

more likely to suffer from drug and alcohol addiction and have less access to quality healthcare.

It was a shock to see a positive and seemingly noncontroversial bill fall short. After all, the bill would provide a clear avenue for foreign investment in Indian Country, streamline archaic and incredibly inefficient regulations that add years of delays to potential business deals, and for the first time allow tribes to enter into business deals as sovereign entities, much like every state in the country can already do. It would do all of these things at no additional cost to the federal government.

H.R. 2362 was also designed to complement H.R. 205, the HEARTH Act, which easily passed the House and Senate and will soon be signed into law. The bills are complementary but different. H.R. 205 was specifically designed to address housing needs on tribal lands but makes no mention of investment from foreign companies. H.R. 2362 invites companies from all 155 WTO countries to invest in Indian Country. It establishes a demonstration project that will help us learn best practices for future business deals. Once we work the kinks out, we would open it up to all tribes.

So why the opposition? One word: Turkey. Turkey and Turkish Americans helped bring this bill to fruition through years of business exchanges and negotiations on how to best facilitate trade and investment with Indian Country. Turkey was the first and only country to send an official delegation to the Reservation Economic Summit, the premiere tribal business conference. Turkey is the only WTO country that has demonstrated an active economic interest in tribal lands. Turkey was mentioned in the text of H.R. 2362 in recognition of these efforts.

But the word "Turkey" in a tribal economic development bill turned into a call to action for special interests. Rather than focusing on the bill's many economic benefits for tribes and all WTO countries, these communities focused on the word "Turkey". In the process, they hijacked a bill that has nothing to do with their centuries-old grievances and put an end to promising new economic opportunities for some of the most impoverished people living within America.

Native Americans have too few—not too many—tools for economic development. We need to give them as many options as we can. Tribes should have the power to choose which tools they wish to use to grow their economies.

H.R. 2362 is a good bill that would have spurred economic development on tribal lands. Instead, it was killed by special interests that chose this opportunity to advance their own agenda. An agenda that has nothing to do with tribal sovereignty.

(Eric Bruguier is the chairman of economic development for the Fort Peck Tribes. Lloyd Irvine is a councilman for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.)

AMERICA'S CAMP PENTAGON EXHIBIT

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call my colleagues' attention to an art exhibit on display at the Pentagon.

Over the course of ten years, for one week each summer, a camp in the Berkshires of Massachusetts became "America's Camp." This camp welcomed children whose parents

or relatives were killed in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and on American Airlines Flight 93. America's Camp was a place for these children to experience a traditional recreational summer camp—swimming, canoeing, and singing camp songs. But more importantly, it provided a peer-supported environment where these children could memorialize their lost loved-ones among other children who experienced similar losses. It was a place where the kids could be kids, without the label of being a "9/11 kid," as was the case in so many other aspects of their lives.

I am extremely proud of an organization in my district—The Center for Grieving Children—for the contribution they made to this special camp. The Center, based in Portland, Maine, has provided loving support to children and families during times of loss through peer support, outreach, and education. It has done so for 25 years and has provided its services free of charge for as long as families have needed them. The Center for Grieving Children has played a role in America's Camp since its founding. Each year, the Center sent staff and volunteers to camp where they provided "Buddy Central," a drop-in center where grief facilitators offered support to campers.

An annual art project offered children the opportunity to express their grief as well as their hope at camp. There was a quilt project, a tapestry of loss and love, anger and joy; a "Sky Project," with stars from each child with their own tributes to loved ones; and the amazing "Feathers of the Phoenix," with feathers made by the children with images of a person they wished to honor. A collection of these and other art projects has been on display for the past year or so at the Pentagon.

I encourage my colleagues to view this exhibit if given an opportunity to do so. The strength and hope shared by these children hold great power for moving us toward a more peaceful world.

FLORIDA PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS—STANDING FOR THOSE WHO STOOD FOR US

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on this, the somber anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on our nation, I rise to say thank you to the more than 7,000 members of the Florida Patriot Guard Riders who have provided invaluable support to the families of the fallen and injured servicemembers in the ongoing war against terrorism.

With the motto of "Standing for Those Who Stood for Us", the Patriot Guard Riders provide motorcycle escorts for our fallen as they take them to their final resting places. They provide escorts for our injured servicemembers as they return home. And they provide color guard support for hundreds of ceremonies throughout our state of Florida and our Nation as we honor those who wear and who have worn the uniform throughout our history.

