

enjoy getting away from the present and immersed in history. From the solid plank wood floors, exposed wood trusses, and sliding freight doors, the Depot and its adjacent railroad tracks that were such a part of Magnolia's early days are preserved for future generations so they too can enjoy a real Train City. Their efforts to revive a piece of Magnolia's past for all of us to enjoy deserve this honor.

As Magnolia continues to grow, I am confident it will never lose its Train Town heritage and how Magnolia's Depot connected Montgomery county to the world.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "END BIG OIL TAX SUBSIDIES ACT"

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, in the midst of budget turmoil, the upcoming debt ceiling limit, and looming sequestration cuts, I am introducing legislation that could save American taxpayers almost \$40 billion over the next 5 years.

Right now, Americans are subsidizing some of the largest and most profitable companies in the world with their tax dollars. Taxpayers currently subsidize oil injection, extraction, exploration, drilling, injection, manufacturing, pricing, and inventory valuing, by offsetting foreign taxes, providing generous credits and deductions, and offering tax shelters.

The "End Big Oil Tax Subsidies Act," would end 10 of the most egregious tax loopholes enjoyed by the oil industry—tax loopholes that have helped BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil and Shell make a combined profit of nearly \$1 trillion over the past decade. The legislation is modeled on President Obama's proposal to eliminate oil and gas tax preferences in his FY 2013 Budget.

Extremely profitable, well-established, large corporations do not need enormous subsidies from the government and we simply cannot afford to let them continue. It is well established in a global petroleum market that this subsidy has zero impact on reducing prices for American consumers. Instead of padding the bottom of oil companies, this money could be better spent renewing and rebuilding our nation's infrastructure. It could be used to stave off some of the most draconian cuts that families will face this spring if Congress does not act on sequestration. Finally, the resources could be redirected to level the playing field for emerging technologies like wind and solar.

I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this important legislation.

TRIBUTE TO P/SGT. WILLIAM P. TUGGLE

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Eighty years ago on October 31, 1932 a tenacious man of God was born in Monticello, Georgia; and

Whereas, P/Sgt. William P. Tuggle was trained as a Combat/Recon Military Engineer, he served in the United States Army, received numerous Military Citations such as the Combat Service Award, the Bronze Star, the Combat Service Award, the Army Commendation Award and an Appreciation Certificate from President Richard Nixon; and

Whereas, P/Sgt. Tuggle has shared his time and talents as a family man, serviceman and mentor, giving the citizens of the United States a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all advancing the lives of others, through service to our country in the U.S. Army and being the ideal husband, father, church member and grandfather; and

Whereas, P/Sgt. Tuggle has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, P/Sgt. Tuggle along with his family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, his 80th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a man who is a cornerstone in our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside these days to honor and recognize P/Sgt. Tuggle on his birthday and to wish him well and recognize him for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim October 31, 2012 as P/Sgt. William P. Tuggle Day in Georgia's 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 31st day of October, 2012.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RACHEL CARSON NATURE TRAIL DESIGNATION ACT OF 2013

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I introduce the Rachel Carson Nature Trail Designation Act of 2013, to recognize Rachel Carson, an environmental pioneer and inspiration for environmental consciousness best known for her groundbreaking book *Silent Spring*. In September 2012, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Silent Spring*, which has been translated into more than a dozen languages. The idea for my bill, which designates a National Park Service trail in the District of Columbia in honor of Ms. Carson, was brought to me by Glover Park residents.

Ms. Carson was born on May 27, 1907, on a farm in Springdale, Pennsylvania, graduated magna cum laude with a biology degree from the Pennsylvania College for Women (later Chatham College), and received a full scholarship that enabled her to obtain a master's degree in marine zoology from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. A world-renowned environmental scientist, writer, and educator, Ms. Carson worked as a federal employee for most of her professional life as a writer, editor, and ultimately, Editor-in-Chief for the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife Service's publications department.

Ms. Carson accomplished much of her seminal professional work as a federal employee at the U.S. Department of the Interior in the District. She often used Glover Archbold Park in the District as a site from which she drew

observations about nature and the environment. She performed research on the dangers of pesticides, and her findings were sustained by the Science Advisory Committee, created during President John F. Kennedy's administration. As a result, federal and state legislatures enacted pesticide legislation. Her work also paved the way for groundbreaking environmental protection legislation throughout the world. Ms. Carson was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters and received many other honors. She died on April 14, 1964, in Silver Spring, Maryland, leaving a rich legacy that will continue to benefit present and future generations well beyond the 50th anniversary of *Silent Spring*.

