

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the name of the following volunteer for the Virginia Health Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program:

Robert Gainer.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the following volunteers for the Tax Aide Volunteers Program:

Ronald Bond, William Burston, Mary Coleman, John Kirzl, Valoris MacDowell, Bob Martin, Mike Martin, Lee Schumacher, Elizabeth Smolen, Gail Strickland, Bruce Willey.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Commission on Aging:

Willard Bennett, Raymond Beverage, Sandra Dawson, Edna Garr, Jane Lakata, Frank Maresca, Len Postman, Richard Sienkiewicz, Mary Shufelt, Nancy West.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Long Term Ombudsman Program:

Nancy Bireley, Celeste Cole, Pat Giusti, Judy Kenyon, Fred Knox, Carol Leet, Barbara Ondo, Carol Sturz.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Senior Centers and Adult Day Healthcare:

Jo Adell, Marie Akins, Mathilda Alexander, Joann Amidon, Martha Andrews, Gorrell Angel, Grant Angel, Jean Angel, Lynn Ashe, George Ashley, Sally Au, Emelda August, Alleen Bagley, Bobsonm Bangura, Stanley Baranowski, Yon Barker, Sharon Bauer, Nancy Bell, Beverly Bendekgey, Barbara Betton, Arline Blanke, BettyAnn Blanton, Doris Bodwin, Suzuyo Bolvin, Zile Brannon, James Branscome, Carol Brauzer, Felicia Brown, Peggy Bruhn, Laura Buckenmeyer, John Bucsko, Dom Bumbaca, Effie Bumbaca, Margie Byrne, Doris Caporale, Helen Caporaletti, Kit Carney, Olive Carrington, Francis Chergosky, Gene Chumley, Luis Cifuentes, Elizabeth Clemens, Katherine Cooke, Sheila Copeland, Catherine Corner, Margaret Covington, Ollie Cross, Maryls Daack, Ronald Daack, Edgar Davis, Paul Davis, Pauline Davis.

Gretchen Day, Roberta Dearden, Naomi Delashmutt, Melita Diklich, Barbara Dillon, Hugh Dillon, Dottie DiMartino, Henry D'Souza, Cathy Dykstra, Karen Edwards, Linda Edwards, MaryJane Ellis, Mildred Ellis, Glory Emmanuel, Marianne Enright, Sue Fletequal, Joan Galvin, Dorothy Garland, Lenore George, Susan Gillon, Betty Glasco, Susan Glynn, Brenda Goodridge, Ethel Gorham, Carolyn Grandjean, Beulah Green, Mary Griffith, Mary Gueriera, Norma Guerra, John Hahn, Mazon Hammoudeh, John Happoldt, Althena Harris, Daniel Harris, Kitty Harris, Rosi Harrison, Barbara Hayes, Bobbie Henderson, Lee Hendricks, MaryLou Hill, Iris Hodges, Joseph Hohos, Norma Holmgren, Brett Hoyer, Elizabeth Hudson, Roy Hudson, Maureen Humphrey, Francine Jacobs, Thomas Jonas, William Kelsey, Edith King, Betty Knowles, Frederick Knox.

Theresa Koger, Marie Komyathy, Martin Kruger, Joseph Kubica, Edward Lacy, Albert Lammers, Jan Lawler, Tina Leacock, Jane Lehman, Rene Lehman, James Lewis, Allen Lindholm, Mary Livingston, Amber Love, William Lucas, Norma Mace, Irma Machado, Don Mackintosh, Agnes Maiden Mary Mange, Dolores Masters, George Mawhiney, Teresa McCall, Harold McCarty, Daniel McCaslin, Pearl McCray, Gretchen McDonell, Barbara

McGlaw, Julie Meeham, Ruth Meier, Karen Merchant, Roberta Messamer, Ruth Miller, Jack Millett, Pamela Millett, Sadhna Minter, Robert Mitchell, Emerita Mogrovejo, Mary Money, Molly Mooney, Leo Moore, Mary Moore, Virginia Morales, Joseph Mugnano, Karlene Murphy, Mary Murphy, Billie Nichols.

Jennifer Nicol, Marianne Nigreville, Gi Nigro, Carol Nolan, Clifford Nolan, Phyllis Norling, Sandy Novak, Gloria Oakes, Susie O'Neal, Lynn Oneill, Albert Osborne, Margaret Palomares, Cynthia Parent, John Parker, Edith Peel, Jo Peters, Dianne Peyton, Marie Phoenix, Mirta Pimentel, Louise Pleines, Elinor Polansky, Len Postman, Joseph Powers, Patricia Prochnow, Marlene Puglisi, Frederick Puhala, Najibullah Qazei, Hilde Reed, Phyllis Reese, Noreen Reynolds, Samuel Rhodes, S.H. Richardson, Charles Rigby, Mary Rigby, James Riley, William Ritter, Latasha Rivers, Willow Rolfe, Griselda Roque, Shirley Roy, William Ruhe, Bertha Russ, Gwen Ryfinski.

