

IN RECOGNITION OF HAROLD
HOLZER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Harold Holzer who has had an extraordinary and distinguished career as a communications director and historian. He is retiring after 23 years of invaluable service to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the largest and most comprehensive art museum in the western hemisphere. Mr. Holzer helped broaden the media visibility of the Museum both here and abroad. In addition to his day job at the Museum, Mr. Holzer is widely considered one of the preeminent authorities on Abraham Lincoln and the political culture of the Civil War era. Mr. Holzer's impact on New York's civic and cultural life has been profound and his contributions to our understanding of the Civil War era have been incalculable.

Mr. Holzer began his career as a reporter and later editor for The Manhattan Tribune, going on to become political press secretary first for Bella Abzug during her campaigns for Senate and Mayor, and then for Mario Cuomo's Gubernatorial campaign. He served as a government speechwriter for Mayor Abraham Beame, leaving to become the public affairs director for WNET. From 1984 to 1992, he served Governor Mario Cuomo as Special Counselor to the Director of Economic Development and Executive Vice President for Public Affairs at the New York State Urban Development Corporation (NYSUDC), which was then involved in overseeing the construction of the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center.

In 1992, Mr. Holzer became Chief Communications Officer for the Metropolitan Museum. Four years later, he was promoted to Vice President and, in 2005, he was named the Senior Vice President for Public Affairs. In this capacity, Mr. Holzer has been responsible for supervising external affairs and overseeing publicity, marketing, audience research and tourism promotion for the Museum, and has served as chief spokesman on all local, national, and international issues. During his tenure, Mr. Holzer helped persuade government grantors to deliver unprecedented levels of funding to the Museum, which have, among other things, supported educational programs and critical improvements to the Museum's physical plant. He also created broadcast marketing partnerships with radio, television and the Internet, magnifying the Museum's outreach.

A prolific writer, Mr. Holzer has authored, coauthored, and edited over forty books on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War. Some of his works include: *Lincoln at Cooper Union*, *The Lincoln Image*, and the 2015 Lincoln Prize-winning *Lincoln and the Power of the Press*. In 2008, Mr. Holzer received the National Humanities Medal from President George W. Bush, the highest recognition America awarded to individuals or institutions that have had a positive impact on the nation's understanding of the humanities.

Mr. Holzer authored *Lincoln: How Abraham Lincoln Ended Slavery in America*, the young-adult companion to Steven Spielberg's Academy Award-winning biopic, *Lincoln*. Mr. Holzer

also served as a script consultant on the adapted screenplay for the film.

President Bill Clinton appointed Mr. Holzer as cochairman of the U.S. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, which oversaw the planning of the national celebration of Lincoln's 200th birthday. Mr. Holzer served in that capacity from 2000–2009. He now serves as Chairman of the successor organization, the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation.

Mr. Holzer lives in Rye, New York with his wife, Edith. They have two daughters and a grandson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Harold Holzer's talent, dedication and erudition. His contributions to our nation's civic and cultural life, as well as our understanding of President Lincoln and the extraordinary era when he was President will last long into the future.

TSCA MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VON HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Mr. VON HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2576, the TSCA Modernization Act. While this bill is not perfect, it is a good step toward better protecting Americans and our environment from dangerous chemicals.

Current law, the Toxic Substance Control Act, passed in the 1970s and has been a failure. While its name implies that it gave the Environmental Protection Agency the authority to ensure the safety of many chemicals, in reality, its scope is severely limited and the standards for action are unreasonably high. It also restricted testing to thousands of chemicals that were already in use when it passed. Since it was enacted, EPA has partially regulated only five chemicals under the law.

Democrats have been calling for TSCA reform for many years, and today we are considering the first meaningful change. While it does not go as far as previous Democratic proposals, it represents significant progress over current law. It makes it easier for EPA to test chemicals using a risk-based approach, explicitly protects vulnerable populations, and provides more resources to get the job done. It also allows EPA to move more quickly to address the most toxic and harmful chemicals.

Our work is not done—the Senate is finalizing its proposal and we will have to reconcile our differences. I will continue to advocate for strong protections for American families and our environment. I am voting yes today to take an important step forward in that effort.

REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING A NUCLEAR ARMED IRAN

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today our nation faces challenges across the globe, but there is no threat more central to current world order than the prospect of a nuclear armed Iran.

Tuesday, June 30, is the self-imposed negotiating deadline for the P5+1 over Iran's illicit nuclear program. At this critical juncture I am thankful for the Administration's repeated promise that no deal is better than a bad deal.

