

needed processing gain derives from the proximity of the LEOs. Indeed, the altitude of the LEOs is approximately twenty times less than the GNSS altitude. Thus LEOs have small earth footprints and cannot provide the navigation performance associated with GNSS. However, the signal received from this nearby source is approximately 400 times greater than the power received from GNSS. Thus, LEOs could provide the robust time transfer capability needed to support APNT, because time transfer only requires one satellite to be in the common view of the ground stations to be synchronized.

We encourage the FAA to continue efforts and to provide an APNT that is a robust backup to GPS and deterrent to malicious interference.

Summary and Conclusions:

The interference threats to GPS are very real and promise to get worse. These threats potentially imperil much of the U.S. infrastructure. It will take some time to field a full set of countermeasures and systems. Failure to act will be a serious abdication of our national responsibility.

DANGEROUS SYNTHETIC DRUG CONTROL ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3537, the Dangerous Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2016.

This bill would amend the Controlled Substances Act to account for the rise and spread of synthetic drugs in America. Requirements and restrictions for schedule 1 controlled substances would also have to be applied to the manufacturers and sales points for those substances.

Using workaround and loopholes in existing legislation, these manufacturers, and those who distribute and sell those substances, have been able to continue their business by staying one step ahead of the law. For too long, we have seen overdoses and other medical issues arise as a result of the use of these unregulated substances.

Under Congressman DENT's leadership, we can make real progress in closing those loopholes and ensuring that Americans will no longer be subjected to the deceptive advertising or allure of these toxic and dangerous synthetic drugs.

As a lifelong pharmacist, I have fought the tide of drug abuse and this legislation is truly a win for everyone. I want to thank Congressman DENT and the Energy and Commerce Committee for their hard work and for bringing this to the floor for a vote. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

ROBIN HAMPTON WILLS

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the birth of Robin "Hampton" Wills, born Monday, September 5th, 2016.

Our precious granddaughter entered the world eight weeks early, but we know she is a fighter. While her first breath on this Earth came much quicker than planned, she is doing very well.

Hampton was born at University Hospital, where she was cared for in the neonatal intensive care unit for three weeks. She has just been transferred to the Medical College of Georgia Hospital where she is recovering and gaining strength.

Little Miss Hampton weighed in at four pounds nine ounces. Just shy of five pounds, this beautiful little girl was welcomed with love into a family of four. She looks so much like her two older sisters, Riley Kate and Ellis.

Baby Hampton is the perfect addition to our family. She brings the grand total of grandchildren to 12, an even dozen for Robin and me.

Hampton is a blessing from above, and we thank the Lord for watching over her and her mother in the coming months as they continue to heal and grow. Our family is so grateful for the many wonderful medical personnel in Augusta who cared for Hampton and her mother.

God bless this child, Robin "Hampton" Wills.

COMMEMORATING THE 105TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on October 10, the people of Taiwan celebrate the 105th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China (Taiwan). As we approach this important day, we should take the time to commemorate Taiwan, an important economic partner and vital ally in Asia.

This past year, the world witnessed Taiwan's third peaceful transition to power as the first woman was elected in Taiwan. The 23 million people on the island represent the only democracy in the Chinese speaking world. Taiwan has been a reliable partner in East Asia. According to the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, U.S. trade in goods with Taiwan reached US\$ 66 billion last year. For a population of only 23 million, Taiwan became the United States' 9th largest trading partner in 2015. Also, Taiwan is the state of New York's 6th largest export market in Asia.

It happens that the 39th Triennial Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) will also be taking place in Montreal, Canada, beginning on September 27, 2016. The U.S. Congress passed a bill in 2013, which was later signed into law, for supporting Taiwan's participation in the triennial assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in the capacity of an observer. Taipei Flight Information Region (FIR), administered by Taiwan government, provided over 1.53 million instances of air traffic control services and handled 58 million incoming and outgoing passengers in 2015, serving as an indispensable part of the global air transport network. Taiwan sent a delegation to the ICAO assembly in 2013. We will be happy to see that Taiwan to be invited again this September.

