

INTRODUCTION OF THE REFORM EXPORTS AND EXPAND THE AMERICAN ECONOMY ACT

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss my bill, the Reform Exports and Expand the American Economy Act. My legislation makes 31 significant reforms to promote much needed transparency and accountability of the Export-Import Bank while fostering job-growth.

Ex-Im Bank has been a job-creator since its inception, yet it is in dire need of major reforms. In reforming the Ex-Im Bank, we'll make the bank more accountable and transparent while requiring the Bank to be more solvent and self-sufficient in order to reduce the burden to the taxpayer.

People in my District, and across the country, are demanding more economic opportunities and expansion of the job-market. We can meet their demands, by taking action now and supporting these reforms to the Ex-Im Bank that will make the bank more solvent and reduces risk to hard-working taxpayers immediately.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House (and Senate) to support me in passing the Ex-Im Bank Reform Act, in order to ensure accountability, transparency and job-growth.

HONORING ELIZABETH GILL

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, some community members have the unique ability to shape their entire neighborhood for the better. For the Bronx's 47th Precinct community, that person who has shaped and improved the neighborhood for the better has been Elizabeth Gill.

Elizabeth was born and raised by her Caribbean parents in the Bronx. She has been a lifelong community advocate who has worked with a wide variety of civic organizations, both as a member and volunteer. She currently serves at the New York City Police Department 47th Precinct Community Council President, a post she has held for over 20 years. Other organizations that she has done work for include the 47th Precinct Crisis Intervention Team; North Bronx Williamsbridge Branch of the NAACP; Mount Vernon Police Department Community Board; St. Mary's Hospital for Children With Special Needs; the 47th Precinct annual fellowship Breakfast Planning Committee; The Selective Service Board; and the Co-op City Public Committee. Elizabeth has also worked to procure many grants for the entire 47th Precinct community, with funding going towards community affairs vans, auxiliary vests, bicycles for police officers, and a command center bus.

As a result of her accomplishments, Elizabeth has received a host of community service awards. She has been honored by the Korean Merchants Association of the Northeast Bronx, the Police Reserve association of the City of New York, and the New York State associa-

tion of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators, just to name a few.

This year Elizabeth is celebrating her 85th birthday, and on the occasion I wish to congratulate her for all of her wonderful accomplishments. I am truly proud to be able to say I represent such a fine community member in the United States House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on January 27, 2015 I missed recorded votes #46–48 as I was part of the presidential delegation to India to support this important partnership between our two countries.

I would like to reflect how I would have voted if I were here:

On Roll Call #46 I would have voted no; on Roll Call #47 I would have voted yes; on Roll Call #48 I would have voted yes.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,087,727,352,703.72. We've added \$7,460,850,303,790.64 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.4 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING DR. J. ROBERT BEYSTER

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great respect to mourn the passing of one of San Diego's greatest innovators, businessmen, educators and humanitarians, Dr. J. Robert Beyster. Dr. Beyster was born in Detroit, MI on July 26, 1924, to his parents John F. and Lillian E. Beyster. He attended Dlocum Truax High School in Trenton, Michigan and graduated as Salutatorian. Just as the United States entered World War II, he enlisted in the Navy. He was sent by the Navy to the University of Michigan and later commissioned an Ensign.

Dr. Beyster's impressive biography describes a World War II Veteran, a nuclear engineer whose research propelled the Department of Defense's weapons systems and submarines into the future of war fighting, but most notably, he founded Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), an employee-owned multi-billion dollar corporation.

His selfless vision built SAIC from the ground up. He believed in the simple principle that wealth should be distributed among those who contribute to the growth of the company.

Dr. Beyster was the recipient of multiple distinguished awards, to include a Lifetime Achievement Award from Ernst & Young and the Spirit of San Diego Award from the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. We remember him for his high standards of excellence and influence at the University of California's Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center. Furthermore, he founded the Foundation for Enterprise Development, which launched the Beyster Institute at the University of California San Diego's Rady School of Management for technologists, entrepreneurs, executives and educators.

