

consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Chair, I am proud to support the Hirono-Chu-Matsui-Lee-Carnahan Amendment to the Energy and Water appropriations bill. The amendment would maintain our commitment to the successful Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, or ARPA-E as it is more commonly known.

In March of this year, Energy Secretary Chu came before the Science, Space, and Technology Committee to discuss the Administration's budget request, which included an additional \$75 million for ARPA-E. I had the opportunity to speak with him about the importance of ARPA-E and the effectiveness of the program as we seek to bring new technologies to market that change the way we generate, store, and use energy.

I take a particular interest in ARPA-E because in Oregon we have seen its benefits first hand. As a result of the program, a company by the name of ReVolt Technology actually relocated to our community and brought its amazing research—and jobs as well. In my discussion with Secretary Chu, he highlighted the effectiveness of ARPA-E in leveraging private-sector investments stating that a \$40 million federal investment has been leveraged to private-sector investments of more than \$200 million.

Keeping this in mind, I was dismayed to see that the underlying bill under consideration not only rejects the request for additional ARPA-E investment, but seeks to cut \$75 million in FY2013.

As a member of the Budget Committee, I understand the need to get our fiscal house in order. But we have a responsibility to do so in a strategic manner to ensure that we do not undermine our future security and competitiveness. It is precisely this recognition that makes the Hirono-Chu-Matsui-Lee-Carnahan Amendment so important.

This amendment addresses the lopsided priorities in the underlying bill in a reasonable and balanced way. It seeks to meet the Administration's request for the fossil fuels research and development, and uses the difference to support ARPA-E. This would provide roughly \$333 million for ARPA-E, a modest increase over FY2012.

This amendment takes a fair approach, balancing today's energy research needs with the promise of tomorrow's technologies, and the jobs and economic benefits that go along with them.

I commend my colleagues for their work on this amendment.

RETIREMENT OF JIMMY MILLER

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the service of one of this body's most able, dedicated and respected employees, James R. "Jimmy" Miller.

After 53 years of combined service here on Capitol Hill and a distinguished career in the United States Air Force, Jimmy is retiring from

the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. Miller has ensured the smooth operation of the Committee's hearings, meetings, and functions for decades. And he has been the person that Committee Members and staff have gone to when we simply needed to get something done, because no one else has a better understanding of how the House of Representatives functions on a daily basis.

It has been said that every committee has a Jimmy Miller, but Transportation has THE Jimmy Miller.

Jimmy has been much more than a long-serving staffer; he has been a trusted friend to me, to other Members of Congress, and to his countless Hill colleagues for more than 30 years. While his family is undoubtedly happy they'll be seeing more of him in the coming days, we on Capitol Hill will feel his considerable absence.

Jimmy's service to our country began when he joined the United States Air Force in 1959, where he rose to the rank of Command Sergeant Major, the highest rank possible for an enlisted airman.

During his 28 years of distinguished service in the Air Force, Jimmy served under three Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Earle Wheeler, General George Brown, and General David C. Jones.

In 1980, Command Sergeant Major Miller became the Air Force legislative liaison to the House of Representatives.

In 1987, he retired from the Air Force and was subsequently appointed by Chairman Bob Roe to join the staff of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology. Jimmy then came with Chairman Roe to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation in 1991.

Jimmy has shepherded numerous delegations of U.S. officials to meetings with their foreign counterparts all over the world. He has crossed the globe more times than most people, having been to more than 170 countries, and he has established many friendships along the way.

Jimmy embodied a bipartisan spirit over the years, serving under six chairmen, Republicans and Democrats alike. In fact, Jimmy insisted that he equally serve all the Members of the Committee, regardless of which party led the House.

Jimmy accorded all of us on the Hill with the same respect over the years, whether we've wielded a gavel or a paintbrush, and we all admire his humble professionalism and dedication.

Jimmy was born on August 22, 1940 to Alyce and Robert Miller in Paulding, Ohio and was one of nine children. His parents instilled in them the values of family, God, and country and helped shape their children's personal lives and their public citizenship.

Even with all of his successes, including meeting many of the world's leaders, Jimmy's most important achievement has been his own family. He has been a caring, loving, and proud father to his children, Kim, Bob, Chris, and Shawn. I know Jimmy is looking forward to spending more time with his four children, nine grandchildren, one great grandson, and his wife Peg.