Anna Ryman, Rayzel Sachs, Joyce Sakole, Michael Sakole, Glenn Sartori, Barbara Schonherr, Andrea Schu, Joseph Schu, Dorothy Schumacher, Valerie Schutz, Connie Scurlock, Thomas Scurlock, Richard Shaffer, David Shely, Gertrude Slater, Geri Smith, Michael Somma, Janet Spence, Cyme Spicer, Annemarie Stalsworth, Frank Stone, Lois Stone, Cynthia Tallia, Hafiz Tarbal, Helen Tang, Eric Taylor, Doris Tchakirides, Brooks Terry, Howard Teten, Tom Thatcher, Joyce Thomas, Lowell Thomas, Michael Timko, Lana Tobey, Nancy Tsou, Meridel Turch, Alan Turner, Wilma Turner, Sylvia Urani, Mohammad Vali, Shirley VanEss, Andrew Vani, Dianne Vaughn, Glenn Vinson, Arc Vosac, Barbara Wagner, Charlotte Walker, Lorelea Wann, Claudett Warner, Jeanne Warner, Brenda Warren, Peggy Weber, Evelyn West, George Whitfield, Joyce Wilson, Pearl Wilson, Theresa Winiesdorffer, Regeanne Woodworth, Carol Wright, Kyong Yoo, Barbara Zader, Adella Zilka.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these dedicated volunteers. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to the men and women who participate in the Prince William County Area Agency on Aging programs and services. We all owe a debt of gratitude to these selfless community activists.

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1947) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Madam Chair, I appreciate the efforts of Chairman LUCAS (R-OK) and Ranking Member PETERSON (D-MN) to craft this year's farm bill. The FARRM Act makes many several necessary reforms to our country's agricultural policy. The bill encourages organic

agriculture, promotes specialty crops, such as fruits and vegetables, and ends direct commodity payments to farmers in favor of a more robust crop insurance program.

I support many of these reforms, but the bill that was considered in the House this week could have been much better. The FARRM Act cut conservation programs designed to reward farmers for protecting drinking water and land and reduced acreage enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The bill failed to place caps on the taxpayer's share of crop insurance premiums and increased price guarantees for many major crops. Additionally, the bill contained a provision added by amendment in the Committee that would have prevented states from setting their own farm and food standards.

But the most outstanding issue with the FARRM Act is by far the \$20.5 billion cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), more commonly known as food stamps. At a time when a record numbers of families are struggling to put food on the table the House bill would recklessly cleave SNAP resulting in a loss of benefits for more than 2 million low-income individual, working families, children and seniors.

In New Jersey the number of SNAP participants over a 5 year period has more than doubled from only 431,797 participants in March 2008, up to 873,657 participants in March of this year. The Americans who rely on this program are not looking for a handout or trying to game the system, they are individuals and families who have fallen on hard times and need just a little assistance to afford the most basic of needs—something to eat.

The average weekly SNAP benefit is \$31.50 a week or about \$4.50 a day. Half of all SNAP beneficiaries are children. 1 in 5 American children live in a food insecure household and 75% of households with food insecure children have one or more adults in the labor force. Overall 76% of SNAP benefits go to households with children, 16% to households with disabled persons, and 9% to households with seniors.

I voted against final passage of the FARRM Act because we must stop trying to balance the budget on the backs of the poor and working class. A \$20.5 billion cut in SNAP would harm only poorest families in American and disproportionately affect children, seniors and people with disabilities.

As a country we must end our obsession with debt and deficits, especially when these reductions are coming at the expense of the impoverished and the hungry. We need policies that encourage economic growth which will allow for the creation of more jobs, higher incomes, and increased tax revenues that will in turn contribute to deficit reduction.

There are greater savings possible elsewhere in the farm bill, such as placing caps on insurance premium subsidies that enable some of the largest farms to receive millions of taxpayer dollars year-after-year.

Rather than cutting programs that are specifically focused on the hungry and poor, I support policies that will create jobs and improve incomes, allowing in the long-term fewer household to depend on SNAP for their next meal.

Now that the FARRM Act has failed to pass the House by a vote of 195 to 234, it should be clear to the House Majority that members

on both sides of the aisle are opposed to the SNAP cuts in this bill. I encourage my colleagues in Leadership and in the Agriculture Committee to work towards a compromise that would eliminate the SNAP cuts and allow for the passage of a farm bill that supports agriculture without hurting hungry families.

**FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM
AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT OF
2013**

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1947) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Chair, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1947, Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act. While Congress must pass a long-term policy for American consumers, farmers, and ranchers, this bill is simply unacceptable. Unlike the measure passed by our colleagues in the Senate, the House GOP's bill makes deep, reckless cuts to programs for low-income families and children. This bill reduces by \$20 billion the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which will end food aid for nearly 2 million people, and kick 210,000 children off of free school lunch and breakfast.

We need a farm bill that is fiscally responsible, provides small farmers and ranchers with tools to manage risk, and creates opportunities for conservation in areas like the Chesapeake Bay. There is agreement that we need to eliminate direct payments that are made regardless of yields, prices, farm income, or size. Unfortunately, until the House GOP bring a reasonable measure to the floor, the federal government will continue to give taxpayer dollars to big agribusinesses whether they need them or not.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill and look forward to working with them on a responsible, long-term reauthorization of our nation's agriculture policy.

IN HONOR OF MARY BORKOVITZ

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Mary Borkovitz for 35 years of service to the Lower Makefield Society for the Performing Arts, a group she founded in 1978. Earlier, she demonstrated a keen spirit of volunteerism by serving on the township Park and Recreation Board, as a Girl Scout leader and teaching music in a local nursery school. Soon she began a popular community concert series under the auspices of the new Lower Makefield Society for the Performing Arts. Mary continues serving as executive director of the expanded and renamed Bucks County

Performing Arts Center as it celebrates its 35th anniversary. We join the community in paying tribute to Mary Borkovitz for her dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to the performing arts. The community is fortunate to have such a remarkable leader. We appreciate the commitment she has demonstrated and wish her continued success as she sets an example of community service for others to follow.

**RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS
FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM
COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER**

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for the Prince William County Animal Shelter.

As part of the Prince William County Animal Control Bureau, the Prince William County Animal Shelter aims to provide permanent safe and clean homes for animals through adoption. The Prince William County Animal Shelter strives to educate the public about the overpopulation of companion animals and the need to provide them with a safe and secure living environment. The volunteers help promote pet adoption by loving and caring families.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for the Prince William County Animal Shelter:

Taylor Andrejko, Donna Angel, Laura Ariza, Ashley Arrendo, Christine Baird, Grace Bennett, Haley Bolduc, Chris Bowers, Tyler Brainard, Edward Busse, Maddy Busse, Dale Cash, Jessica Cash, Nicole Cotter, Courtney Creegan, Kristy Delcid, Larn Ferrell, Ja'Synn Ford-Maxwell, Kirsten Freeman, Kyle Geary, Kourtney Gifford, Monica Gonzalez, Bill Graham, Eliza Hayslett, Jennefer Hayward, Rachel Higgins, Shanon Hintz, Garrett Holguin, Madeline Honneger, Sara Howell, Stefanie Howlett, Joan Hufnagel, Becca Jackson, Jayson Juarez, Helena Karch, Greg Kellenberger, Terri Kellenberger, Christopher Leta, Christy Lewis, Catherine Lynn, Dawn Lopicollo, Hannah Malone, Jakob Manne, Lorraine Marks, Tom Marks, Kourtney McClendon, Angela Meier, Barbara Meier-Bice, Rick Mensch, Tessa Metz, Genesis Moreno, Fernando Navarro, Matthew Noble, T.J. Nocera, Betsy O'Connell, Shan Oliver, Debbie Padula, Ron Padula, Ashley Plaster, Breon Randon, Ariel Reilly, Noah Robles, Mickenzie Roby, Collen Rosengrantz, Maja Ruble, Karol Salas, Jennifer Stafford, Vicki Smith, Corey Taylor, Anika Tolentino, Lynn Traxler, Allison Tucker, Candice Villanuerva, Bryce Wade, Roxanne Wilson, Annika Young.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers of the Prince William County Animal Shelter for their dedication to the protection of animals in our community. Family pets can be a great source of comfort and companionship and the least we can do is work to provide them with a loving home when they are without one.

**LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES
HIGH TECH COMPONENTS, INC.
AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2013
LANTERN AWARDS**

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate High Tech Components, Inc. as the Acadiana Region recipient of the 2013 Lantern Awards.

The Lantern Award provides an opportunity to salute manufacturers for their outstanding contributions to the Louisiana economy and to their communities. Recipients are selected on the basis of their contributions over a period of time to the betterment of their communities, growth in the number of employees, and expansion of their facilities.

Owned by Frank's International, High Tech Components, Inc. has manufactured, repaired, and stocked the widest selection of Gate Valve Components in the Gulf Coast region for 26 years. The scope of manufacturing is broad which allows the company to machine something as small as a thimble to as large as a car.

In an ever changing and competitive industry, High Tech utilizes the latest and most powerful technology to optimize its machining processes while producing the highest quality products. Committed to providing quality products in a timely manner that meets and exceeds its customers' expectations, High Tech Components, Inc., has seen tremendous growth since 2006. As a small company starting with 28 employees and 19 machines, High Tech Components, Inc., has expanded to encompass a 19,600 square foot facility with 210 employees using 86 machines.

It is due to the efforts of companies and businesses like High Tech Components, Inc. that Louisiana continues to grow and prosper economically.

**TRIBUTE TO NATHAN REA FOR
HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO OREGON
AND THE NATION**

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nathan Rea, a long-time, dedicated member of my staff and very good friend who recently left Washington, D.C. to return to his family's farm in Umatilla County, Oregon. Nathan came to the nation's capital in 2005 intending to stay for a brief three month internship in my office before returning to his family's multi-generation farm. Three months turned into eight years, and along the detour Nathan fell in love with Emily Skoblar. Nathan and Emily married, and in February of last year they welcome their beautiful daughter Gwenyth "Gweny" Isabelle into the world. During their time in Washington, Nathan and Emily both dedicated themselves to the needs of others, but they decided to heed the call to family farm life and turn the federal public service opportunity over to others.