

consideration the bill (H.R. 1732) to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States, and for other purposes:

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Chair, I rise today to express my strong opposition to H.R. 1732, the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act. This harmful legislation undermines the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers' ability to regulate and protect our wetlands and streams, and it is an assault on the Clean Water Act.

H.R. 1732 would block the EPA's current Clean Water rulemaking, forcing the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers to go back to the drawing board and start over with the process, undermining years of work undertaken by agencies, businesses, and numerous other stakeholders. Every American deserves to have access to clean water, and the proposed Clean Water rules, under the Clean Water Act, would safeguard the drinking water of more than 117 million people who currently rely on streams lacking clear protection. The EPA has acted to protect America's waters under the Act before, and it is an outrage that House Republicans are blocking the EPA and Army Corps from doing the same now. Americans and businesses deserve certainty and understanding regarding which waterways are covered by the Clean Water Act, and H.R. 1732 would only lead to more confusion.

The EPA engaged in extensive public outreach and received hundreds of thousands of public comments on the proposed Rule, and the Rule is built upon peer-reviewed science. At the very least, the public deserves to see the final rule before Congress decides to block it. Congress should let the EPA and the Army Corps do their jobs and protect America's small streams and wetlands from pollution. I oppose this legislation.

HONORING JANICE BARLOW

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Janice Barlow, who officially retired on May 7, 2015, from her position as the Executive Director of Zero Breast Cancer. For the past fifteen years, Zero Breast Cancer has thrived under Ms. Barlow's leadership, growing beyond the local grassroots to become a regionally and nationally recognized model for communities interested in prevention and elimination of breast cancer.

Janice Barlow has skillfully guided Zero Breast Cancer's development by actively engaging the local community and continuously pursuing research partnerships and opportunities. Over the past 15 years, Janice Barlow has helped Zero Breast Cancer adopt innovative technologies and outreach strategies to engage new demographics and increased revenue despite the recent economic downturn. During this time, Ms. Barlow also personally co-authored two groundbreaking reports: The California Breast Cancer Mapping Project: Identifying Areas of Concern in California and Breast Cancer and the Environment: Prioritizing Prevention.

Under Janice Barlow's leadership, Zero Breast Cancer has successfully partnered with

senior academic scientists on more than a dozen research grants, bringing over 20 million research dollars to Marin County and the greater San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Barlow has been a particularly strong advocate for increased funding for breast cancer prevention research, which currently comprises only a small portion of overall breast cancer funding. Zero Breast Cancer is a national leader in supporting research on the role of environmental risk factors behind breast cancer and continues to advocate for research that specifically investigates prevalence of breast cancer in Marin County and the Bay Area. By helping to lead a study that investigated the relationship between pubertal development and breast cancer, Ms. Barlow paved the way for breakthrough science focused on youth.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that we honor and thank Janice Barlow for her years of dedicated service to the people of Marin County and the extended Bay Area community, and for her advocacy on behalf of all whose lives have been impacted by breast cancer. On behalf of the many individuals and organizations she has served, I am privileged to express our deep appreciation to Ms. Janice Barlow for her exemplary leadership, and convey our best wishes as she pursues new endeavors.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MR. JAMES ECONOMOS

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend and lifetime Warren, Ohio resident Mr. James Economos. Mr. Economos was highly regarded within the Warren community for his passion for local businesses, community service, and his unwavering dedication to both the Warren G. Harding High School Football Team and the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Mr. Economos was born in Warren, Ohio in 1938 and dedicated his life to his family, his church, and his family business. He was a proud graduate of the Warren G. Harding High School and Youngstown State University. Mr. Economos joined the United States Army in 1960 and after nine hard years of commendable service, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain in 1969.

He married Joan Pompos in May of 1961 and the two were happily married for thirty-three years until her passing in 1995. From 1960 until his passing, Mr. Economos was the owner of Saratoga Restaurant and Catering in Warren, Ohio. His family purchased the business back in 1935. And next year Saratoga Restaurant and Catering will be celebrating its 100th anniversary.

