

leaves the nation's capital with essentially half of a revival, and would be tragically timed just as the lower-income parts of the District, which need the incentives most, are ready for residential and commercial redevelopment.

There is no reason to extend incentives to the other large empowerment zone cities but not to the nation's capital, which lacks many of the advantages of other cities. Like the health of many other cities, the District's fiscal health has improved since the tax incentives were established in 1997, but the incentives continue to be indispensable for ensuring that lower-income areas of the city are part of the city's economic progress. It would be tragic to single out the nation's capital as the only empowerment zone city not to be renewed just as the eastern sections of the city are about to take off. As essential as the federal incentives have been, their costs have been de minimis compared to the billions of dollars in construction, new local revenue and new taxpayers the incentives have generated. They deserve to be extended.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL CIGAR BOX FESTIVAL

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the York Emporium as it hosts its fourth annual Pennsylvania Cigar Box Guitar Festival in York Pennsylvania.

The cigar box guitar is a traditional American instrument, with roots funning through the Civil War, the Great Depression, and the Panic of 1983. It harkens back to a time when folks would make-do with musical instruments they had constructed with their own hands, using found objects.

The annual Pennsylvania Cigar Box Guitar Festival, now in its 4th year, celebrates this homegrown musical style and the ingenuity of its musicians with the largest music festival of its kind. It features performers from Illinois, Ohio, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, upstate New York and Pennsylvania. The festival brings tourists from throughout New England, the Mid-Atlantic and Midwestern states. In recent years, the festival has even seen the arrival of international visitors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues in recognizing the uniquely American attributes that this festival celebrates.

HONORING JAMES K. BAKER

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and extraordinary accomplishments of one of my constituents, James K. Baker of Columbus, Indiana.

James Baker became president and chief executive officer of Arvin Industries in 1981 and served until his retirement in 1998. During James' stewardship of the company, Arvin Industries was noted for its aggressive pursuit

and success in building a globalized sales and supply infrastructure as the auto industry diversified globally in the 1980s.

In addition to building a Fortune 500 company, James served from 1990–1991 as the chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He was a former chairman of the DePauw University Board of Trustees, his alma mater, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, and the 2003 Indiana Government Efficiency Commission. James was a strong advocate of education reform efforts and higher educational standards as a means of building and sustaining a global and competitive workforce in our communities across the State. I know Jim was particularly proud of his involvement as a Member of the Board of Trustees with the Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School, an Indianapolis charter school.

James Baker was my friend and an inspiration to people across the Hoosier State. I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to keep his wife, Beverly, in your thoughts and prayers as we celebrate the life of James Baker.

CELEBRATING 28 YEARS OF SERVICE: PEGGY LYNCH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FRIENDS OF THE PARKS AND TRAILS OF SAINT PAUL AND RAMSEY COUNTY

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the inspiring career of Ms. Peggy Lynch, a leader in preservation of parks and green space, on the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director from Friends of the Parks and Trails of Saint Paul and Ramsey County.

The Friends of the Parks and Trails of Saint Paul and Ramsey County has its origins in a group of citizens who banded together to protect Hidden Falls—Crosby Lake Regional Park in 1984 from developers proposing to build housing within the park. After the housing proposal was defeated, the group continued to meet, and a permanent organization was established in 1985 with a grant from the Saint Paul Foundation. Peggy Lynch co-founded the organization and served as Executive Director for the next 28 years. Today, because of Peggy's extraordinary persistence and advocacy for the outdoors, the organization has led development and preservation of parks across the east metro region and earned her the title the "Conscience of the Parks."

Thanks to Peggy Lynch's vision, the organization achieved foundational work to protect public access to green space. In 1985 the group initiated a study of parks in Saint Paul and Ramsey County during a period of intense developer interest in prime park land. At the time, there were few local park commissions and developers had no obligation to contribute to the park system. Cities such as Saint Paul sold parkland for a dollar per parcel. As a result of a study by the Friends of the Parks and Trails of Saint Paul and Ramsey County, Park Commissions in Saint Paul and Ramsey County were established. The amendment of the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County charters for "no net loss" of parkland were approved. These actions built a system to preserve and add parkland for public use.

