

Contra Costa County, helping to maintain the most important wildlife habitat areas in the East Bay. Thanks to Ron's leadership, Save Mount Diablo has grown its programs and capacity, increasing from a modest staff of three to eighteen staff members. Save Mount Diablo has become a leader on issues of land-use advocacy, land purchase for inclusion in parks, and relationship building with local governments and developers.

I applaud Ron's efforts to restore the historic "Eye of Diablo" beacon at Mount Diablo's summit, which commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor. I am honored to have worked with Ron on many of these endeavors, including his efforts to improve various state park roads prior to the Tour de California bicycle race.

I am grateful for Ron's many accomplishments and for the many partnerships he built during his time with Save Mount Diablo. I wish Ron all of the best in his retirement, where I'm told he hopes to spend his time with his grandchildren, enjoying the land he has worked so hard to protect.

Congratulations, Ron, on a remarkable career that has preserved the ecosystems and the icon of the East Bay.

DEFERRED ACTION FOR PARENTS OF AMERICANS AND LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS AND CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DAPA/DACA)

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice support for President Obama's Executive Actions on immigration. These initiatives—namely, the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) and an expansion of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)—could provide as many as 5 million immigrants with temporary relief from deportation.

President Obama has courageously led in the face of a Republican Congress that is derelict in its duty. A legislative solution is the only long term fix to our broken immigration system. Yet, despite the support of the American people, a bipartisan majority in Congress, business groups and the faith community—the Republican leadership has fallen prey to xenophobia and the politics of fear.

Now it appears the Fifth Circuit—in denying the Federal Government's appeal of the preliminary injunction that blocked implementation of President Obama's initiative—is playing politics instead of performing its constitutionally mandated role of interpreting the law.

The Constitution is clear on the powers of the Executive Branch. Prosecutorial Discretion is a well-established principle.

I applaud the Administration's decision to appeal this decision and vigorously defend its executive action on immigration before the Supreme Court. My hope is that the Court takes this important case, and I expect that it would rule in favor of justice and the President's action.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 631 I was absent during passage of H.R. 1694 the afternoon of November 17, 2015 because I was meeting with constituents from Pennsylvania's Fifth Congressional District. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH H. BOER

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph H. Boer, owner of Lake Ozark Missouri's Blue Heron Restaurant, for his service to our nation and entrepreneurial spirit, which has broadened the economic foundations of his community.

Born in Holland, Boer attended culinary school and apprenticed in distinguished restaurants including the Hof Ragaz Spa Hotel in Switzerland before becoming a sous chef at the Belgian Embassy in Den Haag, Netherlands. He was later drafted for service in the Dutch Armed Services where he became skilled in cooking for entire battalions of anti-aircraft personnel.

After surviving World War II and qualifying to be included with a special quota for displaced persons, he immigrated to the United States of America in 1956. Upon his arrival, he worked in Littleton, Colorado but soon moved to Kansas City, MO. There, he went on to work at the Terrace Grill at the Muelbach Hotel and the Colony Steak House before earning his U.S. citizenship in 1961.

After gaining citizenship, Boer served two years in the U.S. Army. He spent time in Fort Leonard Wood, Fort Smith, Fort Devens, Puerto Rico, and West Point. Because of his knowledge of the German language, he was selected to be a part of the NATO exercise "Crescendo" in Germany, which demanded his unique skills as a linguist.

Through these experiences he gained the skill and confidence he needed to open his first restaurant, the Top Deck at Mai Tai, near the Lake of the Ozarks. He went on to work at Lefty's Little Chef Steak House and the Potted Steer Restaurant at Westgate Lanes in Jefferson City before buying the Potted Steer Restaurant at Lake of the Ozarks and purchasing what would become the Blue Heron Restaurant in 1984. Sitting atop the highest point above Lake of the Ozarks, the Blue Heron Restaurant has become known for providing fine quality cuisine as well as an elegant, romantic atmosphere since opening July 4th, 1984.

Mr. Speaker, Joseph H. Boer deserves this body's utmost respect for his incredible life story and dedicated entrepreneurial spirit. I extend to him my deepest appreciation for his impressive efforts, which have contributed greatly to the Lake of the Ozarks community.

