

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SAFE AND ACCURATE FOOD LABELING ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1599) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to food produced from, containing, or consisting of a bioengineered organism, the labeling of natural foods, and for other purposes:

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Chair, I rise today to express my opposition to H.R. 1599, the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015. This legislation would prohibit the Food and Drug Administration from developing a national genetically modified organism (GMO) labeling system for food, block any state or local laws to require GMO labeling, and ultimately deny consumers the right to know what is in their food.

Nearly 90 percent of consumers wish to know if their food contains GMO ingredients and I believe Americans should have that same right that 64 other nations have already provided their citizens.

H.R. 1599 lets down the American consumer and for that reason I am opposed to this legislation and encourage the House of Representatives to take up legislation that adequately addresses this issue and gives consumers the information they demand.

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Tarrant County College District on 50 years of making a difference in Tarrant County.

Fifty years ago, the citizens of Tarrant County came together to establish the Tarrant County Junior College District. Its creation marked the tradition of providing knowledge, skills and the hope for a better future to the people of Tarrant County.

At its founding, the College enrolled 4,272 students at its original South Campus. Within its first five years, the College created its curriculum, built and staffed two campuses and received full accreditation. Today, the Tarrant County College District includes 21st century curriculums for its students in fields as varied as healthcare, aviation and firefighting.

Because of the unbridled optimism of its leadership and the dedication to its mission, Tarrant County College District has seen its enrollment soar to more than 100,000 students each year. The original campus has

been joined by five others that serve the community, and future growth is on the horizon.

Tarrant County College District is, has been and will continue to be, an integral part in the success of so many people in our community.

I offer my hearty congratulations to Chancellor Erma Johnson Hadley, the faculty, students and alumni of Tarrant County College District on this 50th Anniversary and look forward to their continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL

HON. STEVE RUSSELL

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the House floor to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the National Collegiate Honors Council. The NCHC, which is dedicated to achieving excellence in education in diverse subject and curriculum areas currently, represents over 800 colleges and universities around the country and over 325,000 students in honors programs. To recognize these achievements, I have sponsored House Resolution 360 which was introduced last Friday and was supported by my colleagues as original cosponsors, Reps. BOUSTANY, BENISHEK, BISHOP and COLE. H. Res. 360 commemorates the hard work that these students and their faculty and administrators have undertaken with the NCHC over the past five decades to maintain U.S. preeminence in education. As a member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, I salute the NCHC and its officers for their valuable contribution to the high education of our young people.

I would also like to honor Southern Nazarene University, in my district, on their membership in the National Collegiate Honors Council. Having just completed their 7th year as an honors program, SNU's curriculum emphasizes service leadership and real-world application. As a part of the curriculum students in the Honors Program at SNU are required to write a grant on behalf of a local Title I elementary school, where the first year honors students also mentor two children each throughout their first year of college. To date, the SNU Honors Program first year students have had just under \$15,000-worth of their grants funded in the four years they have been doing this experience.

Most of the graduates of the SNU Honors Program continue on in their education, with the majority attending medical, professional, or graduate school directly after graduation from SNU.

HONORING JOEY MENDOZA

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Joseph "Joey" Mendoza Jr., who passed away on July 23, 2015, surrounded by his family and friends. A third-generation member of a pioneering Point Reyes ranching family, Joey Mendoza was a very active leader within the local agricultural community and has been among the industry's most steadfast and passionate supporters.

Joey Mendoza was born on December 30, 1943, to Joe Sr. and Doris "Scotty" Mendoza and was raised on the family's historic working ranch in Point Reyes National Seashore, known as 'B' Ranch, where he also attended the one room school house located on that property. He went on to graduate from Tomales High School in 1961 before completing his education at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

During his long career as a dairyman and agricultural advocate, Joey Mendoza was dedicated to the success of his family business. He shared his leadership skills and comprehensive knowledge of the dairy industry by contributing to the boards and committees of numerous organizations, including the Western United Dairymen, the Dairymen's Feed Co-op, and the Marin County Farm Bureau, where he served as board president from 1982 to 1984. The California State Milk Pooling Board, the Point Reyes National Seashore Ranchers Association, the California Gold Co-op, the Redwood Empire Holstein Association, and the North Bay Dairy Herd Improvement Association also benefitted from his support.

Known for his keen sense of humor and his ability to balance the principles of environmental stewardship while advancing economic viability and protecting future success for the long-standing ranching legacy in Point Reyes National Seashore, Joey was a reliable friend to the agricultural community, the National Park Service, and the extended West Marin community alike. Able to forge consensus around vexing and controversial issues, his steady thoughtfulness, strength, and wit were a model for others and won't be soon forgotten. Even as he battled cancer in his final days, Joey was a force to be reckoned with and respected by all.

While he was an incredibly dedicated rancher throughout his life, Joey never missed an opportunity to participate in social gatherings, enjoy a hunt with his deer club, or support the San Francisco Giants, San Francisco 49ers, and his beloved Tomales Braves. His love for his family and friends was immense, and his passing leaves a void.

Mr. Speaker, Joey Mendoza's legacy is one of dedication to the local agriculture and broader West Marin ranching community. It is therefore appropriate to pay tribute to him today and express deepest condolences to his

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wife of thirty-five years, Linda Mendoza; brother, Jim Mendoza; daughter, Jolynn McClelland; son, Jarrod Mendoza; grandchildren, Collin and Luke McClelland and Layla Mendoza; in addition to his numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and close friends.

CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELASTEC/AMERICAN MARINE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Elastec/American Marine.

