

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### ENFORCE THE LAW FOR SANCTUARY CITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2015*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 3009, the Enforce the Law for Sanctuary Cities Act.

The murder of Kathryn Steinle in San Francisco was a senseless tragedy. My heart continues to go out to her family and friends at this difficult time.

As a nation, we cannot base complex policy decisions regarding the intersection of our federal immigration system and local law enforcement on a single tragic event.

Sanctuary Cities exist because municipalities across the country recognized that they had to act to keep families together as Congressional Republican leadership refused to move forward on bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform.

These are some of the most populous cities in the country—New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston—and the list goes on.

Our local law enforcement agencies are not trained immigration agents, nor should they be.

This conversation comes at a time in this country when many local law enforcement agencies are facing a crisis of trust with the communities they are sworn to protect and serve.

To threaten their federal funding based on local decisions about how best to serve their communities, as H.R. 3009, would do, is not only misguided but dangerous.

Instead, my colleagues should be working to pass bipartisan legislation to fix our broken immigration system and address these longstanding issues in a comprehensive and thoughtful way.

### SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND JERRY PEAK WILDERNESS ADDITIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2015*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognize one of America's greatest conservation writers, Rocky Barker of the Idaho Statesman. Rocky has provided unparalleled depth and insight to the readers of Idaho and the United States throughout the 15 years I have been working on CIEDRA and SNRA+. He has hiked throughout these mountains and understands every nuance and aspect of the area and this bill. I want to thank him for covering this story fairly and accurately all of these years. I also want to thank former

Blaine County Commissioner Tom Bowman for all of the great help he has provided. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

### CONGRATULATING THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SUPER- MILEAGE TEAM

**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 29, 2015*

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Northern Illinois University Supermileage team on their recent success at the 36th Annual SAE Supermileage Competition in Marshall, Michigan.

Over the course of two days in June, engineering and technology students from around the world completed the challenge of designing and constructing a single-person, fuel-efficient vehicle. The Northern Illinois vehicle, called the Huskie Rocket, was able to reach a fuel efficiency of 1,057 miles per gallon, placing the Northern Illinois Supermileage team third in the world, and second in the United States.

Since 2010, the NIU Supermileage team, led by faculty advisor Dr. David Schroeder, has consistently placed in the top ten at the annual SAE Supermileage Competition. This year's impressive showing included the hard work of ten NIU students, including Supermileage team captain Lindsey Dodis, Kevin Kuebrich, Christian McAdoo, Kyle McNamara, Russell Fordyce, Andrew Hagel, Adam Detrick, Aaron McKeown, Tom Swanberg, and Saajan Patel. All the students, faculty, and staff that contributed to the success of the Supermileage team and their Huskie Rocket should be commended for their hard work and dedication to applying what they have learned from the NIU College of Engineering and Engineering Technology at the Supermileage Competition.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 16th District of Illinois, I wish to express our sincere congratulations for the hard work of the Northern Illinois University Supermileage team. I look forward to seeing what these bright and dedicated students accomplish in the future.

### TRIBUTE TO THE ALEX THEATRE'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 29, 2015*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Alex Theatre upon its 90th anniversary.

The Alex Theatre has been a cornerstone of the Glendale community since its establishment in 1925. In its early years, the Alex Theatre was home to Vaudeville theatrics and si-

lent films. For the next 60 years, the Alex Theatre previewed first-run films, ranging from 1937's *Saratoga* to 1977's *Star Wars*, solidifying its continuing identity as the epicenter of Hollywood glamour.

Originally designed by architects Charles R. Selkirk and Arthur G. Lindley, the theatre façade was remodeled in 1940 by S. Charles Lee—a remodel that included the extraordinary 100-foot Art Deco tower.

The Alex Theatre continued hosting Hollywood premieres until the 1980s, at which point the theatre began to fall into disrepair. In 1991, however, the Glendale Redevelopment Agency restored the Alex Theatre to its former glory, investing over \$6 million.

The renovated theatre opened on New Year's Eve in 1993 to serve as a community arts theatre and civic center. Owned by the City of Glendale and operated by Glendale Arts, the Alex Theatre was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1996.

Since its redesign in the 1990s, the Alex Theatre has retained its identity as a center for arts, but has increased its functions. Another expansion project began in July 2013 and was completed in June 2014. This \$5.2 million renovation added 6,600 square feet to the backstage area.

The Alex Theatre is currently home to four companies: the Los Angeles Ballet Company, the Alex Film Society, the Glendale Youth Orchestra, and the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. In addition to hosting these companies, the Alex Theatre also hosts dance, comedy, theatre, music, and special events to serve more than 100,000 people who pass through its doors annually. To attest to the theatre's versatility, I had the great pleasure of hosting the 21st State Senate Arts Competition at the Alex Theatre in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

The Alex Theatre is destined to continue its impressive legacy as a local and national landmark. I am honored to recognize the Alex Theatre for its great cultural value to the community, and ask all members to join me in congratulating the Alex Theatre upon its 90th anniversary.

### IN HONOR OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TEVIS CUP RIDE

**HON. TOM McCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 29, 2015*

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Tevis Cup Ride of the Western States Trail.

The Western States Trail Foundation hosts the Ride with the aim of preserving the trail. Throughout its long history, the trail has been used by Native Americans, emigrants, gold and silver miners, and sportsmen alike.

The Tevis Cup is the oldest modern-day endurance ride, covering one hundred miles in one day. Riders begin in Robie Park, east of

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Squaw Valley, and have twenty-four hours to make their way to the end of the rugged trail in Auburn, California. The 60th annual ride will take place on August 1, 2015.

Thousands of horseback riders from around the world participate in the Tevis Cup. The event brings together a vast community of volunteers dedicated to keeping the Western States Trail open to the public. Volunteers spend innumerable hours and significant financial resources to make this equestrian endurance ride a success year after year.

Mr. Speaker, the Western States Trail Foundation and the Tevis Cup Ride have made an important contribution to both the local economy and the preservation of this rugged Sierra trail. I thank the Western States Trail Foundation for hosting the Tevis Cup Ride, particularly on the event's 60th Anniversary, and I commend the Foundation for its continuing efforts to ensure the trail remains a monument to public access and enjoyment of our nation's abundant natural resources.

#### REMEMBERING LEONORA TERESA BROWNE WELCH

#### HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 29, 2015*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Leonora Teresa Browne Welch who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 28, 2015.

Mrs. Welch was born in Savannah, Georgia on June 23, 1928 and was the only child of Josephine Mollo and Palmer Carr Browne. She had many fond memories of her childhood with Italian family members on her mother's side, and growing up on her father's dairy farm, Kensington Dairy, which comprised the land known today as Kensington Park and Fairway Oaks.

Mrs. Welch attended Cathedral Day School and St. Vincent's Academy where she was Valedictorian of her graduating class in 1946. She went on to study journalism at Armstrong College and worked at Citizens and Southern Bank.

In 1952, Mrs. Welch married O.C. Welch, Jr., a Savannah native and engineer for the Seaboard Coastline Railroad, and by 1963 she was a busy mother to her eight children. She was affectionately called "Noni" by her husband and later by her many grandchildren. The Welches were married for 43 years until Mr. Welch's death in 1996.

Mrs. Welch was a devout Catholic throughout her life, and the Welch family were communicants of St. James Catholic Church where their children attended school before going on to attend St. Vincent's Academy and Benedictine Military School.

As her children began to leave the house, Mrs. Welch found more time to avail herself to volunteer for several community organizations including Goodwill, but was especially dedicated to her work in the Diocese of Savannah and St. James offices. She also enjoyed a close circle of friends known as The BOF's—or Best of Friends—who met monthly for luncheons around Savannah. She was also active in the Daughters of Ireland.

Mrs. Welch was a shining example of God's unconditional love, and was a loving and

proud mother and grandmother. She is survived by her daughters Celeste Welch Crago and Julie Welch Cirincioni; and her sons Michael Warren Welch (Aino), O.C. Welch III, Daniel Kevin Welch, Brian Christopher Welch (Tiffany), Douglas Gerald Welch (Marcy), and Joseph Thomas Welch (Charlotte); 20 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE NATURAL GAS ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT

#### HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 29, 2015*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Natural Gas Environmental and Economic Security Act with a number of my colleagues, including the Ranking Member of the House Natural Resources Committee RAÚL GRIJALVA, to reduce the frivolous and unnecessary waste of natural gas from public lands. Large volumes of natural gas are regularly flared, vented, or simply leak from Federal oil and gas leases—in 2013 alone, the amount of lost gas could meet the heating and cooking needs of 1.6 million American homes according to the Environmental Defense Fund. To make matters worse, the Center for American Progress and The Wilderness Society showed that the amount of gas lost to venting and flaring doubled between 2008 and 2013, with no sign of the trend slowing. In addition, this wasted gas is not subject to royalties, costing the American taxpayers as much as \$58 million annually in lost revenue according to the Government Accountability Office.

Beyond being economically wasteful, these processes are bad for human health and the environment. Gas released to the atmosphere from venting and leaks contributes dramatically to climate change, since methane, the major component of natural gas, has 25 times the warming impact of carbon dioxide over 100 years. In 2013 alone, the Environmental Defense Fund estimated that the volume of methane released to the atmosphere was equivalent to the emissions from 5.6 million cars. Venting, flaring, and leaks all affect local air quality as well by releasing volatile organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter into the atmosphere. These environmental costs undercut the potential benefits of natural gas as a lower-carbon, cleaner burning fuel alternative to coal.

Local regulations have already demonstrated that the best way to curb venting, flaring, and fugitive releases is to both enact strong regulations and incentivize gas capture by collecting royalties on lost gas, and our bill, the Natural Gas Environmental and Economic Security Act takes this two-pronged approach. To address royalties, the bill amends the Mineral Leasing Act and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require royalties on all gas produced from new leases, including gas used on the lease to power equipment. Gas lost in acute emergency situations would remain exempt from royalties to ensure that safety is not compromised.

The bill would also require that 99 percent of all gas produced each year from Federal leases be captured within 5 years. It also prohibits venting and limits routine flaring. To

reach the 99 percent goal, the bill establishes equipment and operation standards, mandatory leak detection and repair procedures, and recordkeeping requirements; it also institutes new reporting requirements for all gas produced, disposed, or leaked on a lease and requires public disclosure of the data. Market-appropriate enforcement mechanisms for non-compliance, as well as guidelines for applying such measures, are also established.

This bill is a win-win for the American taxpayer, providing both environmental and economic benefits, while also promoting the growth of the domestic methane mitigation industry, which is creating high-paying jobs through small businesses across the nation. Further, many of these gains come at minimal or no cost to producers, since many mitigation technologies pay for themselves once the captured gas is marketed.

The Natural Gas Environmental and Economic Security Act stops the waste of valuable taxpayer resources, protects the environment and public health, and boosts the economy. I ask that my colleagues support this common-sense legislation and rein in the waste of natural gas from our public lands.

#### HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF DOROTHEA MCBRIDE

#### HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 29, 2015*

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dorothea McBride who is retiring from the Department of Veterans Affairs after 27 years of dedicated service. A Registered Nurse, a Veteran, and Patient Administrator at Central Alabama Veterans Healthcare System, her tireless work has been instrumental in helping the veterans of Central Alabama.

Under particularly challenging circumstances, Dorothea has provided critical health care to many of our nation's most dedicated servants. Whether responding to veterans directly or working with my office on Congressional inquiries, she has demonstrated an exceptional level of professionalism and patriotism, literally saving lives.

Dorothea McBride cares deeply for the veterans in her care. She never failed to respond diligently and with compassion and courtesy when asked for help. Along with my staff, I want to wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life. We will never forget her service.

#### CONGRATULATING GIL MILLER ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY

#### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 29, 2015*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Gil Miller on his retirement from the United States Navy and to thank him for his many years of dedicated service.

Captain Miller is a Naval Academy graduate who has devoted 25 years of his life to serving our country. For the last two years he has