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CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN JOHN LUNA ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE GRAPEVINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Captain John Luna on his well-earned retirement from the Grapevine Police Department in Grapevine, Texas, after thirty-two years of dedicated service as a law enforcement officer.

John's esteemed career began when he joined the police department of San Marcos, Texas, in 1985. John's service to the City of San Marcos continued for over ten years when, in 1996, he began his career with the City of Grapevine.

Since joining the department, John has honorably served his community and built a reputation as a hardworking and respected officer. Throughout his career in Grapevine, John received 29 letters of commendation, recognizing his professionalism and service to the community. He has served as a Field Training Officer, Police Instructor, Detective, Grapevine SWAT Team Hostage Negotiator, Honor Guard Member, and a Public Information Officer.

John's dedication as a public servant is apparent in his pursuit of continued education and trainings to help provide a better service to his community. He completed his basic, intermediate, advanced, and master's police certifications, accumulating over 3,968 hours of police in-service trainings. Furthermore, John is a 2009 graduate of the 236th session of the F.B.I. National Academy, which is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers who are nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities.

John's contributions to the law enforcement operations in the City of Grapevine have helped to ensure countless officers have been superbly trained and prepared for the challenges they face in their everyday duties as police officers. His legacy will leave a lasting mark on the City of Grapevine and the Grapevine Police Department for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the exceptional efforts John has contributed to the City of Grapevine. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain John Luna and his many years of service and wishing him the best in his retirement.

HONORING THE MESSIAH COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING THE NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I extend sincere congratulations to the Messiah College

Men's Soccer Team for winning the NCAA Division III National Championship. This is the 11th time the Messiah Falcons earned the title, "National Champions."

The Falcons defeated the North Park Vikings in a 2-1 victory on December 2, 2017. The win completed a 24-2 campaign for the Falcons that matched their team record for single-season wins, while also making Messiah 11-for-11 in title game appearances.

The dedication and perseverance of these student athletes should inspire everyone. I extend my congratulations as well to head coach Brad McCarty, and the school officials, family and friends who supported these young men on their incredible journey.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate the Messiah College Men's Soccer Team on the hard work and determination that led to their National Championship.

TRIBUTE TO VICKIE AND GENE PEEL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Vickie and Gene Peel of Perry, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on November 25th, 2017.

Vickie and Gene's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI (MOTHER CABRINI)

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and missionary work of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (Mother Cabrini) and commemorate the 100th anniversary of her passing.

Mother Cabrini came to Denver, Colorado in 1902 to help Italian Immigrants who worked in the mines and on the railroad. She opened the Queen of Heaven Orphanage to care for girls ages 2 through 15 at 48th & Federal Blvd. which remained open from 1905 to 1967. Mother Cabrini believed the girls in the orphanage would benefit from trips out of the city so she purchased 900 acres of land in Mount Vernon Canyon to serve as a summer camp for the girls from the Queen of Heaven Orphanage. The summer camp in Mount

Vernon Canyon was said to have no source of water on the property. Mother Cabrini told her Sisters who accompanied her to foothills, "move that rock and you will find water clean enough to drink." The spring of water from that location still flows today. Many have given testimony to the water's impact in helping their suffering and ailments.

Mother Cabrini was canonized America's first citizen saint in 1946 and was also named the Patroness of Immigrants. In total, she opened 67 schools, orphanages and hospitals in her relatively short lifetime. The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the religious order founded by Mother Cabrini, have served and ministered to the people of Colorado since 1902.

Mother Cabrini died 100 years ago on December 22, 1917. Throughout her life she cared for the poorest of the poor and immigrants in need. Her life and legacy have been celebrated during this centenary year throughout the world.

