

meet the challenges of NTDs is to be found, it will take the collaboration of the organizations represented here today, as well as numerous others.

What yesterday was a disease affecting a tiny population in a remote area of the world can tomorrow become an unexpected, global epidemic. We must be better prepared to deal with new challenges to public health.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF PLYMOUTH'S SIX FALLEN HEROES

#### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 28, 2013*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and sacrifice of six fallen heroes hailing from the great town of Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Since September 11, 2001, Plymouth has lost six of its own citizens who answered the call to defend their Nation. These selfless individuals will now be memorialized by family, friends, and neighbors in their hometown when Plymouth's Fallen Heroes Memorial is officially unveiled next week. Today, I would like to express my gratitude for their service by presenting the names of the fallen to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Sergeant First Class Robert E. Rooney, Army National Guard

Killed in action September 25, 2003 in Kuwait

Lance Corporal Jeffrey C. Burgess, United States Marine Corps

Killed in action March 25, 2004 in Fallujah, Iraq

Private First Class Kevin J. King, United States Army

Killed in action April 18, 2007 during a training exercise at Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Sergeant Benjamin W. Sherman, United States Army

Killed in action November 10, 2009 in Western Afghanistan

Staff Sergeant Matthew A. Pucino, Army National Guard

Killed in action November 23, 2009 in Pashay Kala, Afghanistan

Specialist Steven E. Gutowski, United States Army

Killed in action September 28, 2011 in Ghanzi Province, Afghanistan

These courageous, distinguished men embodied the best ideals of our country and dedicated their lives to its security. I sincerely thank these six Plymouth natives for all that they have given in the line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize the outstanding sacrifice that these veterans made for their country. I ask that my colleagues join me in this remembrance, and in thanking all of our servicemembers deployed across the globe.

#### RECOGNIZING ALEXANDER MIRANDA AND ANGEL VALVERDE

#### HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 28, 2013*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize two students, Alexander

Miranda of Davenport, Florida, and Angel Valverde of Orlando, Florida, on their acceptance to attend a People to People World Leadership Forum next week in Washington, D.C.

The People to People Leadership Ambassadors program brings together middle and high school students from over 140 countries and offers unique, hands on educational experiences that prepare students to assume the mantle of leadership in the future. While in Washington, D.C., students will participate in daily educational activities constructed around a leadership development-focused curriculum to assist students in identifying and applying their personal leadership style.

To be selected for a People to People World Leadership Forum, these students have demonstrated the requirements of academic excellence, leadership potential and exemplary citizenship. Their commitment of time and dedication to their education and future is outstanding. I wish the best for Alexander and Angel as they continue to advance toward even higher pursuits.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I am pleased to congratulate Alexander Miranda and Angel Valverde on their acceptance to a People to People World Leadership Forum this summer. May their hard work and steadfastness inspire many to follow in their footsteps.

#### H.R. 1947 THE FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2013

#### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 28, 2013*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the harmful "King Amendment" to the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013 (H.R. 2217). I believe it will negatively impact Michigan's agricultural industry and hinder states' ability to maintain high dairy standards and to protect its citizens from livestock diseases and invasive pests.

I am disappointed that the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture adopted the controversial King amendment and that floor amendments to strip this harmful provision were not allowed to be voted on by the full House. The King Amendment precludes positive state regulation because it authorizes the federal government to nullify state laws and to change current animal welfare standards.

I have consistently made animal protection a priority. In 2010, I co-authored the Animal Crush Video Prohibition Act that was later signed into law by President Obama. During my time in Congress I have supported and championed legislation aimed at protecting the welfare of animals. I will continue to fight to uphold ethical animal welfare standards.

While I have deep concerns with the substance of the King amendment and a legislative process that barred full House consideration thereof, I believe it is critical to provide necessary resources to our agricultural producers in Michigan and across our nation. I look forward to working with my colleagues in both the House and Senate to enact a farm bill that supports our agricultural industry while maintaining high animal welfare standards.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DENNIS P. ZINE, MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

#### HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 28, 2013*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary leadership and public service of Dennis P. Zine, Member of the Los Angeles City Council. For the last twelve years, Councilmember Zine has represented the interests of the San Fernando Valley on the Los Angeles City Council, expanding recreation opportunities for Valley residents, fighting against waste and abuse in public agencies and supporting law enforcement efforts to keep our streets safe.

