptional men and women of the armed forces who have served us so ably in the Military Fellows program.

HONORING THE WASHINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE MEETINGHOUSE

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. BASS of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 225th birthday of the Washington, New Hampshire Meetinghouse on August 11, 1787. In 1752, Governor Jonathan Belcher granted a charter to the settlement that was later established as the town of Washington, New Hampshire—named for our first president, George Washington.

The original charter decreed that "a Convenient Meeting house be built." The colonial-style, wooden structure henceforth erected has remained largely unchanged in both appearance and purpose. Although a tower was added in 1825, the meetinghouse retains its original exterior. Inside, the building has adapted to the community's needs, continuously serving as church, cultural center, school, and Town Hall for over two centuries.

The meetinghouse is a foundational establishment, fostering the civic growth of Washingtonians who have contributed to both our state and nation through their work as service members, small businessmen, farmers, educators, lawyers, ministers, and doctors. Merging its natural beauty with its dedicated and lively community, the town of Washington is truly representative of the best qualities of the State of New Hampshire.

Mr. Speaker, I join the people of the Granite State in congratulating the town of Washington on the 225th birthday of its Meetinghouse. This tribute celebrates the history and birth of

political discourse in the United States with Meetinghouses, and honors these institutions as symbols of American freedom and independence, whose creation and preservation are reminders of the founding of our country.

IRAN THREAT REDUCTION AND SYRIA HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1905.

Today, it is vital that the U.S. sends a strong message to the Iranian government.

A nuclear capable Iran is our greatest security threat in a region currently defined by conflict, chaos, and uncertainty.

We must prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons through any and all means necessary.

There needs to be strong economic sanctions and focused diplomatic efforts.

As a nation it is also essential to prepare a strategy in the event that sanctions and diplomatic efforts are not successful.

Allowing Iran to become a nuclear threat is not an acceptable outcome.

That is why we must pass H.R. 1905, which increases the economic pressure on Iran's leadership to abandon their illicit efforts to develop a nuclear weapon.

Iran has the power to threaten and provoke regional allies without consequence.

We must stand with our allies in these dangerous and challenging times to prevent a nuclear capable Iran.

We must pass H.R. 1905 before it is too late for sanctions and diplomacy to reduce the Iranian threat.

RECOGNIZING ED WENZEL AND HIS HONOR FROM THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR TRUST

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ed Wenzel for his passion, effort, and success in preserving our nation's historic Civil War battlefields. Mr. Wenzel recently received an honor from the national Civil War Trust on behalf of his preservation efforts for a Civil War battlefield site in Chantilly, Virginia. The Ox Hill Battlefield Park was dedicated in 2008 thanks in large part to the tireless efforts of Mr. Wenzel.

Mr. Wenzel spent 22 years working to preserve the grounds on which the Battle of Chantilly—referred to as the Battle of Ox Hill by the Confederacy—occurred on September 1, 1862. It was during this battle that the Union army lost commanders Major General Philip Kearny and Major General Isaac I. Stevens, but it ultimately succeeded in slowing General Stonewall Jackson and the Confederacy's advancements and ended the Second Manassas campaign. In 1915, monuments were built in commemoration of both

Major Generals Kearny and Stevens on the site.

During my tenure on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I was proud to work with Mr. Wenzel and members of the Civil War Roundtable to raise awareness of the County's Civil War heritage, to erect new historic markers, and create a new five-acre public park highlighting the monuments and the battle significance in the history of our County and our Country.

Additionally, Mr. Wenzel played a major role in the Save the Battlefield Coalition, which successfully opposed construction of a shopping mall at Manassas battlefields in 1988, and he was a founding board member of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ed Wenzel for his most recent accolade and in thanking him for his tireless pursuits to protect such important aspects of our Nation's rich history.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL PETE DEROUIN

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a fellow Oregonian and good friend, Lieutenant Colonel Pete Derouin of the Oregon Army National Guard, as he departs the National Guard Bureau's Office of Legislative Liaison in Washington, DC to return to Oregon. While Pete has served around the world over the past decade, he has always kept a very special place for Oregon in his heart.

Pete was born and raised in my great state and joined the Army by earning his commission through the University of Oregon's ROTC program. He served for many years as a part-time soldier in Oregon as an officer in the Oregon National Guard. After the attacks of September 11, 2001, Pete felt the call of service and decided to leave the comforts of home and make military service his full time career. Over the last decade, he has served his country in different corners of the globe, including Iraq, Bosnia, and Kosovo.

For the last four years, Pete has worked here on Capitol Hill as an outstanding advocate for the National Guard. I've worked closely with him during his time as a legislative liaison for the Guard, and have found his dedication and effectiveness to be exceptional. We worked together on obtaining approval for the new Readiness Center in The Dalles and on allowing the Oregon National Guard to retain parts of the Umatilla Chemical Depot. Pete was also instrumental in efforts to make sure that National Guard soldiers were not unfairly denied promised bonus payments due to paperwork errors by the Guard.

Now the time has come for Pete to return home to Oregon. He has been selected to lead the 2nd of the 641st Theatre Aviation Battalion, which controls all of Oregon's Army National Guard aviation assets. I have no doubt that he will serve our state and nation well in this new role.

I would like to thank Pete and his wife Andrea for tolerating the frantic pace which comes with working here in Washington, D.C.,

and wish them happiness and success as they continue their service to our nation back in Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I invite our colleagues to join me in saying thank you to Lieutenant Colonel Pete Derouin for his dedication to our country.

INTRODUCTION OF COMPAS- SIONATE FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the "Compassionate Freedom of Choice Act." This legislation allows terminally ill patients to use drugs, treatments and devices that have not yet been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) if their physicians certify: (i) such patients have no other treatment options; and (ii) the patient executes written, informed consent that they are aware of any potential risks from the drug, device, or treatment.

It is important to remember that this legislation only applies to otherwise terminally ill patients. Denying these patents a possible opportunity to cure their illness—or at least reduce their suffering—is nonsensical and cruel. The FDA's approval process for drugs, devices, and treatments is costly and time consuming. Yet, time is the luxury terminally patients do not enjoy. So why should the FDA deny terminally-ill patients access to drugs, devices, and treatments that the patient's physicians have determined represents the patient's only possible chance for survival?

For example, the FDA refused to allow Abigail Burroughs (who was diagnosed with head and neck cancer at the age of 19) access to the cancer drugs Iressa and Erbitux by the FDA. Never mind that a renowned oncologist at Johns Hopkins had determined there was a significant chance of saving her life if she could use these new drugs. With her only chance of survival denied by the federal government, Abigail passed away on June 9, 2001, at the age of twenty-one.

Another example of why this bill is necessary is the case of thirteen-year old Anna Tomalis, who enjoyed horseback riding and soccer until she was diagnosed with embryonal sarcoma. Chemotherapy and surgery failed to reverse the cancer, so Anna's parents decided to try experimental drugs. They petitioned the FDA for approval to use Deforolimus, developed by Merk and ARIAD. Unfortunately, the FDA decided Anna was too sick to be admitted in Deforolimus's clinical trials and did not grant her a "compassionate use" exemption until three weeks before she died.

Mr. Speaker, I have attached a list of other patients who were denied access to treatments by the FDA even though their doctors believed these treatments where the only option left to potentially save their lives. I ask my colleagues to help make sure that no more Americans with terminal disease are denied treatments simply because the FDA has decided these Americans are better off facing certain death than using an "unapproved" drug, treatment, or device. Please cosponsor the Compassionate Freedom of Choice Act.