

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in the Congressional Progressive Caucus in strong opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

When it comes to trade deals and American jobs, Congress should NEVER be a rubber stamp.

As the representative from California's beautiful 13th Congressional district, I have the honor and privilege of representing the Port of Oakland, one of our nation's busiest sea and airport facilities.

I support trade because it is critical to the economy of my district and our nation.

But trade is only good when it's fair, open, transparent and creates good-paying American jobs. The TPP fails to meet even one of these standards.

Quite simply, TPP is a bad deal that would ship American jobs overseas and help the 1 percent reap even greater profits.

The American people aren't fooled by TPP. The vast majority of Americans—including people from both parties—oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

In particular, I'd like to highlight how previous bad trade deals have hurt American workers, families and businesses, especially in communities of color.

Since 1994, one in four manufacturing jobs in my home state of California has been lost because of NAFTA and other WTO agreements.

But this didn't just happen in California. From 1998 through 2012, under NAFTA:

79,000 manufacturing jobs, nearly half of manufacturing jobs, were lost in St. Louis,

82,000 manufacturing jobs, also nearly half of manufacturing jobs, were lost in Cleveland, and

25,000 manufacturing jobs were lost in Baltimore.

Given the large number of people of color in these cities, these jobs lost took a particular toll on these communities.

In fact—nationwide, thirty-five percent of jobs lost because of our trade deficit with China came from communities of color.

For those that lost their jobs, the situation went from bad to worse—when they finally found a new job, not an easy task in many communities of color, their paychecks were cut by nearly 30 percent.

This is outrageous. These lost jobs and wages cost these communities of color more than 10 million dollars each and every year.

As Members of Congress, we simply cannot allow another, even worse trade deal to drive these communities deeper into poverty.

But it isn't just jobs and paychecks that will suffer under the TPP; critical labor standards, environmental protections and human rights would be eroded as well.

It would also restrict access to lifesaving drugs and artificially inflate drug prices.

As co-chair of the bipartisan HIV/AIDS Caucus, I want to highlight that in July 2015, UNAIDS warned against the TPP's TRIPS-plus (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) measures because of negative impact on developing countries.

This is why my colleagues and I are here saying NO to the TPP.

It was negotiated in secret back rooms by special interests and multinational corporations. Nothing in this deal is good for the American people.

Far from being the most progressive trade deal ever—this deal will ship American jobs overseas and create a race to the bottom for wages, environmental protections, labor standards and human rights.

Let me be clear, the American people deserve better.

We need a fair deal that creates U.S. jobs and grows our economy. We will continue to fight against this bad deal.

IN CELEBRATION OF MR. LIONEL
LEBLANC'S 91ST BIRTHDAY**HON. FRANK C. GUINTA**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to Lionel Leblanc in celebration of reaching his 91st birthday.

As he reflects on the great memories that have highlighted the past ninety-one years, I know he will think fondly on all that he's accomplished and the positive impact he's had on New Hampshire.

Mr. Leblanc is an ardent patriot who proudly served his country with the Army Air Corps during World War II. As a member of the greatest generation he continued to serve his country for 38 years in what would later become the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a Master Sergeant and specialist in Weapons Systems Maintenance. Once separated from the Air Force, Lionel continued to serve his fellow veterans as a Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and remains to this day a strong supporter of numerous veterans groups and charities in the state. His dedication to his fellow veterans has not been forgotten and I know they all join with me in wishing him a very happy birthday.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Mr. Leblanc on achieving this wonderful milestone, and wish him the best on all future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF EXECUTIVE
VICE PRESIDENT JOHN C. FISHER,
OHIO FARM BUREAU**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize John C. "Jack" Fisher, the Executive Vice President of the Ohio Farm Bureau for his dedicated service to Ohio agriculture.

Throughout his career, Jack worked tirelessly to make agriculture a true asset and economic driver for the state of Ohio. His vision has allowed Ohio to continue to be at the forefront of agriculture, which is vital for American and global success. Jack's ability to bring different groups together for productive dialogue has helped ensure the continued fostering of innovation and collaboration. His

management has been invaluable to the agricultural community in the state.

Ohio, the agricultural community, and the Farm Bureau will truly miss his leadership, and I extend my deepest thanks to Jack for his service and I wish him well in retirement.

HONORING 60 YEARS OF CAULKINS
JEWELERS**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge my constituent, Stanley Caulkins, and his jewelry store, Caulkins Jewelers, on celebrating 60 years of business in Leesburg, Virginia.

Before opening his own store, Mr. Caulkins' life took him down many paths. During the Second World War, Mr. Caulkins served his nation as a radio operator on a B-17 Bomber, upon returning home he attended Montgomery Jr. College and the Peter School of Horology in Washington, DC. In 1950, Stanley began working for a local jeweler on South King Street repairing watches and jewelry before buying his own store in 1956. Ever since, Caulkins Jewelers has been a fixture of the Leesburg community.

Mr. Caulkins has also been an active in the Leesburg community. In addition to being the longest serving individual retailer in town, in 1962 he started the Downtown Renaissance in an effort to beautify downtown Leesburg. Mr. Caulkins has also served on the town council, the airport commission, and as Secretary, Treasurer, and President of the Leesburg Rotary Club. At 90 years of age, Stanley continues to diligently serve his community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Stanley Caulkins and Caulkins Jewelers as they celebrate this milestone. His dedication to both Caulkins Jewelers and Leesburg, Virginia has made him a friendly face in the Leesburg community. I wish Mr. Caulkins all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE CAREER AND AC-
COMPLISHMENTS OF AUDRA
MCDONALD**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Audra McDonald as she is recognized with the National Medal of Arts award, presented by the President of the United States.

The National Medal of Arts award is the highest award given to artists by the United States government, and Audra has undoubtedly earned the prestigious award.

Audra's successful acting and singing career began in her hometown, Fresno, California. Audra grew up in California's San Joaquin Valley and was raised by her mother, Anna, and late father, Stanley. Her parents taught Audra and her sister, Allison, the importance of hard work and dedication. At age 9,

Audra joined the Good Company Players' junior company, and soon after, landed a role with Dan Pessano and the Good Company Players.

Audra is a graduate of Roosevelt High's School of Arts program. She continued her education in the arts at Juilliard School and graduated in 1993. Audra has seen great success on Broadway and in the Opera. In addition to having won three Tony Awards by the age of 28, Audra is the recipient of two Grammy Awards, an Emmy Award, Drama Desk Awards and Outer Critics Circle Awards.

Most notably, Audra is the recipient of six Tony Awards, making her the most statue-laden Tony Award winner. Audra's most recent Tony Award was for her incredible portrayal of Billie Holiday in *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill*.

Not only is Audra an exceptional actress, but also a wonderful person who is involved in various philanthropic endeavors. She actively gives back to her community and seeks to improve the lives of those around her. Audra is a strong champion for the LGBTQ community, ensuring that all people, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, are treated equally.

Audra is a source of inspiration and pride for the San Joaquin Valley and our entire nation. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Audra McDonald as she receives the National Medal of Arts for her lifelong career as a singer and actress.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF NOAH ALEXANDER CORTS

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate my constituents Stephanie Corts and her husband, Alexander Corts, on the birth of their son. Noah Alexander Corts was born at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia, New Hampshire. Noah weighed seven pounds and five ounces and measured 19 inches. He is the first child for the happy couple and I look forward to watching him grow as he is raised by talented parents who will be dedicated to his well-being and bright future.

I would also like to congratulate Noah's grandparents, Adam and Michelle Downs of Meredith, New Hampshire, and Irene and Jochen Corts of Remscheid, Germany. Congratulations to the entire Downs and Corts families as they welcome their newest addition of pure pride and joy.

PROTECTING REFUGEES: CAMP LIBERTY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, an estimated 1,200 Iranian dissidents remain in Camp Liberty in Iraq at the mercies of the pro-Iranian government in Baghdad. These refu-

gees, mainly members of the People's Mujahedin of Iran (otherwise known as the MEK) are unarmed, innocent people who have been forced to flee their homes because of their opposition to the tyrannical theocratic regime in Tehran. They have endured decades of exile outside of Iran marked by continuous suffering and persecution.

Since 2013, seven rocket attacks have targeted Camp Liberty, wounding hundreds and killing at least 139 residents. All of these attacks are believed to have been carried out either by Shiite militias in Iraq linked to the Iranian regime or by agents of the Iranian Quds Force. No one has been held accountable for these attacks. In fact, no one has even been arrested. Despite the fact that the Iraqi government signed a Memorandum of Understanding ensuring the safety and security of the residents of Camp Liberty, it appears that the Iraqi government's subservience to Iran takes precedence.

These dissidents are not safe in Iraq and must be relocated as soon as possible to some other country. Thankfully, 1,800 residents have already been resettled outside of the country, particularly in Albania, which took in the most recent batches of refugees leaving Camp Liberty in early August. However, recent reports from MEK sources within Tehran now suggest that the Quds Force is contemplating another major strike on Camp Liberty before the remaining refugees are allowed to leave. At the same time, Quds Force-linked paramilitary forces have been increasing their presence in Baghdad International Airport—a troubling sign that could presage another strike on the camp that is located not too far from the airport.

The Iranian government would like to extend the reign of terror it wages at home against any and all people who speak out against it—including the dissidents in neighboring Iraq. How many more people have to die? How many more times will unarmed refugees be attacked by rockets? The Iraqi government must live up to its commitment and protect these refugees until every last one of them finds his or her way to safety.

And that's just the way it is.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,524,335,895,543.03. We've added \$8,897,448,846,729.95 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$8.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN RECOGNITION OF A FARM LESS ORDINARY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Maya Weschler and Greg Masucci of A Farm Less Ordinary in Loudoun County for the creation of this extremely important organization. A Farm Less Ordinary strives to provide a compassionate and useful service through the agricultural industry to both Loudoun County and the Commonwealth as a whole.

Maya Weschler and Greg Masucci moved to Loudoun after buying a family farm, where they sought to provide a safe and calm environment to raise their family. After seeing the positive impact the farm had on their autistic son Max, Maya and Greg decided to learn more about farming and to establish a place for others who faced disabilities to learn valuable work skills. Their farm has grown into an organization that is able to provide a sympathetic place of work and competitive compensation for their workers, who come from their partner organizations in Loudoun and Clarke County.

Maya Weschler and Greg Masucci strongly believe in being good stewards of the land and caring for the environment. Perhaps most of all, the couple firmly believes in giving back to the community through their organization and their Community Supported Agriculture network. The success of Maya and Greg is a tremendous accomplishment and their aspirations for expansion are admirable.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Maya Weschler and Greg Masucci for their service to the community through A Farm Less Ordinary. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BROTHER DABNEY NAPOLEON MONTGOMERY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor to join our Nation, New York State and The Village of Harlem as we celebrate the life of and pay tribute to our beloved American Hero, Brother Dabney N. Montgomery, who made his transition to his Lord and Savior on Saturday, September 3, 2016. A fellow member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and patriarch of Harlem's historic Mother African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Dabney N. Montgomery was a member of the ground crew of the famed Tuskegee Airmen and served as a bodyguard for Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the historic 1965 March from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.

Dabney N. Montgomery was born in Selma, Alabama on April 18, 1923 to Dred and Lula Anderson Montgomery. Brother Montgomery was drafted into the Army Air Corps during World War II and served in the 1051st Quartermaster Trucking Company of the 96th Air Service Group, attached to the 332nd Air