Additionally, Peggy and Friends of the Parks and Trails of Saint Paul and Ramsey County have helped develop and support the environment by promoting appreciation for parks and open space through quality parks, trails, and bikeways. Through educational, community, and corporate outreach programs, they have provided access to recreational opportunities to communities who otherwise may not have the opportunity to experience it.

Peggy's influence brought increased recognition and elevated the importance of preserving the great outdoors for present and future generations to come. Her work along with the Friends of the Parks and Trails of Saint Paul and Ramsey County are legacies that will live on in the organization's work advocating for the environment in the Twin Cities.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of Ms. Peggy Lynch, a leader in the environmental community, I am pleased to submit this statement to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in recognition of her retirement as Executive Director of the Friends of the Parks and Trails of Saint Paul and Ramsey County.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF DR. REED BELL

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and dedicated service of Northwest Florida's Dr. Reed Bell, who passed away on July 28, 2013. Dr. Bell's mission was to better the lives of children, and still today, his name is synonymous with pediatric health. The entire Northwest Florida community mourns the loss of this talented, kind-hearted man.

Dr. Bell was born on December 24, 1926 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. Growing up, he attended Pensacola High School, where he was a model scholar-athlete. He was the captain of both the football and basketball teams, elected king of the high school's coronation, and graduated as Salutatorian. Dr. Bell then took his athletic talents to the University of Florida, where he was awarded a football scholarship. However, shortly thereafter, he answered the call of his Nation by serving in World War II. When he returned home, Dr. Bell opted to attend the University of the South, where he further applied his natural leadership abilities by again captaining both the basketball and football teams.

Despite his athletic successes, Dr. Bell was destined to serve his community through his knowledge of medicine and his love of children. He graduated from Duke's College of Medicine in 1953 and performed his residency in pediatrics and fellowship in endocrinology at Baylor University in 1957. Returning to his native Pensacola, Dr. Bell began practicing as a board-certified pediatrician and pediatric endocrinologist. In 1969, however, Dr. Bell founded the Sacred Heart Children's Hospital, the only facility of its kind in the area. To support this great endeavor, founded at the hospital where he himself was born over forty years prior, he served as the Medical Director, formed a pediatric residency program, and established a neonatal intensive care unit to better serve the children of our community. In a

further testament to his strength as a leader and his humanitarian nature, Dr. Bell also co-founded the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Florida.

Dr. Bell's exceptional abilities were not localized to Northwest Florida alone. In 1986, then-President Ronald Reagan appointed him as the founding Director of the National Institute of Health Office of Substance Abuse Prevention, the federal government's first substance abuse prevention program. This appointment marked another example of Dr. Bell's exceptional ability to lead and help his fellow man. It would be exhausting to list the many awards and accolades he received throughout his career, which further represents his tremendous strength of character. However, these pale in comparison to his sheer love of family, service, and community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Dr. Reed Bell. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers and sincerest condolences to his wife, Nell; six children, Rev. William R. Bell, Jr.; Mitzi Peters; Terry Bush; Former Florida Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Bell; Lance Bell; and Brian Bell; 20 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He will truly be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

INTRODUCTION OF THE OBSTETRIC FISTULA PREVENTION, TREATMENT, HOPE, AND DIGNITY RESTORATION ACT OF 2013

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today, I, along with Representatives JOSEPH CROWLEY, JOHN CONYERS, SAM FARR, RAÚL GRIJALVA, HENRY "HANK" JOHNSON, JIM McDERMOTT, GWEN MOORE, JAMES MORAN, and JACKIE SPEIER, am reintroducing the "Fistula Prevention, Treatment, Hope and Dignity Restoration Act." This comprehensive legislation both prevents new obstetric fistulas and helps to treat existing ones, helping millions of women throughout the world.

Pregnancy shouldn't leave a woman with a disability and ostracized from her community. Congress should ensure investments for the more than two million women worldwide that have obstetric fistula and we do what we can to prevent new cases. Obstetric fistula is a devastating condition that results from prolonged labor without medical attention. During delivery, the infant's head presses against the woman's pelvis for so long that it kills the tissues. This causes a hole between the woman's vagina and rectum develops, leaving her without control of her bladder and/or bowels for the rest of her life if she goes untreated. It often results in the death of the infant. They are almost always abandoned by their husbands and shunned by their families. According to the World Health Organization, about two million women suffer this condition worldwide.

