

HIRE VETS ACT OF 2015

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, as a combat veteran, I'm deeply concerned that the men and women of our military continue to struggle to find employment upon reentering civilian life. These individuals have not only displayed great courage but have acquired distinctive skills that make them ideal candidates for employment. Veterans who serve this country honorably shouldn't struggle to find employment, which is why I'm introducing the HIRE Vets Act of 2015.

The HIRE Vets Act is a bipartisan bill that would promote private sector recruiting, hiring, and retaining of men and women who served honorably in the U.S. military through a voluntary and effective program. Specifically, it would create an awards program recognizing the meaningful, verifiable efforts undertaken by employers—both large and small—to hire and retain veterans.

This program, designed to be self-funded and within the U.S. Department of Labor, will allow employers to proudly display one of four Presidential Awards on their products and marketing materials. These "HIRE Vets Medallions"—Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum—would be awarded to employers that achieve specific hiring and retention goals each year.

The program also establishes similar tiered awards for small and mid-sized employers with fewer than 500 employees. To ensure proper oversight, the Secretary of Labor would be required to provide Congress with annual reports on the success of the program and the hiring and retention levels of veterans.

This bill goes beyond simply recognizing that a business hires veterans. The HIRE Vets Act is an opportunity for Americans to see which companies truly live up to the employment promises they make to veterans. It is our duty to ensure veterans are given the benefits and resources they've earned through their service to this country, and this includes encouraging meaningful job opportunities. This bill creates an innovative system to encourage and recognize employers who make veterans a priority in their hiring practices, incentivizing the creation of thousands of jobs for veterans.

HONORING ANGELA PEATMAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Angela Peatman, an outstanding member of the Napa Valley community and my dear friend, on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

Born on July 30, 1935, Ms. Peatman has been a dedicated public servant, a devoted mother, and a tireless advocate for families in the Napa Valley. She began her public service at the Cope Family Resource Center in Napa, where she served as a board member and later as president. Ms. Peatman flourished in her role at the nonprofit organization, where

she cherished the opportunity to work directly with her local community.

Ms. Peatman also served as a founding board member and president of the Puertas Abiertas Community Resource Center. Founded in 2005, the Center offers educational programs and advocacy services to support personal growth and family stability in the Latino community throughout Napa County. The organization also works to bridge the gap between service providers and the Latino community by providing culturally sensitive intake and referral services for over 500 families every year.

In 2010, Ms. Peatman was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Napa Chamber of Commerce in recognition for her years of service to the valley's community. She was also named "Associate" by her alma mater, Stanford University. This prestigious title is given to a select few alumni who have demonstrated significant volunteer service to the university.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we recognize Ms. Peatman on the occasion of her 80th birthday for her years of valued service to the Napa Valley community. We wish her a very happy birthday and many years of health and happiness.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the City of South Tucson, a community known for the resiliency, determination, and independence of its residents.

As a native of Tucson, Arizona, I am privileged to represent the City of South Tucson in the United States Congress. The support and loyalty I have received from the residents of South Tucson during my entire public life is a great honor for me personally.

Over 6,000 people and 300 businesses call the City of South Tucson home. This square mile city incorporated by its residents, rather than losing its identity to the City of Tucson, continues after 75 years to assert its independence and be the unique and proud community it has always been through its history.

South Tucson is about family and community, offering to the much larger metropolis of Tucson a view of our past and a dynamic view of what a community can do to retain its character while looking forward.

South Tucson boasts the best Mexican cuisine found anywhere; Las Artes, a model for integrating public art and education; and public services from the state of the art San Lena library to excellent public schools Ochoa and Mission View. South Tucson has a sophisticated network of social service providers and City of South Tucson first responders who place the safety of their residents first.

The greatest asset that the City of South Tucson has is its people, a diverse group representing Native-Americans, African-Americans, and Anglos, and families that have contributed so much to the region.

From South Tucson have come generations of political leaders, tradesmen, educators,

decorated war veterans, business leaders, civil leaders, and so many hardworking people whose dignity and determination better us all.