SUMMARY OF PRESIDENT MA YING-JEOU REMARKS IN MEETING WITH CHINESE LEADER XI JINPING

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere appreciation for the Republic of China (Taiwan) President Ma Ying-jeou's leadership in pursuing long-term peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. President Ma met with Chinese leader Xi Jinping in Singapore on November 7. This meeting was historic and paved the foundation for future prosperity and peace in the East Asia region. On the same day, our State Department expressed the view that the United States welcomes the meeting between leaders on both sides of the Taiwan Strait and noted the historic improvement in cross-strait relations in recent years.

I particularly took notice of President Ma's remarks on the importance of consolidation of the "1992 Consensus" and the maintenance of peace across the Taiwan Strait.

Below is the summary of President Ma's remarks in meeting with mainland Chinese leader Xi Jinping, which explains clearly the origin and the meaning of the Consensus and shows how it is consistent with the Constitution of the Republic of China. For the full text, please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China: <http://www.mofa.gov.tw>.

Summary of President Ma's remarks:

Sustainable peace and prosperity is the common goal in the development of cross-strait relations, and the "1992 Consensus" is the fundamental basis for achieving this goal. On Aug. 1, 1992, our National Unification Council passed a resolution on the meaning of "one China," which said that both sides of the Taiwan Strait insist on the "one China" principle, but they differ as to what that means. The consensus reached between the two sides in November 1992 is that both sides of the Taiwan Strait insist on the "one China" principle, and each side can express its interpretation verbally; this is the 1992 Consensus of "one China, respective interpretations." For our part, we stated that the interpretation does not involve "two Chinas," "one China and one Taiwan," or "Taiwan independence," as the Republic of China Constitution does not allow it. This position is very clear, and is accepted by the majority of the people of Taiwan . . . The two sides have together created a model for the peaceful resolution of disputes that should be further consolidated until it becomes the normal state of affairs.

Another goal is the reduction of hostility and the peaceful handling of disputes. Taiwan's people, especially civic leaders, have a negative impression of situations such as our tourists being refused admission to the United Nations Headquarters because of their passport, frustrations our experts have had in participating in NGO meetings, and interventions we have faced when engaging in bilateral or multilateral cooperation on trade. The two sides ought to begin by reducing hostility and confrontation on these fronts. Those participating in these activities are mostly intellectuals or members of our middle class, and this affects our work pertaining to cross-strait ties, and

also the impression our citizens have of the mainland.

We hope for expansion of cross-strait exchanges and mutual benefits. The two sides should move quickly to deal with issues that are currently still under negotiation, including the trade-in-goods agreement, reciprocal establishment of representative offices, and flight transfers in Taiwan for mainland Chinese travelers. We are currently applying to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), and hope to join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) in the future. Because these two mechanisms would account for approximately 70 percent of our external trade, we cannot afford not to participate in them. We believe there should be no issue as to which side joins first and which side later.

We proposed establishment of a cross-strait hotline to handle important or urgent matters. There is no contact mechanism between the heads of MAC and TAO. We should take this opportunity to establish one. Of course, further adjustments could be made to raise the level of contact should the need arise in the future. It will be beneficial for both sides to be able to promptly handle important unexpected or crucial matters.

Joint cooperation leads to cross-strait prosperity. I want to reiterate that the people of both sides are Chinese, descendants of the emperors Yan and Huang, sharing a common lineage, history, and culture. The two sides should cooperate to promote cross-strait prosperity. History has bequeathed the two sides a convoluted relationship, and cross-strait exchanges have led to new problems. These issues cannot be resolved overnight. In exchanges and consultations, the two sides need to face the issues squarely, move forward step by step, and build mutual trust.

The peace and prosperity achieved over the last seven years is proof that the two sides have beaten their swords into plowshares, becoming models for stability in the East Asia region as a whole. The two sides need to be confident of this. We hope the mainland Chinese side fully understands this, and realizes that cross-strait relations should be built on the foundation of dignity, respect, sincerity, and good will, for only this will lead to deeper mutual trust, and enable us to go the distance.

Mr. Speaker, there is much to be done to ensure peace and freedom of navigation in the South China Sea and in the Taiwan Strait. But, this historic meeting will go a long way towards a peaceful future for East Asia and for the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, due to a flight delay on March 23, 2015, I was unable to attend House Roll Call Vote numbers 130 and 141. If present, I would have voted yes on H.R. 360 and H. Res. 162.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROC ARNETT,
PRESIDENT OF EAST VALLEY
PARTNERSHIP

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Roc Arnett, (Roc) President of the East Valley Partnership, a coalition of business and community leaders dedicated to the sustainable development of the East Valley of the Greater Phoenix Area—one of the fastest growing areas in our great nation. For the past 11 years, Roc has been the anchor and backbone of this important organization and at the end of 2015, Roc retires from his official role as President and CEO of the East Valley Partnership.

Roc is a visionary leader, whose belief in the potential of the East Valley has helped shape the vibrant business and residential communities that now flourish in the area. Roc is a native Arizonan who has lived and worked in the East Valley for his entire life. His love for the area and belief in the unique character of each community within the East Valley has been the motivation behind his work. Mesa, Chandler, Gilbert, Tempe, Ahwatukee, Apache Junction, Queen Creek, San Tan Valley, Guadalupe and Scottsdale are all part of the East Valley; each has its own distinct character and all have benefited from the ingenuity and vision of the East Valley Partnership, under the leadership of Roc Arnett.

It has been my honor to work with Roc for several years. His generosity, his infectious enthusiasm, tenacity and genuine belief in the good in people inspire everyone he touches. He is a master of negotiation and has built enduring business and community partnerships throughout the years. Members, please join me in thanking Roc Arnett for his many years of service to the diverse communities of the East Valley, as President and CEO of the East Valley Partnership. His many contributions have helped to create the East Valley of today and have laid the groundwork for the East Valley of tomorrow.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MEGAN CLUBB,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF
BAKER BOYER NATIONAL BANK
ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mrs. Megan Clubb, the Chief Executive Officer of Baker Boyer National Bank for her years of service to Eastern Washington. As a banking executive, Mrs. Clubb faithfully served Walla Walla, Washington and the entire Inland Northwest for twenty-five years as part of the team at Baker Boyer. Mrs. Clubb is retiring at the end of December and I am pleased to recognize and celebrate her accomplishments and contributions to our great community in Eastern Washington.

As the state's oldest community bank, Baker Boyer has been a distinguished institution in

Eastern Washington for more than one hundred and forty-six years. During her notable career, Mrs. Clubb served for fourteen years as President and thirteen years as Chief Executive Officer at Baker Boyer National Bank. Under her leadership, Baker Boyer has ranked in the top two hundred community banks for financial performance each of the last six years, including being ranked at number fourteen this year. Additionally, she led the bank through an innovative new branding transformation and guided Baker Boyer to be honored for 11 straight years as one of the best companies to work for by Seattle Business magazine.

Named one of the 10 Women of Influence by Seattle Magazine, outside of Baker Boyer National Bank, Mrs. Clubb is a recognized leader across the state and spends countless hours mentoring fellow women in the banking industry. She currently serves as a trustee at Whitman College, and is completing a three-year term as an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Mrs. Clubb has also served on the Portland branch of the Federal Reserve Bank. Pioneers in the Washington state wine industry, she and her husband, Marty Clubb, are co-owners of L'Ecole No. 41 Winery, and continue to build upon their family's legacy. Even after her retirement, she will continue to devote herself to these important endeavors.

Mrs. Clubb is a passionate advocate for small businesses and a champion for all of Eastern Washington. Following her retirement, Mrs. Clubb will continue to serve as chairman of the Baker Boyer Bancorp Board of Directors. A devoted member of our community, Mrs. Clubb truly redefined what a community bank can accomplish, and profoundly demonstrated the impact one person can have on the lives and legacies of customers and families in those communities.

I would like to thank Mrs. Megan Clubb for her years of dedication and service to Walla Walla and to all of Eastern Washington. I applaud her commitment to our citizens and to the banking community, and wish her the best of luck in the next chapter of her life.

IN HONOR OF THE 5TH
ANNIVERSARY OF JILL'S HOUSE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 5th Anniversary of a truly great institution in Virginia's 10th Congressional District, Jill's House.

Jill's House is a home away from home for children with a variety of disabilities. It gives the hard-working and caring parents of children with disabilities an overnight respite in order to provide parents the time to focus on their marriage and family, rest, and get ahead on work and refresh their lives. Their children spend the night at Jill's House, where they have highly trained staff to provide care.

Lon and Brenda Solomon were two caring parents who had three children and were living a normal life. Brenda then became pregnant with their fourth child, Jill, the daughter they had always wanted. When Jill was just three months old, she began to have seizures. As the seizures grew more and more frequent