On Taiwan's National Day, we reaffirm the strength of the U.S.-Taiwan relationship and the United States commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act. It is an honor and privilege to support our friend and partner Taiwan and highlight the bonds that connect us.

THANKING JACKSON MAYOR RICHARD LONG FOR HIS SERVICE

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mayor Richard Long of Jackson, Alabama.

Since 2000, Mayor Long has led the City of Jackson. Under his leadership, the city has seen the quality of life increase, as well as economic growth.

Mayor Long's service to his country and community started early in his life. A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, he served in the United States Navy Reserves for nine years, including two years of active duty. In 1962, he was awarded the Cuban Blockade Medal for his contribution to the Cuban Naval Blockade. He has also been a lifelong member of VFW Post 5335.

His service to Jackson started as early as 1979, when he joined the Jackson Volunteer Fire Department. He would go on to serve on the Jackson City Council representing District 2 (1984 to 1988) and District 3 (1992 to 2000).

After being elected mayor in 2000, Mayor Long went to work to improve the quality of life for Jackson's residents. During his tenure, the city has made major investments and improvements to city infrastructure. Notable projects include the Jackson Police Complex, Municipal Court Building, public library expansion, senior citizens complex, water treatment plant, softball stadium, tennis complex, and high school athletic complex.

Mayor Long has been an especially strong advocate for education in his community. As Mayor, he oversaw construction of the new Joe M. Gillmore Elementary School, as well as updates and improvements to other programs. The schools in Jackson are recognized as some of the best in the region, and Mayor Long has a lot to do with that.

In 2008, Mayor Long was named "Mayor of the Year" by the Alabama Communities of Excellence Programs. This is just one of many honors and recognitions he has received throughout his career.

Mr. Speaker, Mayor Richard Long will be retiring from public service in November. I know his leadership and dedicated service will be missed, but his contributions to the City of Jackson will live on for decades to come. On behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District, I want to thank Mayor Long for his service and wish him all the best in the future.

HONORING DICK GODDARD

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to Dick Goddard on a

lifetime of success in Northeast Ohio and to offer my best wishes on his retirement. As an Akron, Ohio native, Dick has left a legacy in Northeast Ohio with his passionate involvement as a meteorologist, animal activist, and sports enthusiast.

Dick's weather career started early during his service with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. Initially assigned to the Severe Storm Forecast Center at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma, his military career soon brought him to the Pacific Islands to an assignment with the Atomic Energy Commission for the first full-yield hydrogen bomb test. After his discharge from the military, Dick began working for the National Weather Service, while simultaneously attending Kent State University and later graduating with a bachelor's of fine arts.

Dick's news career began in 1961 working as an on-air meteorologist at Cleveland's KYW-TV. While at KYW, Dick made meteorological history when flying with the United States Navy Hurricane Hunter on the first low-level, nighttime penetration of a hurricane. In 1966, Dick became chief meteorologist at WJW-TV, Fox 8 Cleveland, where he spent the remainder of his career. During his tenure at Fox 8, Dick captivated his viewership, being named "Ohio's Best Meteorologist" and being voted as "Best Weatherperson".

Directly aligned with his career was his passion for animals, which would be clearly highlighted during his segments on air. Demonstrating his compassion for animals even for the smallest of creatures, Dick is well known for his annual "Woollybear Festival"; drawing more than 100,000 people each year, it is Ohio's largest single day festival. Among the years of animal advocacy, Dick persistently promoted programs for dog & cat care and adoption. As a huge milestone for animal rights and as a culmination of his tireless work, in June of 2016, House Bill 60 of the Ohio Assembly was passed. Otherwise known as "Goddard's Law", House Bill 60 sets to protect animal abuse in increasing the severity of penalties as a 5th degree felony.

I ask my colleagues in the House to join me, along with the thousands in Northeast Ohio in paying homage to the man more commonly known as the weather man whose passion for meteorology could be paralleled only to his love for animals.

HONORING THE HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Haverford Township Police Department on its 100th anniversary of serving and protecting families in Delaware County.

Since 1916, the Haverford Township Police Department has provided critical protection for the residents it serves. The force has grown from a chief and nine officers to the now sixty-nine officers and eighty civilian personnel Chief John Francis Viola leads today.

While the force has grown immensely in the last hundred years, its commitment to public safety has remained constant.

Mr. Speaker, we are grateful to the fine officers of the Haverford Township Police Department, and I wish them another 100 years of success in serving the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington, D.C. on September 20, 2016 because I was attending a memorial service and I missed votes in the House. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 670, the Special Needs Trust Fairness and Medicaid Improvement Act, H.R. 5785, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for an annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers, and H.R. 5690, the GAO Access and Oversight Act.

H.R. 670 makes an important update to Medicaid to allow individuals with disabilities to set up their own special-needs trusts that are not counted as part of their assets when determining Medicaid eligibility. This will allow individuals to access Medicaid services without having to go through a lengthy process and get a court order to set up a special-needs trust. I support this update to make it easier for individuals to access critical medical services.

H.R. 5785 makes it easier for retired federal air traffic controllers to train the next generation of this important workforce. Under current law, retired air traffic controllers cannot earn more than \$15,720 annually as instructors and still receive their Federal Employees' Retirement System retirement benefits. This bill waives the salary cap for former air traffic controllers so they can be instructors without compromising their retirement benefits. I am pleased that the House passed this important update so that the next generation of controllers can be trained by qualified and experienced instructors.

H.R. 5690 makes it easier for the Government Accountability Office to access certain federal records regarding individuals' employment status for the purposes of determining eligibility for assistance programs such as the National Directory of New Hires, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and the Earned Income Tax Credit. This bill clarifies current law so that GAO can access this information from Health and Human Services, which oversees the database. If I had been present, I would have supported the bill.

HONORING COLUMBIA HEIGHTS' ALL-AMERICA CITY DESIGNATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the City of Columbia Heights for its designation as a 2016 All-America City by the National Civic League. Since its incorporation in 1921, Columbia Heights has demonstrated sincere dedication to creating a safe, livable, and inclusive community.

Columbia Heights' community vitality is a direct result of investing in youth and putting children first. The City has shown great leadership through collaborative efforts such as: Big Brothers and Big Sisters; recreation and education outreach programs; and a strong City, Police Department, and School District partnership. This year, to ensure no child goes hungry in the summer months, Columbia Heights entered into a partnership with Loaves and Fishes to serve a healthy, complete lunch free of charge to local children five days a week.

In 2008 under the leadership of Police Chief Scott Nadeau, the Columbia Heights Police Department implemented a policing philosophy focused on community partnership. Through work with the Columbia Heights school district, the police force drastically reduced criminal activity over a seven-year period and has taken youth arrests from 230 per year to 90 per year. This work earned the city the International Association of Chiefs of Police Award for Community Policing in 2012, and the L. Anthony Sutlin Civic Imagination Award in 2015 from the Department of Justice for collaboration between law enforcement and community members.

The City of Columbia Heights also recently completed construction on a beautiful 22,000 square foot library. In 2014, city residents passed a referendum to raise funds to build a library the city could call its own. Now, Columbia Heights has a tremendous community asset and gathering place that it can be proud of for years to come.

Columbia Heights has actively engaged its new immigrant communities, from working to build a community park in the Circle Terrace neighborhood, to hosting Iftar dinners in the police building to bring the community together.

Columbia Heights stands as a Minnesotan beacon of inclusion and progress. I wish the city of Columbia Heights all the best in its future endeavors of successful community engagement, and congratulate the city on this well-deserved honor.

CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the National Day of Taiwan, which will take place on October 10, 2016. I extend my warmest congratulations to the people of Taiwan on this special occasion.

Taiwan has transformed into a beacon of democracy and economic opportunity in East Asia. In January of this year, the country elected its first female president, Tsai Ing-wen, in a landmark election. This important moment reflects the incredible progress Taiwan has made to become a free and open democracy. In addition to Taiwan's democratic progress, the country has grown into a major economic power. They are one of the United States' largest trading partners and a major export market for Wisconsin products. Many American companies have benefitted from close economic cooperation with their Taiwanese counterparts.