Like all small towns and cities in America, the City of South Tucson faces challenges, but the drive to meet those challenges and prosper for the next 75 years is without a doubt the city's future.

I wish to congratulate the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson and the residents of the city on its 75th anniversary. The commemoration ceremony on September 19, 2015 at the Music and Arts Festival will be a day in which we pause and acknowledge the history, achievements, and the future of the City of South Tucson. Congratulations to South Tucson.

NICK BERARDINO'S RETIREMENT

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments and contributions of Nick Berardino, the General Manager of Orange County Employees Association.

Born and raised in Los Angeles to Italian immigrants, Nick is a Marine Veteran and served our country for two years in Vietnam.

He became active in the civil rights movement, the first of what would become a lifetime of commitment to those who are oppressed or discriminated against.

I have known Nick for years and he always looked for doing the best for his organization and the people he represented.

From pension reform to workplace rights, he has led OCEA through a series of monumental achievements for the working men and women he represented.

I am honored to recognize Nick Berardino's distinguished career of exemplary service and leadership in strengthening the middle class, fighting for social justice and dignified working conditions for 18,000 public employees and instilling integrity at the Orange County Employees Association.

HONORING MR. ART COVIELLO

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Mr. Art Coviello, an international expert on cybersecurity, on the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years as a strategic, operating and financial-management expert in high-technology companies.

Mr. Coviello graduated magna cum laude from the University of Massachusetts in 1975 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He started his career as a certified public accountant at Deloitte, Haskins & Sells and held positions in financial and operating management at several technology companies.

He joined RSA, the Security Division of EMC, in 1995 and was the driving force in the

company's rapid growth during his tenure, increasing revenue from \$25 million to more than \$1 billion in 2014. Under his leadership, RSA evolved from its roots in authentication and encryption to a leader in security technology, including forensics, compliance and detection. Among his many acquisitions, Mr. Coviello played a key role in the successful acquisitions of Xcert International, 3G International, TransIndigo and Securant Technologies, and in strategic partnerships with Microsoft and Accenture. He retires as Executive Chairman.

While his well-deserved awards and accolades are too numerous to mention in their entirety, Mr. Coviello in 2013 was named a "Top 25 Innovator" by CRN. He has served as co-chair of the National Cyber Security Summit's Corporate Governance Task Force, a public-private effort organized by the Department of Homeland Security and leading industry associations. He is a founding Board Member of the Cyber Security Industry Alliance.

In his retirement, Mr. Coviello works with companies, industries, and governments to continue informing and shaping the evolution of security strategy to meet the challenges facing organizations today and tomorrow. He continues to play key roles in national and international cyber-security initiatives and is a regular speaker at conferences and forums around the world. Mr. Coviello is also a venture partner at Rally Ventures, a Board Observer for Synchrony Financial, and serves on the Board of Directors at EnerNOC.

Mr. Speaker, I have considered Mr. Coviello a friend and colleague for many years. I know him to be a man of intellect and, more importantly, integrity. His expertise has made our country stronger. It is with great pride that I congratulate him on his retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the next chapter of his life.

VIDEOS ABOUT PLANNED PARENTHOOD ARE GROSSLY MISLEADING

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to share with my colleagues and the American public this insightful editorial from the San Jose Mercury News, "Videos about Planned Parenthood are grossly misleading." This editorial clearly lays out how the Republican Party's embrace of this video "exposé" is really just a continuation of their War on Women, in particular low-income women.

Anyone with half a brain can see through the heavily edited "gotcha" videos purporting to show Planned Parenthood officials illegally bargaining to sell tissue from aborted fetuses. The videos are grossly misleading and politically irresponsible.

The research that fetal tissue makes possible at respected universities across the country has produced vaccines that have saved millions of lives and now targets Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and other fatal, heart-breaking diseases. Planned Parenthood does not profit from it. But Republicans in Congress and in the presidential free-for-all are having a field day with "facts" from Fox News.

California Attorney General Kamala Harris fortunately is investigating the videos'

producers, the so-called Center for Medical Progress, which may have broken federal and California law in the scheme to bring down Planned Parenthood. As an example, one of the interviews of a California doctor may have been recorded without her consent.