I extend my deepest gratitude in recognition of all that Mother Cabrini accomplished in her time in Colorado. I am grateful for the continuous dedication the Mother Cabrini Shrine offers the community in her memory.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1, TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD letters from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Business Roundtable, National Association of Manufacturers, National Federation of Independent Business, and the Alliance for Competitive Taxation:

U.S. CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce urges Congress to complete its final step to enact comprehensive, pro-growth tax reform legislation and pass the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The Chamber will include votes related to this legislation in our How They Voted scorecard. By passing the conference report, Congress would unleash resources for businesses large and small to hire new workers, expand facilities, and purchase new equipment. Bringing about tax reform would help ensure that these investments are made here in the United States, and these investments would lead to higher wages and catalyze broad economic growth.

Moreover, H.R. 1 would provide additional growth by allowing for environmentally-sensitive oil and gas production in an area in northern Alaska set aside by Congress for energy exploration in 1980.

The Chamber applauds the work of the conferees for reporting a strong pro-growth tax reform bill. The members of the Finance and Ways and Means Committees from this and previous congresses also deserve much credit for their work during this multi-year effort.

Tax reform is a big engine that will power a growing economy for years to come. Only one step remains for Congress to keep its commitment to approving pro-growth, comprehensive tax reform legislation.

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE.

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE CONFERENCE REPORT ON PRO-GROWTH TAX REFORM

WASHINGTON, DC.—Business Roundtable today issued the following statement in support of the conference report on H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017:

“This bill represents a remarkable, once-in-a-generation achievement by the House and Senate. Business leaders applaud the conference committee for coming to an agreement that will promote U.S. competitiveness and spur economic growth. This agreement results from years of serious policy work and debate that produced legislation the President can now sign into law. Business Roundtable strongly endorses this conference report and urges both chambers to pass it without delay.”

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
MANUFACTURERS.
LETTER NO. 1NAM ON TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT: HISTORIC
PROGRESS FOR MANUFACTURERS

TIMMONS: “MANUFACTURERS WILL INVEST IN THEIR COMPANIES AND WORKERS.”

WASHINGTON, DC.—National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) President and CEO Jay Timmons released the following statement on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act conference report:

“America will be better off than we are today once this tax reform bill becomes law. This legislation represents historic progress for manufacturers and for all Americans. As manufacturers across our country have said many times, tax reform done right will empower us to create more well-paying jobs and invest and build more right here in America. According to the NAM’s latest Manufacturers’ Outlook Survey, a pro-growth tax code will encourage manufacturers to increase capital spending, expand their businesses and hire more workers—and nearly half will increase employee wages and benefits.

“While this bill is good news, we can never quit looking at what other countries are doing every single day to take away our mantle of economic leadership. The NAM has fought for years—decades, really—for even lower rates than provided in this legislation for manufacturers of all sizes, especially small manufacturers organized as pass-through entities. We will not let up. We will work to ensure this legislation functions as intended.

“We will continue our fight and will rally manufacturing workers and their families to encourage more progress in the years ahead. Today, we’re calling for our government to produce a comprehensive study every three years to compare how the U.S. tax code stacks up with our competitors around the world. The last time true tax reform was enacted was in 1986, 31 years ago. If we wait until 2048 to revisit the tax code, we will no doubt discover that we have fallen significantly behind once again. For the future of every manufacturing worker in America, our elected leaders must constantly strive to ensure our country’s business climate is far better than merely average. Manufacturers and the NAM will never stop leading that fight.”

LETTER NO. 2

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States, representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support the Conference Report to H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

American workers need bold tax reform to not just raise their job prospects but to im-

prove their lives. For years, manufacturing workers have sought an updated tax code that spurs economic growth and global competitiveness. Instead, they have a system that holds our nation back due to high tax rates on our small manufacturers, the backbone of our economy, and hinders large manufacturing enterprises that provide livelihoods for millions of families. Manufacturers are saddled with arcane rules for taxing international income and significant compliance burdens that exacerbate our competitive disadvantage. We are counting on you to lift up these hardworking men and women.

The Conference Report to H.R. 1 takes the important steps toward addressing five key elements that NAM members believe will set the stage for manufacturing growth: a lower corporate rate, reduced burdens on business income earned by pass-through entities, a territorial tax system, robust incentives for capital equipment purchases and retention of tax incentives for research and development. While this bill could go even further to address these key areas that promote added economic growth, it still provides the opportunity to strengthen the manufacturing economy. With this vote, you have the ability to improve manufacturers’ global competitiveness, grow the economy, spur investment and create more well-paying manufacturing jobs. For every \$1.00 spent in manufacturing an additional \$1.89 is added to the economy. In 2015, the average manufacturing worker earned nearly \$82,000 per year in salary and benefits. In short, passing historic tax reform will lead to better jobs, better wages and better opportunities for more people to achieve their American Dream. The NAM’s Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on the Conference Report to H.R. 1, including procedural motions, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 115th Congress. Thank you for your consideration.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF
INDEPENDENT BUSINESS.
LETTER NO. 1

National Federation of Independent Business says this is the tax relief that small business needs, urges quick passage

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) issued the following statement today on behalf of President and CEO Juanita Duggan on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, released today by the conference committee:

“We are very pleased by the tax bill reported out of conference today, and we are grateful to leaders in the House and Senate for following through on their promise to cut taxes on small businesses.

“Tax relief is the number-one priority for small businesses, which represent half the economy and half the GDP. This bill will allow millions of small business owners to keep and reinvest more of their money, so they can grow and create jobs. We urge both chambers to pass the bill quickly, so it can be signed into law before the end of the year.”

LETTER NO. 2

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation’s leading small business advocacy organization, I am writing in support of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act conference report. This legislation will provide much needed tax relief to America’s job-creating small businesses. This will be considered an NFIB Key Vote for the 115th Congress.

Small business is the engine of the economy, and tax reform should provide substantial relief to all small businesses so they can reinvest their money, grow, and create jobs. Ninety-nine percent of all American busi-

nesses are small businesses; the average NFIB member has just 10 employees. Taken in sum, however, small businesses create half of all private-sector jobs in the U.S. and contribute half the nation’s gross domestic product.

Three-quarters of America’s small employers are structured as pass-through entities, meaning their owners are taxed at the individual rate as opposed to the corporate rate. Crucially, the conference report creates a new 20% deduction for pass-through income of small businesses. Further, it allows all types of small businesses—regardless of industry segment—to benefit from this deduction.

NFIB supports passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act conference report and will consider it an NFIB Key Vote for the 115th Congress.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you to protect small business.

ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE TAXATION.

ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE TAXATION AP-
PLAUDS SENATE AND HOUSE LEADERS FOR
ADVANCING TAX REFORM

WASHINGTON.—The Alliance for Competitive Taxation (ACT), a coalition of leading American businesses that employ millions of American workers, issued the following statement on the Conference Report of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act:

“We applaud leaders in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House for reaching an agreement on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Conference Report. This pro-growth tax reform bill is a major step in leveling the playing field for American businesses competing in world markets and will create opportunities for American workers.

“We urge members of the Senate and House to swiftly pass this historic legislation that will strengthen our economy, promote investment in the U.S. and create American jobs.

“We are committed to working with Congress and the Administration beyond final passage of this legislation to ensure that tax reform achieves the desired goal of benefiting American workers and promoting U.S. competitiveness and economic growth.”

REMEMBERING CHIEF IRVING
POWLESS, JR.

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Onondaga Nation Chief Irving Powless, Jr.

Chief Powless was born in Syracuse, the son of Chief Irving Powless, Sr. and Cecelia Powless, both active members within the Onondaga Nation. As chief of the Beaver Clan of the Onondaga Nation, Chief Powless, Jr. established a reputation for his quick wit, enthusiasm, and ability to ease stressful situations. He served as secretary of the Onondaga Council of Chiefs for more than 30 years and was a respected leader throughout Central New York. Chief Powless was an expert on treaty rights, and throughout his life, tirelessly advocated for the rights of the Onondaga Nation and the Haudenosaunee peoples.

Chief Powless’ love for his people and for their history never faltered over the course of his life. He was an avid historian, and spent time as a lecturer, author, and teacher. Beyond his role as a scholar, Chief Powless was