

the Internal Revenue Service in Shreveport, Louisiana. After 17 months, she transferred to the Army Corps of Engineers in Bossier City. She then began working for the 47th Fighter Squadron in October of 1985 on Barksdale AFB, Louisiana—which began her association with the Air Force. Mrs. Cannington would later join her husband with his Air Force assignments and work at 509th Tactical Missile Wing in RAF Greenham Common, England; the 410th Transportation Squadron at K.I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan; the 480th Intelligence Group at Langley AFB, Virginia; culminating her career at the Medical Directorate for the Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, GA.

During her tenure, Mrs. Cannington was awarded the Air Combat Command Transportation Professional of the Year, Air Intelligence Agency Junior Professional of the Year, National Air Intelligence Professional of the Year, and a National Reserve Recruiting Award for Support Personnel several times. As an analyst at the Air Force Reserve Medical Directorate, she processed 2,811 commissioning packages. Her role was crucial in ensuring there were enough healthcare professionals for those wounded in battle, a mission at which she excelled.

Mrs. Cannington could not have made such a tremendous impact within the Air Force without the love and unfailing support of her family, specifically her husband of 44 years, retired Chief Master Sergeant William Cannington; her children—Jennifer and her husband Bob; Josh; and Matt and his partner Gregg; her sister Cathy and her husband Dave as well as Melody and her husband Thor. She also contributes her success to her mother, Virginia Walker and her mother-in-law Ann Cannington.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Mrs. Virginia Cannington for her outstanding service to both the United States Air Force and our great Nation. We wish her and her family the best of luck as she transitions into retirement. Mrs. Cannington is a true professional and a credit to herself, her family, and the United States of America.

#### RECOGNIZING CVS HEALTH FOR RECEIVING THE PREVENT CANCER FOUNDATION'S CANCER AWARENESS AWARD

**HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today CVS Health received the Excellence in Cancer Awareness Award at the Twenty-Second Annual Action for Cancer Awareness Awards Luncheon. The annual award was given by the Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program of the Prevent Cancer Foundation to CVS Health for their commitment to health by taking tobacco products off their shelves. Dr. Andrew Sussman accepted the award on behalf of CVS Health and I want to commend him, and CVS Health, for their commitment to prevent cancer and improving the health of every American by removing tobacco from their stores.

#### PREVENT CANCER FOUNDATION

AWARD ACCEPTANCE/RECOGNITION RECEIPT REMARKS FOR CVS HEALTH—ANDREW J. SUSSMAN, MD, PRESIDENT CVS/MINUTECLINIC, SVP AND ASSOCIATE CMO, CVS HEALTH

Thank you very much. I'm very happy to be able to join you all today and am honored to accept this wonderful recognition on behalf of CVS Health.

As you may have heard, we recently marked an important milestone in the history of our company. We officially changed our corporate name to CVS Health.

We made this change to reflect our broader health care commitment.

And along with the start of CVS Health, we also ended the sale of all cigarettes and tobacco products at CVS/pharmacy nationwide.

By removing these items from our store shelves, we believe we can make a difference in the health of all Americans.

In fact, there's evidence that removing tobacco products from retailers with pharmacies may lead to substantially lower rates of smoking with implications for reducing tobacco-related deaths.

A recent CVS Health study found that there was up to a 13 percent reduction in purchasers of tobacco products in Boston and San Francisco AFTER policies eliminating the sale of tobacco products at retailers with pharmacies were put in place.

If retailers with pharmacies across the country were to forego sales of tobacco products, the result could be up to 60,000 fewer tobacco-related deaths annually.

Along with removing tobacco-related products from our stores, we also launched a national smoking cessation campaign to help millions of Americans to quit smoking.

We know that 7 in 10 people who smoke want to quit.

We also know that for most people it will take several tries before they are successful.

That's why, with help from national experts, we designed the CVS Health smoking cessation program.

We've combined the efforts of CVS/pharmacy, CVS/minuteclinic and CVS/caremark to come up with a comprehensive program that will help smokers to quit.

The program is made of up four components—Readiness assessment, Education, Medication Support, and Coaching.

For example, at our 925 walk-in medical clinics called CVS/minuteclinic, our "Start to Stop" program puts all four of these support components into action.

Our Nurse Practitioners begin with an assessment to create a customized treatment plan.

They then provide ongoing education and support to meet the individual needs of smokers who are trying to quit.

Our team also provides an overview of medication options and, if appropriate, can prescribe medication.

And finally, our Nurse Practitioners provide face-to-face personalized coaching to help patients keep the momentum going and avoid relapse.

This is another example of how CVS/minuteclinic is expanding access to walk-in health care seven days a week, as part of the changing health care landscape.

MinuteClinic is also affiliated with 41 major health systems around the country—and growing—affiliations that include integration of electronic medical records, physician medical director collaboration, and collaboration on wellness programs such as smoking cessation.

As we have placed a growing emphasis on our purpose as a health care organization, we've been truly humbled by the outpouring of encouragement and support we've received since announcing the removal of cigarettes and tobacco products from our stores.

It's come from all corners . . . from our customers and colleagues, public health advocates, elected officials and the media.

And we are particularly thankful for today's recognition from the Prevent Cancer Foundation—a group that has been truly at the forefront of cancer prevention since it was founded, nearly 30 years ago.

I hope through our efforts, along with the work of groups like yours, we can help more Americans embark on their path to better health.

Thank you again for this wonderful honor.

#### DO-NOTHING CONGRESS

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the hardworking men and women of Houston and Harris County, who go to work every day without complaint and the failure of this Congress to do its job and pass pressing legislation that the good people of the 29th District of Texas and Americans throughout our country are relying on.

The 113th Congress, which is scheduled to end in less than 4 months, has passed only 142 laws to date. And 34 of those were ceremonial.

Last Congress had passed 151 laws by the same date.

The "Do-Nothing Congress" of 1947 and 1948 that President Harry Truman famously campaigned against passed 906 public laws. That is not even including the 458 private laws that were passed or the modern conveniences that we have today that should enable us to do more for the American people.

Over the past 20 months, our chamber has failed to bring to the floor critical legislation that would extend emergency unemployment insurance, cutting off benefits for 4 million Americans, raise the minimum wage for the 10 million-plus Americans who work full-time and live below the poverty line, or ensure equal pay for equal work for working men and women in our country.

Mr. Speaker, if this Congress ends without this chamber even bringing these bills for a floor vote, historians will have no choice but to rewrite the textbook and name us the true "Do-Nothing Congress."

#### TO ALLOW RAILROAD EMPLOYEES TO REMAIN ON DUTY AS NECESSARY TO CLEAR A BLOCKAGE OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AT GRADE CROSSINGS

**HON. THOMAS E. PETRI**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today, along with Representative SENSENBRENNER and Representative DUFFY, I am introducing common sense legislation that would provide flexibility for train crews to remain on duty past their maximum hours of service, when feasible to the extent necessary, in order to clear a blockage of vehicular traffic at grade crossings.

My district and the state of Wisconsin have seen a surge in traffic on our rail lines. This

is great, but it has also caused a logjam of trains waiting on rail lines and blocking crossings, sometimes for hours on end. It was reported that last week near the small community of Byron in my district, a train blocked a state highway for five hours and could not move the fifty feet to clear the crossing because the crew had reached its maximum hours of service. A new crew was required before the train could be moved.

I recognize that the rail system is very complex and there are many factors that go into trains being held and crossings being blocked. But I still struggle with the fact that motorists, including emergency services, were forced to wait five hours for a train to move fifty feet. Part of the benefit in moving goods by rail is to relieve congestion on the roads, not increase it. The goal of this legislation is to provide a common sense solution to scenarios such as the instance in Byron.

While I realize these are the waning days of the 113th Congress, I hope that by at least introducing this legislation now, it will continue a discussion here in Congress and with the rail industry and rail labor on this common sense solution.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on September 15, 2014, I missed one recorded vote on the House "floor." Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 497.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE HBCU HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT

#### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Historic Preservation Program. I have always studied history, and taught it at the high school level. Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have worked to support historic preservation efforts which preserve and protect our nation's treasured institutions. The bill I am introducing today would continue a tremendously successful program which has been widely supported by many of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle.

HBCUs represent a unique and critical aspect of African American history in the United States. Many of these institutions are over 100 years old, but this history lives on today as these colleges and universities continue to thrive. In 1996, \$29 million was originally provided in grants to preserve historic sites on HBCU campuses. In 1998, at the request of the Congressional Black Caucus, the GAO conducted a study to identify and project the cost of preserving and protecting threatened historic buildings and sites on the more than 100 HBCU campuses in the United States.