Councilman Zine has a well-earned reputation in the San Fernando Valley for his deep commitment to local community and non-profit groups as well as his lively presence at community events. Every year I look forward to sharing the stage with the Councilman at the appropriately titled "Dennis P. Zine 4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza at Warner Center."

Before his election to the City Council, Dennis served for 28 years on the front lines of the Los Angeles Police Department. During that time, Dennis rose to the rank of Sergeant, was honored as officer of the year by the California Highway Patrol and was elected three times to the Board of Directors of the Police Protective League.

Always working to improve the quality of life for the residents of the San Fernando Valley, Councilman Zine formed P.O.S.S.E. (People Organizing a Safe, Secure Environment), a volunteer group in which hundreds of concerned citizens can work to rid their communities of graffiti, neglected properties, abandoned cars and other nuisances.

Dennis is blessed with two sons, Chris and Eric. Like his father before him, Chris is a Sergeant with the LAPD while Eric is a champion race pilot and flight instructor.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my gratitude to Dennis Zine and thank him for his tenure of outstanding public service to the residents of the San Fernando Valley. Dennis Zine is an extraordinary leader whose service deserves to be recognized for all that he has done and will continue to do for our community.

#### OFFSHORE ENERGY AND JOBS ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2231) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to increase energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, provide for equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, implement the reorganization of the functions of the former Minerals Management Service into distinct and separate agencies, and for other purposes:

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the Flores Amendment.

This amendment would seriously undermine the smart ocean planning activities called for

by the National Ocean Policy. I fail to see why my colleagues on the other side of the aisle oppose smart management of our ocean and coastal resources.

We depend heavily on our oceans. In 2010 alone, maritime economic activities supported 2.7 million jobs and contributed 258 billion dollars to our GDP. But there is increasing competition for the use of our oceans. Offshore energy facilities, commercial fishing, recreation, renewable energy, and shipping are all competing for ocean space and resources.

Yet, despite this complex network of competing interests, our current haphazard system makes planning decisions about each industry individually, rather than looking at the big picture and planning accordingly. Our discussion this week about expanding offshore oil drilling is a perfect example of this piecemeal approach that results in an inefficient use of our ocean resources.

Smart regional planning is one answer to this problem. Planning processes allow us to work together and find the best solutions that offer the most benefits for our oceans and our economies—two systems that we all know are deeply intertwined and highly interdependent. Smart decisions are based on mathematical analyses, ecological assessments, and stakeholder deliberations—not politics. And with the guidance of the National Ocean Policy, these processes will happen at the regional level, which puts ocean management decisions closer to the people on the ground—the industries and jobs that will be impacted by ocean management decisions.

The National Ocean Policy is not a big government initiative, but a mechanism for efficient planning and giving regions and states more control. The amendment in question would disenfranchise states, businesses, and citizens who engage in developing ocean plans.

Mr. Chair, smart ocean planning is the clear way forward to make the most of our ocean resources. The Flores amendment would undercut this process, and I urge my colleagues to oppose it.

## OFFSHORE ENERGY AND JOBS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair the Offshore Energy and Jobs Act, which raises several issues important to every Member of the House:

Energy production and independence  
Environmental protection and preservation;  
and

Job creation for minorities and women

Given the importance of these issues, I believe the House would have benefitted from a

bill I introduced during the 111th and the 112th Congress. H.R. 3710—The Deficit Reduction, Job Creation and Energy Security Act of 2011 and of 2012.

My bill proclaimed a placement for the next generation. The introduction of H.R. 3710 indicated a collaborative approach in response of the call from Americans across the U.S., calling for jobs today. H.R. 3710 will do exactly that plus provide huge benefits to our national and local economies, and increase our energy supply and independence from foreign oil.

The energy bill I offered calls for the secretary of interior to increase the total lease acreage set forth in the proposed outer continental shelf oil & gas leasing program for 2012–2017 by an additional 10 percent.