Last year, I testified at a meeting of the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission on the bill. The commission asked for additional information on Carson's work in the park. We are providing the commission with such information, and would expect its support for the designation at its next meeting.

My bill serves to commemorate Rachel Carson for her tireless efforts to make the District of Columbia, the United States, and, indeed, the world a better and safer place for us all. The trail designated by the bill, located in the NPS's Glover Archbold Park in the District, will be known as the "Rachel Carson Nature Trail." The bill ensures that Rachel Carson's contributions will be remembered and treasured for years to come.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support the legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF ARTHUR N. COSENTINO

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chief Arthur N. Cosentino on his retirement from the West Long Branch Police Department. Chief Cosentino has dutifully served the Borough of West Long Branch for over 35 years.

Chief Cosentino began his law enforcement career in 1976 when he was hired as a patrolman with the West Long Branch Police Department. He served as a criminal investigator in the Detective Bureau for over 15 years, when he was promoted to Sergeant in 1997. He quickly advanced the ranks, earning promotions to Lieutenant and then Captain in 2004 and finally Chief of Police in 2006.

In addition to his career with the police department, Chief Cosentino was actively involved in the community. He has been involved with the West Long Branch Fire Department, West Long Branch First Aid Squad, West Long Branch Office of Emergency Management, Amerigo Vespucci Society, West Long Branch Lions Club, and the West Long Branch Sports Association. He is also Past President and a current member of the Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 141, a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and a member of the Monmouth County Police Chiefs Association, serving as its President in 2012.

Chief Cosentino earned his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Brookdale Community College in 1991 and later returned to

school at Fairleigh Dickinson University in 2010, graduating as a Certified Public Manager. He has also earned several certificates for continuing education classes related to his police work.

Throughout his law enforcement career, Chief Cosentino has been the recipient of various awards and commendations recognizing his dedication and achievements. He has been presented with the Meritorious Service Award for heroic actions during a fire in 2000, the Unit Citation Medal for detection and apprehension of two armed robbers in 2004, and the Outstanding Achievement Medal for substantial burglary clearances in 2004, among many others. A graduate of Shore Regional High School, Chief Cosentino was also inducted into the High School's Hall of Fame in 2006.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Chief Arthur Cosentino on his retirement from the West Long Branch Police Department. His selfless commitment to the community is deserving of this body's recognition.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER
COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special school in the congressional district that I am honored to represent. For 55 years, Christopher Columbus High School has instilled in its students strong values and served South Florida as an institution of academic excellence and athletic achievement. Columbus has educated thousands of fine young men and community leaders, including my brothers, some of my close friends and members of my staff.

Established in 1958 in the spirit of St. Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers, Columbus' teachers and staff work tirelessly so that its students can achieve their full potential across every facet of their lives.

Columbus Explorers excel both inside and outside of the classroom. The school's award-winning academic curriculum is tailored to meet the individual needs of its students and equips them with the tools they need to lead successful lives. It also boasts an athletic program that competes across 15 different sports and has earned dozens of district and state championships.

Columbus works to develop young men of good social conscience and social responsibility, offering its students daily morning masses, weekly youth group meetings and opportunities for community service.

Among Columbus' alumni are some of America's leading entrepreneurs, elected officials, distinguished scientists and doctors, professional athletes, high ranking officers in our armed forces, a Pulitzer Prize winner, a Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient and the poet at the 2013 inauguration of President Barack Obama.

Mr. Speaker, for all of the achievements that I have cited and those that time constraints do not allow me to list, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Christopher Columbus High School. It is only fitting that Columbus' motto be *Adelante*, for this school has certainly been moving South Florida and America forward for over half a century.

TRIBUTE TO SOLID ROCK
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for the past twenty years; and

Whereas, Pastor Christopher C. Alikah and the members of the Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our county; and

Whereas, the Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past twenty (20) years; and

Whereas, this Church has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with DeKalb County their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church family for their leadership and service to our District on this the 20th Anniversary of their founding;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim November 11, 2012 as Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of November, 2012.