I want to remind my colleagues why this issue is so vital.

Even a threshold nuclear Iran—where they have a short breakout capacity—would lead to massive nuclear proliferation in the Middle East. We have already seen troubling statements from regional partners like Saudi Arabia about developing or purchasing nuclear weapons of their own.

Mr. Speaker, I don't need to tell you the consequences of possible proliferation of the world's most dangerous weapon in the world's most dangerous region.

Just look at the destructive role Iran is already playing in this chaotic region without nuclear weapons.

Iran is the most active state sponsor of terrorism, sending weapons and support to Hamas and Hezbollah. It is actively assisting rebel advances in Yemen, it has long destabilized Iraq and Lebanon, and it is propping up the brutal Assad regime in Syria. Not to mention that this Iranian regime systematically violates its own citizen's basic human rights.

That is why there is broad bipartisan support for preventing Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, and on both sides of the aisle, we hope for a diplomatic solution to this crisis.

But we must be vigilant and ensure that if a deal is reached it truly is a good deal that verifiably prevents all Iranian pathways to a bomb.

Such a deal must include five key components: robust and intrusive inspections, phased sanctions relief that comes only as a result of Iranian compliance, dismantlement of key nuclear infrastructure, disclosure of possible military dimensions of the program, and a long timeline that gives the international community confidence that it can hold Iran accountable.

My colleagues and I will be watching closely and stand ready to scrutinize any final agreement to ensure the future security of our nation and that of our allies in the region.

HONORING DANIEL “DANNY”
DARIO VILLANUEVA

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Daniel “Danny” Dario Villanueva, a dear friend, successful athlete and businessman, and champion of the little guy. Danny passed away unexpectedly at the age of 77. His death is a deep loss for Myrna, his wife, his sons Danny Jr. and Jim, and his extended family. Losing Danny brings equal sadness to all who believe in the American Dream and seek role models willing to answer that call to duty.

In reflecting on Danny Villanueva's accomplishments, the list is long. The better question to ask is: what didn't Danny accomplish. From his humble beginnings in Tulum, New Mexico—the ninth of twelve children of migrant missionary workers—and throughout the rest of his life, Danny pioneered a remarkable

path in professional sports, the broadcasting industry and the investment and philanthropic world.

As a kicker for the Los Angeles Rams, Danny was one of the first Latino players in the National Football League. His successful and record-breaking career there, and later with the Dallas Cowboys, helped open the door to a sportscaster job with the KMEX television station in Los Angeles, which at the time was a fledgling Spanish-language broadcaster. Today, KMEX serves as the West Coast flagship for the Univision network.

But Danny didn't just stand in front of the KMEX camera, he stood behind it as a journalist, a news director, a general manager and its President. He eventually became an owner of KMEX and the network which we know as Univision. In all those roles, he committed himself to serving the community of Los Angeles. Whether it was broadcasting that was happening in the city through a Latino lens or raising funds to help new immigrant families, or victims of natural disaster, Danny was their voice and their advocate. And, putting his money where his mouth is, he became one of LA's true philanthropists.

Even after he retired from broadcasting, his passion for philanthropic work continued through his founding of an investment firm focused on helping small and family businesses and the establishment of a scholarship fund at his alma mater New Mexico State University. He and Myrna remained actively involved in many charitable causes throughout his life.

Danny was a leader, an innovator, a loving husband and father and an incredible example to many of us of a man determined to do good as he did well. Without Danny, the Spanish-language news and broadcasting industry in the U.S. would not be what it is today. Without Danny, there would be no Univision, no Telemundo or many of the other broadcasting giants that exist today.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand here today and share some of Danny Villanueva's successes because they are not just his, they belong to us all. For anyone who aspires to the American Dream, Danny's life and legacy show us that with hard work, compassion and a sense of humor, anything is possible. Danny will remain in our hearts not only as a friend, but as a champion to his family, his community and to all the little guys who believe in hard work and relentless effort.