In the past month alone, hundreds of Patriot Guard Riders joined as we escorted Staff Sergeant Matthew Sitton of Largo, Florida, home to his final resting place. Staff Sergeant Sitton

paid the ultimate price for freedom when he was killed by an IED blast in Afghanistan. Thousands and thousands of Matthew's friends and neighbors, and thousands more who had never met Matthew or his family, lined the streets of Tampa and Pinellas County to say thank you to him and his family as hundreds of Patriot Guard Riders provided a mile long escort to honor this American hero and his equally heroic family.

The Patriot Guard Riders were with us when we opened a Clearwater, Florida exhibit to remind us to never forget the lessons of the Holocaust. They lined the exhibit area with American flags as a tribute to those who served our nation during World War II, "The Greatest Generation" who restored freedom to Europe and freed the Nazi concentration camps.

The Patriot Guard Riders were also with us last week when we opened the new USO Lounge at the Tampa International Airport, to provide a place to support the thousands of troops who pass through Tampa annually, and to support their families when they come to await their return from their deployment and from their hospitalizations. Again, the Patriot Guard Riders lined the halls to show their thanks and their respect for our veterans of all generations as we dedicated this new facility.

Mr. Speaker, the Florida Patriot Guard Riders are led by State Captain Mike Donohoe, and Assistant State Captains Thomas "T-Man" Brown, Al Kaufman, Dave "Buzzard" Clark, Terry Hanifin, and Doug Horton. If space permitted, I would list the names of all 7,000 of the Florida riders who served our nation in uniform and who continue to serve their brothers and sisters in uniform.

The mission of the Patriot Guard Riders throughout our nation is to, "show our sincere respect for our fallen heroes, their families, and their communities." It is also to, "shield the mourning family and their friends from interruptions created by any protestor or group of protestors." Both of these missions are critical to our troops and their families. Throughout our nation's war against terrorism, my wife Beverly and I have been asked by the injured Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen at our military and veterans hospitals if the American people continue to support their mission. The Patriot Guard Riders make sure that when these American heroes return home, they know they are loved and appreciated by the people of their hometowns.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that my colleagues will stop and say a word of thanks every time they see a Patriot Guard Rider back home in their communities. These men and women do not serve and ride for their own personal recognition. They ride and they stand in formation as a group to say thank you from a grateful nation and to do as their motto states, to "Stand for Those Who Stood for Us."

THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, today we mark the 11th Anniversary of the September 11

attacks on the United States. While we have moved more than a decade beyond that tragedy, the attacks remain an indelible part of our memory. Truly, no one who lived through that day will ever forget it—the horrendous loss of life, the bravery of our first responders, the sense of unity that followed—and it falls to us to ensure that future generations understand the magnitude of the event.

This is particularly so as other events impact our view of how we have reacted to 9/11. The capture and killing of Osama Bin Laden and the removal of our troops from Iraq can be seen as turn-the-corner moments in the war on terror, but the daily hard work of our military and intelligence community must continue—we must remain vigilant. I remember feeling that day and the days that followed that we were in uncharted territory as a nation. As a country and a society, we are learning as we go, adjusting and adapting to the new realities that 9/11 brought upon us and that have ensued since, such as the Arab Spring.

This process can be bumpy, and is ever changing, as we continue to weigh the appropriate balance in our security and foreign policy decisions. What is clear is that we continue to owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our troops, who risk all in Afghanistan and elsewhere to protect our freedom, and our intelligence professionals, who are also on the front lines of our defense, making critical decisions that keep us safe every day.

More than anything, 11 years later, 9/11 underscores what it means to be an American, where we come together during even the toughest times, weather the storm and move forward. That is what 9/11 means to me, and that is the lesson that will endure for the ages, for all to see.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF LYNNE YOSHIKO NAKASONE

HON. COLLEEN W. HANABUSA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone of Honolulu, Hawaii. The National Endowment for the Arts has named Sensei Nakasone a 2012 National Heritage Fellow for her contributions to the folk and traditional arts. This prestigious lifetime achievement award honors Sensei Nakasone's lifetime commitment to Okinawan classical dance—which is also referred to as Ryukyu dance—and embodies her accomplishments by identifying her as one of our country's Living Treasures.