In addition to building a successful business, Mr. Economos was very active in his local church and community. He was a member of Parish Council and served three terms as president of the church council at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Warren.

James's service to our country, his dedication to his business, his love for family and friends, and his passion for the Warren G. Harding High School Football Team and the Ohio State Buckeyes, all demonstrate the qualities that made him so special to us.

James's life and legacy contribute to Warren being a better place to live and call home. He is survived by his sisters Dorian, Chrisi, and Jennifer; his son, Eric; his sister Demetra; and four wonderful grandchildren. James was a beloved part of the Warren community and he will be deeply missed.

RECOGNIZING THE 946TH FORWARD SURGICAL TEAM

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 946th Forward Surgical Team as they prepare for their next deployment.

The 946th was constituted on January 23, 1997 and activated at Fort James H. Wright Reserve Center in Mobile, Alabama. The unit began with six officers and six enlisted soldiers. The 946th has been deployed into active theater in Afghanistan on multiple occasions. The 946th has attended multiple training programs and has received several accolades, including recognition as an "outstanding unit" during Joint Thunder in 2007.

During their deployments, they withstood multiple mortar attacks while supporting major combat missions. While providing medical coverage during combat operations, the 946th performed everything from appendectomies to amputations to open-heart surgery related to trauma. During one deployment, the unit treated over 500 patient traumas, 380 surgical patients, oversaw the conduction of 750 x-rays and laboratory procedures, and coordinated over 300 MEDEVAC transfers.

In April of 2012, Major Forrest L. Neese assumed command of the 946th. In March of 2014, the 946th received honors for its role in WAREX 2014 at Fort McCoy in Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, as the 946th prepares to deploy in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel, I want to applaud them for their commitment and service to our nation. They provide such a unique and critical role in supporting our men and women who are working to preserve democracy in a very dangerous part of the world.

So on behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District, I wish them safe travels in their deployment and I ask God to bless the 946th, their families, and all those who serve our great nation.

HONORING POLICE SERGEANT CARL D. PILCHER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Sergeant Carl Pilcher, a man who has truly devoted himself to public service. Carl was hired as a Police Officer by the Fairfield Police Department on April 11, 1988 and over the duration of his career worked in various capacities which included: Field Training, Patrol, Special Operations, Special Activity Felony Enforcement (SAFE)

Team, and Youth Services. On December 31, 1999 he was promoted to Police Corporal where he served in the Patrol Bureau for two years before being promoted to Police Sergeant on December 28, 2001.

As a Police Sergeant, Carl supervised the Youth Services Unit, investigators in the Major Crimes Unit, and several Patrol teams. Most recently, Sergeant Pilcher spent the past four years running the Personnel and Training Unit, where he ensured the Fairfield Police Department upheld the highest standards in the recruitment, hiring and training of the next generation of law enforcement Officers.

Sergeant Pilcher is a skilled team leader who has received numerous commendations including an Exceptional Performance Citation for his decisive and exemplary leadership. He has been a valued public servant where his hard work and commitment to the community have made him a model representative of the law enforcement community.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA STUDENTS

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the University of Central Florida for winning their second national title at the 2015 National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (NCCDC). Presented in partnership with Raytheon Company and organized by the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security (CIAS) at the University of Texas, the NCCDC held April 24–26 in San Antonio, Texas featured finalists from 10 regional competitions nationwide.

The NCCDC, started in 2005 to increase interest in the cyber security field, was the first national cyber security competition designed to test how well college students operate and protect a corporate network infrastructure. Utilizing real world scenarios, students must secure and defend the network infrastructure and business information systems. In addition to scoring the highest in the competition and winning their second NCCDC Alamo Cup, the University of Central Florida team, on behalf of Raytheon, will be coming to Washington, D.C. this summer to visit some of our nation's premier national security sites.

