

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
WILLIAM OTIS FITCH

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 25, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. William Otis Fitch who passed away on September 22, 2021. My thoughts and deepest condolences are with his family, friends, and loved ones.

Mr. Fitch was born on August 1, 1933. He was raised in Holly Springs, Mississippi and graduated from Holly Springs High School in 1951. Bill was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and riding horses. After graduating high school, he enlisted with the U.S. Navy and joined the flight team. With this team he made lifelong friendships and considered it an honor to serve his country.

After his Naval service, Bill began his career in consumer finance and lending. He joined City Finance Corporation in Memphis as the Vice President. In 1974 Bill and his wife, Clydean, opened their own consumer lending company, First National Loans. He expanded the company throughout Tennessee. He sold the company and opened a new chain of consumer finance companies, Fidelity Loan Company. Over the course of his career he served as President and board member of the Mississippi Consumer Finance Association and Memphis Consumer Credit. He was a lifetime member of the Shriners.

Preceding him in death are his wife, Clydean; mother, Lurline; father, Theodore; and brothers Robert, James, and Jerry. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Aleita; daughters Lynn and Lisa; six loving grandchildren, and three great-grandsons.

I am grateful for Mr. Fitch's service and join countless others in mourning his loss.

COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 3263,
THE DHS MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES ACT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 25, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 3263, the DHS Medical Countermeasures Act. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the Committee report filing.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, October 22, 2021.

Hon. BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
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. 3263, the DHS Medical Countermeasures Act.

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

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 3263, DHS MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES ACT AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON JULY 20, 2021

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars		
	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays) ..	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	1	5	*

* = not estimated.

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032? No.

Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 3263 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish a medical countermeasures program, led by the Chief Medical Officer, to facilitate the agency's preparedness for a chemical, biological, radiological, or similar attack, disease outbreak, or pandemic. The act would require DHS to maintain a stockpile of countermeasures (including antibiotics, antivirals, and treatment for radiation exposure), ensure deployment of these resources, and provide training to its employees. H.R. 3263 also would require the Chief Medical Officer to establish a countermeasures working group, develop an integrated logistics plan within 120 days, and report to the Congress on implementation of the program within six months.

DHS currently maintains a medical countermeasures stockpile. Using information provided by the agency, CBO estimates DHS would need three new employees to modernize the program and meet the training, oversight, and reporting requirements in H.R. 3263. Furthermore, the agency would require about \$500,000 per year to replace and modernize materials in the stockpile. On that basis, CBO estimates DHS would spend \$5 million over the 2022-2026 period to implement the legislation; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Lindsay Wylie. The estimate was reviewed by Leo Lex, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

REMEMBERING DWIGHT ORVILLE
BOYD

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 25, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember Dwight Orville Boyd, a son of Louisiana, who transitioned to his eternal heavenly rest late night on Saturday, October 16, 2021.

He was at peace in his final moments beside his loving family.

He was 65 years old.

As the oldest of five sons, Dwight's family was always at the center of his world.

His brothers, including Glynn Boyd, one of my dearest friends, looked up to their older brother and recounted many stories from his life.

He shared how Dwight was the first to get a part-time job at Winn-Dixie, and that even as a young man, Dwight always made sure to give all his siblings gifts during the holidays.

Friends remember him graciously blessing them through his angelic voice when singing at church, in weddings, or at the 50-yard line during a high school football game.

He loved the New Orleans Saints, celebrating Christmas with family, music, and politics.

He made lifelong friends that described him as being the pillar of the community. Dwight still held childhood friends from Hahnville High School, where he was known as "Mr. Hahnville High School."

He studied journalism at LSU, and throughout his life was never afraid to speak his mind, but always respected the views of others.

He shined a light on everyone he encountered.

My thoughts are with Dwight's mother Mrs. Beverly H. Boyd, his loving family, friends, and neighbors as they reel with this loss.

Rest easy, and may God bless his memory.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 25, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unexpectedly withheld. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on rollcall No. 330, and NAY on rollcall No. 331.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF VICKY
RUSSELL

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 25, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Vicky Russell who passed away September 19 at North

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Mississippi Medical Center. She was 61 years old.

Vicky was born on May 20, 1960 to Raymond and Donna Gaines Yeager. She had lived all her life in Saltillo. She attended Saltillo schools and managed the B-Quick. For 13 years she worked at Hunter Sadler Mfg. before pursuing a career as a law enforcement officer. She served under Lee County Sheriff Harold Ray Presley and Sheriff Larry Presley. Fifteen years ago she joined the Itawamba County Sheriff's Department. She had risen to the rank of Major and served as a Jail Administrator.

Left to cherish her memory are her beloved daughter, Jessica; grandchildren, Carson, Maisy, Delaney and Dylan; mother, Donna; sister, Patty; and countless friends, colleagues, and loved ones.

I join the Saltillo community in mourning the loss of an outstanding woman and member of the law enforcement community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 25, 2021

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I am not recorded for votes on Thursday, October 21, 2021 due to a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 327; "nay" on rollcall No. 328; and "nay" on rollcall No. 329.