I will personally miss Jimmy. I consider him a close friend and I know that the House of Representatives will miss him. On behalf of this body, which he has served so well, I want

to thank Jimmy for his dedicated service to our Nation and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all of our colleagues to join in thanking Jimmy Miller for his years of service to the House of Representatives and our Nation. We wish him a wonderful retirement and want him to know we all appreciate his service and friendship.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on June 5, 2012, I missed rollcall votes numbered 315, 316, 317, and 318. Had I been present, I would have voted "no," on rollcall No. 315, the McClintock Amendment which would reduce the Nuclear Energy account by \$514,391,000, and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; "yes" on rollcall No. 316, the Hirono Amendment which would reduce the Fossil Energy Research and Development account by \$133,400,000, and increase funds for the Advanced Research Project Agency account by the same amount; "no" on rollcall No. 317, the McClintock Amendment which would zero out the Fossil Energy Research and Development account (a cut of \$554 million) and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; and "yes" on rollcall No. 318, the Matheson Amendment which would increase the Non-Defense environmental clean-up account by \$9,600,000, and reduce the National Nuclear Security Weapons account by the same amount.

CONGRATULATING MRS. HELEN R. HENDERSON ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Helen R. Henderson from Pahokee, Florida on the occasion of her 100th birthday, which is June 8, 2012. Born in Kentucky, Mrs. Henderson was raised on her family's farm. From her earliest days, she learned the value of a healthy diet, eating the food her family raised. Her life has been characterized by hard work, dedication, compassion, and inner strength.

Helen and her late husband, Brooks Henderson, devoted their lives to education in the Glades area, with Brooks serving as the principal of Pahokee High School, and Helen working as a special needs elementary education teacher in Belle Glade and Canal Point. Helen began her love for learning at a young age when she traveled six miles by horse and buggy to attend her one-room schoolhouse in Kentucky. Sadly, the Henderson's only child, Ann, passed away several years ago, but their love of education was passed down to their grandson, Kevin Henderson, an instructor at Palm Beach State College in Belle Glade.

An accomplished musician, Helen has played piano at her church, First United Methodist of Pahokee, for over 60 years. A lifelong

follower of Jesus Christ, she has taught Sunday school to several generations of Pahokee children. She still faithfully attends Sunday school and worship service each week. She still lives in her own home in Pahokee, where she enjoys spending time with friends, participating in church activities, and working in her yard. Helen says the secret to her longevity is hard work and eating right.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Helen Henderson is a fine citizen, and I am proud that she continues to make a positive impact on the Glades community. I am delighted to join her family, friends and many admirers in wishing her a very happy 100th birthday and continued good health and happiness for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELIAS BOU SAAB

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Elias Bou Saab, the Mayor of Dhour Shweir and Ain Al Sindyaneh, and welcome him to the City of Cleveland.

Born and raised in Dhour Shweir, Mayor Bou Saab earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing from The American College in London and his Master of Arts in International Relations from Boston University. In 1992, he established and served as the first president of the Lebanese Graduates of Britain.

Dedicated to higher education and improving relations between the United States and the Arab world, in 1995 Bou Saab moved to Dubai and founded the American University in Dubai. Today he serves as the executive vice president of the university overseeing the implementation of policies and long-term planning.

In 2010, Bou Saab was elected as the Mayor of his hometown of Dhour Shweir and Ain Al Sindyaneh. He is also an active member of the Clinton Global Initiative, co-founder of the Emirates Lebanese Friendship Association and former Member of the Board of Directors of the Young Arab Leaders.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me welcoming Mr. Elias Bou Saab to the City of Cleveland.

RECOGNIZING OXFORD HEALTHCARE OF JOPLIN

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the reopening of Oxford HealthCare in Joplin, Missouri.

Oxford HealthCare is a home care provider that serves more than 50 counties in southwest and central Missouri. In 1975, Oxford HealthCare began operations in Joplin and Springfield, Missouri. On May 22, 2011, a tornado struck the Joplin community and destroyed Oxford's office. It was very important to Oxford HealthCare that they get to a new normal as quickly as possible because their

patients and employees were dependent on them, and in their business there is no excuse not to show up for work.