Sensei Nakasone is originally from Naha, Okinawa but has resided in Hawai'i since her marriage to her loving husband, Clarence, in 1955. At age 6, Sensei Nakasone began to master the techniques of Ryukyuan dance—which dates back to the time of the Ryukyu Kingdom—under the mentorship of Ryosho Kin, a renowned figure in the Okinawan performing arts. In 1956, Sensei Nakasone founded the Hoge Ryu Hana Nizi no Kai Nakasone Dance Academy in Honolulu and for over five decades has been teaching, performing, and choreographing creative dances. Sensei Nakasone's performance skills are second to none but it is her Aloha Spirit that endures the test of time as her passion, knowledge, and

kindness have touched countless individuals over the years. There is no doubt in my mind that Sensei Nakasone is deserving of this award for she has dedicated her life towards preserving Okinawan culture while positively impacting others and contributing to the diversity and uniqueness of culture in the United States of America.

Sensei Nakasone has been recognized numerous times in the past, being awarded the Individual Artist Fellowship from the State of Hawai'i, a Legacy Award from the Hawai'i United Okinawa Association, a certificate of commendation from the government of Japan, and a Living Treasure Award by the Hawai'i Buddhist Association. With her award from the National Endowment of the Arts, Sensei Nakasone has deservedly been recognized at every level possible. Her tremendous contributions to the humanities and to us all cannot be underscored and it is truly an honor for us to be able to recognize Sensei Nakasone for sharing her gifts with the world.

On behalf of the First Congressional District of Hawai'i—as well as the entire State of Hawai'i—I would like to extend my warmest aloha and congratulations to Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone, her husband Clarence, and her entire family for being named a 2012 National Heritage Fellow.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I missed a series of votes yesterday. If I had been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 557; "yea" on rollcall No. 558; and "yea" on rollcall No. 559.

REMEMBERING 9/11

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today our nation pauses to remember another September morning very much like this one, bright and sunny, which began as usual for most of us but ended with nearly 3000 of our citizens dead and our nation once again at war. As we do every year at this time, we remember with sorrow and sympathy the lives lost, the families shattered, and the sense of vulnerability many still feel. But we also remember the heroism of the first responders in New York City, Virginia and Pennsylvania, and we remember the heroism of the passengers of Flight 93, who saved countless others by overpowering the hijackers of their plane before it could cause more tragedy in Washington, DC.

We also remember the determination and unity of purpose we all felt in the days and weeks immediately after those attacks, a determination that has led to the effective dismantlement of Al Qaeda and the imprisonment or death of those responsible for the 9/11 attacks. Our determination to remember can be seen in the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, which is located on the former

site of the Twin Towers and which we dedicated last year. Our determination to rebuild can be seen in the Freedom Tower, now known as One World Trade Center, that is steadily rising above the Manhattan skyline right next to the memorial and museum.

There are no words that I or anyone else could ever speak that will assuage the grief and sense of loss sustained by so many, including 700 in my district alone. What we can and must do is remember those lost and rededicate ourselves to rebuilding the country they loved, which in the end is the greatest tribute we could give them.

Each of us may never confront a vicious hijacker, but each of us can confront bigotry and division even in our own communities that destroy our commonality of purpose. Let us hope and pray that we can find within each of us the kind of courage as those Americans showed that day.

WE MUST CONTINUE TO FUND NASA'S "VOYAGER"

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the men and women of NASA and Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, who designed and flew the *Voyager* spacecraft, which have been exploring our solar system for thirty-five years and which are on the cusp of entering interstellar space. Even now, more than thirty-five years after launch, the *Voyagers* are still transmitting valuable scientific data through NASA's Deep Space Network, which is also managed by JPL.

Voyager 2, which was launched on August 20, 1977 and its twin, *Voyager 1*, which followed on September 5, 1977, were designed to take advantage of a rare alignment of the outer planets that allowed for a "grand tour" of the four gas giants that lie beyond the asteroid belt. The *Voyager* flybys of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune built on the earlier missions of *Pioneer 10* and *11* and revolutionized our understanding of the solar system and particularly the complex Jovian and Saturnian systems with their many and diverse moons. *Galileo*, *Cassini* and other subsequent missions to the outer planets have deepened our knowledge of our planetary neighbors, but they would not have been possible without the path breaking work of the *Voyager* team, many of whose members have devoted decades of their lives and careers to this one program.

Now, *Voyager 1* is poised to become the first manmade object to leave the solar system and venture into the great void of space after completing its primary mission of exploring Jupiter and Saturn in 1980. *Voyager 2*, which went on to Uranus in 1986 and Neptune three years later, is not far behind. Both craft carry a gold "record album" containing sounds and images of Earth if either spacecraft is found by an alien civilization.

Voyager was among many spectaculars of NASA's planetary science program, which has contributed so much to our understanding of our celestial neighborhood and of ourselves. We were recently reminded of this when *Curiosity*, the Mars Science Laboratory, landed on