

her a friend. May she have a happy 70th birthday and enjoy many more to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIRNESS FOR BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS ACT OF 2016

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Fairness for Breastfeeding Mothers Act of 2016, a bill that would require buildings that are either federally owned or leased to provide designated private and hygienic lactation spaces for nursing mothers. For years, federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have encouraged breastfeeding—the benefits are so great that the Affordable Care Act amended federal law to require employers to provide a designated, non-bathroom space for returning employees to pump breastmilk for their newborns, ensuring that new mothers would be able to continue this essential practice even after returning to work. My bill would extend this requirement to include not just employees, but visitors and guests to federal facilities across the nation.

In Washington, D.C. alone, there are millions of tourists who visit federal sites, such as the Lincoln Memorial and the Smithsonian Institution. Increasingly, families understand the unique benefits of breastfeeding, and visitors to these buildings who have newborns and babies should have a private space to breastfeed or pump. The benefits of breastfeeding are well documented—breastmilk contains antibodies and hormones that boost babies' immune systems, and studies have shown lower risks of asthma, diabetes, respiratory infections, and other diseases among breastfed babies. Moreover, breastfeeding also has benefits for nursing mothers, who, research has shown, have lower risks of diabetes and certain forms of cancer. Given the significant public health benefits of breastfeeding for both mother and baby, already recognized in federal policy, my bill is a logical next step to ensure visitors to federal sites have access to clean, hygienic, and private spaces to nurse or pump.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, which would provide access to designated lactation rooms for guests to federally owned or leased buildings.

HONORING THE MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, since 1888, the members of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem have promoted peace and health in the Middle East through their hospital in East Jerusalem, Gaza, and the West Bank.

In 2015, the hospital and associated clinics treated over 125,000 patients—including

15,000 through mobile outreach. The Order has a strong foundation in Christian ideals, and a motto of "Pro Fide, Pro Utilitate Hominum: For the Faith and in the Service of Humanity," which speak to the inspiring scope of their global contribution.

The Order also features a diverse membership, who vow to "serve our lords, the sick and the poor," and to fulfill this promise through volunteer service, fundraising, and monetary donations. I would like to congratulate Priory/Regional Chair, Julian V. Brandt III, CStJ, of Charleston, South Carolina, for his dedication for the significant work that the Order is accomplishing around the world.

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, 2016 marks the 10th anniversary for the School of Science and Technology (SST) located in my district in San Antonio, Texas. SST provides a K–12 curriculum concentrated on educating students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). In the rapidly changing world of science and technology, it is critical that our students receive STEM education from an early age. For a decade, SST has provided students with such an opportunity.

SST has been ranked among the top high schools in Texas for multiple years and has received the Bronze, Silver and Gold rankings from US News and World Report. This is a testament to the school's dedication to providing STEM education to students in the San Antonio area.

As Chairman of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, I am committed to ensuring that our nation's youth have the scientific and mathematical skills to thrive in a technology-based economy. And I commend SST for its continued efforts to provide advanced STEM education to K–12 students.

In appreciation of all they have done, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 10th anniversary of SST.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMERCIAL UAS MODERNIZATION ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the UAS industry is booming in Oregon and nationwide, but our laws and regulations are stifling innovation instead of encouraging it, forcing American companies to look overseas to test new technology. We must not miss the opportunity to harness the benefits and utility of UAS technology, which will bring advances in safety and efficiency in nearly every sector of the economy.

Today, I am introducing the Commercial UAS Modernization Act, which creates an interim framework that will promote American innovation in the rapidly growing field of un-

manned aircraft systems (UAS) and will facilitate the safe integration of UAS into the National Airspace System.

While the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is in the process of creating a regulatory framework for commercial UAS operation, the FAA's existing approach to UAS integration and regulation has been piecemeal at best. As a result, we are behind other countries in developing a regulatory regime that encourages growth of this burgeoning industry, and U.S. companies are being overtaken by competition in Canada, Europe, and Asia. This legislation offers a uniform and comprehensive approach that offers our drone industry a sensible path forward.

The UAS industry expects to produce more than 100,000 U.S. jobs, with \$82 billion in economic impact, within a decade after these regulations are complete. The potential social and economic benefits of this technology go far beyond package delivery and capturing photos and video footage. Around the world, UAS are being used to inspect critical infrastructure and conduct land surveys, fight forest fires and support emergency and disaster response, transport medical samples and supplies, analyze and manage crops, detect oil spills and predict volcanic eruptions, catch poachers, and deliver high-speed Internet to remote or underserved areas. Full integration of UAS into the national airspace could revolutionize the way entire sectors of our economy and governments function.

The Commercial UAS Modernization Act provides a much-needed update to federal rules, making it clear that flying smartphones should not be regulated like Predator drones.

IRAN TERROR FINANCE TRANSPARENCY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 3662.

The focus of the JCPOA is to achieve the long desired objective of preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. We must be vigilant in our verification and enforcement of that agreement.

Iran's breach of the UN Resolutions regarding ballistic missiles is serious, but it is a distinct issue that requires its own targeted response. That is why President Obama was right to impose separate sanctions on Iran for its ballistic missile violations.

As Mr. ENGEL has indicated, this legislation is nothing but a blatantly partisan attempt to re-litigate the JCPOA. It was drafted without consulting a single Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and passed out of Committee without a single Democratic vote.

Let us focus together on holding Iran accountable for all its actions—with respect to JCPOA, its ballistic missile program, and its support for groups in the region that have engaged in terrorism. But it is a sad day when our Republican colleagues play political games with important national security and foreign policy matters.

ADDRESSING THE COSTS TO
LOCAL AND STATE LAW EN-
FORCEMENT OF THE OCCUPA-
TION OF THE MALHEUR NA-
TIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, for 32 days armed militants have occupied the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Harney County, Oregon. Acting on behalf of a misguided anti-public lands agenda and against the wishes of the local community, these extremists have endangered lives, damaged property, and disrupted society.

The armed takeover of a federal facility is simply not the way we do things in Oregon, and is not how things have been done at the

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge—a national treasure cherished by birders and other outdoor recreation enthusiasts and a model of collaboration and partnership with the local community.

The situation has been allowed to continue for far too long, and the costs of this dramatic and dangerous incident will be innumerable to the federal government, the Burns Paiute Tribe, the state, and the local community.

One particular manifestation of this cost is the financial expense to state and local law enforcement, which has spent an estimated \$100,000 per week responding to this incident.

This is why, today, I am introducing a bill to help assuage some of the financial hardship borne by state and local taxpayers in protecting the community during this challenging time.

Because the incident involves a federal facility, the federal government made decisions about the timing and manner of addressing

this ordeal. Ultimately, those decisions have been very expensive for Oregon and the local community. My bill will allow the federal government to ease this burden within 180 days by reimbursing reasonable costs associated with state and local law enforcement's response to this incident. Under my bill, the federal government will have the authority to pursue civil action seeking to recover those costs from the armed militia members to make sure taxpayers aren't on the hook.

Placing the burden of these costs on the militants is the right thing to do. It will send a strong signal that an armed takeover of a federal facility is unacceptable and will result in consequences. In the meantime, however, these communities already face resource constraints and an immediate federal reimbursement will help to address at least some of the hardships caused by this irresponsible and unfortunate incident.