CELEBRATING TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 25, 2021

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Texas Southmost College (TSC) as they celebrate their 95th anniversary, making it the oldest institution of higher learning in the Rio Grande Valley.

Texas Southmost College is the first accredited community college in the State of Texas. Originally named The Junior College of the Rio Grande Valley, TSC was established on August 9, 1926, with 84 students attending the first classes held on September 21, 1926. In 1931 it was renamed Brownsville Junior College, before its final renaming to Texas Southmost College in 1949. After a 20-year partnership with University of Texas at Brownsville, TSC's Board of Trustees voted to re-establish the college as an independent institution in 2011 and it was operating independently by 2013. The campus, spanning over 48 acres, is located in Brownsville, Texas on the historic site of Fort Brown, the first United States military post in the state.

TSC was selected as a "Bright Spot" by the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics in 2015 for its efforts to bridge the achievement gap and expand access to quality higher education. In addition to offering high-quality programs that lead to careers that are in demand, TSC is the most affordable institution of higher learning in the Rio Grande Valley, thanks to TSC's Board of

Trustees decision in 2013 to reduce tuition by 40 percent. TSC currently offers two-year academic credential progression in over 50 programs of study for students pursuing bachelor's degrees, and career and technical education leading to industry certifications and associate degrees. They also offer dual-credit academic, career, and technical courses at no cost to students, saving families in the Lower Grande Valley \$28 million in tuition and related fees since 2017.

In 2018, TSC earned the designation of fastest-growing community college in the state of Texas, and their graduation rate now outpaces the Texas state average by more than three percent. The Board of Trustees, along with TSC President Jesus Roberto Rodriguez, Ph.D., continue to set goals to ensure the long-term viability of the institution with a focus on fostering student success, leading regional workforce development, enriching student experiences, enhancing community connections, and investing in each other.

Texas Southmost College prides itself on fostering a welcoming environment and a sense of belonging for all. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating TSC on 95 years of invaluable service to the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Through education, community outreach and the promotion of individual success, Texas Southmost College continues to strengthen the state of Texas' prosperity and talent.

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WKDK RADIO

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 25, 2021

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of WKDK Radio and celebrate the success of James Coggins and his son Jimmie Coggins.

WKDK opened its doors on October 26, 1946. Three years later, James received an offer to manage the station. James bought WKDK in 1951, and the radio station has been a Coggins family-owned business ever since.

James, also known as "Mr. C," believed radio was supposed to serve the community, and that's exactly what WKDK has been doing for the last 75 years. WKDK covers local, state, and national events each day and has kept the public informed on major events, such as the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the tornado of 1984, the 9/11 attacks, and the eclipse of 2017. The station also serves as a source of connection and entertainment and reports on important community initiatives, such as local election news, Coffee Hour, weather updates, and the announcement of anniversaries and birthdays.

After the passing of Mr. C, his son Jimmie took over management and ownership of the radio station. In addition to continuing his father's success at WKDK, Jimmie has also kept his civic-minded and community-centered spirit alive. Each year, Jimmie takes time out of his schedule to train and mentor students interested in journalism and radio broadcasting.

As testament to the station's accomplishments, WKDK has received numerous honors and recognitions, including the March of Dimes Award, the South Carolina National

Guard Certificate of Appreciation, the Rotarian Radio Appreciation Award, the Red Cross Appreciation Award, and an award from the Newberry County Board of Education for Outstanding Contributions to Newberry County Public Schools. The success of WKDK would not be possible without the outstanding leadership of James and Jimmie, who are also recipients of numerous individual accolades. Both James and Jimmie have been honored by the Newberry Touchdown Club and have been recognized as the Rotarian of the Year for multiple years. In 2010, James was also awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the state of South Carolina's highest civilian honor presented in recognition of a lifetime of extraordinary achievement, service, and contributions on a national or statewide scale.

On behalf of the 5th district of South Carolina, I thank WKDK for serving as the voice of Newberry County for the last 75 years. I congratulate them on their outstanding success, and I look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CAROLYN CLAYTON

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 25, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Carolyn Clayton who passed away Saturday, September 11 at the Baptist Memorial Hospital in New Albany. I join her family, friends, and loved ones in mourning her loss.

Carolyn was born on February 14, 1941 to Marlin and Maggie Curtis Evans. She worked at the Lee County Chancery Clerk's Office. She found joy in attending yard sales, gardening, and spending time with family.

Carolyn was the founder of the nonprofit organization, Survival Incorporated. The organization works to advocate for the victims of violent crimes across the state of Mississippi. She was awarded Victims Advocate of the Year.

Carolyn was married for 58 years to her husband, Joe, who passed away two months prior. Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Brad and Rob; grandchildren, Nikki, Kattie, Jack and Carson.

I am grateful for Mrs. Clayton's lifetime of service to the state of Mississippi.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 25, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on the Legislative Day of October 22, 2021. Had I been present for the roll call vote on the Motion to Recommit on H.R. 3110, the PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act, I would have cast the following vote:

Roll Call 330: No.