The GAO identified 712 historic sites which would require \$755 million to successfully preserve. Truly the costs of this project are challenging, but we have made progress. Responding to the GAO study, in 2002, Congress authorized an additional \$60 million for six years.

I have seen the results firsthand. Several historic buildings at Allen, Claflin, and South Carolina State Universities, and Voorhees and Benedict Colleges in my district have been successfully restored. These structures are icons on their respective campuses and in their communities. They are living testaments to African American and South Carolina history. Arnett Hall at Allen University was designed by an African American architect and built by the students themselves in 1891. If this building were lost, that link to the past would be severed, never to be revived again. Through a grant from this program, it has been stabilized, restored and is being preserved. These results are not limited to South Carolina. Since its origin in 1996, 59 institutions have benefited in 20 different states.

While there are many success stories, the need is still great. Sites identified by the GAO are still threatened and are continuing to deteriorate. The authorization for this program has expired, and it has not received appropriations since the Recovery Act in 2009. Congress must not abandon the progress we have made. This bill would reauthorize the program for ten years at the same funding level. It will not by itself reach the total funding needed for every threatened site, but it will revive this initiative and continue to make progress preserving these historic campuses. I have been privileged to receive strong support from my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus and many other members of both parties for these efforts, and I look forward to working with all of them to extend this vital program and preserve our Nation's history.

#### CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS BIORUBBER PROCESS RESEARCH CENTER IN MESA, AZ

#### HON. MATT SALMON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the grand opening of the Bridgestone Americas Biorubber Process Research Center in Mesa, Arizona on September 22, 2014.

I'm honored to represent this facility, which will serve as a research and development center for advancing the use of the desert-based Guayule plant—native to the Southwestern United States—as an alternative natural rubber source for Bridgestone products.

This research will help further the development of a more diverse domestic, sustainable and renewable source for natural rubber that will decrease the reliance on rubber trees.

The Biorubber facility will be supplied with guayule from the nearby Bridgestone Guayule Agro Operations Farm in Eloy, AZ which is expected to submit its first sample for research for evaluation by mid-year 2015.

The Biorubber facility will provide significant economic benefits to my district with 40 high-

skilled research and technician jobs, in addition to the almost 500 Bridgestone employees already in the state.

The opening of this facility further underscores Bridgestone's ongoing commitment to technological and environmental innovation, and adds to its reputation as a leader in corporate environmental sustainability.

Again, I would like to congratulate Bridgestone Americas on the grand opening of its new Biorubber Process Research Center.

I am proud that Bridgestone is an integral part of our community, and I'm pleased to commemorate this significant development in Arizona's 5th District.

#### SISTERS OF MERCY CELEBRATE 120 YEARS OF SERVICE

#### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a momentous occasion—the 120 years of service the Sisters of Mercy have graciously provided the City of Laredo, Texas. For over a century, these Sisters have faithfully contributed to the health and wellbeing of the residents within my hometown.

Three Sisters arrived in Laredo in 1894 with the mission of building the city's first hospital. They came from Dublin, Ireland, and less than one month after their arrival, they accomplished their goal and opened a medical facility with six rooms and twelve beds. Though they were not formally trained in nursing, they committed to learning in order to serve the needy of Laredo. As the population and health care needs grew, Sisters of Mercy expanded to new buildings to care for as many Laredoans as possible.

Over the last 120 years, nearly 120 Sisters have faithfully served in Laredo, many of whom served for decades at a time. There are presently five sisters who serve the Laredo community: Sister Maria Luisa Vera, who recently celebrated her 50th jubilee and is President of Mercy Ministries; Sister Rosemary Welsh, who has served Laredo for 22 years and is the Executive Director at Casa de Misericordia and the Director of Outreach Services at Mercy Clinic; Sister Olivia Obregon, who has served for a total of 33 years in various nursing supervisory positions; Sister Kathleen Tinnel, who has served Laredo for 12 years both as a pediatric nurse and a minister; and the newest Sister—Sister Beth Yoest—who is on the faculty at St. Peter Memorial School.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize the Sisters of Mercy for commendably caring for the citizens of Laredo throughout the past 120 years. I thank you for this time.

#### SUPPORTING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY

#### HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today with the people of the Republic of