

and fuel our economy. The bill would allow entrepreneurs to contribute up to \$10,000 per year into a tax-free account, which could be used to purchase equipment, facilities, marketing, training, and accounting. Contributions to the account could accumulate up to \$150,000 and be taken out tax-free.

This is a common sense approach to encourage economic growth, and Congress should spend more of its time on legislation like this that can have a positive impact on average Americans. I urge all of my colleagues to co-sponsor this legislation and I yield back the balance of my time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on July 11th and into the late evening of July 12th, I was unavoidably absent from the House. I have indicated the manner in which I would have voted on each of the roll call votes that I was absent.

- Roll Call 401: YEA.
- Roll Call 402: YEA.
- Roll Call 403: YEA.
- Roll Call 404: NAY.
- Roll Call 405: NAY.
- Roll Call 406: YEA.
- Roll Call 407: YEA.
- Roll Call 408: YEA.
- Roll Call 409: YEA.
- Roll Call 410: YEA.
- Roll Call 411: NAY.
- Roll Call 412: NAY.
- Roll Call 413: NAY.
- Roll Call 414: NAY.
- Roll Call 415: NAY.
- Roll Call 416: YEA.
- Roll Call 417: NAY.
- Roll Call 418: NAY.
- Roll Call 419: NAY.
- Roll Call 420: NAY.
- Roll Call 421: NAY.
- Roll Call 422: NAY.
- Roll Call 423: NAY.
- Roll Call 424: NAY.
- Roll Call 425: YEA.
- Roll Call 426: YEA.

MADELINE CASTILLO EARNS THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Madeline Castillo of San Jacinto Girl Scout Troop Number 61401 on earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement a Cadette can earn. Madeline, a senior at Clear Creek High School in League City, achieved this honor through her accomplishments in leadership, advocacy, and dedication to improving her community.

Madeline completed her Girl Scout Gold Award project, #WeCare4Patients which strives to help hospital patients feel more comfortable. Madeline has paired with Health Oc-

cupations Students of America clubs and other organizations in the area to encourage people to donate toys, blankets, games, and other items for local medical facilities.

On behalf of all of the residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I'm pleased to recognize Madeline's Girl Scout accomplishment and her contributions to help make our community a better place to live. We are all proud of Madeline Castillo and wish her the best of luck at Stephen F. Austin University in the fall.

RECOGNIZING RODOLFO PINON

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an outstanding leader in my district, Mr. Rodolfo Pinon of Blythe, California.

Mr. Speaker, Rodolfo is a remarkable leader, husband, and father. He has a deep passion for serving others and giving voice to the voiceless.

From his early years as a student at Palo Verde Valley High School and then at California State University at San Bernardino, Rodolfo served as an example of selfless service to the underserved.

That drive and passion to serve his community has been steadfast throughout his career.

As the executive director of Casa De San Bernardino he was a source of strength and an anchor of hope to those seeking to overcome addiction.

For five years, his dedication there helped countless individuals in their darkest hours.

Recently, Rodolfo has served as the Director of Community Engagement for the Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation.

He serves as a driving force behind their mission to support underrepresented rural communities.

As director, has delivered over and over again on the goals of developing affordable housing, community infrastructure, community centers, and community parks to disadvantaged rural communities.

This work has solved pressing problems for the residents of the Eastern Coachella Valley, from installing water filters to 25 mobile home parks in the Eastern Coachella Valley where far too many communities face the health threat of arsenic in the unfiltered water, to paving the 38 mobile home parks in the community, helping families in these rural areas have a higher quality of life and improving outcomes for those seeking affordable housing, to building the San Jose and Bea Main Community Center open to all in the community and helping young people expand their horizons with a brand new computer center.

But his dedication has also inspired countless budding community leaders around him and he has mentored many emerging young leaders.

Recently, Rodolfo's life of service was chronicled in the book *Y Suguiamos Adelante*.

