

DISMISSING THE ELECTION CONTEST RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TWENTY EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I agree with the majority that this election contest should be dismissed and that it stands before us without merit. The Contestant notified the House that he should be the winner of the election not based on the finding of any solid evidence but based on rumors, conjecture and hearsay.

Contestant also raises accusations of misconduct by law enforcement and election officials without proof. The Contestant does not support any of his arguments with specific creditable evidence. Based on this, I am voting to grant the Contestee relief by disposing of this contest.

My only regret is that the House was not able to dismiss this frivolous contest earlier in the 113th Congress.

INTRODUCTION OF THE LEAD HAZARD TITLE X AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2013

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Lead Hazard Title X Amendments Act.

Although the prevalence of lead poisoning in children has dropped dramatically since the 1970s, the number of children suffering from lead poisoning remains unacceptably high. Over half a million children under the age of 6 in the United States, disproportionately from African-American or low-income communities, are suffering from elevated blood lead levels. There is no safe level of lead exposure for children, yet an estimated 37.1 million homes still have lead-based paint somewhere in the building.

Lead poisoning, which can occur at very low levels of exposure, causes brain damage in infants and toddlers, resulting in poor educational outcomes and widening the achievement gap. Lead poisoning robs children of IQ points, causes cognitive and behavioral issues, and a results in a lifetime of adverse health effects. Each year, lead poisoning costs the United States more than \$50 billion in lost productivity. Educating children suffering from lead poisoning costs public school system special education programs an extra \$38,000 per child every three years. When it costs less than that to eliminate lead from a home, it hardly makes sense that we permit any of our nation's children to be the victims of lead poisoning.

The bill I am introducing today, the Lead Hazard Title X Amendments Act, modernizes the Department for Housing and Urban Development's Lead Hazard Control Program. By making much needed updates to the program,

we can better protect our children and allow for more efficient lead eradication from homes.

This Act will allow families living in all housing, including efficiency apartments, to be eligible for Lead Hazard Control grants. It will broaden the categories of eligible grant recipients, it will allow non-profit agencies and tribal governments to apply for lead abatement funds, and it will simplify the grant application process by allowing Lead Hazard Control grantees to use eligibility information from other government programs to qualify for funds. Finally, this Act will enable grantees already receiving Lead Hazard Control funding to easily and efficiently tap other resources for additional Healthy Housing repairs, including addressing asthma, carbon monoxide, and other safety concerns.

We cannot afford for any of our children not to reach their full potential. I urge my colleagues to stand with me to protect all our nation's children from lead poisoning.

DAVID ROLAND

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud David Roland for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. David Roland is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by David Roland is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to David Roland for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING JAMES D. RUTH

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the accomplishments of Mr. James D. Ruth upon his retirement from the Orange County Sanitation District and from over 50 years of public service. Jim was appointed Interim General Manager of the Orange County Sanitation District, OCSD, in December 2005 for what was supposed to be a six-month role. But instead of serving a short term, his steady management and skill in delivering public services resulted in his six-month assignment turning into a seven-year term of service.

Mr. Ruth stayed to steer OCSD through difficult times, accumulated a number of significant accomplishments, and gained national and international acclaim for the management

of the third largest wastewater treatment plant west of the Mississippi River. During his tenure, Jim Ruth streamlined the agency by eliminating waste and duplication and trimming costs without sacrificing service to the 2.5 million Orange County residents that rely on OCSD every day. He negotiated a two-tier pension system and was a leader in implementing reduced employee costs across the board.

Of special interest to me, Jim Ruth oversaw OCSD's participation in the completion of the Groundwater Replenishment System. He also presided over the dedication of OCSD's secondary treatment upgrade. Both of these projects provide for a reliable and safe clean water supply while protecting Orange County's beautiful beaches.

I applaud Jim's service to our community over the years, and most recently, his service to OCSD. While I wish Jim a long and happy retirement, he should know that his accomplishments throughout his career will not soon be forgotten.

HONORING RICHARD D. STEINBERG, CFA

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Richard D. Steinberg, who recently received the Mitzvah Society Award from the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County. Rich is a respected financial advisor, dedicated community leader, and generous philanthropist who I am also proud to call my friend.

That Rich has received this prestigious award should be no surprise. Rich is known to his friends and colleagues as a compassionate leader who always puts the well-being of his family, clients, and community above all else. These qualities have contributed to his success as a Chartered Financial Analyst and as President and CIO of Steinberg Global Asset Management. In this role, Rich helps individuals, companies, philanthropists, donors and other clients manage their investments so that they can achieve their goals.

While Rich's professional life alone is worthy of admiration, it is his involvement in the South Florida community that truly sets him apart. A proud Jewish American, Rich's commitment to his community has led him to serve in many leadership roles for the Jewish Federation for South Palm Beach County and the Jacobsen Jewish Community Foundation. Rich serves on the Governance Committee for the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) of the Jewish Federation for South Palm Beach County, and is Vice Chair and Investment Committee Chair of the Jewish Federation for South Palm Beach County's Foundation Executive Committee. He has also helped secure millions of dollars for local projects in South Florida while balancing these efforts as a devoted husband to a lovely wife and an energetic father who regularly volunteers at his children's schools.

