

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following eleven rollcall votes. Had I been present I would have voted:

1. Aye—Peters (D-MI)—Page 3, Line 10—Adds \$9 million for International Trade Administration offset by cuts to Cross Agency Support—NASA.

2. Nay—Broun (R-GA)—Page 3, Line 10—3% cut to Salaries and Expenses/Administrative Accounts, \$847 million, and puts the savings into the Spending Reduction Account.

3. Nay—McClintock (R-CA)—Page 3, Line 10—Cuts \$277.8 million from the International Trade Administration and puts the savings into the Spending Reduction Account.

4. Aye—Michaud (D-ME)—Page 5, Line 17—Adds \$38 million Economic Development Administration, offset: Census Account.

5. Nay—Pompeo (R-KS)—Amendment No. 3—Cuts funding for the Economic Development Administration, \$219.5 million, and puts the savings in the Spending Reduction Account.

6. Nay—Scalise (R-LA)—Page 6, Line 7—Reduces spending and overhead of Economic Development Administration and the Department of Commerce to FY08 levels and reduces the Deficit by \$18.2 million.

7. Nay—Quayle (R-AZ)—Page 11, Line 18—Eliminates funding for Advanced Manufacturing Technology Consortia, \$21 million, and puts the savings into the Spending Reduction Account.

8. Nay—Harris (R-MD)—Amendment No. 10—Strikes \$542,000 increase from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Climate Website and puts the savings into the Spending Reduction Account.

9. Aye—Grimm (R-NY)—Page 13, Line 2—Adds \$18 million for Regional Information Sharing Systems, offset: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Climate Services.

10. Nay—Broun (R-GA)—Page 15, Line 13—Cuts \$15 million from the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery account and puts the savings into the Spending Reduction Account.

11. Aye—Runyan (R-NJ)—Page 21, Line 23—Transfers \$22.4 million from Department of Justice General Administrative Expenses to the Byrne Memorial Justice Program.

TO COMMEND THE HURLEY ELEMENTARY SCIENCE BOWL TEAM FOR REACHING THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alfredo Guzman, Ulises Trejo, Vanessa Campos and Alondra Arciga of Hurley Elementary School, and their coaches Ms. Jazmine Smith-Falicetti, Ms. Roxana Del Real, and Ms. Shellie Affolter for earning the opportunity to compete in the 2012 National Science Bowl.

Two weeks ago, I had the opportunity to meet with these outstanding students and con-

gratulate them and their teachers on their success. They clearly represent our country's bright future. Their confidence, intellect, and respectfulness will take them far, and I encouraged them to pursue studies in science, engineering, and math.

The National Science Bowl is a nationwide academic competition that tests students' knowledge of mathematics and science. This competition was launched by the Department of Energy as a new way to encourage students' interest in math and science career opportunities. During the bowl, competitors participate in a fast paced question-and-answer quiz, as well as attend science seminars and workshops. Middle school teams also compete in the Lithium-Ion Battery-Powered Model Car Challenge. This challenge stimulates creativity and fosters engineering skills as students compete to design, build, and race model cars.

Since the beginning of January, regional tournaments have been held across the country narrowing the competition to the best and the brightest in the nation. Hurley Elementary was the only school from the Midway Network of the Chicago Public School system that qualified to compete in the Chicago Regional Science Bowl. Likewise, the national competition was extremely tough this year as only 44 middle school teams earned the opportunity to compete in the final rounds in Washington, D.C.

As a team of sixth graders competing against students up to two years older, it has been an amazing accomplishment for Hurley to make it to the national competition. Although they did not bring home any awards this year, I am proud that they advanced as far as they did. Their hard work coupled with natural talent will take them far in life. I commend Ms. Smith-Falicetti, Ms. Del Real, and Ms. Affolter, for motivating these excellent young minds as well. Their leadership and guidance has been an invaluable asset to this team. I am proud of these bright students and I look forward to seeing what they accomplish in the future.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2072, the "Securing American Jobs Through Exports Act of 2011." This legislation reauthorizes for three years the charter and lending authority of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. In addition, the legislation contains several financial reforms that will help ensure the "Ex-Im Bank" remains fiscally sound so it may continue its outstanding record supporting American business increase export sales, which is perhaps the best way to preserve and increase high value manufacturing and service jobs.

As the representative of the congressional district that adjoins the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, the largest port complex in the nation, I know first-hand the important role the Ex-Im Bank plays for U.S. exporters, and the thousands of jobs created by increased international trade.

The Ex-Im Bank is the official export credit agency of the United States and provides financial assistance for the export of American goods and services to international markets. In Fiscal Year 2011 alone the Bank supported 290,000 export-related American jobs by providing more than \$32 billion in financing to facilitate more than \$40 billion in export sales by more than 3,600 American businesses.

Since 1934, the Ex-Im Bank has served as the principal government agency responsible for aiding the export of American goods and services, thereby creating and sustaining U.S. jobs. With its 75 year track-record, the Ex-Im Bank is projected to inject \$900 million into the U.S. Treasury by facilitating the sale abroad of hundreds of billions of dollars of American made goods, which in turn will create or preserve hundreds of thousands of American jobs. In 2011 alone, the Ex-Im Bank facilitated sales supported 290,000 American jobs.

The United States must stay competitive in the emerging and competitive global market. The Ex-Im Bank assists U.S. manufacturers, small and large, in selling their products abroad. The Bank facilitates financing for foreign buyers who wish to purchase American manufactured goods, thus increasing sales, which translates into more good-paying American jobs.

Reauthorization of the Ex-Im Bank's charter will have a positive impact on job preservation and creation in the United States, and in the 37th Congressional District in California which I represent. My district is home to more than a dozen companies that export millions of dollars of products annually.

Mr. Speaker, exporters in my congressional district include a diverse group of small and large businesses as well as businesses that are minority or women owned. In the aggregate they generate about \$100 million dollars in export sales annually. I ask unanimous consent to include in the record a list of local businesses in California's 37th Congressional District that have directly benefited from financing by the Ex-Im Bank.

The Ex-Im Bank is self-sustaining and does not cost taxpayers a dime. Rather, the money it generates is returned to the U.S. Treasury, nearly \$2 billion over the past five years, and helps reduce the deficit. Moreover, since its inception, less than 2 percent of the Bank's loans have ever defaulted, and even in those cases, loss is minimized because the borrower's manufactured goods are pledged as part of the collateral for the loan.

Mr. Speaker, exports are increasingly critical to the economic growth and job creation, economy and job recovery. The Ex-Im Bank is an indispensable tool in the national effort to increase export sales. That is why I am a proud and enthusiastic supporter of H.R. 2072, which enjoys broad support from business and labor and the Obama Administration.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting to pass this important legislation.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN BLACK
ELWELL**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Susan Black Elwell, a constituent and a woman of strength, courage,

and vision. I am sad to say that Susan just lost her life to cancer, but, until her very last weeks, she used her life to make a difference in the lives of others. From her work as a founder and director of an innovative neighborhood nursery school and her visionary leadership of the largest and oldest women's political club in Maryland, to her service as a Peace Corps volunteer, Susan sought to enlighten and engage others through education and activism.

Born in North Bay, Ontario and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Susan graduated from Chatham College for Women in 1962. She came to Washington as a young college graduate, working for the Washington Urban League and then the Peace Corps, where she met her husband Richard. They served in the Peace Corps together in Niger. After returning to the Washington, D.C. area and starting a family, Susan became a founder and the first director of the Chevy Chase Baptist Church Children's Center for children aged 6 months to 5 years. An innovative school, CCBC Children's Center became a much sought-after nursery school.

Susan was an active member of the Chevy Chase Historical Society Board. In 2007, she launched a new Historical Society program called "History Go-Round," a series of programs for residents who love to learn about our community's history. The series offered neighbors with similar interests guided visits to historical sites, roundtables led by distinguished speakers, and exploration of historical sites both in the neighborhood and throughout the larger community.

Susan brought the same creativity and enthusiasm to her leadership of the Woman's Suburban Democratic Club, Maryland's oldest and largest political group, which celebrates its 55th anniversary this year. As a board member and president, she led the group to unprecedented growth and activity, encouraging a broader membership and mentoring younger members.

In addition to these achievements, Susan was a Master Gardener, the founder of the Chatham College for Women's Washington Area Alumnae Club, a Democratic precinct chair, and a lifelong activist. In 2005, she was awarded the William Trimble Beatty Award, which is presented to a Chatham College volunteer who embodies the spirit and hard work of that college's founder, Reverend William Trimble Beatty. Even as she has fought her own battle with cancer, she spoke out against the shortage of some cancer drugs and the terrible impact these shortages have on those who so desperately need them.

Mr. Speaker, I was honored to know Susan and to represent her in Congress. As an elected official, I benefitted from her idealism, wisdom, and hard work. More importantly, her strong sense of community and her dedication to building a better, more educated and thoughtful community made the world a better place, and she will be deeply missed.

I send my deepest condolences to her husband Richard and son Martin, stepsons David, Joe, and Peter, and daughter-in-law, Josie, and ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to this remarkable woman.

CONGRATULATING GOLD EAGLE CO. OF CHICAGO FOR RECEIVING THE PRESIDENT'S "E" AWARD

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the owners and employees of the Gold Eagle Company of Chicago, Illinois. On May 17, 2012, they will receive the prestigious President's "E" Award from the Department of Commerce. The "E" Award is presented to select American companies that demonstrate excellence in their ability to export American goods abroad. I appreciate the work of the employees and management at this company who have demonstrated leadership and resilience over the past several years.

Creative and successful in its business growth model, Gold Eagle utilizes innovative international marketing strategies that have led to four years of dynamic export expansion. Moreover, Gold Eagle has demonstrated its ability to overcome export barriers, selling its products in more than 75 countries and five continents. To reward rising global sales and its commitment to entering international markets, the Department of Commerce will recognize Gold Eagle at its 50th Annual President's "E" Award Ceremony. The Secretary of Commerce, John Bryson, will present the award. For strengthening America's trade portfolio and creating high-paying jobs, I commend everyone at Gold Eagle for their hard work in pioneering product development and market expansion.

Located on Chicago's Southwest side, Gold Eagle has been an unwavering stalwart of the local economy. The company, founded in 1932, is an industry leader in the manufacturing of automotive and marine engine additives, fluids, and cleaners. This is not the first time Gold Eagle's excellence has been recognized: the company was named by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity as 2008's Manufacturer of the Year, and Chairman Bob Hirsh and Vice President Rich Hirsh were named Ernst & Young's Illinois Entrepreneurs of the Year in 2002. In its mission to create innovative chemical products that help "protect, preserve, and perform," Gold Eagle has been committed to community development, sustainability, and employee satisfaction for over eighty years.

For their efforts in creating manufacturing jobs and providing quality products around the world, I am proud to have Gold Eagle in my district. I wish them my sincerest congratulations as they receive this prestigious award, and thank them for their efforts in driving export growth in this challenging global trade environment.

HONORING MR. GORDON HIRABAYASHI, RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Mr. Gordon Kiyoshi

Hirabayashi and to celebrate his Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civilian honor. As a student at the University of Washington during the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Mr. Hirabayashi resisted the internment of Japanese Americans by refusing to board a bus to an internment camp and by questioning the constitutionality of an imposed curfew.

Mr. Hirabayashi challenged Executive Order 9066, which authorized the Japanese American internment during World War II. Along with Mr. Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu and Minoru Yasui brought lawsuits before the Supreme Court. Though Mr. Hirabayashi lost his first case in 1943, he would go on to win in 1987 as the evidence proved there was no military reason for the exclusion order.

As Mr. Hirabayashi noted "there was a time when I felt that the Constitution failed me, but with the reversal in the courts and in public statements from the government, I feel that our country has proven that the Constitution is worth upholding. The U.S. government admitted it made a mistake. A country that can do that is a strong country. I have more faith and allegiance to the Constitution than I ever had before."

As the representative of Seattle, I am proud this high honor will be presented, albeit posthumously, to Mr. Hirabayashi. He had the bravery and strength to stand up for civil rights during a time when racism was widespread against Japanese and people of Japanese descent. I join many in honoring Mr. Hirabayashi for his courage.

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT SCOTT FRIX

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Major General Robert Scott Frix, and recognize his 34 years of service in the United States Army. General Frix will be interred May 11, 2012 at Arlington National Cemetery.

Major General Frix served in the United States Army for 34 years as a combat infantryman, Ranger instructor, master parachutist, and master aviator. He served tours in the Vietnam War, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and was deployed to Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kenya, and Somalia. Among Major General Frix's decorations are the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medals for valor, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Major General Frix passed away Thursday, December 15, 2011, at his home in Sequim, Washington. He is survived by his loving wife, Maureen; his sister, Joanna; his brother-in-law, Andrew; his son, Alexander; his daughter-in-law, Kathryn; and his daughter, Michele.

Major General Frix lived his life in dedication to his Country, and he has passed that down to his family. Major General Frix's life serves as an inspiration to all of us on living a life dedicated to service to our country and to our fellow man.