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Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jack Knipp for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RESPONSIBLY AND PROFESSIONALLY INVIGORATING DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 6, 2014*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2641) to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2641, which would limit public input in the federal decision-making process and short-circuit responsible review of taxpayer-funded projects.

This legislation would create a new, convoluted review process for certain projects, setting rigid, arbitrary deadlines for even the most complex and hazardous plans and deeming them approved if the deadlines are not met. It allows for clear conflict of interest by giving project sponsors the authority to do their own environmental review. Finally, it confuses the process and risks litigation by blurring lines between state and federal law, and agency and private sector authority.

Complicating our public input process will not jumpstart construction projects. The only way to do that is by replenishing the Highway Trust Fund to repair our crumbling roads and bridges, and investing in the backlog of already-approved water resources projects that are on hold due to lack of funds. I urge my colleagues to support infrastructure investment and vote no on this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE JAMIE GRODSKY PRIZE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SCHOLARSHIP

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 12, 2014*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the Jamie Grodsky Prize for Environmental Scholarship. It is awarded annually to a George Washington law student who contributes an original

paper to the environmental law field. The award is given in memory of Jamie Grodsky, a law professor at George Washington University, who passed away on May 22, 2010.

There is no doubt in my mind that legal scholarship in the field of environmental law plays a critical role in developing innovative ideas and thoughts to help preserve our citizens' quality of life, health, and safety. As a result, the annual award of the Jamie Grodsky Prize serves as not only a fitting tribute to Professor Grodsky, but helps preserve and protect our environment and our planet.

The Grodsky Prize is funded through the generosity of her family and friends, and is awarded annually to a George Washington law student who contributes an original paper to the environmental law field, as judged by a panel of experts. Tomorrow will mark the fourth time this award has been given. This year's recipient is Molly Masterton, who wrote on "Promoting Marine and Hydrokinetic Energy and Managing Environmental Risk: Toward an Adaptive Management Strategy."

Past Grodsky Award recipients include: In 2011, Renee Martin-Nagle for her paper titled "Fossil Aquifers: A Common Heritage of Mankind."

In 2012, Lieutenant Commander Jonathan Dowling's paper titled "Improving Energy Security with the Great Green Fleet: The Case for Transitioning from Ethanol to Drop-In Renewable Fuels."

In 2013, Joel Meister, for his paper titled "Sunny Dispositions: Modernizing Investment Tax Credit Recapture Rules for Solar Energy Project Finance After the Stimulus."

We look forward to the award of many more Grodsky prizes to deserving George Washington University students.

The fourth anniversary of the award is also an opportunity to recognize the life of Professor Grodsky, a preeminent member of the Nation's environmental bar, whose legal imprint continues to this day. Although time and space limitations do not permit me to itemize all of Jamie's contributions and unique talents and gifts, I would like to note a few highlights (many of Jamie's contributions were referenced in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD by Rep. MILLER on September 15, 2010):

Prof. Grodsky left an indelible mark on all three branches of government, countless law students at the University of Minnesota and George Washington University, and the environmental and legal community as a whole.

Jamie served the Congress initially as an analyst with the then Official of Technology Assessment, and later as counsel to the Natural Resources Committee in the House, and the Judiciary Committee in the Senate.

She served as Senior Advisor to the General Counsel of the Environmental Protection Agency during the Clinton Administration.

She served as clerk to the Chief Judge of Ninth Circuit, the Hon. Proctor Hug, who referred to Jamie as "the most multi-talented person I have ever met."

Jamie was dedicated to environmental causes, acting as Educational Director of the San Francisco Oceanic Society and she conducted marine research at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Massachusetts.

After leaving government service, Jamie dedicated herself to passing along her passion for the environment through her work in academia, eventually becoming a tenured Professor of Environmental Law at George Washington University.

Although Jamie's passing was a tremendous loss to us all, I am pleased that that her legacy is continuing to inspire the next generation of attorneys through the annual award of the Jamie Grodsky Prize.

JOHNNIE DINA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 12, 2014*

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

The dedication demonstrated by Johnnie Dina 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 Johnnie Dina 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.

ELECTRICITY SECURITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 6, 2014*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3826) to provide direction to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes:

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Chair, I agree with my dear friend Chairman WHITFIELD that we must provide clarity on EPA's authority to regulate greenhouse gases. However, as we have seen all too often in the 113th Congress, the legislation before us does nothing to address the underlying problem. Instead, this bill simply blocks the EPA from taking action without providing any alternative solution.

My first problem with this legislation is that it creates a peculiar and entirely new process for regulations under the Clean Air Act. This bill would take a long-established and reasonably well understood and turn it upside down to the great detriment of all of those in industry who are seeking certainty. This bill would then eliminate the delegation of rulemaking authority to EPA and set up Congress as a regulatory agency. Traditionally, Congress has given EPA the authority to develop regulations to address particular issues. I'm concerned that we may be setting a troubling precedent that allows regulations to be set without extensive public comments or technical data and input from industry and stakeholders.

Second, as I have seen time and time again this Congress, H.R. 3826 attempts to address an issue without dealing with the underlying law or providing an alternative solution. This bill does not amend the Clean Air Act to address the regulation of greenhouse gases but rather abolishes over 40 years of precedent by establishing an entirely new regulatory process. If Congress truly wants to legislate on this issue and pass legislation that can be signed by the President, let's put forward a comprehensive, bipartisan solution with both industry and other stakeholder support. I don't see anything in H.R. 3826 that approaches compromise or resembles an honest solution to the problems I've outlined.

Once again we have a bill before us that will pass with little bipartisan support, won't pass the Senate, and won't be signed by the President. While I understand this is an election year, we should be coming together to find workable solutions that can make meaningful change instead of creating more partisan rhetoric.

#### HONORING DONOVAN CHAMBERS

##### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 12, 2014*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Donovan Chambers. Donovan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 865, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Donovan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Donovan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Donovan has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Donovan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Donovan led a food drive at his church, St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, on behalf of the food pantry for Sacred Heart—Guadalupe Catholic Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Donovan Chambers for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MS. ANN LALLY OF SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

##### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 12, 2014*

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of one of my district's finest residents and greatest contributors: Ann R. Lally, of Salem, New Hampshire. Next week, Ms. Lally, who serves as President of Salem Co-operative Bank, will be honored with the Chief John P. Ganley Community Service Award, which

recognizes outstanding individuals who exhibit great concern, involvement, and leadership in the town of Salem in New Hampshire's southern tier.

The award is named in honor of John P. Ganley, who served the Salem community as police chief before his death in 1989. Ms. Lally honors Chief Ganley's memory each day through her tireless efforts to strengthen the community, both through her work at the bank and on the many local boards on which she serves.

Over 28 years at Salem Co-operative, Ms. Lally has helped to support countless children and other community members through the bank's charitable wing, the Salem Community Benefit, which provides funding for education, youth development, and other community agencies. As a board member of the Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce, she was instrumental in the creation of the Hidden Jewel Awards, which honor deserving women for their contributions to the Salem area; and as president of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Salem, she helped lead a capital campaign to help fund renovations and expansion at the community center.

Through her dedicated service to these and other organizations, Ms. Lally has made Salem a stronger, healthier, and happier place to live, work, and raise a family. On March 17, the Greater Salem Boys and Girls Club will honor her with the prestigious Ganley Award. As the Salem community celebrates Ms. Lally, I urge all Granite Staters and all Americans to join them in honoring her many contributions to our state and our Nation.

#### IN MEMORIAM OF THE HONORABLE BUCKNER MELTON, SR.

##### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 12, 2014*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a generous community leader and outstanding public servant, and friend of longstanding, the Honorable Buckner F. "Buck" Melton, Sr., Former Mayor of Macon, Georgia. Sadly, Mr. Melton passed away on Wednesday, March 5, 2014. His passing leaves a tremendous void in the hearts of his family, friends and the Macon, Georgia community.

On Saturday, March 8, 2014, friends and family gathered to celebrate the life and career of this influential man at a memorial service held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Macon.

Buck Melton was born on October 24, 1923, in Arlington, Georgia to the Reverend and Mrs. Henry Martin Melton. He grew up in Moultrie, Georgia, but moved to Macon to attend Mercer University. He went on to graduate from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law and began his career as an attorney in Macon.

After serving as city attorney during the 1960s, Attorney Melton was elected to the office of Mayor in 1975. During his one term as Mayor, Mr. Melton helped to establish Mercer University's School of Medicine as well as the city's local option sales tax, which is still used today. Mr. Melton was also particularly proud of the seventy miles of roads paved in Macon during his tenure.

The World War II and Korean War veteran loved his adopted hometown of Macon and he served his community in many capacities. He was president of the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce in 1971, president of the Macon Bar Association in 1973 and he served on the board of the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority, among the numerous other civic organizations he belonged to during his life.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." Buck Melton left behind a legacy of leadership and kindness that is still felt throughout the Macon, Georgia community today.

Buck is survived by his loving wife of sixty years, Tommie; children, Leigh and Buckner, Jr.; grandson, Grady; nephews, Tim, Hank and Will; and niece, Mary Ann.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife, Vivian, and the Macon, Georgia community in honoring the life of Former Mayor Buckner Melton, Sr. He will truly be missed, but his legacy will not soon be forgotten.

#### JOANNA MOSMAN

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 12, 2014*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud JoAnna Mosman for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. JoAnna Mosman 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 JoAnna Mosman 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 JoAnna Mosman 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.

#### HONORING THE 102ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS

##### HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 12, 2014*

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 102nd anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the USA.

On this day in 1912, Juliette 'Daisy' Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first eighteen Girl Scouts in Savannah, Georgia.

Since that first meeting, more than 59 million young women have been inspired, challenged, and empowered as Girl Scout alumnae.