

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MS. LORI MOSELEY

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2013

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month I rise today to honor Ms. Lori Moseley, an outstanding individual and someone who has continuously supported South Florida and the City of Miramar.

Ms. Moseley relocated to South Florida in 1978. Her civic involvement began when her children were school-aged and she volunteered in the classroom. This sparked a desire to work with and improve the education system. She joined the Parent Advisory Council at Fairway Elementary School, and was later elected as the South Area Advisory Chairperson. In recognition of her commitment to the community, she was awarded the Crystal Apple Award. Her dedication to improving education remained constant through her public service.

Ms. Moseley was first elected to office in 1995 as a Commissioner for the City of Miramar. She served in that role until 1999. In 1999, she was elected to her current office as Mayor of the City of Miramar. Since day one, Mayor Moseley has been a strong advocate for education and working to improve the City's image. During her term, the city's population tripled from 40,000 to over 120,000 residents. She has also improved and expanded roadway systems, mass transit, and community centers. Her public service was recognized in 2012 when she received the Women in Municipal Government Leadership Award.

Ms. Moseley's service continues with her membership in the Broward League of Cities (Past President), the Florida League of Cities (2nd Vice President), Florida League of Mayors (President), National League of Cities, and the US Conference of Mayors (Chair of the Women Mayors' Caucus).

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Lori Moseley for her continued service to South Florida and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BE-
LOVED JIM C. BAILEY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Jim C. Bailey, who passed away on March 19, 2013. Throughout his long and distinguished career in academia and civil service, Mr. Bailey served as a mentor and an inspiration to countless individuals throughout Northwest Florida. He was a great man and an unparalleled public servant.

Mr. Jim Bailey was born on March 24, 1933. He married the love of his life, Patsy McClellan Bailey. They spent 53 dedicated and loving years together and raised 2 daughters, Jamie and Jena.

Mr. Bailey worked for Monsanto Corporation for 31 years before beginning a 22-year career in public service. During his tenure as the Representative for Escambia County School Board District 1, Mr. Bailey's commitment to the citizens of Northwest Florida never wavered. For 13 of his 22 years as a member of the School Board, he served as Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board. Mr. Bailey devoted himself wholeheartedly to his profession, and he played an important role in improving the school district.

Mr. Bailey's efforts and commitment to serving the people of Escambia County did not go unnoticed. He was honored with a Resolution on the floor of the Florida State Senate and was recognized by the Florida School Board Association for Outstanding Boardmanship. Perhaps the greatest recognition was the dedication of the Jim C. Bailey Park at Hellen Caro Elementary School and Jim C. Bailey Middle School, both located in Pensacola, Florida and named to honor his outstanding service to our community.

Northwest Florida, the Escambia County School Board, and the many students and teachers whose lives were touched by Mr. Bailey, mourn the loss of a man of devotion and unwavering compassion. His contributions and service to the community will forever be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the exemplary life of Mr. Jim C. Bailey. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers to his wife, Pat; daughters, Jamie and Jenna; grandchildren, Jimmy, Joshua, Anna, Claire and Adrian; and his entire family. He will be truly missed by all.

HONORING SISTER MAUREEN
KELLEHER

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month I rise today to honor Ms. Maureen Kelleher, an outstanding individual and someone who has continuously supported the immigrant community in Southwest Florida.

Sister Kelleher is a consultant attorney to the Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice, and gives legal assistance and training to its immigration staff. Her law practice focuses on obtaining legal permanent residency for immigrants in the farming sector from Mexico, Guatemala, and Haiti. Her priorities also include representation of abused immigrant women and children, victims of crime, and applicants for temporary protective status.

After completing law school in 1984, Sister Kelleher worked in Immokalee for Florida

Rural Legal Services until 1996 when federal law prohibited its legal representation to clients who were neither U.S. citizens nor Legal Permanent Residents. Because many of her clients were applying for political asylum and were not yet legal permanent residents she, along with three other attorneys, began a new non-profit corporation, Florida Immigrant Advocacy Corporation. Today, the organization is known as Americans for Immigrant Justice and has grown to a staff of 38 individuals, with a budget of \$3.5 million. Since its inception in 1996 AI Justice has successfully closed 80,000 cases and has become a national trendsetter in the immigration field.

Sister Kelleher has been consistently recognized for her work from various organizations. In 2001 she received the Florida Association of Women Lawyers Golden Achievement Award. In 2003 she was the recipient of the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce's Humanitarian of the Year award. She was also named woman attorney of the year in 2008 by the Collier Women's bar. Currently, she serves as a board member of both the Immokalee Housing and Family Services, and Florida Non-Profit Services.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Sister Maureen Kelleher for her continued service to Southwest Florida and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

IN SUPPORT OF SOLVANG'S DEC-
LARATION OF CHILDHOOD CAN-
CER AWARENESS WEEK AND IN
RECOGNITION OF 20 YEARS OF
SERVICE BY THE AMERICAN
CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
AND KIDS CANCER CONNECTION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2013

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20 years of service by the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection and to commemorate the designation of April 7-13 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Week" within the City of Solvang.

Each year more than 15,000 children are diagnosed with cancer. Far too many have been affected by this disease, and the emotional as well as financial toll it takes on families is significant. Through their unique and compassionate approach, Steven Firestein and his team at the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection have eased the burden of this disease for countless families.

Innovative partnerships and projects, like the Magical Caps for kids program and the Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies, have improved the quality of life for thousands of children across the country. Moreover, the vital psychosocial services that

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American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide to children undergoing cancer treatment at Cottage Children's Hospital in Santa Barbara and at participating hospitals across the country are invaluable. A major part of helping these children is to raise awareness, which is exactly what the City of Solvang and the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection are doing.

I ask that you join me in honoring the tireless work of the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection in easing the suffering of children afflicted with this disease, and in supporting the City of Solvang for raising childhood cancer awareness.

HONORING MS. GRACE O'DONNELL

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month I rise today to honor Ms. Grace O'Donnell, an outstanding individual and someone who has continuously supported the Miami community.

Ms. O'Donnell is currently serving as the Chair of the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women. In this position she is dedicated to advocating and working for, the issues and concerns that affect the diverse community of women in the county. She also sits on the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board, where she works to identify and relieve intergroup conflicts. A retired 36-year veteran of the Miami-Dade Police Department, Ms. O'Donnell left the force having served as its Major where she commanded the Special Victims Bureau.

Ms. O'Donnell has spent much of her time volunteering in the community. She has been an adult volunteer member of the Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida for 25 years, where she has been a troop leader for more than 15 years. In her position she often mentors girls of all age levels, is involved in community service projects, and serves as an event coordinator for her service unit. Outside of the Girl Scouts, Ms. O'Donnell is also a volunteer for Hands on Miami, the American Red Cross, and the Community Partnership for the Homeless.

Throughout the years, Ms. O'Donnell has been consistently recognized for her achievements. In 2005 she was named a Pioneer at the In the Company of Women reception for Women's History Month. She was also awarded the "Thanks Badge" by the Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida in 2006, and received recognition for her community service by the National Volunteer Week Committee of Dade County in 2007.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Grace O'Donnell for her continued service to the Miami community and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

EXPRESSING CONCERN ON RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AT THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share my concern about language adopted in a Senate amendment to H.R. 933 regarding political science research funded by the National Science Foundation.

The U.S. scientific enterprise is the envy of the world, and rightly so. The U.S. has been a world leader in science, technology, and innovation for decades and a large reason for that leadership has been the freedom and independence afforded our scientists to follow a line of inquiry wherever it may lead them. In fact, some of the most beneficial discoveries have been made researching topics that some might consider frivolous.

Consider that a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1955 to study the "Sex Life of the Screwworm" was criticized by members of Congress at the time. The research resulting from that grant allowed scientists to understand how to stop screwworms from breeding and thus from infecting cattle, which was a serious problem. It is estimated that this research saved the U.S. cattle industry \$20 billion, an enviable return on investment to say the least. Historically, when individual grants have been highlighted and held up for ridicule by politicians in this way, many of the grants turned out to have a good deal of value when viewed in retrospect.

Unfortunately, history has repeated itself in the past few years. Most recently, a Senate amendment attached to H.R. 933, the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013, would prevent the National Science Foundation (NSF) from conducting political science research unless the NSF director certified that the research promoted the national security or economic interests of the country. When introducing the language, the amendment's sponsor highlighted several individual grants as unnecessary.

I, myself, have a Ph.D. in political science, and was a professor of political science for several years before running for Congress. Opposition to NSF funding of political science research has typically been based on the assumption that the research findings have little or no beneficial impact for our nation. But this assumption is simply not true.

Political science research helps us understand many important topics that affect the everyday lives of millions of Americans at home and overseas, including why countries go to war and what can be done to promote civic engagement and voting among the general public. Recent political science research funded by NSF studied FDA approvals of products and produced recommendations for avoiding faulty approvals in the future. FDA officials were briefed on the results and the recommendations had implications ranging from the White House Office of Science and Technology policy to financial regulations made by the Federal Reserve System. Political science research also impacts research done in all other areas of social science.

NSF funding of political science research has averaged roughly \$11 million a year over the last 10 years. This represents less than 0.2% of the NSF's research funding, but it is the predominant source of research funding for political scientists in the United States.

For just a small investment this funding can help bring about research discoveries that change how we view our world. In 2009, Professor Elinor Ostrom, a political scientist, was awarded the Nobel Prize for her research about how people can successfully manage common property such as forests, fisheries, and oil fields. Federal funding for research like this can have substantially positive impacts on our daily lives.

Furthermore, the danger with an amendment like this is that the economic and national security value of research isn't always known at the outset. The director of the Department of Homeland Security's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office testified before the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee last year that social science research was vital to predicting the actions of terrorist cells. Much of the basic research this work relies on would have limited direct national security implications. Basic research in political science at the NSF on social movement theory and agency theory may have no direct connection at all to our national security interests, and yet unless we understand these basic underpinnings regarding how people behave, we can never effectively study the applications that do have direct security connections, such as predicting the actions of terrorist cells.

This amendment is also misguided in the way it adds red tape and bureaucracy to one of our nation's premier institutions for funding scientific research. Just as much money would be spent by the National Science Foundation, but by placing additional administrative burdens on research approval, fewer grants might be awarded due to the increased cost of review. At best, this amendment would be an unnecessary regulatory burden, at worst, it could negatively impact both our economic and national security interests despite its intentions.

I continue to believe that science works best when scientists, and not politicians, are deciding what scientific questions are worth pursuing. Legislative limitations on scientific inquiry should be made sparingly, if at all. I would urge all members to reject such restrictions on political science funding in the future.

HONORING THE HONORABLE
ROSEMARY BARKETT

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month I rise today to honor Judge Rosemary Barkett, an outstanding individual and someone who has continuously supported the Miami community.

Judge Barkett is currently serving as one of the twelve active judges on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, which reviews federal cases originating in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. She was nominated by President Bill Clinton and received her appointment in 1994.