

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
U.S. CONGRESS,  
Washington, DC, April 20, 2016.

Hon. MICHAEL MCCAUL,  
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4482, the Southwest Border Security Threat Assessment Act of 2016.

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

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL.

Enclosure.

H.R. 4482—Southwest Border Security Threat Assessment Act of 2016

H.R. 4482 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to conduct an analysis of potential threats and security gaps along the southwest border of the United States. The bill also would require DHS, not later than June 30, 2017, to issue a strategic plan to protect U.S. borders. Based on information from DHS, CBO estimates that conducting analysis and preparing the strategic plan as required by H.R. 4482 would cost about \$1 million in 2017; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Because enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4482 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 4482 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 Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

## CONGRATULATING THE WHITESIDE COUNTY AIRPORT

### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Whiteside County Airport in Rock Falls, IL, which has been recognized as the "2016 Illinois General Aviation Airport of the Year" by the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics.

This award recognizes the Whiteside County Airport for excellence based on a variety of criteria, including their service to the local community, safety record, and coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The airport and its staff have hosted numerous community events in recent years, including Boy Scout Camporees and several "Last Time" celebrations for historic aircraft. I applaud the efforts of Airport Manager Michael Dowell, along with the entire staff, for their commitment to excellence for the airport and its facilities.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to congratulate the Whiteside County Airport and its staff for this remarkable achievement and I thank them for their service to our community.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR  
EDUCATORS

### HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate three educators from Minnesota's Sixth District who have been selected as finalists in the 2016 Teacher of the Year Program for our great state. There are currently eleven finalists that have been chosen from the 115 original Teacher of the Year candidates.

The finalists are Julie Beaver, a math teacher at Zimmerman Middle/High School, Joe Lawrence, a language arts teacher at Delano High School, and Erin Rehnblom, a teacher at Otsego Elementary School.

A good teacher opens doors, inspires curiosity and positively affects a child's life forever. They provide students with all tools necessary for them to reach the highest levels of success. That is why I am so grateful that there are awards like Minnesota Teacher of the Year, which guarantees that these individuals hard work does not go unnoticed.

Our children are this nation's future, and I thank Julie, Joe, and Erin for helping to ensure a bright one.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS ACT

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts and Public Defender Service Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments Act. The bill would make a minor change to the authorities of the District of Columbia Courts (D.C. Courts) and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), placing these entities in the same position as their federal counterparts for more effective management and operation.

The bill would give the D.C. Courts and PDS the same authority federal agencies and federal courts already have to offer voluntary separation incentive payments, or buyouts, to their employees. The fiscal year 2016 omnibus bill already gives D.C. Courts buyout authority—but my bill would make this authorization permanent, and would extend it to PDS in addition to the courts. Buyouts would allow the D.C. Courts and PDS to respond to their future administrative and budget needs, and would provide the flexibility to extend buyout offers to their employees.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has determined that voluntary separation incentive payments may be made only where statutorily authorized. While federal agencies and federal courts have the statutory authority to offer buyouts, PDS and the D.C. Courts have not been expressly permitted to permanently provide them to their employees. PDS and the D.C. Courts seek the same buyout authority in order to manage their

workforce as budget conditions and needs change.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

## TRIBUTE TO BOB MYERS AND PILLAR TECHNOLOGY GROUP

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Bob Myers, CEO of Pillar Technology Group for its innovative vision while creating Des Moines, Iowa's newest technology office space, aptly called "The Forge". The Ohio-based technology firm works with large companies to develop unique software for autonomous vehicles and "The Internet of Things."

Pillar Technology Group prides itself for being in direct competition to many of California's Silicon Valley firms, stating that Des Moines, Iowa lends itself to a venue which "constantly pushes us." Pillar Technology Group has other "Forge" locations in Michigan and Ohio. Des Moines was selected, said CEO Myers, because it is close to several universities, has a good talent pool and is increasingly innovative. Calling Des Moines, Iowa "the Silicon Prairie," Myers revealed they have hired at least 30 employees in Iowa to join their current staff of 200 nationwide.

Bouyed by a loan from the Iowa Economic Development Authority Board in 2015, Pillar Technology Group established its foothold in central Iowa. Myers explained that "The Forge" is a philosophy, not a place. Upon entering their doors, said Myers, there is an aura of "no constraints." Nothing is impossible. That's the Iowa way. With hard work, determination, innovation and an open mind, anything can be accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Pillar Technology Group and CEO Bob Myers for locating its innovative vision in Iowa. I am proud to represent the Pillar Technology Group and its employees in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the firm and wishing Pillar Technology Group's "The Forge" nothing but continued success.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF KEN CHRISTY

### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Ken Christy, who was tragically taken from us on March 26, 2016. Ken was a dear friend and will be greatly missed by all those in the Aurora community who were touched by his years of service as a union and community leader.

Mr. Christy was the local Aurora Township Clerk and served as President of the Illinois State Association of Letter Carriers for 25 years. As a letter carrier himself, Ken understood the challenges his union members faced

and sought to be a voice for the men and women of the U.S. Postal Service.

Ken was elected to the Illinois Hall of Fame for Letter Carriers in 2012 and was a recipient of the Kane County Democrat Harry S. Truman Award. His engagement with his community is one to be honored and admired.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Ken Christy's tireless efforts fighting for middle class workers and my thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JACOB GANN

**HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2016*

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Mr. Jacob Gann, a senior at Cherokee High School, in Georgia's 11th District, for his efforts to understand the legislative process, and for his interest in issues that affect the American people. He crafted his very own bill—to clarify and improve our immigration process. Young people who are devoted to understanding the issues are our nation's future leaders.