This book serves as a lasting tribute to his mission and as a constant reminder of his counsel that we must always remain selfless in our work serving our communities.

His words have deeply inspired me, and I keep them in mind each day in my work as a public servant.

Rodolfo was recently diagnosed with advanced liver cancer.

His family and loved ones are going through a terrible pain.

As a community, we encourage Rodolfo and his family to find strength and comfort in the fact that we appreciate and honor you.

The best way to honor Rodolfo to ensure that his mission and noble acts of service are spread beyond the Coachella valley, that his words are not forgotten.

We should all take to heart his service, a man who has given everything to his community and asks for nothing in return, except that those around him are able to live a healthy life with dignity.

We should all honor him and enter his life's work into our nation's record.

So today, I would like to take a moment to recognize all that Mr. Pinon has given to his community that will live on for future generations.

In honor of his life's work of service, let us keep Rodolfo in our thoughts as journeys through this most difficult path of his life. Let us not forget all this man has given to our community and how much we can learn from his actions.

In his honor, let us strive to better our communities, and our nation.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGIA AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the success of the Georgia Agribusiness Council as the organization celebrates their 50th anniversary this year.

The Georgia Agribusiness Council was originally incorporated on January 17, 1966.

The council was formed "To Advance the Business of Agriculture through Economic Development, Environmental Stewardship and Education to Enhance the Quality of Life for All Georgians."

Through the years, the Georgia Agribusiness Council has had immense success in giving the Georgia agriculture industry a forum to share views, develop understanding, and work on issues of common concern.

The council's membership has recently exceeded 1000 businesses from every sector of agriculture and it has done an incredible job representing Georgia's 74 billion dollar industry.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to congratulate the Georgia Agribusiness Council on their 50 year anniversary and I thank them for their tremendous service to our state and the agriculture industry.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and was not present for one roll

call vote on July 13, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted in this manner:

Roll Call Vote Number 453—Amendment offered by Congressman PALMER of Alabama Number 76—NO.

RECOGNIZING MUSCULAR
DYSTROPHY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor South Florida resident Nadine Kirby, for her efforts to “Light it Up Green” during the month of August to raise awareness for Muscular Dystrophy.

Nadine’s son David has lived with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a disease that causes progressive weakness and loss of muscle mass, since he was four years old. One million American families are affected by this condition, and there is no existing cure.

For the individuals and families who are impacted by muscular dystrophy, I applaud efforts to “Light it Up Green,” and to recognize August as Muscular Dystrophy Awareness month.

I ask my colleagues to join me in “lighting it up green” this August to support the families who continue the fight against this disease and thank the South Florida advocates who work tirelessly to raise awareness and seek a better future for those who are born with muscular dystrophy.

FAA EXTENSION, SAFETY, AND
SECURITY ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016 (H. Res. 818). I remain frustrated by Congress’ inability to pass a long-term extension of FAA authority and I am concerned with some of the language included within this reauthorization. However, these reservations do not justify opposition to the bill and I therefore support its passage. Without this extension, current FAA authority would expire on July 15, causing major side effects that would cripple our economy.

I commend Chairman SHUSTER and Ranking Member DEFAZIO as well as the entire Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for putting aside differences and negotiating this FAA extension. This legislation addresses some of the many issues that face our airline industry. Specifically, I am pleased by the inclusion of language that streamlines the hiring process of air-traffic controllers. Representatives from the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) have been urging Congress to help solve the 27-year low in the air-traffic controller workforce and I am confident that this provision will help address this massive backlog. The reauthorization also directs the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to expand the PreCheck program as well as opti-

mize the staffing allocation model—both vital steps in helping reduce wait times while also enhancing security precautions. Furthermore, the extension requires training for flight attendants to help recognize and respond to potential victims of human trafficking, an issue that affects millions of people across the world and cannot be ignored.

Although the extension helps address many important issues facing air travel, I am concerned with some of the language included in the reauthorization. Of particular concern is language in Section 3405 which directs the TSA to change regulations pertaining to vetting standards for aviation workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports. In the wake of the terrorist attacks in Brussels and Istanbul, I understand the concerns that Members may have with tightening security in and around airports; however, this screening expansion will unfairly affect airline workers and Homeland Security experts have yet to provide credible evidence that this will actually help mitigate terrorist activity. The provision not only extends the background check period from ten years to fifteen years, but it also expands the list of “disqualifying offenses” for Security Identification Display Area (SIDA) badge holders, potentially causing many long-time, responsible airline workers to lose their job.

Although I support the passage of this reauthorization, I must voice my disappointment in the Leadership’s inability to advance a long-term solution that the various stakeholders within air travel can depend on. Mr. Speaker, we must take the time between now and September, 2017 when this reauthorization expires to put aside partisan differences and produce a long-term extension that our airline industry so desperately needs. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

THE COLUMBIA RIVER IN-LIEU
AND TREATY FISHING ACCESS
SITES IMPROVEMENT ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act, in partnership with some of my colleagues in the Senate. This legislation is just one part of the work we are pursuing, in coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and in collaboration with affected Columbia River Treaty Tribes, to improve conditions and address unmet tribal housing needs along the Columbia River.

This issue deserves significant attention and investment from the federal government. The history of the 31 Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites dates back decades. Western development, including construction of the three lower Columbia River dams beginning in the 1930s, displaced many members of the four Columbia River treaty tribes: the Warm Springs, Umatilla, Nez Perce, and Yakama Nation. Those tribes have a treaty-protected right to fish along the river at their usual and accustomed places, and were also

promised housing to replace what was inundated after the dams became operational. That promise has largely not been kept. I’m working with my colleagues to address these unmet needs through the appropriations process and other legislation.

To address fishing access that was wiped out by the dams, the Corps constructed 31 small sites along the Columbia, designed primarily for daily, in-season fishing access and temporary camping. However, largely due to the lack of promised permanent housing and out of a desire to be closer to the Columbia River, their cultural heritage, and traditional fishing areas, many tribal members live in makeshift housing or shelters at these sites. Because they were not designed for longer-term or permanent use, the conditions at these sites are deeply distressing and unsafe, without proper electricity, sewers, or water. I have seen these conditions firsthand on multiple visits, and they have garnered attention from local and national media. The sites are in dire need of urgent upgrades to electrical, sewer, and other infrastructure, beyond their daily operations and maintenance needs.

This legislation calls for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct a much-needed assessment of current conditions at the In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access sites under BIA ownership on both sides of the Columbia, in coordination with the Tribes. It authorizes the BIA to improve existing federal structures and infrastructure, improve sanitation and safety conditions, and improve access to electricity, sewer, and water infrastructure. BIA may contract with Tribes and Tribal organizations to conduct this important work that will lay a critical foundation for the construction of permanent tribal housing.

This is a significant and meaningful step in helping to improve conditions at these sites and should be passed by both the House and Senate. Our efforts will not stop here. I will continue working with federal partners and Tribal nations to see that the need for more permanent housing is fulfilled.

CORAL REEF CONSERVATION ACT
REAUTHORIZATION AND EN-
HANCEMENT AMENDMENTS OF
2016

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I re-introduced a bill to amend and reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000. Conservation of coral reef ecosystems is essential to protect public health, promote environmental sustainability, and ensure long-term economic progress for the jurisdictions we represent in Congress. The sovereign waters of the United States off the coast of Guam, and in the Pacific region as a whole, contain a majority of the shallow-water coral reefs in the United States, as well as some of the world’s greatest coral reef biodiversity. These reefs, and reefs around the world, provide habitat and shelter for fisheries, provide food and recreation for our residents, and are the basis for marine tourism industries.

Coral reefs also provide important mitigation from extreme weather events, including hurricanes and typhoons, by absorbing up to 90%