

INTRODUCTION OF THE END OIL AND GAS TAX SUBSIDIES ACT OF 2021

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, America faces a climate crisis. This fact is indisputable, as is the fact that humans are primary cause of the changing climate. But our tax code does not reflect this, instead it showers billions of dollars of benefits to profitable oil and gas companies. Today, I introduced the End Oil and Gas Tax Subsidies Act of 2021, legislation that would eliminate nearly a dozen of the most egregious tax breaks enjoyed by the oil and gas industry.

Despite consistent profitability, fossil fuel companies receive billions of dollars in federal tax breaks and subsidies, which underwrite the costs of oil and gas production. These forgone revenues undermine the United States' ability to combat the climate crisis and invest in critical initiatives like education, housing, infrastructure, and healthcare. The End Oil and Gas Tax Subsidies Act of 2021 would not only eliminate 11 of these provisions in the tax code, it would also ensure the United States is no longer providing tax subsidies to oil and gas at the expense of clean energy, increasing the competitiveness of the energy industry.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to get this legislation enacted into law this year.

IN RECOGNITION OF MONICA DIEHL

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Monica Diehl on receiving the Health Care Worker of the Year Award from the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Monica is the Director of Patient Education and Development at Keystone Health. Prior to the pandemic, her primary duties were administrative, but she did not hesitate to tap into her clinical skills to help the patients amid the crisis. She led a staff outreach and education program to ensure the team was following safe protocols for treating patients during the pandemic. Monica also volunteered to lead a COVID-19 testing site and later spearheaded the vaccine operation at the hospital. Under her leadership and diligence, Keystone Health has not wasted a single COVID-19 vaccine dose.

Monica exhibits true dedication, compassion, and professionalism to the patients at Keystone Health. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I congratulate Monica on this incredible work and thank her for her service to our community.

SABRINA ZUNIGA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sabrina Zuniga for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Sabrina Zuniga is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. H.S. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sabrina Zuniga is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sabrina Zuniga for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING CELESTE CALVITTO

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Celeste Calvitto of Dearborn County, Indiana. Celeste served as the Republican County Vice Chairwoman of Dearborn County. She committed her time, talents and energy to the Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the Hoosier state. I am grateful for her service.

Not only is Celeste a successful businesswoman, she is also a fervent leader and volunteer in her community. She founded the Dearborn County Anti-Litter Initiative, the One Dearborn Economic Development organization, is a member of the Highpoint Health Foundation Board, and sponsors the annual Mardi Gras Ball to benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana.

Finally, I have gotten to know Celeste over the last four years, and I am grateful for her friendship. I thank Celeste.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MONTFORD POINT MARINE ROBERT MOORE

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert Moore, who passed away on February 25, 2021, after a lifetime of service to his country.

Robert was born in 1929 in Queens, New York. After enlisting in the Marines in 1946, he became one of approximately 20,000 Black men to train at the segregated Camp Montford Point in North Carolina. The Montford Point Marines were regularly subjected to racist attacks from White Marines stationed at Camp Lejeune.

Robert spent over four decades at Camp Pendleton, which I am proud to represent. He served honorably in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, where he ran mess halls and trained Marines in food service. In 1972, he retired from the Marine Corps at the rank of gunnery sergeant and received his degree from Palomar College. He spent the following 20 years working at Camp Pendleton as a dietic technician at the Naval Hospital.

Robert was one of the last surviving Montford Point Marines in the San Diego area. Fewer than 400 of the original 20,000 Montford Point Marines are still living. He was a proud recipient of a Congressional Gold Medal awarded to all Montford Point Marines.

Robert was married to his wife Willie Mae Miles for 56 years before her death in 2004. They had 11 children, 19 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great grandchildren.

Robert Moore lived an incredible and full life. He was a dedicated husband, parent, and friend. His courage and valor laid the foundation for future generations. We are grateful for his service to his country.

HONORING LUKE WALDROP

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Louis Stephens "Luke" Waldrop Sr. of Salem, Virginia, who passed away on March 12, 2021 at the age of 97. Mr. Waldrop was a real estate developer and philanthropist who made a tremendous impact on Salem throughout his long and active life.

Mr. Waldrop was born on June 11, 1923 to Alexander Atkinson and Carolyn Bear Waldrop. He grew up in Roanoke and attended Episcopal High School in Alexandria. His collegiate studies at the University of Virginia (UVA) were interrupted by World War II, in which he served as a Navy medic in the Pacific theater. After completing his service, Mr. Waldrop returned to UVA to finish his degree and married Harriett, at the time a senior at Mary Baldwin College.

After a stint in Richmond, Mr. Waldrop moved with his young family back to his native Roanoke Valley. His brother John introduced him to R.L. Russ, who educated him in the real estate business. Mr. Waldrop launched his own company, L.S. Waldrop Realty, in 1956.

Much of our country was remade by the housing boom that followed World War II. It was Luke Waldrop that harnessed that boom to remake Salem. With a keen sense for deal making and closing the sale, he drove forward residential and business development. Middleton Gardens, West Club Forest, Woodbridge, Spartan Square, Salem Terrace at Harrogate, Caroline Forest Apartments, and over 900 single family homes resulted from his professional efforts.