I would like to recognize Jacob for his hard work and perseverance over the last year to learn about our government's bill-making process. Immigration reform is one of the battles of our time, and Jacob's diligence to understand the issue and the process will serve him well wherever he goes. Congratulations, Jacob.

HONORING BUENO FOODS

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2016*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 65th anniversary of Bueno Foods, a local company that has become synonymous with our traditional and cherished New Mexican dishes.

In 1946, several brothers from the Baca family returned from serving in World War II and they scraped together enough money to buy a small neighborhood grocery store called the Ace Food Store. The small business was successful, until the larger chain grocery stores moved into the area. The Baca brothers wanted to compete and knew they must find innovative ways to keep the business profitable.

They added a carry-out component using their mother's delicious home cooked New Mexican food and began manufacturing corn and flour tortillas on a pie crust roller and making tamales and posole for sale. Then they had an idea. Everyone was getting a freezer and Birds Eye frozen vegetables were very popular. They decided to roast green chile over an open flame in the early fall and freeze it so that people could have chile year-round.

There was no equipment to flame-roast green chile on a commercial scale, and the brothers had to design and build equipment, and implement the process for large scale production. Bueno Foods was founded in 1951.

For over 65 years, Bueno Foods has grown from a small neighborhood grocery store into one of the Southwest's premier producers of New Mexican and Mexican foods, serving restaurants and retail customers throughout the United States. It is still owned and operated by the Baca family, with Jacqueline "Jackie" Baca serving as President since 1986.

Bueno Foods symbolizes the spirit and determination of true entrepreneurs who turned their idea into a thriving business that preserves and promotes our heritage. I would like to congratulate the Baca family and their employees for 65 years of supplying quality products, providing excellent customer service and creating opportunities to give back to the community.

THE VISIT OF ZAMBIAN VICE PRESIDENT INONGE WINA

**HON. KAREN BASS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2016*

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to welcome the Vice President of the Republic of Zambia, the Honorable Inonge Mutukwa Wina, to my Los Angeles district for a visit. Vice President Wina is the highest ranking woman in Zambian government history, and she brings a delegation of officials to the U.S. with the assistance of Robert Sichinga, Jr., Honorary Consul for Zambia in Los Angeles.

A major purpose of Vice President Wina's visit is to raise awareness of the tremendous opportunities for economic investment in her home country. Some of the fastest-growing economies in the world are in Africa. In particular, Mrs. Wina comes to promote the Jubilee Women's Integrated Highway Markets Program as a support for entrepreneurship that will begin to build wealth among rural families.

The Jubilee Women's Integrated Highway Markets Program is a three year program to transform makeshift markets along Zambian highways into thriving economic engines, run cooperatively by the women who make up the majority of businesses found in these locations. It aims to create modern, integrated economic hubs, one in each of Zambia's ten provinces. The markets would offer not only sturdy structures, plumbing and solar power, but would also offer literacy and skills training, banking and other services, and child care facilities.

Women play an essential role in lifting families out of poverty and promoting a nation's fortunes. Studies show that investing in women's businesses correlates closely with better-fed children who stay longer in school, and women tend to reinvest profits in expanding their business, thereby building wealth for the longer term.

I wish Vice President Wina and all of those traveling with her a pleasant, rewarding and successful trip, and I look forward to partnering with her in the future.

CONGRATULATING DAN BEBBER ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2016*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Dan Bebbber, a friend of the Rock Island, Illinois community and a dedicated public servant to veterans from all across our state.

Dan is a U.S. Navy veteran, retiring from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs after more than 22 years of service. As a Veterans' Service Officer, Dan provided support to thousands of veterans seeking compensation from the VA over the course of his career.

In addition to his work in the Department, Dan is an active member of the community and has spent much of his time assisting veterans in other ways, such as serving as a volunteer for VA Stand Downs and our local veterans' resource fair.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Bebbber once again for his outstanding service to our nation and his dedicated service to our veterans and our community. I congratulate him on a well-earned retirement and wish his family nothing but the very best going forward.

TRIBUTE TO RUBY AND BRUCE BENTLEY

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ruby and Bruce Bentley of Macedonia, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on March 19, 2016.

The Bentleys are known for their commitment to their family and community. Their marriage blessed them with five children and many grandchildren. The community of Macedonia knows the Bentleys as a close-knit family, living their faith and committed to one another. The entire generation of this union lives within seven miles of each other, calling the Bruce and Ruby homestead, "Bentley East." This marriage is a union of dedication to a strong work ethic with their cattle-feeding business, recognized as Producers of the Year in 2006 and Cattleman's Association Brand Wall operation in 2011.

But even working with their 2,000 head of cattle for the past 50 years, the Bentleys are dedicated to volunteerism. Bruce is involved in his grandchildren's school activities, having served on the Carson-Macedonia School Board and active in the Riverside Pride and Booster clubs. Ruby has served on the Pottawattamie County Tourism Committee, Macedonia Development Committee, other civic activities and boards, and was even named Iowan for A Day at the Iowa State Fair.

Mr. Speaker, Bruce and Ruby's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives