

This law is as offensive as it is redundant. It harks back to a time when a private group in D.C. attempted to block the 14th Street Bridge into Virginia, although there is no evidence that D.C. authorities failed to act. The District's local criminal law prohibiting obstructing a bridge takes care of any obstruction occurring here.

Under the 1997 federal law, "whoever in the District of Columbia knowingly and willfully obstructs any bridge connecting the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia . . . shall be fined not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$5,000, and in addition may be imprisoned not more than 30 days. . . ." Under D.C. law, a person may be subject to imprisonment and/or fines for "crowd[ing], obstruct[ing], or incommod[ing] . . . [t]he use of any street, avenue, alley, road, highway, or sidewalk."

The courts have long held that D.C. may repeal federal laws that predate the 1973 Home Rule Act (HRA) and apply exclusively in or to the District, but have not ruled on whether D.C. may repeal post-HRA federal laws that apply exclusively in or to the District. My bill would avoid any court challenge the District could face if it tries to repeal this 1997 federal law.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND L.S.
WILSON

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Reverend L.S. Wilson of the East Saint Paul Baptist Church, an important member of our community in Fort Worth, Texas.

Born on March 2, 1936, Pastor Wilson impacted our community in unique and profound ways. Pastor Wilson grew up attending Fort Worth public schools where he graduated from I.M. Terrell High School in 1955. He later went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Dallas Baptist University and a Master of Education Degree in Administration from Texas A&M University at Commerce.

Pastor Wilson began his ministry in 1971 and led several congregations in North Texas for over forty years. From Elam Grove Baptist Church in Mabank, Texas to Bethlehem Baptist Church in Bonham, Texas, Reverend Wilson was eventually called to become the Pastor of East St. Paul Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas in 2001 where he served until his death in 2019. Pastor Wilson took on many leadership roles in churches across the North Texas community where his legacy will never be forgotten.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my thoughts and prayers to the Pastor Wilson's family and community. He was a man who always put, God, family, and community first. He did so much for our Fort Worth community, and I want to give a special thanks to him for making our community a better place.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARBON COUNTY FAIR

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Carbon County Fair.

Since its reestablishment in 1999, the Carbon County Fair has celebrated the best of our communities and our rich agricultural tradition. We owe a great deal of gratitude to the local Lion and Lioness Clubs for supporting this annual community event. For five days in August, the fair welcomes community members to a variety of exhibitions showcasing the area's agricultural and industrial achievements. The fair brings neighbors together for exhibitions, fireworks, races, and the annual tractor pull. The Carbon County Fair plays an outstanding role in celebrating the importance of agriculture and industry in our communities.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Carbon County Fair on twenty incredible years celebrating our communities. May this tradition continue for many years to come.

U.S. SENATOR JOSEPH D. TYDINGS
MEMORIAL PREVENT ALL
SORING TACTICS ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 693, the U.S. Senator Joseph D. Tydings Memorial Prevent All Soring Tactics Act of 2019 or the "PAST" Act.

Put simply, soring is the cruel practice of intentionally inflicting pain on a horse's legs or hooves to alter the horse's gait. This is done by applying caustic chemicals such as diesel fuel, and mustard oil to the skin, and inserting sharp painful objects into horses' hooves to achieve an artificial high-stepping gait. It is all too commonly inflicted on horses that participate in Tennessee Walking Horse competitions.

As a former horse owner myself, I am deeply disturbed about the pain and suffering these majestic animals are put through. Soring is already prohibited by the laws of the United States. Congress passed the Horse Protection Act in 1970 to address the problem. What we are doing today is identifying gaps in the original law and fixing them.

No other category of horse show has federal oversight because no other group of trainers and horse show enthusiasts intentionally injure horses as a way to enhance performance. This practice belongs in the same category as dogfighting and cockfighting in that people hurt animals in severe ways just for entertainment. Ending this despicable practice is long overdue.

Since the PAST Act was first introduced in the 113th Congress it has never had fewer

than 272 cosponsors and has always been a firmly bipartisan bill with co-sponsors representing districts across the country. The PAST Act is also supported by hundreds of veterinary and equine groups—including the veterinary medical associations from all 50 states. I would like to recognize the hard work of the individuals within these outside animal rights advocates—particularly Marty Irby, Executive Director of Animal Wellness Action, who has dedicated so many years to this purpose.

As the chair of the subcommittee where this bill is assigned, I am proud to stand in favor of this anti-cruelty legislation. Let's send the bill to the Senate with a strong vote that shows how Americans will not stand for animal abuse.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION
ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add that there are several provisions contained in H.R. 3409 to ensure that the Coast Guard stays on the cutting edge of readiness. I appreciated the inclusion of the Coast Guard Shore Infrastructure Improvement Act, which I introduced with my colleague, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL of Florida. This legislation will ensure that the \$2.6 billion backlog of shore infrastructure needs are prioritized strategically so that our Coasties have the high-quality on-shore facilities to support their numerous missions.

I also want to thank Mr. DeFAZIO and Mr. MALONEY for working with my staff to include in H.R. 3409 a provision to prepare a demonstration program for the use of wing-in-ground vessels in the Outer Continental Shelf. Mr. Speaker, this provision emphasizes the dramatic advancements in new transportation technologies over the past few years and urges the Coast Guard to begin preparing to oversee their use. A demonstration program will support the Coast Guard in conceptualizing how these new technologies will be used to support commerce in U.S. waters and how such vessels will be regulated. We cannot wait for these technologies to be fully matured before we contemplate their safe application in our waters or airspace. Again, I appreciate the inclusion of these provisions in the underlying authorization and support its adoption.

AMERICAN MANUFACTURING
LEADERSHIP ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I am a proud original cosponsor of Research and Technology Subcommittee Chairwoman Haley Stevens' bill, the American Manufacturing Leadership Act because our nation's economy relies on the manufacturing industry and must

prioritize policies that strengthen it. In my home state of Ohio, the manufacturing industry accounts for 16.6 percent of total output, and employs 12.5 percent of our workforce, or 690,200 employees. All told, the manufacturing produced \$107.95 billion worth of output in Ohio in 2017 and continues to grow each day.

H.R. 2397 would strengthen our nation's largest investment in advanced manufacturing—the Manufacturing USA Program—which has thrived in the past seven years since its creation and build on that success to strengthen our manufacturing workforce. This bill would reauthorize the successful Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation of 2014 and extend it to all agencies sponsoring centers for manufacturing innovation, allowing more of those that invest in manufacturing to benefit from this program. It would further strengthen the institutes' role in advanced manufacturing workforce development—something I'm deeply passionate about—along with outreach to and inclusion of small- and medium-sized businesses, which are vital to a prosperous American economy.

H.R. 2397 also puts important checks, balances, and oversight into place by encouraging the program office to develop pilot programs for the institutes, as well as identify for and disseminate to them best education and workforce training practices. It would also expand Manufacturing USA's authorities to collaborate with other agencies, including to develop network-wide performance goals. In addition, while this bill would authorize agencies to renew institutes for an additional period of funding, allowing those institutes to meet their ultimate goals, this would only be allowed following a rigorous review of the institute's progress toward meeting measurable goals.

The manufacturing industry is a pillar of the American economy and drives many of the other industries that make up our country's annual GDP. Without the manufacturing industry, the American economy would cease to exist. H.R. 2397 would expand on manufacturing programs with proven success and accelerate our nation's progress in advanced manufacturing. Ultimately, this legislation leverages existing programs across the federal government to help Manufacturing USA Institutes achieve its goals. Finally, as an advocate for small business and workforce development, I'm excited that this bill expands to include more small- and medium-sized manufacturers, since they are the lifeblood of our nation's economy.

Once again, I thank my colleague from Michigan for her leadership on this legislation, and I urge the committee's support of H.R. 2397.

LIFE AND MEMORY OF KATHY TEAL

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and memory of Kathy Teal.