Mr. Waldrop was devoted to charitable causes and community organizations in Salem and beyond. Among the educational institutions that benefited from his contributions and support for endowed scholarships are his alma mater UVA, Roanoke College, Mary Baldwin College, Virginia Western Community College,

and Episcopal High School. He was on the vestry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, belonged to and at one time served as president of the Salem Rotary, and served on the Roanoke County Planning Commission.

Mr. Waldrop was preceded in death by his first wife, Harriett, his second wife, Anne "Dickie" Dickson Jordon Waldrop, and grandson Adam Thomas Waldrop. He is survived by children Kathryn Kerkering (Tom), Caroline Buckman Haddock, Louis Stephens "Steve" Waldrop Jr., Preston Adam Waldrop (Jamie), Harriett Ann Waldrop, and Laura Doub (Bruce); thirteen grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. I offer them my condolences on the loss of Luke Waldrop, a member of the Greatest Generation who changed Salem for the better over his many decades in business and in service.

HONORING HOPE REYES LUGO AS
THE 2020 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hope Reyes Lugo, whom I have named the 2020 Woman of the Year in Napa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Born in San Bernardino, California, Ms. Lugo was the oldest of 13 children. At just 24 years old, she moved with her husband and family to Napa, where they settled permanently. Originally finding work on small farms, Lugo picked up extra jobs to support her family, enrolling her children in the community Head Start program with the hope of giving them better lives.

Never one to leave her family's wellbeing in the hands of others, she joined the parent policy council and became a Head Start instructor. Earning the trust and admiration of our community for her advocacy on behalf of farm workers and her poor neighbors, she was later appointed to the Napa County Council for Economic Opportunity (NCCEO) Board of Directors. Graduating to the role of Executive Director in 1970, she served with pride and distinction for 30 years. Throughout her tenure as director, she took on numerous other civic and philanthropic responsibilities, including membership in the Napa Latino Leadership Organization and the President's Commission on the White House Conference for Children and Youth.

Our community and the nation have recognized Ms. Lugo for her leadership numerous times. In 1990, the Department of Health and Human Services bestowed the National Head Start Award on her for providing an exceptional education to her students. Ten years later, the city of Napa further celebrated her impact on children by dedicating the Hope Lugo Child Development Center in her honor. Most recently, in 2014, the Napa County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce awarded her the Building a Legacy Award to Ms. Lugo for near-

ly six decades of distinguished service. Though her accolades are many, Hope takes the greatest pride in being matriarch of a large, devoted family. A caring mother, a dotting grandmother, a cherished great-grandmother, and a teacher in the truest sense of the word, she has intimately shaped the experiences of children across generations.

Madam Speaker, Hope Lugo is a great friend and has dedicated her life to the communities and people she holds dear. It is therefore fitting and proper we honor her here today as Napa County's 2020 Woman of the Year.

MILITARY RETIREE SURVIVOR
COMFORT ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I reintroduce the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act," with Congressman MIKE TURNER (R-OH) as the original cosponsor.

The late Congressman Walter B. Jones, Jr. (R-NC), my dear friend and our beloved colleague, sponsored the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" every Congress since 2002. I am honored to continue his work on this critical, bipartisan legislation to protect military families from completely avoidable bank overdrafts following a veteran's death.

Specifically, the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" would allow the spouse or other designated survivor/beneficiary of a veteran to retain the full retirement benefit paid out in the final month just before or coinciding with the veteran's death. Under current Department of Defense policy, that final month's retirement benefit may be clawed back on a prorated basis if the family fails to immediately notify the Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) of their veteran's death.

Military families with joint bank accounts, into which retirement payments are deposited electronically, are often unaware that DFAS can claw back overpayments without the accountholder's consent. This results in joint bank accounts being drained of funds, subjecting veterans' families to overdraft fees and avoidable financial hardship following a veteran's death.

The "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" would finally end this needless and callous DFAS practice for any retirement benefit received in the month for which a veteran was alive for at least 24 hours. Military families grieving the loss of their loved one should not be penalized for an accounting oversight by the Department of Defense.

As chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I plan to make the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" a major priority during this year's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to join me and Congressman TURNER (R-OH) in cosponsoring this bipartisan and commonsense bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF TAMMY
MACLAY

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tammy MacLay on receiving the Exceptional Dedication Award from the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Tammy is a Clinical Nurse Specialist at WellSpan Chambersburg Hospital, where she has selflessly served patients for more than 33 years. Though her specialty was teaching hospital staff safe practices, she never hesitated transition into work in the Critical Care Unit with COVID-positive patients during the pandemic.

Tammy exhibits true dedication, compassion, and professionalism to the patients at WellSpan Chambersburg Hospital. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I congratulate Tammy on this achievement and thank her for her service to our community.

JESSICA GUTIERREZ QUEZADA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jessica Gutierrez Quezada for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

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HONORING VIVIAN HIMELICK

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Vivian Himelick of Fayette County, Indiana.

Vivian served as the Republican County Chairwoman of Fayette County. She committed her time, talents and energy to the Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the Hoosier state. I am grateful for her service.

Not only is Vivian a successful businesswoman, she is also a fervent leader and volunteer in her community. Vivian is actively engaged in civic and community endeavors,