

RECOGNIZING STANISLAUS
COUNTY FARM BUREAU

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Stanislaus County Farm Bureau as they celebrate their 100th year anniversary.

The Stanislaus County Farm Bureau (SCFB) was organized in 1914. Through the efforts of the old Stanislaus County Board of Trade, its President, J.W. Davison, Secretary, Geo T. McCabe, and other Directors of that body, an appropriation was made by the Board of Supervisors for the expense of a Farm Advisor. In 1975, they changed from center concept to regional concept for the purpose of electing directors and gathering members.

To keep their members apprised of what was happening, the Farm Bureau began publication of the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau Monthly newsletter in 1949. They changed the format in 1971, and the publication was sent out weekly. A few years later, in 1980, the title was changed to the Stanislaus Farm News, and is presently the only weekly county farm bureau publication in the Nation.

The SCFB is a nonprofit, voluntary membership organization whose mission is to serve as the voice of Stanislaus County agriculture at all levels of government, while providing programs to assist its farms and family members and educate the general public on the needs and importance of agriculture.

The Bureau provides a network of support both on and off the farm. From delivering breaking legislative and local news, to providing educational tools and helpful discounts, they are there to serve the farmers. As of today, the organization serves over 3,000 members in Stanislaus County with the motto: "Farmers Feed Families."

The SCFB is actively involved in agricultural education of the public and students in Stanislaus County through programs such as Ag in the Classroom and Ag Adventure. Programs such as Farm Team, Rural Crime Alert and the Stanislaus Safety Seminar are highly successful member and public service programs that enhance community awareness of agriculture and the issues faced by today's farmers and ranchers.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating with the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau for their significant contributions, not only to agriculture, but to the community and the State of California. Congratulations on the past 100 years, and I wish you the best success in the years to come.

CELEBRATING BELTON, TEXAS
MAYOR JIM COVINGTON

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the fantastic public service of Belton, TX Mayor Jim Covington as he begins the next exciting chapter of his life. Recognizing

the importance of allowing younger leaders a chance to make a positive impact, Jim is stepping down from his nearly two decades of dedication to making Belton a great place to live and work.

Under Jim's leadership, Belton escaped the cycle of "management by crisis" by adopting forward-thinking strategic policies. Reviewed annually and updated every five years, these plans have put Belton on the right track. As a result, Belton has seen its population grow as the city has been repeatedly honored with awards from the Texas Municipal League, the prestigious Preserve America Presidential Award in 2008, and a Scenic City Award in 2010.

Jim's tenure was dedicated to making Belton's natural beauty his top priority. Nolan Creek winds through the heart of Belton and connects many important areas of the city including three major parks, the University of Mary Hardin Baylor, and the historic downtown area. Recognizing this uncut gem flowing through his city, Jim worked tirelessly to improve and promote this critical waterway. His vision will dramatically enhance the quality of Belton life by offering a unique recreational corridor with watersports opportunities while promoting strong economic development.

Widely admired and respected for his leadership, Jim has been a mayor both his colleagues and constituents could rely upon. His commitment to public service doesn't end when he leaves the office. A proud part of the larger Fort Hood community, he's been involved in troop support for years.

Retirement is to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but rather the beginning of a new adventure. I commend Jim Covington for his selfless service to his beloved community. I wish him only the best in the years ahead.

IN MEMORY OF NEVIN "NEB"
WILLIAM WHITESIDE, JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, May 2nd, funeral services were held for Nevin "Neb" William Whiteside, Jr. a patriot and veteran of the United States Navy who served his country with honor in the Korean War.

Funeral services for Mr. Whiteside were held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Lexington, South Carolina. As a testament to Mr. Whiteside's love of his country, funeral flowers were red, white, and blue with a patriotic theme throughout the service according to his wishes. Interment followed in the church graveyard.

His obituary in The Lexington County Chronicle newspaper contained this tribute:

NEVIN "NEB" WILLIAM WHITESIDE, JR.

Mr. Whiteside was born November 28, 1929 in Leesville, SC, and passed away on April 30, 2014. He was the son of the late Nevin William Whiteside and Bertie Eargle Whiteside. Mr. Whiteside served our country in the US Navy during the Korean War. He retired from Kenan Transportation. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, VFW and Lexington Masonic Lodge 152. He loved to ride his Harley Davidson and enjoyed work-

ing in the yard and cleaning his car. Mr. Whiteside is survived by his wife, Barbara "Bobbie" Sox Whiteside, of Lexington; sons, Stan and Wayne Whiteside of Lexington; daughter, Kim (Tim) French of Lexington; grandchildren, Lauren, Andrew, and Brandon Whiteside, Ashley (Bowe) Butler and Malia and Devin French; great-grandchildren, Reece and Paxton Butler; sister, Doris Goff of Saluda and man's best friend "Bandit", (Poppy's Lil Buddy).