This 10% increase shall be known as the deficit reduction acreage. As such, the secretary shall lease 20% of the deficit reduction acreage each year from 2012–2017. All proceeds from the deficit reduction acreage shall be deposited into the deficit reduction energy security fund.

For 15 years after issuance of the first lease or receipt of the first payment coming from the deficit reduction energy security fund, all proceeds shall be deposited into an interest bearing account for a period of 2 years. Upon expiration of the 2 year period, these proceeds shall be distributed as follows:

The interest gained during 2 year period shall be placed in the Coastal and Ocean Sustainability and Health Fund (COSH);

And the principle from the deficit reduction energy security fund shall be deposited into the U.S. Treasury and applied directly toward deficit reduction.

The cosh fund will establish grants for States (coastal and disaster grant program and) a national grant program for addressing coastal and ocean disasters, restoration, protection, and maintenance of coastal areas and oceans, including research and programs in coordination with State and local agencies.

My bill also establishes an Office of Ocean Energy Employment and Training at the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, which shall be empowered and directed to oversee the efforts of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement Ocean Energy Planning, permitting and regulatory activities to carry out the purposes, objectives and requirements of this act.

And my bill establishes the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion that will require the Secretary to take affirmative steps to seek diversity in all levels of such department, and to be responsible for all matters of the Department of the Interior relating to diversity in management, employment, and business activities.

As a representative from Houston, Texas, representing the energy capital of America, I realize that energy is the lifeblood of every economy.

I also realize that the oil and gas industry provides many jobs for many of my constituents and opportunities for small businesses in my district.

Therefore, it is critical that while seeking solutions to secure more energy independence within this country, we must strike a balance that will still support an environment for continued growth in the oil and gas industry that creates millions of jobs across the entire country.

My bill guarantees to pay down the deficit, create grant dollars for local government enti-

ties, and creates a job training and employment office for minorities and women at the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement.

Mr. Chair, I ask the Chairman and the Ranking Member to work with me on my bill, H.R. 3710, to create a robust job creation bill that pays down the deficit, creates grant dollars and establishes an office for employment and job training for minorities and women.

H.R. 2231 touches the surface but does not penetrate into the crust of a real offshore job creation bill.

My bill, H.R. 3710 requires the department to utilize its authorities regarding the leasing and development of offshore oil and gas resources to accelerate job creation and economic revitalization to the fullest extent practicable, taking into account the department's responsibilities regarding conservation, safety and protection of the environment; promotes expansion of domestic employment opportunities; responds to the Nations increased need for domestic oil and natural gas resources; and supports the utilization of the outer continental shelf for oil and gas production and transmission.

H.R. 2231, does not provide the key components, in which I propose in H.R. 3710, and for these reasons, I am opposed to the bill and cannot support it.

## HONORING JOHN DINGELL

SPEECH OF

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2013*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, on December 8, 1941, a page stood on the House floor as President Franklin Roosevelt spoke of a “date which will live in infamy” and asked the Congress to declare war on Japan.

The son of a Congressman, ready and willing to serve his country, this young man enlisted in the Army in 1944 and fought on distant shores in World War II. In 1955, he followed in the family tradition of public service, ran for his father's seat in Congress, and won.

Today, that page, that young man, is the Dean of the House and the longest-serving Member of Congress in history: JOHN DINGELL.

Over the course of nearly six decades, JOHN DINGELL has had a hand in almost every issue vital to the American people: from the air that we breathe and the water that we drink, to how the government serves its citizens, to essential consumer protections.

Yet, among his countless achievements, none hold greater significance than his contributions to the health of the American people. Indeed, it has been the constant theme of his career.

Health care was the family families—as his father had introduced the first-ever national health care legislation. In 1955, carrying forward that legacy, JOHN DINGELL ran for Congress on the platform of health care for all. In 1965, Medicare became the law of the land with the bang of JOHN DINGELL's gavel.

With each new Congress, he would introduce bills, hold hearings, build momentum for health reform. And in 2010, after half-a-century of fighting for his cause, he sat by President Obama's side to see the Affordable Care