Fortunately, multilateral organizations such as UNFPA (the United Nations Population Fund) and bilateral organizations such as USAID are working with partners on a global campaign to prevent and treat fistula with the

goal of making the condition rare in developing areas such as sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

It is imperative that we in Congress support these efforts to eradicate the devastating condition which is why this bill authorizes the President to provide assistance to prevent and treat obstetric fistula. This legislation allows for a comprehensive, three pronged approach of prevention, treatment and reintegration which includes: increasing access to prenatal care, emergency obstetric care, postnatal care, and voluntary family planning; building local capacity and improving national health systems; addressing underlying social and economic inequities such as reducing the incidence of child marriage and increasing access to formal and informal education; and supporting reintegration and training programs to help women who have undergone treatment return to full and productive lives. These essential investments create a multiplier effect of benefits in the lives of women and their communities.

The legislation also supports coordination among the community working to prevent and treat obstetric fistula through the International Obstetric Fistula Working Group. Support for monitoring, evaluation, and research to measure the effectiveness and efficiency of such programs throughout their planning and implementation phases will ensure the most efficient and effective use of US foreign assistance dollars.

I urge my colleagues to support this important, meaningful legislation.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL KEIL GENTRY, USMC

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a fellow Marine, Colonel Keil Gentry. After more than two years of service as the Marine Corps' Deputy Legislative Assistant to the Commandant, Keil will be assuming responsibilities as the Director of the Marine Corps War College. On this occasion, I believe it is fitting to recognize Colonel Gentry's distinguished service and dedication to fostering the warm relationship between the United States Marine Corps and the Congress.

With over two decades of dedicated service to his country, Colonel Gentry has distinguished himself serving the cause of freedom across the globe. His service leading young Marines as a Battery, Battalion, and Regimental Commander, in garrison and in combat, is emblematic of the caliber of his character.

Over the course of the last two years, Colonel Gentry has been instrumental to ensuring the Marine Corps' story is heard on the Hill. Known for his in-depth knowledge of legislative issues, personal warmth, and an ability to skillfully navigate Headquarters Marine Corps, Colonel Gentry worked long hours and through major surgery to ensure that Congress was armed with timely information on Operation Enduring Freedom, Marine Security Guards at our Embassies, and all other forward deployed Marine forces. Colonel Gentry could be counted on as a trustworthy source

on Marine Corps Programs, be it the Joint Strike Fighter, the Amphibious Combat Vehicle, or the MV-22 Osprey. Moreover, his efforts helped this body properly recognize the contributions of the first African American Marines through the award of the Congressional Gold Medal in tribute to the Montford Point Marines.

As Keil departs the Pentagon he will be heading just down the road to Quantico, Virginia. There he will be directing the Marine Corps' top level school, the Marine Corps War College. It is only fitting that an officer who has spent a career mentoring and training Marines should assume this great responsibility. Here Keil will interact with the Corps' senior leaders, those ready to assume vital commands around the globe. We can have no doubt that he will ensure they are well prepared for the duties they are about to undertake.

Colonel Gentry's absence will be felt in the Congress and the Pentagon. I join many past and present Members in my gratitude and appreciation to him for his outstanding leadership and his unwavering support of the missions of the United States Marine Corps. I wish him and his wife, Jenny, fair winds and following seas as he continues to serve our great nation.

KEEP TEACHERS TEACHING ACT

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution provides Congress with the authority to "make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper" to provide for the "general Welfare" of Americans. In the Department of Education Organization Act (P.L. 96-88), Congress declared that "the establishment of a Department of Education is in the public interest, will promote the general welfare of the United States, will help ensure that education issues receive proper treatment at the Federal level, and will enable the Federal Government to coordinate its education activities more effectively." The Department of Education's mission is to "promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access."

HONORING THE LIFE OF MIKE TAUGHER

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my friends and colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished public servant Mr. Mike Taugher and his dedicated work in journalism and his dedication to protecting the environment. Mike passed away earlier this month at the age of 50.

For many years, Mike worked as the environmental reporter for the Contra Costa