He is predeceased by his parents and his brother Horace Whiteside.

CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF INCORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF COMPTON

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, on May 14th, the City of Compton will celebrate its 125th birthday. This anniversary comes after a year-long celebration of Compton's cultural heritage and its history. In the few days before the 125th anniversary, I would like to do my part to ensure that Congress recognizes the anniversary of one of California's oldest cities.

Located in the heart of Los Angeles County, the City of Compton is the "Hub City" for both culture and trade. Several of the world's most talented athletes and artists, such as Olympic Gold Medalist Charles Dumas and the influential hip hop group N.W.A., have called this city home. Not only does Compton export talent, but it also conducts 25 percent of all U.S. waterborne international trade.

Furthermore, the City of Compton has historically been in the forefront of promoting diversity in leadership. It is the first city in California to elect an African American mayor, Douglas Dollarhide, and a female African American mayor, Doris Davis.

Therefore, I am introducing a resolution to recognize and celebrate the anniversary for the City of Compton. I hope that it can continue to grow and to develop its identity and culture. Congratulations to the City of Compton on 125 years, and may the best be yet to come.

CRUDE TRUTH

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we are in the middle of an American energy revolution, but the U.S. government is getting in the way. Until recently, U.S. crude production had been on a steady decline. In 1970, domestic production peaked at 9.6 million barrels a day. By 2008, we were almost half that with a mere 5 million barrels being pumped per day. Then, America did what America does best: innovate. New technologies of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing that no one else in the world could do has increased U.S. crude production 56 percent since 2008. By next year, according to the International Energy Agency, the U.S. will become the largest crude producer in the world. More than Saudi Arabia,

more than Venezuela, and yes, more than Mr. Putin's Russia.

But it is not all so rosy. The oil we drill here is what is characterized as light and sweet crude oil. However, the oil that our refiners can process in order to make crude into refined products, like vehicle gasoline, is heavy and sour. That's because these refineries were built before our energy revolution to process crude oil from places like Venezuela and North Africa. These refineries can process this heavy crude better than any other refineries in the world, but they cannot help us much when it comes to refining the oil that we are drilling right here at home. We need new refineries to be built to process this light crude, but that will take years. In the meantime, we should sell our light crude abroad instead of just letting it waste away here. That would bring billions of dollars and thousands of jobs to our economy. It is an obvious solution for a simple problem, but we cannot do it. Why? Because of outdated legislation.

In 1975, Congress passed the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, making it illegal to export U.S. crude. It was the height of the Arab oil embargo, and Congress wanted to insulate Americans from global price shocks.

The problem is that domestic gasoline prices are largely set by the global crude price—not the domestic price—since crude is a globally traded commodity. Of the crude oil we consume, 46% is imported. These imports are subject to market uncertainty just like every other traded good. Our energy revolution is actually not going to change that number much either. Our domestic refiners were made to process the heavy crude oil imported from such places like Venezuela and North Africa. But the oil that is coming out of the ground right here in the United States is light crude. Currently, refiners can mix a little of our light domestic crude with imported heavy crude to process it, but they cannot handle all of our domestic production. Not being able to export our extra domestic crude has caused the price to artificially drop. Economists predict that if the ban is not overturned, domestic crude production companies will not be able to make a profit and will have to decrease drilling in the next 18 to 36 months. If they are forced to cut back on drilling, they are going to also be forced to lay off hard working Americans.

Refiners, who have no such ban on exporting the crude oil once they refine it, are reaping the benefits, buying our crude oil at these artificially low prices while selling their refined products abroad at the going global market rate. We do not prohibit the export of iPhones to keep the prices of iPhones artificially low here in the United States. Nor should we do the same when it comes to banning the export of our crude oil to subsidize our refineries. If refineries are allowed to export, so should producers. We should have no interest in subsidizing one part of the industry over another.

If we lift the ban we would actually make domestic consumers less susceptible to global price shocks. Allowing our producers to export crude oil and add U.S. crude to the world market would lessen the market share of bad actors like Iran and Venezuela and unstable ones like Algeria and Libya. More U.S. crude on the market grows the pie and our share of it, making these countries' portions less impactful.

The presence of U.S. crude could also drive down the global price of oil and thus the price

Americans pay at the pump. The math is simple: more supply with the same amount of demand means a lower price. In a Congressional hearing last week, Elizabeth Rosenberg from the Center for a New American Security cited a study that showed domestic gasoline prices could drop between three to seven cents per gallon if the ban were lifted. More studies are expected to be released in the next few weeks.

It is time to revisit the crude oil export ban. Last week, my Subcommittee held a hearing on this issue, bringing together representatives from both aspects of the industry, as well as Senator LISA MURKOWSKI and a renowned energy economist.

We live in a completely different world today than we did when the ban was passed in 1975. Back then, U.S. troops were coming home from Vietnam, the Soviet Union still occupied East Germany, and Osama bin Laden just turned 18. America has changed considerably since those days. It's time for our energy policy to do the same. And that's just the way it is.

HONORING ED DeLOACH

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Ed DeLoach, a veteran of the Korean War, for his exceptional service to our country. Beginning his service with the U.S. Navy on April 3, 1951, Mr. DeLoach trained as an Electronic Technician and served aboard two aircraft carriers, the USS *Kearsarge* and the USS *Hancock*.

While aboard the USS *Kearsarge*, he was deployed on two combat tours in the Korean War zone in support of air operations over the Korean peninsula. As a member of the crew, he received the National Defense Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the China Service Medal, and the Korean Service Medal with two stars. Subsequently, Mr. DeLoach was transferred to the USS *Hancock* and supported operations testing an advanced system for launching carrier-based aircraft until he was honorably discharged on March 24, 1955.

Humbly, I echo the words of President Ronald Reagan, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free." And humbly, I offer my sincere gratitude to Mr. Ed DeLoach for his service and acts of bravery that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

RECOGNIZING 66TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF STATE OF ISRAEL

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Israel's 66th Independence Day, which was celebrated this week. Since its founding on May 14, 1948, Israel has experienced many challenges and adversity, but has al-

ways overcome. Today, the United States and Israel are working more closely together than ever before and I look forward to building upon this steadfast partnership.

Against impossible odds, Israel has become a vibrant democracy, with an active and free press, freedom for all religions, and a leader in the protection and promotion of gay rights. In its 66 years, Israel has produced remarkable inventions that have improved our lives and its contributions to environmental protection, energy independence, medicine, and agriculture technology have spanned the globe.

Israel's accomplishments are incredible and inspiring. It is with great honor that I extend my deepest congratulations to Israel, our greatest ally, on 66 years of independence.

HONORING MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JOSE RODELA

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant First Class Jose Rodela, Medal of Honor recipient and a true American hero. Sergeant First Class Rodela was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, on June 15, 1937. He entered the U.S. Army in September 1955, at the age of 17.

Sergeant First Class Rodela was recognized for his valorous actions and awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his service on September 1, 1969, while serving as the company commander in Phuoc Long Province, Vietnam. He commanded his company throughout 18 hours of continuous combat when his battalion was attacked and taking heavy casualties. Throughout the battle, in spite of his wounds, Rodela repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to attend to the fallen and eliminate an enemy rocket position.

On March 18, 2014, President Barack Obama awarded Sergeant First Class Rodela the Medal of Honor For "Conspicuous Gallantry and Intrepidity at the Risk of His Life Above and Beyond the Call of Duty." His Medal of Honor citation reads:

"Sergeant First Class Jose Rodela distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as the company commander, Detachment B-36, Company A, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces during combat operations against an armed enemy in Phuoc Long Province, Republic of Vietnam on September 1, 1969. That afternoon, Sergeant First Class Rodela's battalion came under an intense barrage of mortar, rocket, and machine gun fire. Ignoring the withering enemy fire, Sergeant First Class Rodela immediately began placing his men into defensive positions to prevent the enemy from overrunning the entire battalion. Repeatedly exposing himself to enemy fire, Sergeant First Class Rodela moved from position to position, providing suppressing fire and assisting wounded, and was himself wounded in the back and head by a B-40 rocket while recovering a wounded comrade. Alone, Sergeant First Class Rodela assaulted and knocked out the B-40 rocket position before successfully returning to the battalion's perimeter. Sergeant First Class Rodela's