

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF SENATOR
WENDELL FORD

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Wendell Hampton Ford. A dedicated public servant, Senator Ford held many roles in state and federal politics, including Governor of the Commonwealth and U.S. Senator.

A Daviess County native, Senator Ford always held his hometown close to his heart. It was his starting point in government and his final resting place. Holding elected office for more than three decades, Senator Ford is the only Kentuckian to seek and win election to consecutive terms as lieutenant governor, governor and U.S. senator.

Throughout his long tenure in state and federal government, Senator Ford was known and will be remembered for being an advocate for his fellow Kentuckians. A friend of the farmers, Senator Ford has been recognized for his work on agricultural issues, particularly tobacco. Senator Ford understood the vital role tobacco played—and still plays—in Kentucky's economy.

In tackling these big issues, Senator Ford quickly rose through the ranks. He was elected the whip of his party in 1990, a position he held until he left the U.S. Senate. He once described himself to the New York Times as "being a workhorse and not a show horse." It's that same attitude that led him to be a behind-the-scenes dealmaker, who strived to achieve solutions to our policy woes.

That desire to better his community and country did not stop when Senator Ford left public service. After serving four terms in the U.S. Senate, Senator Ford created the Wendell H. Ford Government Education Center, located in Owensboro, KY. Designed to educate young people about civics and public policy, Senator Ford continued teaching those lessons until the end of his life. It is a fantastic facility with a wonderful mission, and the center is just one of the many lasting legacies his leadership has left on the region.

I join with Kentucky's Second District in sending prayers to Senator Ford's family. We will miss him and are grateful for his service to the Commonwealth and our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE BIRTH OF THE
MODERN UNITED STATES COAST
GUARD

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight an important occasion, the creation of the modern-day United States Coast Guard

(USCG). The important designation was made official by President Woodrow Wilson on January 28, 1915, when he signed into law the "Act to Create the Coast Guard," merging the Revenue Cutter Service with the U.S. Life-Saving Service.

The origins of the present-day Coast Guard can be traced back to August 4, 1790, when President George Washington signed the Tariff Act to empower ten United States ships to enforce trade laws and reduce smuggling. The USCG is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government and was the only armed force patrolling the seas until the Navy Department was established in 1798.

Over its long and storied history, the USCG has acquired various responsibilities from maintaining the country's tools for maritime navigation to handling merchant marine licensing and merchant vessel safety. Additionally, the USCG is the nation's frontline of defense from threats at sea and is dedicated to saving lives, one of its most important functions.

Mr. Speaker, I come from an area that truly understands the important work the Coast Guard does on a daily basis. Mobile, Alabama, located in my Congressional district, is home to the Guard Aviation Training Center and also the USCG Sector Mobile Base. The Aviation Center acts as the Coast Guard's aviation and capabilities development center and also conducts traditional Coast Guard air station missions including search and rescue, homeland security, and environmental protection.

I am proud of all the brave men and women who serve in this essential organization, and I encourage all Americans to take some time to reflect on the sacrifices these people have made for our great country.

MICHIGAN STATE SENATOR JUDY
EMMONS

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Michigan State Senator Judy Emmons in recognition of her leadership in combating human trafficking.

This week in Congress, we have taken steps to fight the scourge of human trafficking in our country and around the world. In my home state, we are continuing to work on this critical issue, and one state legislator in particular has been at the forefront of this effort.

In Michigan, State Senator Judy Emmons has led the fight against human trafficking. Through her work, Michigan instituted new laws that fight this heinous crime. These laws, including life imprisonment for perpetrators, send a clear message that Michigan will not tolerate human trafficking. Further, Senator Emmons' legislative work and activism has made Michigan a national leader in understanding the plight of victims, and is providing

them with the resources they need to recover. Because of Senator Emmons' efforts, victims of this crime will find safe refuge in Michigan, and be able to make a complete recovery.