Elastec/American Marine is a company that manufactures pollution recovery systems, focusing in international oil spill recovery. The company has over 100 employees, and its headquarters are located in Carmi, Illinois, with another location in Fairfield, Illinois, that opened in 2012. The company has received numerous awards for not only its products, but its employees and operations as well.

Twenty-five years ago, CEO Donnie Wilson and VP Jeff Cantrell combined their skills to create a drum oil skimmer and established Elastec. Over the years, with investors, Director Bill Harmon, the continuing development of systems and products, among other contributors, Elastec/American Marine has become a leader in manufacturing systems of pollution recovery. These systems and products reach over 145 countries.

I am honored to have a company that is recognized for such work within my district, and I look forward to hearing about its continued success.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICERS MICHAEL SMITH, CHRISTOPHER ROMANO, AND WILLIAM FOSTER

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officers Michael Smith, Christopher Romano, and William Foster of the Syracuse New York Police Department. On July 1, 2015, Officers Smith and Romano responded to the scene of a dispute call when they observed smoke coming from the second floor windows of a neighboring building. After immediately notifying the 911 dispatch center, along with Officer Foster's arrival, the three officers sprung to action and entered the burning building in search of potential residents. Due to these officer's heroic actions, three occupants, including a pregnant mother and her child were saved, unscathed from the home.

Officer Smith was appointed to the Syracuse Police Department on September 5, 1997 and has since been assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Romano was appointed on July 25, 2005 and was also assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Foster was appointed to the Syracuse Police Department in 1986 and has since been assigned to the K9 unit.

Officers Smith, Romano and Foster have each bravely served the Syracuse New York Police Department for over ten years. I am proud to share in the recognition of Officers Smith, Romano, and Foster as first-rate officers, performing tremendous service to the people of Syracuse, New York.

IN RECOGNITION OF PRATT & WHITNEY ON THE OCCASION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR INCORPORATION

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the great aerospace manufacturer Pratt & Whitney on the 90th anniversary of their incorporation. Beginning with the first 24 men and two women who reported to work in 1925, and continuing through today, Pratt & Whitney's main purpose has been to build ever newer and better aircraft engines.

Today, that small company has grown to employ more than 31,000 people, including many in my district, in well-paying jobs in careers they can be proud of. Pratt & Whitney employs 103 people in Middletown, Pennsylvania, and I'm proud to say that they are looking to expand to over 200. This is cutting edge technology that, in turn, is putting food on the table for folks back home.

In the last ninety years, there have been few innovations that have affected our daily lives as much as the jet engine. And Pratt & Whitney has been there every step of the way for every improvement and breakthrough in technology.

Mr. Speaker, Pratt & Whitney has defined aviation, and built dependable engines for nine decades. And I wish them all of the best for their next 90 years.

IN HONOR OF TOM GREER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of Tom Greer, an outstanding public servant on the occasion of his retirement as general manager of the Monterey Regional Airport. His exceptional career has spanned nearly five decades and included both military and civil service.

After graduating from Auburn University in Alabama in 1965 with a degree in aviation management, Tom joined the Marines and was sent to Officers Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia. Upon receipt of his wings as a Naval Flight Officer in March 1967, he was assigned to various Fighter/Attack squadrons flying F-4B Phantom in over 320 combat missions in Vietnam.

Following his release from active duty in March 1970, Tom was selected as Airport Director for Golden Triangle Regional Airport near Columbus, Missouri. Under his exceptional leadership, this new airport was constructed from the ground up, opening successfully in the fall of 1972. Tom then took his

aviation management skills to Salt Lake City, where he served as Director of Operations for the Salt Lake City Airport Authority. His guidance allowed the airport to remain operational while undergoing major expansion programs to accommodate a new hub for Western Airlines, now Delta. He then served in various capacities for Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport authority from 1984 until 1999. During his tenure, passenger traffic increased from two million to over five million, and a new terminal building was constructed for the 70 year old facility.

We have been blessed to have Tom serving as General Manager for the Monterey Peninsula Airport District since December of 2003. Some of his numerous accomplishments include the Terminal re-model, the TSA screening moved to a central location, a contract for Fire Services with the City of Monterey, and, currently, the Runway Safety Area Project and Airport Master Plan Project.

Throughout his extraordinary career, Tom has received numerous awards for his contributions to the profession. He was the recipient of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) Leadership Award in 2000, served as AAAE chairman in 2003, received the Distinguished Service Award in 2005, and the Chair's Award for 2008. He was named Airport Manager of the Year in 1988 and received the Chapter's Award of Distinction in 2003.

Mr. Speaker, the Central Coast is exceptionally grateful to Tom for his service to the community, the aviation industry, and the country. I wish nothing but the best for Tom in his retirement, and I know he looks forward to spending more time with his wonderful family, including his five children and thirteen grandchildren.

ROBERT FISHER

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and to recognize Robert Fisher upon his recent election to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions.

Mr. Fisher has served as the President and CEO of Grow Financial Federal Credit Union for 23 years and his dedication to the community has been an outstanding asset to the Tampa Bay area. It is a testament to his leadership that Grow Financial is ranked as one of the best places to work in the Tampa Bay Times' employee survey of Top Workplaces.

Mr. Fisher has previously served on the Board of Directors of the Tampa Bay Partnership Regional Economic Development Group, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Jacksonville Branch, and he has chaired the Finance committee of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Mr. Fisher's knowledge and experience with serving his community and the financial services sector will undoubtedly benefit National Association of Federal Credit Unions as he has a deep understanding of the challenges and issues that lie ahead with credit unions at both the state and federal level and I look forward to working with him in his new capacity.