Rich is a model citizen whose dedication to faith, family, friends, and clients has made an immeasurable impact on our community. It is truly an honor to recognize his contributions today.

DOMINIQUE BURKEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dominique Burkey for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Dominique Burkey is an 8th grader at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dominique Burkey is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dominique Burkey for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington, DC, on March 18–19, 2013. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on rollcall vote Nos. 77 and 78, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds; “no” on rollcall vote Nos. 79 and 80, ordering the previous question and the rule providing for consideration of the House Budget Resolution; and “no” on rollcall vote No. 82 relating to committee expenses for the 113th Congress.

CONGRATULATING MR. PATRICK LOGAN, RECIPIENT OF THE WALT DISNEY LEGACY AWARD

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate Mr. Patrick Logan on earning the Walt Disney Legacy Award. The Walt Disney Legacy Award is the most prestigious award given to Cast, Crew and Imagineers who exemplify all three of the Walt Disney Company values of Dream, Create and Inspire.

The Walt Disney Legacy Award is a global program that is generally limited to less than the top 1 percent of eligible Cast Members. To ensure that only the most deserving are awarded this prominent honor, Cast Members only become eligible for this program by a process of peer nomination and vetting through multiple nomination review committees.

To receive this award, Mr. Logan has demonstrated the character qualities of dreaming, creating and inspiring through his actions in

support of the Walt Disney Company's business objectives and goals. His unselfish commitment of his time and active focus on improving the Disney experience for millions of guests is to be commended. Mr. Logan constantly goes above and beyond to make certain each guest, many of whom are children, receive an experience from the Walt Disney Company that is a magical celebration and memory.

His accomplishments do not end with the Walt Disney Legacy Award. He has also been the lead point of contact in Walt Disney Company events and community service outreach in the State of Florida and various states around the country.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I am pleased to recognize and applaud Mr. Patrick Logan for his hard work, dedication and leadership. He is most deserving of the Walt Disney Legacy Award. May his character and passion inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

EDITE MALOKU

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Edite Maloku for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Edite Maloku is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Edite Maloku is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Edite Maloku for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SOUND SCIENCE ACT OF 2013

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss my bill, the Sound Science Act of 2013, which directs the Office of Science and Technology Policies (OSTP) to require each agency to develop guidelines to maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of scientific information used by federal agencies.

My legislation requires appropriate peer review, the disclosure of scientific studies used in making decisions, and an opportunity for stakeholder input. It also requires federal agencies to give greatest weight to information based on reproducible data that is developed in accordance with the scientific method. Further, it deems agency actions that do not fol-

low such procedures to be arbitrary and subject to challenge by affected stakeholders.

Mr. Speaker, many of the regulations developed by the federal agencies are well intentioned, yet recently there have been reports that federal agencies, such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), may be moving well beyond hard-science in the rule making process, which would have significant negative impacts on a wide range of industries. For example, some outside interest groups are pressuring the FDA to take action against antimicrobial soaps, asserting that antimicrobial soaps are no more effective than common soap, even though antimicrobial soap has been mandated in hospitals and doctors' offices for decades. Additionally, chicken and pork farmers are concerned that the FDA's decision to review long-standing industry practices in the area of antibiotics without a sound scientific basis will adversely affect animal welfare and will have a negative impact on food safety.

Simply put, the rules and regulations promulgated by federal agencies affect both businesses and the consumer. Bottom line, the U.S. economy is in a fragile state, any hurdle, fee, or foreign advantage, will cost the U.S. economy valuable jobs. Higher costs to comply with regulations undermine businesses ability to compete globally, while causing consumers to pay more for products.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House (and Senate) to support me in passing the Sound Science Act of 2013 in order to ensure the scientific integrity of federal agencies.

COMMEMORATING THE 192ND ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today we mark the 192nd anniversary of Greece declaring its independence from the Ottoman Empire. After eight years, Greece was free again for the first time in nearly five centuries. As a former colonial people, we Americans instinctively have a sense of affinity for other peoples seeking to throw off the shackles of foreign rule. In the case of Greece, that feeling is particularly powerful because our very conceptions of democracy, self-government and citizen participation in the life of the nation come directly from ancient Greece.

Today, the people of Greece are struggling with new and serious challenges, especially deep-seated economic problems that have not only rocked the economic foundations of the nation but have put Greek democracy itself at risk. The rise of the “Golden Dawn” movement is a reminder that anti-democratic forces in a society can emerge with frightening speed. I am encouraged that the overwhelming majority of Greeks have rejected the fascist and racist ideology of “Golden Dawn”, and America should continue to do all it can to help our Greek ally achieve a full and enduring economic recovery. The bonds of friendship between America and Greece are strong in no small part because of our common commitment to a core value of Western civilization: democracy. On this 192nd anniversary of the rebirth of Greek democracy, I wish