San Diego was fortunate to have someone like Dr. Beyster in our community. We see his altruistic contributions in the success of the students who've been given incredible opportunities from his charitable donations. Our community employs those who have been educated through his generous grants, scholarships and fellowships. We grow from those who will undoubtedly give back to the community in the same ways in which they have, themselves, benefited from his generosity. His efforts have provided our next generation of scientists, doctors and intellectual leaders.

He was an author, educator, philanthropist, veteran, a family man of integrity, values and of charitable contributions, who will be sorely missed by his family, friends and colleagues. We are fortunate to have constant reminders of his giving nature and his brilliant mind. Thank you Dr. Beyster, for giving San Diego so much of your incredible life. You will never be forgotten.

SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING EMPOWERMENT ACT

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, we recognize January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. In fact, Santa Clara County of my Silicon Valley district also proclaimed this month as Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

In the fight against this modern-day slavery, I am proud to introduce the vital bipartisan legislation—Survivors of Human Trafficking Empowerment Act—alongside my colleagues, Congressman TED POE, KAREN BASS, and RODNEY DAVIS.

Mr. Speaker, human trafficking is a disease upon our humanity, and it remains the world's fastest growing criminal enterprise. According to the International Labor Organization, trafficking is an estimated \$150 billion industry worldwide, which exploits nearly 21 million victims around the world.

Sadly, my home state of California is near the top in reported trafficking cases. Furthermore, it is estimated that 40 percent of the human trafficking activity on the West Coast comes through the three Bay Area airports of San Jose, San Francisco, and Oakland.

My legislation will turn back the tide of human trafficking, as it allows those survivors who were impacted by this cruel system to

voice their experiences and educate policy-makers. Specifically, this bill will create a survivors-led U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking to review federal government policy and programs on human trafficking. This council will advise, formulate assessments and recommendations, and submit reports to the Senior Policy Operating Group and the President's Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking Persons.

Directly hearing and learning from those who fell victim to this heinous crime is the best tool to eliminate human trafficking. Ultimately, this legislation values survivors, beyond just their stories. I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this crucial bill, so that we may finally rid of human trafficking—once and for all.

Mr. Speaker, be it labor or sex trafficking, human trafficking is the worst kind of atrocity. Each day, this scourge continues to endanger, exploit, and enslave lives. Even as we bring further awareness to this crime this month of January, we must sustain the fight each and every day.

HONORING ELLIOT FORCHHEIMER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, community partners who are truly dedicated to serving the public good are an invaluable asset to any elected official in government. As the Representative of New York's 16th district I have had the pleasure of working with some truly remarkable community leaders, none more remarkable than my dear friend, Westchester Jewish Council Executive Director Elliot Forchheimer.

Raised in Kew Gardens, Queens, Elliot's love affair with Jewish communal life started at the legendary Cejwin Camps, where he was inspired to pursue a career in the Jewish community. He became an Administrator at Camp Ramah and went on to join the Young Israel of Scarsdale, where he was a Youth Director for six years under the mentorship of the late Rabbi Jacob Rubenstein.

In 1996 Elliot joined the UJA-Federation of New York in the Program Services department, serving in a position focused on camps and JCC's. Shortly thereafter he became the very first Director of Westchester Program Services and Agency Relations for UJA-Federation's Westchester Office. After a stint at Synagogue 2000, Elliot returned to UJA-Federation's Commission on Jewish Identity and Renewal, focusing on synagogue relations.

Elliot's greatest professional privilege however has been serving for the last 10 years as the Executive Director of the Westchester Jewish Council. In this role he has steered the proverbial ship at WJC, working with elected officials, community groups, and over 150 Jewish organizations that span the breadth of Jewish expression. Elliot has helped ensure that Westchester remains a bastion of mutual respect and cooperation amongst all community members.

In addition to his phenomenal career achievements, Elliot has created an incredible legacy at home, with his beloved wife, Joan, and their two children, Ilana and Jacob. They are his true pride and joy.

This year, the WJC is honoring Elliot at their 39th Anniversary Gala for all he has done to better the Westchester community. I am honored to be able to congratulate Elliot on this incredible achievement, and I am even more honored to be able to call this incredible community partner my friend.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. BLAISE ALAN DENTE, RECIPIENT OF THE SCRANTON CHAPTER UNICO'S UNICAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 2014

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Blaise Alan Dente, who has been named the 2014 UNICAN of the Year for the Scranton Chapter of UNICO. UNICO is the largest Italian American service and volunteer organization in the United States, and many of my constituents, especially those living in the Wyoming Valley, have come to know Mr. Dente well through the Scranton Chapter.

Mr. Dente is a lifelong resident of Pittston, PA, having graduated from Seton Catholic High School before matriculating to East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania. There, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management; a degree that he has put to commendable use in his ownership and operation of Dente's Catering and Rental.

As a member of the American Culinary Federation (ACF), Mr. Dente obtained his certification as a Certified Chef de Cuisine, and in 2011, was inducted as an "honorary fellow" in the American Academy of Chefs, a prestigious subset within the ACF. Mr. Dente has earned a slew of other esteemed decorations, including medals, ribbons, and certificates for his work in both hot and cold food competitions. He was subsequently named the ACF Chapter Chef of the Year in 2008.

As an active member of the Scranton Chapter of UNICO since 2004, Mr. Dente and his staff host an annual dinner meeting for the chapter's membership. However, his service to the community extends beyond the kitchen. Mr. Dente is a member of both the Wilkes-Barre and Greater Scranton Chambers of Commerce. Additionally, he actively volunteers for the Pittston Tomato Festival Committee and is a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus Council 372 & Assembly 948. Such diverse and committed involvement certainly contributed to Mr. Dente being named one of the "Top 40 under 40" Business Professionals in 2010.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Mr. Blaise Alan Dente for his proven commitment to bettering the lives of those within the Scranton Chapter of UNICO, as well as the lives of those individuals within my own district. I congratulate him for the distinguished honor in being named the 2014 UNICAN of the Year, and know that he will continue to pursue bright endeavors in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, Wednesday marked the seventieth anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp on January 27, 1945. An estimated 1.1 million people, mostly of Jewish descent, lost their lives there between 1940–1945.

The seventieth anniversary occurs at a pivotal time. The recent terrorist attacks carried out in France demonstrated that anti-Semitism still exists as the world witnessed the senseless killing of people solely based on their religion. The senseless attacks in France remind us of the dark days of World War II when so many lost their lives because of their religion or ethnicity.

We must never forget the atrocities that occurred at Auschwitz and elsewhere during the Holocaust. The human race must never again let such unspeakable events take place. Racism, prejudice, and anti-Semitism must not be allowed in our societies and must be stopped wherever they occur.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembrance of the lives lost at Auschwitz. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the magnitude of this anniversary and the significance that it plays in our world today.

THE REINTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO AWARD THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO HUMANITARIAN AND SPORTING LEGEND MUHAMMAD ALI

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to reintroduce legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Muhammad Ali in recognition of his contributions to our nation. I believe it is long past time to recognize and honor an American civil rights activist and sporting legend with Congress' highest honor. Over the course of his illustrious career, Muhammad Ali has produced some of our nation's most lasting sports memories. From winning a Gold Medal at the 1960 Summer Olympics to lighting the Olympic torch at the 1996 Summer Olympics, his influence as an athlete and a humanitarian has spanned over fifty years.

Despite having been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in the 1980s, Ali has devoted his life to charitable organizations. Ali and his wife, Lonnie, are founding directors of the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center and Movement Disorders Clinic in Phoenix, AZ and have helped raise over \$50 million for Parkinson's research. In addition to helping families cope with illness, Ali has led efforts to provide meals for the hungry and has helped countless organizations such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Special Olympics.

Muhammad Ali's humanitarian efforts go beyond his charitable activities in the United