

Mr. Veneruso on this honor and thank him for his contributions to our community's continued growth and success.

INTRODUCTION OF BRIDGE TO A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE ACT OF 2015

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to support the continued development of clean energy in the United States. The impacts of a changing climate are far-reaching, representing a threat not only to our ecosystems but to our national security as well. To help avoid the worst effects of carbon pollution, consumers must have a dependable supply of energy that is clean and renewable. That much of this energy—and many of the devices used to produce it—is American-made means that our country retains the innovation, export opportunities, and manufacturing jobs that are so important to a twenty-first century economy.

The Bridge to a Clean Energy Future Act of 2015 extends critical clean energy incentives to provide market certainty and to strengthen investment in renewable technologies. In doing this, it will support thousands of jobs in clean energy industries, advance U.S. manufacturing, and enable our transition to clean, renewable energy.

For example, this legislation extends the Production Tax Credit for wind energy through 2016, offering parity with the duration of the Investment Tax Credit enjoyed by solar energy investments, while also granting the solar industry access to credits at the start of a project's construction, as is currently available for the wind industry. The bill also provides a range of other important incentives, such as expanding the advanced energy project credit, which aids U.S. manufacturers across the clean energy industry.

Strengthening the finance environment for the construction and development of renewable energy installations not only will help us to combat climate change and diversify our energy market, it will also strengthen the U.S. economy by creating American jobs, by supporting American manufacturers, and encouraging American innovation. From a strong base at home, American clean energy firms are also able to export technologies around the world, creating new markets for American expertise.

This bill is more than fully offset by repealing incentives for fossil energy that are unnecessary and wasteful taxpayer giveaways to some of the most profitable companies in the world doing business in an industry that is a major contributor to climate change.

RECOGNIZING AURORA ACTIONAIRES FOR FORTY YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Aurora Actionaires and the

forty years of community service they have dedicated to the City of Aurora, Illinois. The Aurora Actionaires is comprised of twenty-three African American women seeking to serve their community.

We should all be proud of the contributions these women have made to the community. With their motto, "We Care. We Act. We Serve." the Aurora Actionaires have assisted the elderly, donated to the needy, and provided college scholarships to many Aurora high school graduates.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Aurora Actionaires and thanking these dedicated women for their service.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE RETIRE- MENT OF BROWNSTOWN DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GREG MAHAR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Greg Mahar, a community leader in southeast Michigan for decades. This month he will retire after twenty four years of service as Deputy Supervisor of Brownstown Township. Appointed to the role in 1992, Greg has supported and enjoyed the trust of three different township supervisors. His name is synonymous with Brownstown.

In 1967, almost 50 years ago, Greg began his career in public service. The young man that tirelessly organized his community block club would one day literally put Brownstown on the map. From promoting business by identifying Brownstown on Interstate 75 signage; to negotiating money-saving contracts to promoting access to a transparent local government, there are few major projects in Brownstown that Greg has not been critical to their success. Every resident of Brownstown Township has been impacted by his tireless efforts.

Greg has been a role model in this community because, as he puts it, helping people is just who he is. He has raised the funds for numerous local charities, and finds solutions for needs in the community that are not being met. Not only has he dedicated his time and resources to multiple efforts and programs, he even sacrificed his trademark mustache in support of a cure for leukemia. Now clean-shaven, Greg still serves as the go-to guy for anyone in the community who is trying to uplift their neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Mr. Greg Mahar for his twenty four years of service to Brownstown and his lasting impact on the Downriver communities. We thank him for his leadership, and wish him many years of happiness and success.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DIS- TRICT OF COLUMBIA FEDERAL OFFICIALS RESIDENCY REQUIRE- MENT EQUALITY ACT OF 2015

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Federal Officials Residency Requirement Equality Act of 2015, a bill that would amend federal law to require certain officials who serve D.C. to actually live within its boundaries. In nearly every other jurisdiction in the United States, federal district court judges, U.S. Attorneys, and U.S. Marshals are required by federal law to reside within the jurisdictions where they have been appointed—but these same officials appointed to serve the people of the District are not bound by these same requirements. The only other jurisdictions where these officials are not required to live within their appointed jurisdictions are the Southern District of New York and the Eastern District of New York. However, this is because New York City is the only city in the country that is divided between two federal districts—but the District is not similarly situated. My bill would put D.C. on equal footing with almost every other jurisdiction by ensuring that our Marshals, judges, and U.S. attorney live among the residents they have been appointed to represent.