State Senator Judy Emmons has done outstanding work to help combat human trafficking and is worthy of recognition from this Congress. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Michigan State Senator Judy Emmons in gratitude for her strong conviction to prosecute traffickers, rescue victims, and assist survivors.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 351, LNG PERMITTING
CERTAINTY AND TRANSPARENCY
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about the rule governing debate on this bill, H.R. 351, the "LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act."

Mr. Speaker, I am not anti-energy exploration. I am not anti-trade. I am, however strongly "pro-jobs," "pro-economic growth," and "pro-sustainable environment."

As a Member of Congress from Houston I have always been mindful of the importance of, and have strongly advocated for, national energy policies that will make our nation energy independent, preserve and create jobs, and keep our nation's economy strong.

That is why I carefully consider each energy legislative proposal brought to the floor on its individual merits and support them when they are sound, balanced, fair, and promote the national interest.

Where they fall short, I believe in working across the aisle to improve them if possible by offering constructive amendments.

Although I believe the nation would benefit by increased exports of natural gas, the legislation before contains several provisions that are of great concern to me.

Pursuant to Section 2, subsection (a) of the bill, an application for authorization to export LNG is "deemed" approved if the Department of Energy (DOE) or other federal agencies do not approve or deny the application within 30 days of the conclusion of the site review.

I have three concerns with this regulatory scheme.

First, as a senior member of the Committee on the Judiciary, I have a problem with "deeming" something done that has not been done in fact.

Thus, the provision is unwise.

Second, this provision is a remedy in search of a problem. There is no lengthy or intolerable backlog of neglected natural gas export authority applications awaiting action by DOE.

The provision is unnecessary because DOE has to date authorized the export of over 10

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billion cubic feet per day of LNG to non-Free Trade Agreement countries.

Together with exports to FTA countries, this level of LNG exports that would transform the United States into one of the world's largest exporters.

Third, the provision is irresponsible because it would require DOE and other agencies to make decisions based on incomplete information or information that may not be available within the stringent deadlines, and to deny applications that otherwise would have been approved, but for lack of sufficient review time.

Supporters of this bill argue that it is vital, in the face of Russian aggression and restrictions, to provide our allies in Europe with additional exports of LNG.

However, because actual exports through approved terminals are not expected to begin until late 2015, this legislation will have no impact on current exports.

And, limiting the time for review would prevent DOE from properly analyzing the domestic impact that of exporting large amounts of LNG.

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates that increased exports could result in an increase of as much as 8% in domestic LNG prices.

Given the inherent delicacy involved in assessing the impact of trade authorizations, both domestically and abroad, this state of affairs is likely to lead to DOE erring on the side of caution and denying applications that may otherwise have been approved if it had more time and more resources to carry out its responsibilities.

For these reasons, I urge all Members to oppose the rule, and the underlying bill.

HONORING KEN DAVIS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Yonkers community is filled with heroes that have gone above and beyond the call of duty to their neighborhood. One of those heroes, Ken Davis, has a particularly noteworthy list of achievements as a Yonkers resident and public servant.

Ken is a graduate of Yonkers Public Schools and received an AAS Degree from Sullivan Community College. Later, he received a BS Degree in Fine Arts Education from the College of Mount Saint Vincent and an MS Degree in Human Resources from Mercy College.

After school, Ken joined the United States Marine Corps Reserves and became an officer in the Yonkers police force. Currently a Detective assigned to the Gang/Narcotics Program, he has worked on several high profile assignments, including the department's Re-Entry Program, Third Precinct Task Force, Housing Unit, and has also served as a School Resource Officer, an Instructor at the Westchester Police Academy, and a Community Affairs Officer. In his time on the force, Ken has received several awards, certificates and honors for his work through the department.

As a Graffiti and Gang Specialist, Ken has made presentations at the National Gang Crime Research Center in Chicago, and Can-

ada's Anti-Graffiti Symposium about methods of gang prevention.