U.S. Rep. Zoe Lofgren of San Jose is pushing U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch to investigate as well. The organization has tax-exempt status as a biomedical charity but appears to be a fake limited liability corporation.

It has never been a secret that Planned Parenthood and many other clinics collect tissue for research. The unedited videos show repeated attempts by Planned Parenthood doctors to explain that they're only trying to recoup costs for their work. Planned Parenthood likely loses money on the whole thing, but the numbers are a tiny part of its budget.

Republicans in the House and the Senate shamelessly are using this supposed exposé to argue that Congress should defund Planned Parenthood.

And so the War on Women continues.

Planned Parenthood and its 800 clinics provide health care, particularly family planning, for nearly 3 million low income women a year. It receives more than \$500 million in government funding, but not a penny of that pays for abortions—which make up just 3 percent of the organization's work. Cutting Planned Parenthood funding means cutting health care to poor women, period.

Scientists using cultures from fetal kidney cells won the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1954 for developing the polio vaccine. Fetal tissue research helped produce vaccines for chicken pox and rubella. These advances alone have saved countless millions of lives, particularly children's.

The National Institutes of Health spent more than \$70 million on fetal research in 2014, tackling diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. Stem cell research is gradually replacing fetal tissue research, but we can't afford to stop work on these diseases while alternative methods ramp up.

More tapes are expected this week, including possibly showing the process of tissue removal. It's ugly to watch, but so are most significant surgical procedures.

The core political issue here is abortion. The Center for Medical Progress and many Republican officials and candidates want to eliminate the right of American women to choose to end a pregnancy.

In fact Planned Parenthood has done more to prevent abortion than any other organization in this country by giving poor women access to birth control and to prenatal care to have healthy babies. It continues to provide safe abortions because refusing will not stop abortion, it will just drive women to unsafe alternatives. (Speaking of ugly procedures.)

Women's ability to control their own reproductive future is the best way to prevent abortion. A Congress really concerned about women and unborn children would give more, not less, to Planned Parenthood.

TRIBUTE TO MASHAL HUSAIN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mashal Husain for being named a 2015 Woman of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, the Des Moines Business Record.

Since 2000, the Des Moines Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of female leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities either personally or professionally, forging a path for other women to follow. The women given this prestigious award are individuals who have selflessly dedicated their time and proven their leadership abilities across a variety of professional fields.

Before moving to the United States, Ms. Husain was raised all across the globe starting in Pakistan, then Tanzania, followed by Thailand and finally the Philippines. Once in the United States she earned her BA studying psychology and Spanish at the University of Texas at Austin, and she didn't stop there. She moved on to Cornell University where she earned a Master's in Healthcare Administration. Shortly after, Ms. Husain finished a postgraduate Fellowship at the Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Throughout her life Ms. Husain has taken on a variety of leadership roles, not only in the professional world at businesses, like Iowa Health Systems and Principal Financial Group, but also at a number of philanthropic organizations, like the United Way of Central Iowa and Habitat for Humanity. She is a member of the Board of Directors at both organizations. Now, as Vice President of The World Food Prize Foundation, Ms. Husain serves an integral role in the growth and development of a number of programs within the World Food Prize Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Ms. Husain in the United States Congress. It is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better her community and the State of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating her on receiving this esteemed designation, and wishing her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE GARAZI FAMILY

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the continued efforts of a local family in my congressional district who have made extraordinary efforts to improve the lives of our elderly. In a few short weeks, the Garazi family will hold its 5th Annual Solomon Garazi Memorial Day at the Races to benefit the Miami Jewish Health Systems, otherwise known as the Jewish Home. The Jewish Home is a great South Florida institution that has done, and continues to do, so much to improve quality of life for seniors.

Solomon Garazi, who passed away in 2010 at the age of 85, was known for his honor, integrity, and strong spirit. In 1960, the Garazis fled the brutal Castro regime and sought refuge in Miami, where Solomon and his in-laws founded two businesses—the Suave Shoe Corporation and the Oriental Trading Company. Suave later became the first company owned by Cuban refugees to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange.