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ON THE OCCASION OF THE COMPLETION OF THE GERALD E. NAFTLAY MUNICIPAL COMPLEX IN OAK PARK, MICHIGAN

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 14, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the leaders and residents of Oak Park, Michigan as they celebrate the completion of their city's new City Hall and the renovation of its community campus.

With its village charter approved in 1927, Oak Park was created from a 5.5 square mile part of southwestern Royal Oak Township in Oakland County as a community determined to make a bright future for its residents. From early in its existence, residents of Oak Park were bound by a strong pride for their community and gave freely of their time and energy to ensure its success. While the residents of Oak Park struggled with many of the same challenges that affected our entire nation during the Great Depression, they rose to overcome those obstacles and incorporated as a city in 1945. After its incorporation, Oak Park quickly grew during the post World War II boom—becoming a home to America's growing middle class and small businesses.

The City of Oak Park is a community that embodies the incredible diversity of the Southeast Michigan region and has a rich history that had added so much to the Greater Detroit area. Many middle class families moved to Oak Park in the booming 1950s and opened up businesses, and many, like Koeplinger's Bakery, grew to develop regional notoriety. Over the decades, Oak Park has held true to the dreams of its founders—a tight-knit community where families would raise their children, entrepreneurs can start their own businesses and a place that its residents are proud to call their home.

As a city that has focused on providing its residents with a high quality-of-life, the completion of the Gerald E. Naftaly Municipal Complex will ensure that Oak Park is able to continue providing top-quality service to its residents. Named after former Mayor Jerry Naftaly, who served in office for twenty years and was elected as a City Councilman for fourteen years prior to his tenure as mayor, the renovated community campus will provide residents with expanded public safety serv-

ices, expanded library access and a modernized community center. The expansion, in addition to the new City Hall facilities, also includes upgrades to Oak Park's Rothstein and Victoria parks. The completion of this project is an impressive milestone in the city's history, one that fully leveraged resources of our federal, state, county and local governments to finish the project approximately \$300,000 under budget.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mayor Marian McClellan, City Manager Erik Tungate, the City Council and the residents of Oak Park on the completion of this expanded community campus that will offer them improved service and further enhance their quality-of-life. I have no doubt they must be proud of this achievement and I wish them success as they continue to strengthen their city for future generations.

IN SUPPORT OF THE "RETAKE OUR GOV." GROUP

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 14, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the "Retake Our Gov" Group of Livingston County, Michigan, who like so many grass-root organizations throughout our country have diligently educated our citizens on various public issues facing us today. Exercising their Constitutional right to peacefully assemble and in many cases petition their government for a redress of grievances in support of the restoration of liberty, not in restricting it; shrinking our bloated government, not expanding it; who want to reduce taxes, not raise them; abolish costly government programs, not create them; expose the abuses and oppressions of tyrannical dictates; and promote the freedom and independence of our citizens, not the interference of government in their lives; and observe the limited, enumerated powers of our Constitution, not ignore them.

Mr. Speaker, these truly American patriots of every cultural, religious and ethnic background have found a common cause in fighting back today's proliferating big government rules and regulations imposed by costly bloated government bureaucracies who are accountable to no one at the expense of individual rights.

They are God-fearing, freedom-loving Americans who desire nothing more than to rein in big government's tendency toward excessive coercion and the insidious spread of government overreach. They question when the validity of laws and morality contradict each other. They desire nothing more than the extension of individual freedom in a Democracy that attaches all possible value to citizens rather than making each citizen a mere agent, a mere number; a Democracy that seeks equality in Liberty rather than in restraint and servitude.

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IN SUPPORT OF THE "TEA PARTY OF WEST OAKLAND COUNTY"

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 14, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the "Tea Party of West Oakland County" in Oakland County, Michigan, who like so many grass-root organizations throughout our country have diligently educated our citizens on various public issues facing us today. Exercising their Constitutional right to peacefully assemble and in many cases petition their government for a redress of grievances in support of the restoration of liberty, not in restricting it; shrinking our bloated government, not expanding it; who want to reduce taxes, not raise them; abolish costly government programs, not create them; expose the abuses and oppressions of tyrannical dictates; and promote the freedom and independence of our citizens, not the interference of government in their lives; and observe the limited, enumerated powers of our Constitution, not ignore them.

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IN SUPPORT OF THE "SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN 9.12 TEA PARTY"

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 14, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the "Southeast Michigan 9.12

Tea Party of Oakland/Macomb Counties, Michigan, who like so many grass-root organizations throughout our country have diligently educated our citizens on various public issues facing us today. Exercising their Constitutional right to peacefully assemble and in many cases petition their government for a redress of grievances in support of the restoration of liberty, not in restricting it; shrinking our bloated government, not expanding it; who want to reduce taxes, not raise them; abolish costly government programs, not create them; expose the abuses and oppressions of tyrannical dictates; and promote the freedom and independence of our citizens, not the interference of government in their lives; and observe the limited, enumerated powers of our Constitution, not ignore them.

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SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily

Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 17

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

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OCTOBER 23

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging
To hold hearings to examine the future of long-term care policy.

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