In his private time, Ken serves the Yonkers community with volunteer work for the scholarship committee and in 2005 served as worshipful Master of James H. Farrell Lodge #34, Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons of Yonkers.

For both his private and professional commitment to bettering the Yonkers community, the Luther V. Garrison Sr. Masonic Foundation Inc. Scholarship Committee has named Ken Davis their 2014 Community Volunteer Service Award winner. He is most deserving of this distinguished honor and I wish to congratulate and thank him for all he has done for the people and city of Yonkers.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RESEARCHERS INDUCTED INTO THE LAWRENCE LIVERMORE LABORATORY'S ENTREPRENEURS' HALL OF FAME

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor four former Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) scientists and engineers who were inducted into the Laboratory's Entrepreneurs' Hall of Fame on January 20, 2015.

The group of former LLNL researchers, who represent the second class of inductees into the Laboratory's Entrepreneurs' Hall of Fame, were honored for developing technologies during or after their laboratory careers that created major economic impacts and spawned important new companies.

This year's inductees are Martin Casado, Bill Colston, Fred Milanovich, and David Tuckerman. Between them, these inductees initially started three different companies—an Internet security company, a biomedical company that advanced personalized medicine and a microchip firm.

Computer scientist Martin Casado revolutionized the information technology world when he developed software-defined networking (SDN). Casado is currently continuing efforts to upgrade computer networking security, not only for the computer industry, but for banking, retail, health care and homeland security.

Bill Colston and Fred Milanovich left LLNL to found QuantaLife Inc. based in Pleasanton which is in my district. In collaboration with Milanovich and other experts, Colston developed QuantaLife's hallmark product, an anti-bioterrorism technology that was converted into medical applications.

David Tuckerman co-founded nCHIP Inc., a technology company that developed enhanced microchips and multi-chip module systems. Tuckerman then went on to found Tuckerman & Associates Inc.—an independent technical consultancy firm that helps venture capitalists and industrial clients advance their ideas into reality.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me celebrating these entrepreneurs and honoring Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for supporting their employees' entrepreneurial ambitions.

HONORING ROBERT OLIVIERI,
PAST PRESIDENT OF SDAR

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Olivieri, the outgoing President of the Pacific Southwest Association of REALTORS®, for his outstanding leadership in the South Bay region of San Diego County.

Robert Olivieri was born in Providence, Rhode Island and has been a resident of Chula Vista and Bonita for the past 30 years. Robert graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.S. in Engineering and went on to earn an MBA in Finance from the University of Phoenix. Robert holds a California Real Estate Broker's License, a California Insurance Broker's License, a Series 7 Securities License, and has been in the real estate business for over 29 years.

Robert has been an active broker and manager for several real estate offices in South San Diego County. Robert served the Pacific Southwest Association of REALTORS® (PSAR) as their 2014 President. During his tenure, he focused on membership recruitment and retention, while also providing useful resources for members' professional and personal growth. Robert has also served PSAR on their Board of Directors, as a California Association of REALTORS® State Director, and as a member of the Community Involvement Committee and the Merger Steering Committee. Robert has been ranked by real estate tracking agencies as one of the top house selling agents and in the top 7 percent of agents who sell homes for top dollar.

Robert and his wife, Marcia, are very involved in their community and help support Bonita Vista High School and Corpus Christi Parish.

HONORING ROBYN L. CLASS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ORANGE CHILDREN & PARENTS TOGETHER

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments and contributions of Robyn L. Class, the Executive Director of Orange Children & Parents Together.

As an alumna of Head Start, I know the impact that early childhood education can have on a child's future. Every day Robyn works to make that impact on as many children as possible.

At Orange Children & Parents Together, Robyn ensures that the most vulnerable children and families receive high quality early childhood education programs and family support services.

Robyn's work has earned her the well-deserved honor of being named the California Head Start Association's Administrator of the Year.

I couldn't be prouder of and thankful for Robyn and Orange Children & Parents Together and I congratulate their exemplary service to the families of Orange County.