

Whereas, Persons—and particularly females—are made extremely uncomfortable by the presence of persons of the opposite sex in such facilities; and

Whereas, There is no way to determine the legitimacy of a claim of “gender identity,” thus opening the door to false claims made to gain entrance to such facilities for immoral and illegal purposes; and

Whereas, Agencies of the Federal Government have exceeded their lawful authority by construing various Acts of Congress as conferring a right to utilize such facilities designated for persons of the opposite sex upon persons claiming a “gender identity” different from their biological sex, to wit:

a. On January 7, 2015, the Department of Energy Office for Civil Rights issued a letter construing 34 C.F.R. 106.33 (implementing 20 USC 1681(a)) as requiring that transgender students in schools that receive Federal funds must “generally” be allowed to utilize bathrooms and locker rooms assigned to the gender with which they identify. The Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, citing deference to administrative construction, has reinstated a suit by a transgender “male” to require her Virginia high school to allow her to use the boys rest room, and

b. The Department of Justice has sent a letter to the Governor of North Carolina, asserting that the provisions of North Carolina H.B. 2 violates the Civil Rights Act of 1964 because it treats Transgender persons differently than non-transgender persons by denying all persons the right to use multi-person facilities assigned to persons of the opposite sex, and

Whereas, the expanded interpretations set out above will require schools, in particular, to require that schoolchildren share toilet, locker and shower facilities with any person of the opposite sex that claims a different “gender identity,” and

Whereas, with particular reference to 20 USC 1681(a), this expanded interpretation of “sex” will have the effect of mandating that transgendered “females” be allowed to try out for and compete in women’s sports and, because of the greater strength and speed potential of biological males, will largely destroy the very women’s sports programs that the provision was designed to foster, and which it has fostered with great success; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved as follows;

1. That the foregoing expansions of these Acts of Congress to create rights never intended or contemplated at the time they were enacted is an unconstitutional exercise of legislative power by the Executive Branch, and must be addressed IMMEDIATELY!

2. That the United States Code must be amended to clarify the erroneous “interpretation” placed on it by the Executive Branch by enacting a statute worded substantially as follows:

As used in this Code, the word “sex” refers only to biological sex unless expressly stated to the contrary. No such reference in this Code either requires or prohibits any particular treatment of transgender individuals unless some particular treatment is expressly stated therein.

3. That since such legislation is certain to be vetoed by our President, the foregoing bill MUST BE PASSED AND PRESENTED TO HIM in a timely manner, so that upon returning it to Congress, ample time for votes to override that veto can be held BEFORE THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

4. That this resolution be forwarded to our Representative and to both of our Senators, with the notation that failure to vigorously pursue the passage of the above statute will be construed by the Club as your agreement with these unconstitutional actions by the Executive Branch.

5. The undersigned officers of the West Knoxville/Knox County Republican Club execute this resolution in their capacities as officers only, and that the undersigned represent that this Resolution was passed without opposition by the voting members present at the June 13, 2016 meeting of the club.

Resolved by the Club this the 13th day of June, 2016

GARY LOE,
Vice President.
PAUL E. WEHMEIER,
President.

CONGRATULATING THE LCHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2016

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the following coaches, contributors, and athletes for being selected to the Loudoun County High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2016. Pat McManus, Alan Smith, Dr. Robert K. Belote, James M. “Jimmy” Kidwell, Reginal “Reggie” Evans, Susan Moxley, David DiMillio, Kristen DiMillio, Kevin Grigsby, Joanna Penn, Shari Mayr, Derrick Ellison, and Marie Bolton were all named to the LCHS Hall of Fame. These individuals have earned this honor through their passion and commitment to athletics.

These outstanding men and women’s hard work, perseverance, and athletic excellence are exemplified in their receipt of this honor. Coming from a family of educators, I understand not only how important a strong education is to the future of our country, but also the need for athletic competition to form a well-rounded member of society. We need to encourage more people to imitate these individuals who have worked so hard to accomplishing this incredible goal.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to highlight the importance of this achievement and what it represents for these men and women. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating them on being inducted into the Loudoun County High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2016. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 4487

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with House Report 114–589, Part 1, I submit the following Congressional Budget Cost Estimate for H.R. 4487.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
U.S. CONGRESS,
Washington, DC, July 5, 2016.

Hon. BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4487, the Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2016.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Matthew Pickford.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL.

Enclosure.

H.R. 4487—Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2016

H.R. 4487 would amend federal law to provide new authorities to the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Protective Service (FPS) to manage federal real estate assets and security at those facilities. The act also would require GSA to prepare a number of reports for the Congress and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to complete an audit of GSA’s national broker contract. Finally, the legislation would require that lactation rooms be available in all federal buildings that are open to the public.

Based on information from GSA and the FPS, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4487 would cost \$3 million over the 2017–2021 period, mostly for GSA to prepare reports on a variety of subjects, including a comparison of the cost of owning or leasing space, an explanation of why the costs of construction projects exceed their initial estimates, a review of current rental rates, and an analysis of the use of refrigerants in equipment installed in federal buildings. CBO also estimates that it would cost GAO less than \$500,000 annually to prepare the required audit. Based on information from GSA, CBO estimates that the act’s requirements to establish lactation rooms in federal buildings would have an insignificant cost because it would apply only to federal buildings that are open to the public and that have lactation rooms designated for use by federal employees. Finally, CBO estimates that providing the FPS with additional law enforcement authorities would not have a significant cost.

Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4487 would not increase direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

CBO also reviewed provisions of the legislation that would require GSA to build a new headquarters for the Department of Energy (DOE), to be financed by exchanging or selling DOE’s current headquarters in the Forrestal Building Complex in Washington, D.C. Based on information from GSA and property developers, CBO expects that constructing a new DOE headquarters could not be accomplished solely through a sale or exchange of the current facility, and would require the expenditure of additional appropriated funds, which are not authorized by this act. Under H.R. 4487, if a new headquarters facility could not be built, GSA would be directed to sell any underutilized or vacant property in the Forrestal Complex. Based on information from GSA, CBO does not expect that enacting the bill would result in more sales than would otherwise occur under current law.

H.R. 4487 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Matthew Pickford. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

IN RECOGNITION OF LOUDOUN
INTERFAITH RELIEF'S 25TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the 25th anniversary of Loudoun Interfaith Relief, Loudoun County, Virginia's largest food pantry, and their steadfast service to the good citizens of the Loudoun community. I would like to personally commend the volunteers who so selflessly dedicate themselves to providing support to those less fortunate without asking anything in return. These notable citizens truly embody the very best of our nation's values through their service to the community and commitment to the betterment of others' lives.

Loudoun Interfaith Relief has increased their service exponentially since it began. In 1991, LIR provided 50,000 pounds of food over 4,800 pantry visits. In 2016, LIR served 11,000 individuals in 73,000 visits with 1.2 million pounds of food. The pantry is now open six days a week and has over 320 volunteers working to provide services to those in need. This growth is a clear testament to the outstanding dedication to service conducted by the staff and volunteers at Loudoun Interfaith Relief.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me immense pride to recognize such a fine organization, and I sincerely hope that we all can live up to their tremendous example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Loudoun Interfaith Relief. I wish them all the best and hope that they continue to be a positive example of service to the community.

TRIBUTE TO THE KOCH FAMILY
FARM IN PUEBLO COUNTY, COL-
ORADO

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Koch Farm, located in Pueblo County, Colorado. Last month, the Koch Farm was honored by the Colorado Department of Agriculture and History for its 102 years of contributions to Colorado's agriculture economy, and its deep family roots in the community.

The Koch Farm was founded in 1914 at the beginning of World War I. It survived the dust bowl of the 1930s, fluctuating crop prices, and many other harsh conditions that have devastated other Colorado farms over the past decade. As a family, the Kochs were able to persevere, keeping their family's traditions and the farm alive. It's through the hard work and determination of family members like John and Conrad Wyss, the founders of the farm; Mark Koch, the current operator of the farm, and his siblings; and their father, John Koch, who passed away earlier this year, that this farm continues to thrive today.

Mr. Speaker, I am immensely proud of the family tradition and determination that the Koch Family Farm embodies. I congratulate the Koch Family Farm for receiving the distinct

honor of being designated as a part of the Colorado Department of Agriculture and History homestead collection. The Koch family truly deserves this honor.

HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER MIKE BRUNSON

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my constituent, Officer Michael "Mike" Todd Brunson, a master police officer in the Winchester Police Department. Officer Brunson passed away on September 11th, 2016 at the age of 48. He will be sorely missed by his family, his fellow officers, and his entire community.

Mike Brunson was sworn into the Winchester Police Department on February 10, 1995 and was promoted to the position of Master Police Officer in September of 2006. Officer Brunson was a respected and well known member of our community. In addition to protecting his neighbors, Mike helped found his department's community policing unit, and even served as a counselor at the Kids and Cops Camp. Officer Brunson was a member of the SWAT Team, a firearms instructor and field training officer. He also received a Meritorious Action Award and a Valor Award in 2014 for risking his life to enter a burning home in search for a 2 year old boy.

Winchester Police Chief Kevin Sanzenbacher in his statement said that Mike "was a great person, a great father, grandfather, husband, son and friend. He will be truly missed." Lt. J. Cornwell of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office had Officer Brunson as his first field training officer and said "he was a very courteous and nice man who was always willing to pass on information that he had" and that it was a "shame to lose him, especially at that young age." Officer Mike Brunson is survived by his mother, Carol D. Rockwell, his wife, Kimberly Brunson; his daughter Elizabeth Thurman and her husband Jesse, his daughter Katherine Brunson; a step-daughter, Eve Neal, and step-son, Stephen Neal-Crowe; as well as his two grandchildren Ryleigh Grace and Oliver James Thurman.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of Officer Michael "Mike" Todd Brunson. May he rest in peace, and his family be comforted.

HONORING BOB MCFADDEN IN THE DALLES, OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Bob McFadden for his many years of dedicated public service to the Port of The Dalles. Bob has retired after serving 11 years as commissioner and the last two years as President for the Port of The Dalles, and I would like to pay tribute to his leadership for the people of The Dalles.

Bob was born near Mollala, Oregon and graduated from Portland's Parkrose High School. Following graduation, Bob studied culinary arts and the hospitality industry at the Horst Mager Culinary Institute before beginning a career in culinary work and hotel management for Holiday Inn in the Portland area. During his tenure with the hotel industry, he met a fellow Parkrose High graduate, Kris, who would become his wife of 42 years. They would go on together to work in the Houston, Texas area before receiving an offer to manage a hotel in The Dalles and so the two moved their new family to The Dalles in 1982.

After arriving in The Dalles, Bob began his real estate career as well as his time as an Oregon athletics official for high school football and basketball. His career as a referee in the Mid-Columbia region also included service as basketball and football commissioner and the peer awarded State Football Referee of the Year.

Being a family man with a business to operate is a difficult and time consuming role in itself. In addition to being a great father, successful realtor, and a reliable referee for the region's student athletes, Bob found even more time to give to his community in a number of roles including membership and presidency of The Dalles Rotary and Lions Clubs, serving on the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Board, North Wasco County School District Budget Committee, and a term on The Dalles City Council. Bob and Kris also helped establish the long time sister city program with Miyoshi City, Japan that regularly sends citizens abroad and brings citizens of Miyoshi City to The Dalles to better promote understanding and exchange in the global community.

Bob's service with The Port of The Dalles began in 2003, where he served as commissioner until 2014 when he was elected President, a position he held until his retirement at the end of June. During his term, he has been an integral part of the economic driver that is The Port of The Dalles. Despite the progressive loss of major job creators over the years, The Port commission has managed to work with the community to create fruitful ideas to bring new jobs into the area. As a member of the Port's Community Outreach Team, I knew I could count on Bob to provide valuable insight in crafting solutions to the issues facing The Dalles and Wasco County.

As Bob begins his transition into retirement, I know he and Kris will look forward to more time together.

Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, please join me in recognizing and thanking my good friend, Bob McFadden for his many years of leadership and service to The Dalles.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2016 BREAST FRIENDS EVENT

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the important work done by Ms. Nicole Clark for hosting the 2016 Breast Friends event at Harmony Middle School in Virginia's Tenth Congressional District. Nicole has worked on hosting these events since