

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING AMMA SRI
KARUNAMAYI

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor Amma Sri Karunamayi, a Hindu spiritual leader who has devoted her life to serving humanity.

Amma has devoted her life to the service of others, through her charitable works in India feeding the poor; building free schools, housing, an orphanage and a hospital; and through her efforts to teach meditation and peaceful living. Since 1995, Amma has been making trips to the United States to lead public meditation programs and share discourses on peace, tolerance and religious harmony.

This weekend she will travel to the Balaji Temple in Aurora, Illinois, to share her message of peace, tolerance and harmony.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Amma Sri Karunamayi, whose commitment to helping others has served as inspiration around the world.

HONORING MR. PHIL LEWIS

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2013

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Phil Lewis, and to congratulate him on his retirement. Mr. Lewis is an outstanding individual who has served as executive editor of the Naples Daily News since 1997.

Mr. Lewis began his journalism career in Washington Court House, Ohio, as a sports editor and city editor of the Record-Herald. His career with the Naples Daily News however began in 1978, when he joined the paper as a reporter. His stellar work as a reporter earned him a quick promotion to city editor. From there he became managing editor of the newspaper in 1989, a position he held for eight years. Finally, in 1997 he was promoted to editor.

Under his leadership the Naples Daily News, and its employees, have been recognized locally, at the state level, and nationally. The paper has received numerous awards during Mr. Lewis' time as editor, and has developed a national reputation for excellence. For example, in 2003 the paper was given the Scripps Howard National Journalism Award for environmental reporting with "Gulf in Peril", a 15-part series documenting the declining health of the Gulf of Mexico. In 2006 the newspaper's website received Editor & Publisher's EPPy Award when it was named Best Internet News Service under 1 million unique monthly visitors.

Having known Mr. Lewis for a little over a decade, I know that he has consistently dem-

onstrated the highest degree of integrity. He has been dedicated to his profession and has worked tirelessly to ensure thorough, fair, and insightful news reporting. The employees and subscribers to the Naples Daily News have truly been lucky to have such an exceptional editor heading their newspaper.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Phil Lewis for his tremendous service to Naples, and the Naples Daily News and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

TRIBUTE TO COMMAND SERGEANT
MAJOR LAWRENCE VANCE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2013

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished military career of West Virginia National Guard Command Sergeant Major Lawrence Ray Vance. CSM Vance's service is one of honor and devotion; to which the people of West Virginia and the United States of America owe a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Lawrence Vance began serving his country in 1971 when he enlisted in the United States Army. Following a short stint as a civilian, Vance joined the WVNG in 1975 and embarked on a journey that would take him around the globe. He began as an Armor Crewman at Fort Hood, Texas, and gained extensive experience as a Tank Commander at Camp Casey, Korea; Fort Benning, Georgia; Ferris Barracks, Germany; and Fort Polk, Louisiana. He returned to WV in 1981 as a Motor Sergeant with the WVNG, later earning the rank of Command Sergeant Major after completing the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Course in June of 2005. In the same year, he was promoted to the fourth highest position of leadership in the WVNG, State Enlisted Leader.

CSM Vance has received a host of awards and decorations throughout his service to our country, including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medals, Achievement Medals, Good Conduct Medals, and Reserve Components Achievement Medals, among many others. In addition to the federal awards, CSM Vance received state recognition in the form of multiple WV Achievement Ribbons, Emergency Service Ribbons, State Service Ribbons, and Minute Man Ribbons, as well as a North Carolina Achievement Ribbon for his service to the state.

CSM Vance lives in Charleston, West Virginia, with his wife, Ute. Together they have five children and sixteen grandchildren, many of whom followed their father's footsteps through work in the military or ministry.

On May 31, 2013 CSM Vance will retire from the WVNG after 38 years, 5 months, and 18 days of commendable service. Mr. Speak-

er, on behalf of the State of West Virginia and the United States of America, I would like to thank CSM Lawrence Vance for his years of selfless service to our state and country.

ANIMAL DRUG AND ANIMAL GE-
NERIC DRUG USER FEE REAU-
THORIZATION ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I oppose the Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013 (S. 622).

While the Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013 (S. 622) will improve the FDA's ability to evaluate and process the approval of drugs for use in animals, it fails to require the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to also address the growing overuse of antibiotics fed to our nation's livestock that ends up on our dinner tables.

According to the New York Times article of June 2, 2013 ("Pressure Grows to Create Drugs for 'Superbugs'"), America is facing a worsening crisis in which drug development has not kept pace with the growth of resistant bacterial strains. More than 70,000 Americans die each year from antibiotic resistant infections. Scientists agree that antibiotic overuse, including in animals and on farms, is a contributor to development of resistant bacteria. Congress must start to address the looming public health crisis posed by the combination of a shortage of effective antibiotics and a rising threat of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Congress needs to direct the FDA to develop better means of data collection and research on antibiotic use in both humans and animals. Without this information, we cannot fully understand the breadth and depth of this issue and its impact on our health. Reducing unnecessary overprescribing and overuse of antibiotics in an appropriate manner is an important step to improve both human and animal health. I urge my colleagues to vote no.