To Myrna, Danny Jr. and Jim, we extend our warmest affection and gratitude for sharing with us this champion of America. Through our collective success we will do justice to the memory of Daniel Dario Villanueva.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week the House voted on H.R. 1190, the Protecting Seniors Access to Medicare Act. Although I was not present for the vote, I wanted to make my position on this bill clear. While I strongly support repeal of the Independent Payment Advisory Board, or IPAB, and have long supported bipartisan legislation to do so, I would have voted against this bill due to the

attachment of a partisan and misguided amendment that undermines another important piece of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

I share the concern of many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle that the IPAB relinquishes control of Medicare provider reimbursements to an unelected group, which is problematic to me for a number of reasons. Congress has helped shape a Medicare system that reflects the unique care needs of varying demographics, and differences between regions and states. Further, this system has been developed with transparency and accountability in congressional debates. And, reforms like better coordination of care and enhanced waste, fraud, and abuse abatement measures have already helped slow Medicare spending to historic lows.

Since the enactment of the ACA, the Congressional Budget Office has consistently found that other measures in the law have helped keep health care spending at record lows. While I remain committed to strengthening Medicare's finances for current and future generations, I do not believe that IPAB is the best strategy to achieve this goal. While annual spending bills passed by Congress over the last several years have denied funding to support IPAB thus rendering it inoperable, I agree that the best course of action would be to remove it entirely from the law. That is why I have consistently cosponsored bipartisan legislation to do just that.

I am disappointed, therefore, that the Republican-led House chose to take a highly bipartisan bill and turn it, once again, into a highly partisan vehicle to further undermine a key component of the ACA. The amendment that was added to the bill as it headed to the floor would tie repeal to gutting the Prevention and Public Health Fund section of the law. Funds from this section of the ACA go towards Alzheimer's Disease Prevention Education and Outreach, towards the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, to the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program, and to the Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention fund, among other programs in 2015 alone.

I strongly support the ACA and its implementation, but agree with many of my colleagues that it is by no means perfect. It is time for this chamber to work on a truly bipartisan basis to strengthen and improve the law. I stand ready to work across the aisle to repeal IPAB and to make other commonsense changes to the law—but hope that we can do so in a thoughtful and balanced way, which unfortunately this bill did not.

HONORING ALBERTA LENTE

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alberta Lente, a respected elder and patriarch of a proud family from the Pueblo of Isleta.

Alberta had amazing role models in her parents, Esquipula and Juanita Jojola, who raised nine children while maintaining several jobs. Coming from a big family meant that Alberta had to make sacrifices. She started attending business school aspiring to one day work as

a professional secretary, but her father urged her to come home and help with the household finances.

The news was devastating for Alberta, but she forged forward, knowing that her family needed her support. She put her dreams on hold, came home, and took on the role of primary caregiver for the family. From 1945 to 1984, Alberta worked as a seamstress for the famous "Tiwa Weavers" and later went on to work for the Pueblo of Isleta Elder Center as a delivery driver and site manager all while caring for her children and younger siblings.

She never failed to carry out her commitment to her family. Every morning, Alberta would wake up and catch the 6:30 a.m. bus from Isleta Pueblo to work. On a typical day she would not return home until 7:00 p.m. and always made sure she had enough groceries to feed the family. Often her children would find her up in the middle of night fixing dolls or clothing, trying to earn extra money for the family.

At age 93, Alberta has no plans to slow down any time soon. Incredibly, she has won more than 80 medals in soccerkicks, shuffleboard and many more events in the New Mexico Senior Olympics. Today, Alberta prepares for her 5th National Senior Olympics and hopes to add a second Gold medal to her collection.

It is clear that Alberta's zest for life is endless and her dedication to her family is one of a kind. She reminds us to cherish our family, fight for those we love, and continue to strive for excellence in all that we do. Alberta is truly a remarkable woman, and I join all her family and friends in celebrating her accomplishments.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLAYTON NATTIER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor First Lieutenant Clayton Nattier, Army Air Corps, and United States Air Force for his service to our country.

First Lieutenant Nattier served in the United States Army Air Corps from January 1942 to December 1945. During his time as a pilot, he served in the United Kingdom with the 1st Bomb Division, 8th Air Force, 306th Bomb Group, and 369th Bomb Squadron.

During his 16th combat mission, in September 1944, his B-17 aircraft was badly damaged by enemy anti-aircraft fire, and the crew was unable to control a fire in the cockpit. At that time, he and five other crew members parachuted out of the aircraft mid-flight. Lieutenant Nattier was captured by enemy forces and sent to the German Prisoner of War camp, Stalag Luft I in Barth, Western Pomerania (Prussia) after spending three weeks in a German hospital. The Prisoner of War camp was liberated by the Russian Army on April 30, 1945, and in December 1945 he separated from active duty. Lieutenant Nattier continued to serve in the Air Force Reserves until 1952.

His awards and decorations include the Purple Heart Medal, the Air Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Prisoner of War