

INTRODUCTION OF THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE PURCHASING CREDIT EXPANSION ACT

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, every day, we see the damage done by our dependence on oil. We see high gas prices threatening our economic recovery and burdening families already struggling to make ends meet. We see rising temperatures and sea levels. We see higher respiratory disease rates. And we see any number of distant regimes holding our foreign policy hostage, weakening our ability to stand by our principles and our friends.

It is time for us to throw off these burdens and step into the future.

One of the most promising and necessary things we can do to leave oil behind is speed our transition to electric vehicles. Passenger cars alone use more than 40 percent of the oil consumed in this country. By 2020, the National Resources Defense Council estimates Americans will spend \$260 billion a year on gas. Just think of what we stand to gain from switching to electric vehicles. I drive an electric vehicle myself, back home in Los Angeles. I get to drive right on past the gas station. In fact, I have not been to a gas station in almost a year. The technology is here, all we need to do is implement it.

Unfortunately, the higher price tag of electric vehicles has impeded wide-spread adoption by placing them beyond the reach of many of the Americans who stand to benefit most.

The Electric Vehicle Purchasing Credit Expansion Act would increase the existing tax credit offered for the purchase of these vehicles—broadening access and speeding deployment in the near term, and helping to jumpstart the market and realize the economies of scale that will make electric vehicles no more expensive than a gas-powered car.

Since 2009, qualified plug-in electric vehicles have received a federal income tax credit of up to \$7,500, depending on their kilowatt-per-hour capacity. The Electric Vehicle Purchasing Credit Expansion Act would increase the tax credit to \$10,000, raising the base credit claimable by all plug-in electric vehicles to \$3,750, and the maximum kilowatt-per-hour credit to \$6,250 (fully claimable at 19 kwhr).

By passing this bill, we can clean our air, free our foreign policy by strengthening our hand with regimes like Iran, and put money lost at the pump back into the pockets of American consumers.

“THE FEW”—1ST LT NATHAN RIMPF, 2-16 RANGERS, 4BDE-1ST ID “DEMON CO”, THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a real American hero from Raleigh North Carolina, Ranger 1st Lt Nathan Rimpf of The United States Army. Nathan was the team leader of Demon Company 2-16 Rangers,

while on patrol when he stepped on an IED on July 8th 2012 in Andar Province in Afghanistan. Already within two short weeks his recovery and his can do attitude is something to behold. With his parents support and his brother is a Capitol Policeman he is making remarkable strides. I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert Caswell for the RECORD.

THE FEW

The . . .
The Few!
Only, The Few!
Only, The Brave!
Can but so wear that most heroic title and beret,
of a United States Ranger as who!
And so bathe, all in that most heroic hue!
Ranger's like Jimmy Regan, Pat Tillman,
and Kyle Comfort who our world have so graced!

Who have all so worn courage's most courageous face!

For Ranger's Fight!
And Ranger's Lead!
And Ranger's do it all at such deadly speeds!
And for us one all,
Rangers will so die and bleed!
As The United States Ranger's so give to our nation what she needs!

And Ranger's hunt!
And Ranger's evil do so confront!
To stand strong,
to so right all of those wrongs!
To so intercede,
to so bring us peace!
Bought and paid for,
with but all of their fines lives indeed!
As all in Strength In Honor they so believe!
Beware, “THE DEMONS” are after you . . .
time to run!

Sorry but it's time for you to so confront your “DEMON'S” my son!

As their strong arms and legs for all of us they so willingly concede!

For all out there but in the darkest of all nights!

As that's where you shall so find them Leading The Way . . . The Charge, The Fight!

The United States Rangers,
who but bring their most magnificent of all lights!

Because, Rangers Lead!
Men like Nathan Rimpf,
whose hearts so shine upon us all on this very night!

As it was on a July patrol,
When this fine man's life almost went away . . .

With his two strong legs gone,
as for him his men so knelt and prayed!

And that's when this platoon leader got up and ran,

ran with his heart that very day!
Just one more hill to climb!

Just one more mountain to so scale all in his time!

As against all odds once again we would find!
That this Ranger led the way!

Like Superman, the only thing that can stop him is Kryptonite this day!

For such men are put upon this earth,
to so show us what comes first!

To So Teach Us!
To So Beseech Us!

To So Reach Us!
Who out of such darkness but defeat the worst!

And come shining through like a star burst!
As have you Nate,

The Carolina Kid who at light speed has so traversed the most!

For there are but blue skies up ahead of you Nate to host!

“Can't you just feel the sunshine?”
And if ever I had a son, I wish he could shine as bright as this one!

Who so teaches us how the game of life is won!

Moment's are all that we so have!
To fight the bad!

To make a difference with it all!
For something noble, it's better to lose your two fine legs . . .

Then at the end of your life to so moan and beg,

as so wished you a better world you had so made!

But, Only The Few to our world such gifts can claim!

As you Nathan, The Few . . . are but one and the same!

And that's why the word Ranger is in front of your name!

The Few can claim!

RECOGNIZING THE OBERTO SAUSAGE COMPANY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Art and Dorothy Oberto and the Oberto Sausage Company, based in Kent, Washington. This family-owned business was built on a foundation of providing quality products for their customers and treating their employees well. This has made Oberto, which is also commonly known as Oh Boy! Oberto, one of the most iconic companies of the Pacific Northwest.

In 1918, Constantino Oberto and his uncle, John, founded the Oberto Sausage Company in Seattle, Washington. From the very beginning, Constantino and John dedicated their company to selling the very best handmade Italian sausages and salami. Art Oberto has run the Oberto company since he was just 16, when his father passed away. In all, Art has been responsible for the family business for nearly seven decades.

In 1964, Art introduced Natural Style Beef Jerky. He experimented with the product at home and the jerky was a tremendous success. It led to the company doubling in size and soon after Oh Boy! Oberto products were available nationwide.

Art and the Oberto Sausage Company continued to be dedicated to innovation. They launched turkey jerky in 1994 which solidified Oh Boy! Oberto as the nation's top jerky manufacturer. In 2011, Oberto released one of the biggest innovations to the jerky industry, All Natural Jerky. The company was the first major company to develop a jerky made with all-natural ingredients.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the hard work, perseverance and innovation of Art and Dorothy Oberto of Oh Boy! Oberto. Their dedication to quality and our community will drive the company forward for many years to come.

IMPORTANCE OF VOTER PROTECTIONS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, the freedom to vote for our elected leaders is the very

heart of our democracy and the most basic of rights in our representative government. Unfortunately, several states across the nation have enacted laws that would impede the ability of millions of Americans across our country from exercising this right. Throughout the nation, including in my home district of Guam, many voters have lost faith in the integrity of the electoral process or become complacent that their vote is irrelevant.

In Guam, voter turnout has decreased significantly over the last several years and allegations of election misconduct have become common during every election cycle. Many of my constituents have been disenfranchised much in the same way as in some states trying to lower voter turnout. I have raised this issue with the Department of Justice, and I hope they will focus on this issue in every state and territory where efforts to disenfranchise voters are being made.

The free exercise of the right to vote is the cornerstone of American democracy, and it ensures that government is accountable to and representative of the people.

IN MEMORY OF DANIEL
FRIEDLANDER

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness and privilege that I honor one of my constituents, Mr. Daniel Friedlander, who died on Monday, July 9, 2012. Dan was born on February 3, 1945, in Chicago. He received a Masters Degree in Economics from the University of Chicago and spent the last years of his life as Principal at CleanTech Solutions in Boulder, Colorado.

Known for his environmental activism and art, Dan was an incredible resource for the Boulder community. He spent his life focused on building start-up businesses that moved information technology into the 21st century. Using his expertise, he later shifted his focus on our growing environmental crises and sought to marry his long history of activism with his professional life with his position as Principal at CleanTech Solutions. He engaged his community by creating the Shanahan Neighbors for Climate Action, a neighborhood group intent on becoming more aware of how lifestyle changes can make a significant and positive impact on the environment and each other.

Beyond his successful career and activism, Dan was also a gifted artist. He worked with clay tiles to create extremely unique pieces that he described as the unity of his conscious and unconscious.

Dan was a dedicated father, husband and friend. I am privileged to have known his family including his wife, Diane Rosenthal, and his two sons, Michael Friedlander and David Friedlander. It has been an honor to consider Dan my friend and I know that he will be missed by the countless people who considered him a friend.

HONORING THE KIDS JUST WANT
TO RIDE ACT

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the upcoming one-year anniversary of the Kids Just Want to Ride Act being signed into law. This bill, which I authored to end enforcement of an overreaching prohibition of lead in youth-sized ATVs, motorcycles and snowmobiles, was added to a larger piece of legislation that was signed into law on August 12, 2011.

When Congress passed a law banning lead from children's toys, no one thought that those enforcing the law would expand the definition of "toy" to include youth-size ATVs, motorcycles and snowmobiles. But over the strong protests of riders and their advocates, Washington bureaucrats forced youth-sized ATVs and motorcycles to be pulled off showroom floors. All this did was force our kids to ride more dangerous adult-sized vehicles, putting them at extreme risk.

This just didn't make sense. I authored the Kids Just Want to Ride Act so that this issue would be solved legislatively once and for all, but I didn't do it on my own. An amazing community of youth riders, their parents, and those who love youth racing and recreational activities backed me up with letters, phone calls, and visits to Washington, DC, to rally for the bill. I was honored to be included in the riding community and continue to be impressed by their love for sport and for their fellow riders.

Mr. Speaker, I am again honored to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Kids Just Want to Ride Act, and thank you for the opportunity to celebrate the amazing American riding community that rallied behind it.

TRIBUTE TO DR. PATRICIA GABOW

HON. DIANA DEGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the tireless work and exceptional accomplishments of Dr. Patricia Gabow, Chief Executive Officer of Denver Health and Hospital Authority. After a remarkable 20 year career at the helm of Denver Health, Dr. Gabow is retiring and leaving behind national models for institutions and aspiring leaders in the field.

Dr. Gabow's commitment to Colorado's health care safety net has been recognized in many areas. She has been elected to the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame for her generosity in mentoring others, her innovation in going outside health care in search of new management ideas, and her commitment to best practices. In addition, Dr. Gabow is the recipient of numerous awards including the American Medical Association's Nathan Davis Award, the Florence Rena Sabin Award, and the 2008 National Healthcare Leadership Award. She has been named as one of the top 25 women in health care, one of the top 50 physician executives, and one of the 100 most powerful people in American health care. Of note, Dr. Gabow was one of only four

women named to this list in 2006, and I want to acknowledge my pride in the path she creates for future generations to find their own way in the business of quality health care delivery.

Knowing Dr. Gabow was hard at work in Denver was a comfort and a source of pride as I worked in Congress to improve the health and potential of people in my home state of Colorado. Like many Members of Congress, I have often turned to Dr. Gabow for her expertise in health care policy. For example, during the process of crafting the Affordable Care Act, Dr. Gabow testified before the Energy and Commerce Committee on the role of safety net providers in providing coordinated care, Medicaid's vital function in health reform, and the importance of protecting Medicaid and Medicare funding that helps hospitals treat the uninsured and underinsured. Her influence helped to expand the Medicaid program under health reform, which will help millions of children and their families across the nation. We share so many priorities and it is with a deep appreciation of and affection for Dr. Gabow that I recognize her invaluable service to our community and country.

Dr. Gabow has proved that a researcher can run a hospital and run it well. In an era when many hospitals are operating in the red, Dr. Gabow has taken a hospital that, even while treating thousands of uninsured patients, maintains a viable, successful business model. Dr. Gabow has led this success by looking to other industries, like the auto industry, and translating their business efficiencies into the health care sector by developing integrated care models. Hospital administrators, doctors, and researchers have looked to and will continue to turn to Dr. Gabow for ways to reimagine health care in America.

I do not know what is next for Patty Gabow. But I do know that whatever she does, we will be inspired, impressed, and indebted to her for all she will continue to do to strengthen the rights and the outcomes for those among us who are sick and in need of quality health care. Thank you, Patty, for your friendship and work on behalf of the people of the First District of Colorado.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JACKIE
SCHMID

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, Monday July 23 started like any other day in our congressional offices. But shortly after noontime, the unthinkable happened. Our office was called by our dear friend Sandi Schmid. During that call, Sandi told our District Director Megan Corbett Rizzuto that her daughter, our longtime Executive Assistant and Office Manager Jackie Schmid, had suddenly passed away.

To suggest that we were blown away is a severe understatement. There's little that can be said at a time like this, when someone so young is taken suddenly from our midst. Jackie was universally loved among civic, government and political leaders throughout our community. Acting as the hub of our Buffalo office, Jackie was at the center of all of the action, and played a role in virtually everything our office would do for the constituents I was elected to serve.