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SPEECH OF

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2015

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to address the ongoing debate over the Confederate battle flag and its placement on state and federal government property. As a daughter of Selma, Alabama, I have a great respect and understanding of the deep heritage and tradition that every Southerner holds close to their heart. But as an American, I find it very troubling that some continue to defend a symbol of obvious and demonstrated hatred. From its creation, the flag was a denotation of the intention to segregate and enslave African Americans.

While some people genuinely revere the Confederate Battle Flag because of its connection to their ancestors, there can be little doubt that it is cherished by groups and individuals expressing racial hatred. As my colleague and friend JOHN LEWIS declared in this Chamber last week, the state troopers wore the flag on their helmets as they beat him and nearly took his life at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965. It is clear that the flag is overwhelmingly associated with some of the darkest sins of our nation's past. The original intention of the flag saw resurgence in the 1950s as an expression of resistance to the Civil Rights Movement and desegregation. In 1963, Governor George Wallace raised the Confederate Battle Flag over the Alabama State Capitol as a protest to then U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy's visit to Alabama to urge desegregation. This very reaction to the rise of civil rights for African-Americans proves its symbolism as one of racial segregation and not one of heritage.

But let there be no mistake. The removal of this divisive symbol does not cure our society of all discrimination. Hatred stubbornly lingers on even after these flags are lowered. Removing flags from federally owned property or from a state's capitol grounds is a strong step forward, but it is not a final solution to our society's deeply entrenched structural oppression. Much more needs to be done to combat discrimination in our society and in our public institutions.

The United States has always been a beacon of progress and equality, so it stuns me that we continue to be shackled to these discriminatory symbols. The destiny of America is always in the future, not the past. We can learn from the past, both good and ill, but it is to the future that we must always direct our focus and our ambitions. We must forge a path forward, away from the symbols of the darkest times in our nation's history. Racism will end when we confront the hate behind the heritage with unity and reconciliation.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM LAWSON LITTLE III

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of William Lawson Little III, an important community leader whose integrity, compassion, and business acumen enriched the lives of his family, friends and the entire Monterey Peninsula. Lawson passed away on June 29, 2015. As his family and friends gather to honor and remember his wonderful life, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting one of the Monterey Peninsula's most well-respected figures.

Lawson was born in 1957 to William Lawson Little Jr. and Dorothy Hurd. He grew up along the golf links of Pebble Beach, and followed in the footsteps of his father, a Hall of Fame Golfer, as a true lover of the game of golf. He attended Carmel High School, Monterey Peninsula College, and San Jose State University. After college he played in professional golf tournaments around the world and spent a time as a tennis pro in Palm Desert. In 2009, Lawson was inducted into the California Golf Writers Hall of Fame and in 2010 he was inducted into the Monterey Peninsula College Hall of Fame.

In 1974, Lawson left professional sports and began a remarkable career at Quail Lodge Golf and Country Club, where he made a lasting mark beyond the golf course and in our community. He was a key leader in the development of Quail Meadows and would rise to become Vice President and President of Quail Lodge. While at Quail Lodge, Lawson brought a number of notable events to the Monterey Peninsula, including The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering, The Quail Rally, and the Eagle Cup. All of these events brought joy to thousands of people and raised much needed funding for a variety of local charities.

Mindful of the importance of serving one's community, Lawson made time to serve a number of local civic organizations, including the Jim Tunney Youth Foundation Board, G16 Coalition, Coalition for Monterey Peninsula Business, Monterey County Sheriffs Advisory Board, Carmel River Watershed Conservancy, Monterey County Emergency Assistance Team, as well as many others.

In 1977, Lawson married the love of his life, Rose and they would raise their two children, Chris and Sarah Rose in Carmel Valley. Despite his professional success and civic engagement, more than anything, Lawson will be remembered for being a role model, mentor, friend, and family man. He was a man who always put others above himself. He offered countless people counsel in their time of need and steady guidance to those that needed it. He was a man of undeniable strength and

quiet wisdom. He was incredibly fun, lived in the moment, and loved playing games. He cherished classic cars, the San Francisco Giants, and making lasting memories with his family. Put simply, Lawson improved the lives of all of those around him.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in honoring Lawson's lifetime of achievement and in extending our heartfelt condolences to his friends, and family members, including his wife Rose, son Chris, daughter Sarah Rose and sisters Linda, Sandy, and Sonya. I ask all my colleagues to pause and join me in paying respect to an extraordinary man, William Lawson Little III.

RECOGNIZING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF SAND CREEK, WISCONSIN

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, this weekend we recognize the sesquicentennial celebration of Sand Creek, Wisconsin. On this historic occasion, it is only fitting that we reflect on and celebrate the rich history of this town, whose agricultural heritage is a reflection of western and central Wisconsin values.

Since the town's founding in 1865, the agricultural fertility of the land and the beautiful Red Cedar River have driven the development of the community. Norwegian settlers who decided to homestead in the area were the first to recognize the potential of the land in the Sand Creek region. Despite the wild land that these settlers first encountered, they were able to see through the wilderness and envision the future success that the land and water in the area could provide.

With a population of about 600 residents today, the Township of Sand Creek should be proud of its countless close-knit community connections. Those connections—and the people of Sand Creek who form them—are what make this community so special and what will lead the community to continued success.

Throughout this weekend's celebration, Sand Creek residents will come together for a full slate of exciting activities, all put on by their fellow community members. While they enjoy the weekend activities that commemorate Sand Creek's 150 years, we remember the past, reflect on the present, and look to the future.

Congratulations on 150 proud and prosperous years. Best wishes and many more to come.

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CONGRATULATING FRANCIS HOWELL CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR ITS PLACEMENT IN THE TOP 25 MISSOURI RANKED HIGH SCHOOLS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Francis Howell Central High School for its placement in the top 25 Missouri high schools as ranked by U.S. News and World Report.

This school's administration, teachers, and students should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for their commitment to education.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Francis Howell Central High School for a job well done.

HONORING KATIE ARROYO AND JARED BAILEY OF THE FLORIDA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA FOR RECEIVING THE FLORIDA INNOVATIVE SERVICE AND BEST PRACTICE AWARD OF 2015

HON. ANDER CRENshaw

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Mr. CRENshaw. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Katie Arroyo and Jared Bailey of the Florida Small Business Development Center at the University of North Florida for receiving the Florida Innovative Service and Best Practice Award of 2015. Katie and Jared received this prestigious award for their hard work and expertise in creating the International Marketing Metrics tool.

Using the International Marketing Metrics tool as part of the network's international trade services, small business exporters are able to quickly compare dozens of markets via the interactive country ranking matrix and illustrative graphing system. Jared and Katie developed this new and progressive tool for the Small Business Development Center at the University of North Florida.

The Florida Innovative Service and Best Practice Award is given in recognition for significant contributions to organizational improvement and enhanced performance in Florida's SBDC network, which is exactly what the International Marketing Metrics tool accomplishes. They were presented this prestigious award by Florida SBDC Network CEO and State Director Michael Myhre in Miami, Florida on June 23, 2015 as part of the Florida SBDC Network's professional development conference. At the annual conference, they recognize top personnel, volunteers, and partners for their contributions to the Network's mission in helping Florida's small businesses grow and succeed.

I am honored to have two such motivated and dedicated individuals living and working in the Fourth Congressional District of Florida. They truly exemplify what it means to work

tirelessly in their effort to provide small businesses with the tools they need to grow and be successful here in Florida and across the nation.

I salute the dedicated work of both Katie Arroyo and Jared Bailey, and their well-deserved recognition upon being selected for this prestigious award.

IN HONOR OF KANNAPOLIS POLICE SERGEANT CHUCK MORGAN'S CAREER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Police Sergeant Chuck Morgan for his faithful service with the Kannapolis Police Department located in the 8th Congressional District of North Carolina.

Sergeant Morgan began his career with the Kannapolis Police Department as a Patrol Officer in 1986 and was then promoted to the rank of Sergeant on April 7, 1999. As a Sergeant, he has served the Kannapolis community in both the Patrol and Traffic Divisions.

As a result of his exemplary service, Sergeant Morgan has received various commendations from law enforcement agencies, civic organizations, churches, and his peers. To highlight a few, he earned a 10-year safe driving award in 1996 and then the Kannapolis Police Department's Physical Fitness Award in 2013.

Equally as impressive as his excellence in the field was his dedication to becoming a better officer. Sergeant Morgan earned an Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate from the N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission having successfully completed 2,977 hours of professional training.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in thanking Sergeant Chuck Morgan for his esteemed service to our community and congratulating him on his retirement.

21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

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SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6) to accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes:

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support for H.R. 6, the 21st Century Cures Act which will help advance the discovery, development, and delivery of new treatments and cures for patients and will foster private sector innovation here in the U.S.

Arriving here today has been a long journey—full of lots of steps and some twists and turns along the way. I especially want to thank Legislative Counsel for their tireless efforts in helping translate our legislative aims into legislative language. They worked nights and weekends and were consummate profes-

sionals throughout the process. Specifically, I want to thank the following: Warren Burke, Ed Grossman, Jessica Shapiro, Michelle Vanek, Jesse Cross.

I also want to thank the health care staff of the Congressional Budget Office for all their help in recent months. In addition to their role in estimating the budgetary effects of numerous policies in the bill, they were instrumental in helping us shape a number of proposals the Committee considered. I specifically want to thank Holly Harvey, Tom Bradley, Chad Chirico, and all their colleagues for their diligence and assistance through the process.

And I would be remiss if I did not again thank the outstanding team on Energy and Commerce, and most especially the Health team, led by Chief Health Counsel, Clay Alspach, supported by Josh Trent, Paul Edattel, John Stone, Robert Horne, Carly McWilliams, Michelle Rosenberg, Katie Novaria, Adrianna Simonelli, Traci Vitek and Graham Pittman—without whose expertise, wisdom and counsel, this legislative work would not be possible.

H.R. 6 was reported from Energy and Commerce Committee by a vote of 51–0 and advances conservative fiscal and regulatory reforms. Every dollar of advanced appropriations in the bill (which will sunset at the end of FY 2020) is offset with other permanent reforms—including billions of dollars in mandatory entitlement savings in Medicare and Medicaid.

But this is no ordinary mandatory spending—like the kind we usually see in entitlement spending such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and Obamacare. This mandatory spending is for five years only and then stops or sunsets. This mandatory spending is fully paid for with mandatory spending cuts elsewhere that will not stop in five years, but are permanent reforms resulting in real savings. By comparison, the Ryan-Murray budget deal for health care savings yielded much less.

This innovative hybrid approach allows us to cut mandatory spending (entitlement spending) and use the savings to fund what would otherwise be a discretionary project—but in this case is 5-year dedicated spending on medical research.

Congressional Budget Office determined that H.R. 6 will reduce the deficit by \$500 million over the first ten years, and at least another \$7 billion over the second decade.

The funds provided to the National Institutes for Health (NIH) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will be subject to explicit review and reprogramming through the annual appropriations process. Congress can review the dedicated funding and allocate it for specific initiatives.

Additionally, all the important policy riders that accompany federal funding through appropriations will be included—such as the Hyde Amendment and the Dickey-Wicker Amendment.

This bill also includes a policy that excludes authorized generics from Average Manufacturers' Price. This is a common sense policy from the President's budget proposal, intended to ensure the appropriate calculation of Medicaid brand name rebates paid by manufacturers. The policy is not intended to effect Medicaid programs' pharmacy reimbursements. Instead, the provision, which many states support, will result in an increase in manufacturer rebates under Medicaid and thus save money for states and the federal government.