Clearly, the idea that these federal officials ought to live in the jurisdictions they serve is a significant one—which is why the residency requirement for other jurisdictions is enshrined in federal law. Yet, D.C. was exempt from this requirement based on the now-outdated notion that the District is too congested and small to house these appointed officials. The District of Columbia is a vibrant and bustling city with a diverse populace who deserve direct engagement on the part of its federal judges, U.S. attorney, and Marshals. My bill recognizes the fact that D.C. deserves the same type of community involvement by these federal officials as nearly every jurisdiction.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 628, I was not able to vote due to a medical procedure. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING DR. PETER K. WAYNE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a leader in my district, Dr. Peter K. Wayne, who has had an unquestionable impact on the health and well-being of our community for many years.

Born in Queens, NY, Dr. Wayne spent his childhood in Long Island, and after obtaining his Biochemical Sciences degree from Harvard College, he completed his seven-year MD–PhD degree at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx. Following additional training in internal medicine and gastroenterology, Dr. Wayne joined St. Josephs Medical Center in Yonkers, where he has treated countless residents from the neighborhood.

Beyond his service to our community through his medical practice, Dr. Wayne has served as President of the Medical Board, and has been serving as Chief of Gastroenterology for most of this millennium. In addition to his service on the boards of countless Gastrointestinal research groups and societies, Dr. Wayne has been recognized for his participation in clinical trials of drug therapies for hepatitis B and hepatitis C.

Dr. Wayne and his wife, Ellen Tremper, have four children, each contributing to their communities with the same vigor in their respective fields that Dr. Wayne has served ours. Dr. Wayne's passion for, and dedication to, his work is made clear in and out of the office. He advocates for bicycle safety, develops his personally-crafted electronic medical record program, and supports the St. Joseph's Endoscopy Unit, which hosts a clinic for the uninsured and underinsured to be evaluated by a staff of board-certified endoscopists.

This year, St. Josephs Medical Center is honoring Dr. Peter Wayne with the 2015 Outstanding Service Award. I want to congratulate Dr. Wayne on this honor and thank him for his years of dedicated service to our community.

IN HONOR OF 100 SEASONS OF
SHSU BEARKAT FOOTBALL

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in Texas, fall means football, and this fall marks a special football milestone for Sam Houston State University. Our Bearkats are celebrating 100 seasons of hard fought contests on the college football gridiron.

What happens at Elliot T. Bowers Stadium today has its roots in a cotton patch in the outfield of Joseph Pritchett Field in Huntsville, Texas. On October 6, 1912 the team from Sam Houston Teachers College faced off against a "pugnacious", as one observer remarked, Rice Institute to begin the inaugural season of Sam Houston football. Since then, football has been a continuous sport at Sam Houston, except for the war years—1918, during World War I, and 1943, 1944 and 1945, during World War II.

The inaugural season saw Sam Houston end with an even 2–2 record. That first team was comprised of just 19 students with the average player weighing in at just 135 pounds. Their leather helmets cost \$3 each and fully-padded pants of heavy canvas were \$12. Today, the Bearkat squad has 100 players with an average weight of over 200 pounds. And it cost about \$800 to outfit each player for game day.

This year's "Century Season" brings with it a legacy of big rivalries and even bigger accomplishments.

In October, Sam Houston State returned home victorious over Stephen F. Austin State University in the 90th edition of the Battle of the Piney Woods. This timeless rivalry between the Bearkats and the Lumberjacks began in 1923 and is one of the three oldest continuous rivalries in Texas college football.

Sam Houston has competed and won championships in four different leagues: the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Lone Star Conference, Gulf Star Conference and Southland Conference.

The team played its first bowl game, the Shrimp Bowl, in 1952. In 1964, our Bearkats were National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Co-National Champions.

Sam Houston State boasts six Southland Conference Championships, the most recent just last year.

Bearkat teams have made eight Football Championship Subdivision Playoff appearances, including trips to the National Championship Game in 2012 and 2013 and the National Semi-Finals in 2004 and 2014.

And, our Bearkats are also close to another major milestone—their 1000th game. With such an exciting first century, we can't wait to see what the next hundred years will bring. Eat 'Em Up, Kats!

HONORING THE POSTHUMOUS INDUCTION OF CLARK GOODWIN INTO THE JESSE HELMS CENTER FOUNDATION'S CHARLES A. CANNON FREE ENTERPRISE HALL OF FAME

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor H. Clark Goodwin for his posthumous induction into the Jesse Helms Center Foundation's Charles A. Cannon Free Enterprise Hall of Fame on November 17, 2015.

Clark Goodwin left a lasting legacy of service not only across Union County and North Carolina's 8th Congressional District, but across the entire state and nation. He was born and raised in Union County, attending Monroe High School and Wingate Junior College—Senator Jesse Helms' alma mater—before attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

After college, Clark began a career in banking that would last nearly 45 years and would see him become a leader in the industry. He began his career back in Union County, and eventually went to Albemarle where he became President of NC Federal Savings and Loan. Clark then returned to Union County in 1982 to start the Bank of Union.

Aside from his success in business, Clark always stepped up to help his community. He served as Chairman of the Monroe Economic Development Commission for 17 years and was recognized as the Monroe Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year in 2013 for his leadership and public service. Clark was a founding board member of the Jesse Helms Center Foundation, where he served for 25 years in various leadership roles. He also served on the Wingate University Board of Trustees for more than 45 years. In honor of his service, Wingate University awarded him

an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree in 2012.

Clark Goodwin symbolized everything the Jesse Helms Center Foundation stands for—free enterprise and principled leadership through education, public policy promotion and historical preservation. His work and philanthropic endeavors helped enrich the lives of countless folks across the 8th District, and for that we all owe Clark Goodwin a debt of gratitude. I can think of no one more deserving of a spot in the Free Enterprise Hall of Fame than Mr. Clark Goodwin.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Clark Goodwin for his posthumous induction into the Jesse Helms Center Foundation's Charles A. Cannon Free Enterprise Hall of Fame.

TOM HEINLY WINS PRINCIPAL OF
THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tom Heinly, Head of School at The Honor Roll School in my hometown of Sugar Land, for being named K–12 Principal of the Year by Nobel Learning Communities, Inc (NCLI), the school's parent organization.

Mr. Heinly has served as Head of School of The Honor Roll School for two years. Before joining the team at Honor Roll, Tom spent 18 years in public elementary and middle schools. Throughout his career he has helped his students become leaders and carries out that same mission at The Honor Roll School. He continually demonstrates great leadership with his positive attitude and dedication to his students and colleagues. By fostering a community that works as a team, everybody achieves success. The Honor Roll School is lucky to have him.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Tom Heinly on winning Principal of the Year.

HONORING ERIC POLLARD

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eric Pollard, a true public servant whose leadership, loyalty, and dedication to his work has left an indelible mark on the Yonkers Public School System.

Teachers, administrators, coworkers and parents all have wonderful things to say about Eric and the job he has done as Head Custodian of the School 16 Annex, located at 759 North Broadway in Yonkers. His reputation precedes him, due to his work ethic and dedication to the school. Principal Cynthia Eisner has lauded Eric, saying, "he makes sure that everything is not only in working order, but it is in tip top shape." In addition to his custodial duties, Eric helps with arrivals and dismissals, serving as a de facto traffic officer, clearing the bus lanes of cars to ensure a smooth dismissal every day. The school's Assistant Principal, JoAnn DiMaria, has also praised Eric for