Kathy was born in Newark, NJ and grew up in the Chicago suburb of Wheaton, IL. A certified midwife, she devoted herself to serving unwed mothers and children. Kathy was a founding member of both Birthright of Greeley

and the Genesis Project of Northern Colorado, organizations dedicated to helping single mothers and their children. She spent her life advocating for policies that protected expectant mothers in Colorado and continually supported organizations that protect the sanctity of life, including the Weld County Right to Life.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Kathy Teal for always fighting to protect those unable to protect themselves. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my condolences to the Teal family and my gratitude to Kathy for her life of service.

HONORING MEIERHOFFER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Meierhoffer Funeral Home and Crematory in St. Joseph, Missouri, as it celebrates its 125th anniversary.

For one hundred twenty-five years and five generations, the Meierhoffer Family has been there for people. For grieving families, for widows and children, Meierhoffer Funeral Home has been there. The Meierhoffers, with kindness, empathy and a quiet presence are able to bring calm to the chaos of raw nerves and frayed emotions. They are able to help others make peace and help families begin the process of healing from a loss. People say that having a good funeral home is like having a good lawyer. You never want to have to call them, but when you do have to make that call, you are always glad that they are there. I and all of St. Joseph, are eternally grateful that for over a century the Meierhoffer Funeral Home has been there.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Meierhoffer Funeral Home and Crematory for one hundred twenty-five years of serving the people of St. Joseph, Missouri. I am honored to have such a long-standing family business in the Sixth Congressional District of Missouri and to represent the Meierhoffer Family in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DIANE LORENZETTI

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of long-time Concord resident, Diane Lorenzetti.

Diane, affectionately known as "Miss Diane," was born in Concord, California in 1943 to loving parents Ettore and Emily Lorenzetti. While attending Holy Names College, Diane worked part-time as a pre-school teacher for the City of Concord. In 1974, she left the classroom and became the Director of the Concord Senior Center.

Over the next 29 years, Diane worked tirelessly to ensure a pleasant and engaging experience for all visiting seniors. It is said that she made the center feel like a second home

and challenged herself to remember the names of everyone she met. During her tenure as Director, Diane was an important and reliable figure in the Concord senior community.

As the executive producer of the Concord Senior Citizen's Club, Diane directed a number of shows such as Talent Recycled, which played to hundreds of fans at the Senior Center, the Willows Theatre, and the Concord Pavilion. It was important to Diane to allow the seniors who participated to express themselves creatively and feel a sense of community.

On top of her work with the senior community, Diane was very active with the Druids of California and was a member of the local chapter starting in 1960. She also served as a member of the Young Ladies institute where she worked to support the Catholic faith, encourage apostolic and charitable works, and celebrate Italian American heritage.

Diane will be sorely missed, and her lasting impact will long be remembered in the Concord community.

RECOGNIZING VIET BAO DAILY NEWS AND WRITING ON AMERICA

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Viet Bao Daily News for the 20th anniversary of the Writing on America program. Viet Bao Daily News introduced Writing on America twenty years ago, on April 30, 2000, which marked the 25th anniversary of the beginning of a new Vietnamese population in the United States of America.

In the face of adversity, the Vietnamese community in the U.S. has demonstrated commendable resilience and strength, building a home for themselves and laying a strong foundation for generations of Vietnamese Americans to come. Viet Bao, one of the most well-respected and widely read sources of Vietnamese daily news, has become an integral part of this legacy.

Outside of being a reliable news source for the Vietnamese community, Viet Bao's Writing on America program has fostered the stories of Vietnamese and Vietnamese American individuals traversing the negative impacts of the Vietnam War and the Vietnamese diaspora. The program hosts an annual writing contest for the Vietnamese community to submit essays on their unique overseas experiences. The top winners of the contest are given a monetary award, but all approved submissions are published daily in Viet Bao and aggregated into a book available for purchase online. These stories attract more than 80,000 readers per year.

The Writing on America program became a tool of healing for the individuals sharing their stories and for the individuals who could relate to their experiences. It is also an archive of Vietnamese history in America, one that is filled with the grief of leaving one's home country, an unrelenting belief in the American dream, and the hope for a future of happiness and prosperity. Over time, it has become a forum for celebrating the achievements and joys of the Vietnamese community.