HONORING MRS. MAJORIE SNYDER
STALLWORTH

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2013

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Marjorie Snyder Stallworth, a distinguished woman from the 24th Congressional District of the great State of Florida. In celebration of Women's History Month, I recognize her many years of leadership and service.

Mrs. Snyder Stallworth is the Co-Pastor of the Living Word of God World Wide Evangelistic Faith Ministry. She has served our

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community through civic and political engagement for many years—fighting against injustices and unfair treatment of the less fortunate.

In 1996, Mrs. Snyder Stallworth founded Christian Woman to Woman, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of Christian women. As a mother of eight children and a lifelong community activist, Mrs. Snyder Stallworth lobbied Congress to stop the involuntary sterilization of mothers who receive government assistance. She was appointed by then Governor Leroy Collins to serve on his Hawaii Advisory Statehood Commission, which ultimately helped to influence Congress' 1959 decision to grant Hawaii statehood. As a native Bahamian, Mrs. Snyder Stallworth was among the original organizers of the first Miami-Coconut Goombay Festival, a celebration of the heritage, traditions, and contributions of Bahamian immigrants to Miami's early history. Mrs. Snyder Stallworth is the author of a book entitled "Hey Girl, Where Have You Been," written to encourage women and mothers in our community.

During Women's History Month, we celebrate the enormous progress women have made and the female giants of our past who struggled, suffered, and prevailed on behalf of the advancement of women.

Please join me in honoring Mrs. Marjorie Snyder Stallworth who serves as a guiding light for the next generation of young women.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. MARKEY. Madam Chair, I rise today in strong opposition to Representative KING's amendment offered last week to the Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2014, H.R. 2217. This amendment would restrict the use of funds to finalize, implement, enforce or administer the Memo authorizing Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or Dream Act-eligible youth.

This amendment punishes young individuals who are Americans in every way but on a piece of paper. Brought to this country through no fault of their own, these students are striving to educate themselves and contribute to the country that they know as home. Targeting them with limited immigration enforcement funding is unwise, thoughtless and just plain wrong.

Just two months after the Marathon bombings, we should have voted last week on a straightforward bill that funded the department of Homeland Security, a bill that assisted the agencies that performed so bravely on that tragic day. It is an important bill. It keeps us safe. The legislation also included my bipartisan amendment to prevent knives from being brought onto planes for the first time since September 11, 2001.

However, by passing this amendment targeted at the DREAMers of our country, Republicans attacked everything our country stands for as a beacon of hope for a better life. That is why I voted against this amendment. This language should be stripped from the final version of the bill.

We need to move forward on comprehensive immigration reform. That is why I will keep up that fight for a better life for immigrants and for all Americans.

COMMEMORATING THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE EQUAL PAY ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, today, June 10th, 2013, marks the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act. By mandating equal pay for equal work, this landmark legislation improved the standard of living for women across America. In 1963, when President Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act, women who worked full-time earned 59 cents on average for every dollar earned by men. In a country where equality, progress, and hard-work are valued, legislation such as the Equal Pay Act continues to stand for those values and promote progress and equality for all Americans.

Indeed the Equal Pay Act has allowed for much progress in the work place. Today, women who work full-time make 77 cents on average for every dollar earned by men. Compared to the rate of 59 cents on the dollar in 1963, this is progress, but not nearly enough.

Women are still left wanting in terms of equality in the workplace.

When compared to their Caucasian counterparts, the pay gap for African American and Latina Women is even greater. African American women on average earn only 64 cents and Latina women on average earn only 55 cents for every dollar earned by white, non-Hispanic men.

According to nationwide data, the yearly pay gap is \$11,084 between full-time working men and women. The National Partnership for Women and Families has calculated that \$11,084 could purchase 89 more weeks of food, could cover more than a year's worth of rent, or pay for more than 3,000 additional gallons of gas. These are vital and necessary expenses for American families.

Although women are directly affected by the Equal Pay Act, it is important to recognize that this is not only a woman's issue. When women are paid less, sons, husbands, daughters, foster children, dependent parents—in short families—suffer. It is, therefore, our responsibility, the representatives of these families, to continue to support and push for equality. This is one reason why Democrats strongly advocate passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would update and strengthen the Equal Pay Act for the first time in 50 years. The Paycheck Fairness Act strengthens the Equal Pay Act, by closing loopholes, including:

Prohibiting employers from retaliating when workers discuss their salaries; making gender-based wage discrimination subject to the same remedies as race-based wage discrimination; recognizing employers for excellence in pay practices and providing assistance to employers that need help implementing equal pay practices; and Enhancing the federal government's ability to investigate and enforce pay discrimination laws.

A Democratic-led House passed the Paycheck Fairness Act in the 110th and 111th congresses but both times Republicans blocked the bill in the Senate. Fifty years ago we had the opportunity to celebrate progress. Today, we have the opportunity to fight for continued progress in our country. I stand today in support of women, in support of families, in support of the Equal Pay Act, and in support of, the Paycheck Fairness Act. It is time to move forward. I urge all my colleagues to join me in support of equality, so that 50 years from now, we may all be able to celebrate the progress we are fighting for today.