Again, congratulations to the University of Central Florida team for bringing home their second NCCDC national title and establishing the University of Central Florida as a leader in cyber security.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF AARON DUNN ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congress-

ional District. I am pleased to announce that Aaron Dunn of Toledo, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Aaron's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2019. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Aaron brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2019. While attending Toledo Christian School in Toledo, Ohio, Aaron was a member of the National Honor Society and Honor Roll. He also played in the marching band, was a class representative and student council member.

Throughout high school, Aaron was a member of his school's cross country, baseball and basketball teams, earning varsity letters in cross country and baseball. I am confident that Aaron will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Aaron Dunn on the offer of his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Aaron will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

HONORING MAJOR ANDY SHIELDS

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Andy Shields, Chief Deputy of the Macon County Sheriff's office, who will retire on June 30, 2015.

Major Shields began serving as a patrol officer in Macon County on March 1, 1984, where he was promoted to Sergeant just two years later in 1986. In January of 1990, he began his work as an investigator, serving as the only detective in the Sheriff's office for several years. As more investigators joined the force, Major Shields' leadership as Chief Investigator was instrumental in maintaining a standard of excellence in Macon County law enforcement. After serving overseas with the United Nations Peacekeeping force in Kosovo for two years, Major Shields returned to the Macon County Sheriff's Office in September 2001, where he was eventually promoted to Chief Deputy and has remained in that position since. His training and experience has proven to be exemplary throughout his career. Upon his retirement, Major Shields will be the first employee of the Macon County Sheriff's Office to retire with a full thirty years of service.

Major Shields' unwavering dedication and leadership is something that all of us can admire and respect. As such, I am proud to honor Major Andy Shields for his faithful service to the people of Macon County and congratulate him on his retirement.

PEARLAND FFA STATE TITLE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Turner College and Career High School's (TCCHS) horse judging team who recently claimed the first-ever state title for Pearland Future Farmers of America (FFA).

The team comprised of Rachel Golla, Jessica Harper, Andrea Skweres, and Evann Wehman, competed against 72 other teams at the State Horse Judging Career Development Event. The teammates evaluated and ranked four horses in eight classes. After evaluating the horses, the team answered a series of questions. Their knowledge of appearance, breed characteristics, and athletic ability were really put to the test. This is a great victory for their veterinary science teacher, Jessica Koetting, and the rest of TCCHS. We are excited to see you represent Texas this October in the national competition.

On behalf of the residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the TCCHS horse judging team for bringing home a state title for Pearland FFA. You have made your community proud.

HONORING DR. DAVID MATTHEWS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Dr. David Matthews. A native of Indianola, Mississippi, Dr. Matthews left an impact on all whom he encountered through his work as a pastor, teacher, and elected official.

A World War II Veteran, Matthews returned to Indianola Colored High School in 1946 to complete his high school diploma. Upon completion of his diploma, Dr. Matthews completed his studies at Morehouse College in 1950, and continued his studies at the Atlanta University, Memphis Theological Seminary, Delta State University, and Reformed Theological Seminary.

Matthews served as pastor at Bell Grove Missionary Baptist Church and Stranger's Home Missionary Baptist Church in 1958, where he served until his death. Matthews also worked as a teacher for thirty-three years. He also served as the first Black Democratic Election Commissioner for Sunflower County, first Black Deputy Chancery Clerk of Sunflower County, first Black Honorary Deputy Sheriff and an original member of Indianola's biracial committee formed during the Civil Rights Era. He also served on the Governor's Commission of Mississippi.

Dr. Matthews received his honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Natchez College, Doctorate of Humanities from Mississippi Industrial College and Doctorate of Divinity from Morris Booker College. On April 15, he left behind a loving and devoted wife of 64 years, Lillian, one daughter, and five grandchildren. Dr. David Matthews spent the entirety of his life serving others for the benefit of his greater