Hours after the tornado tore through Joplin, Destiny Church opened its doors to Oxford. By the next morning the Joplin and Springfield staff converged on the church with everything needed to do business. For weeks Oxford staff worked out of plastic tubs that held office and medical supplies and they used cell phones and laptops using a computer system that their IT Department was able to establish on the spot. Oxford was back to business as usual. The Zimmer Radio Group helped Oxford get word to their staff and patients that they were working out of Destiny Church.

With the help of the entire company, within three days of the storm all 650 employees and patients were accounted for. Some had been in the path of the storm and lost their homes. Many suffered injuries.

Immediately after the tornado employees who were suffering themselves continued to see their patients without fail. In those first days after the storm many Oxford staff stayed with the patients they were with during the storm, without going to their own homes, until they knew the patients were safe and had family to watch over them. In an effort to ensure that the community's clinical needs were being met, Oxford set up makeshift first aid stations throughout the neighborhoods that were in the path of the tornado. Volunteer nurses from the entire company took their vacation time to staff the tents from 8–5, seven days a week for a number of weeks, where 1,400 tetanus shots were given and first aid was administered.

Oxford eventually left Destiny Church and set up a temporary office in Carthage as plans were being made to return to Joplin. The resilience of Oxford and its employees is amazing and I am honored to help Oxford celebrate the reopening of their new facility in Joplin.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on June 5, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following ways: "no" on rollcall vote No. 315, "no" on rollcall vote No. 316, "no" on rollcall vote No. 317, and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 318.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF EASTERN OREGON AND HONOR FLIGHT OF PORTLAND, OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 54 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Friday in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon and Honor Flight of Portland, Oregon. On behalf of a grateful State and country, we welcome these heroes to our Nation's Capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: Theodore Baumeister, U.S. Army; William Burgess, U.S. Army; Warren F. Ebersole, U.S. Army; Walter J. Forsea, U.S. Army; Teresa Fortino, U.S. Army; Jay L. Garrison, U.S. Army; Zoella Hickmon, U.S. Army; James E. Monroe, U.S. Army; Walter S. Saunders, U.S. Army; Joseph W. Sharpe, U.S. Army; Frank K. Walsh, U.S. Army; Earl C. Williams, U.S. Army; Glenn A. Wrede, U.S. Army; Arthur J. Blumberg, U.S. Army Air Forces; John Bogen, U.S. Army Air Forces; Merrit S. Kelsay, U.S. Army Air Forces; Daniel F. McAllaster, U.S. Army Air Forces; Robert J. Miller, U.S. Army Air Forces; Arthur Perkins, U.S. Army Air Forces; Gene Woodward, U.S. Army Air Forces; Jerry Benson, U.S. Coast Guard; Charles L. Burgess, U.S. Marine Corps; Golda F. Fabian, U.S. Marine Corps; William Gordon, U.S. Marine Corps; Charles R. Holmes, U.S. Marine Corps; Keith C. Tucker, U.S. Marine Corps; Dwain E. Whitney, U.S. Marine Corps; Levi D. Chamberlin, U.S. Merchant Marine; John Alford, U.S. Navy; Robert Barber, U.S. Navy; Eldon Bartlett, U.S. Navy; Sylvine Elie Bourque, U.S. Navy; John E. Curran, U.S. Navy; Bruce L. Dickman, U.S. Navy; Richard M. Finch, U.S. Navy; Louis Fortino, U.S. Navy; Ted S. Georgioff, U.S. Navy; Dale D. Halm, U.S. Navy; Merrily Kurtz Hewett, U.S. Navy; Jack Hilbourne, U.S. Navy; Leslie H. Horn, U.S. Navy; Robert J. Huesby, U.S. Navy; Charles H. Kies, U.S. Navy; Robert L. Lee, U.S. Navy; Leo Moore, U.S. Navy; Thomas Mummy, U.S. Navy; Walker D. Nicholson, U.S. Navy; Raymond Quimby, U.S. Navy; Richard G. Ray, U.S. Navy; George Reiner, U.S. Navy; Louis Stone, U.S. Navy; Robert B. Stuart, U.S. Navy; Helmer C. Wallan, U.S. Navy; Aurther L. Welch, U.S. Navy.

These 54 heroes join more than 81,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our Nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these brave Americans who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon and Portland, Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize U.S. Army veteran Dick Tobiason and the Bend Heroes Foundation, whose tireless work will result in over 100 World War II veterans from Oregon visiting the memorials and U.S. Capitol.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 316 due to a family medical issue. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the Hirono of Hawaii Amendment.