

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATING TO "OIL AND NATURAL GAS SECTOR: EMISSION STANDARDS FOR NEW, RECONSTRUCTED, AND MODIFIED SOURCES REVIEW"

SPEECH OF

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2021*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is imperative that we work together to reduce harmful methane pollution as soon as possible. That is why I strongly support S.J. Res. 14 which will get America back on track in controlling methane pollution and leaks.

Methane is a highly potent gas that, pound for pound, traps more than 80 times as much heat on our planet in the short term as carbon dioxide. Plugging methane pollution leaks is good for our public health, as it can reduce the risk of asthma, heart attacks, and premature deaths. Reducing methane pollution is good for the climate, it's good for business, and it will create thousands and thousands of jobs across America. That's why there is broad consensus from energy companies, local communities, the tourism industry, labor groups, environmental organizations, environmental justice leaders, and faith leaders on methane pollution control.

In fact, in 2019, when my Select Committee on the Climate Crisis was doing our broad outreach to develop recommendations for solving the climate crisis, this was an area where we reached broad consensus, as a wide range of stakeholders and scientists told us reducing methane pollution would be needed to help save our planet.

Adopting today's resolution will restore common-sense safeguards to limit methane pollution from oil and gas production, as we reverse the Trump Administration's misguided efforts that stopped them. Restoring these safeguards is one of the recommendations we included in the Select Committee's Climate Crisis Action Plan. It's a modest and straightforward step in the right direction, but it's a very important one.

Controlling dangerous methane pollution has broad support. A recent Morning Consult poll found that an overwhelming majority of Americans—including 81 percent of Republicans—support congressional actions requiring oil and gas companies to regulate, check for, and fix methane leaks.

And it is more important now than ever. This year, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced that, despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the various shutdowns around the globe, carbon dioxide and methane emissions surged in 2020, including the largest increase in methane emissions recorded since record-keeping began nearly four decades ago.

Furthermore, we know that fossil fuels are playing an outsized role in this crisis. According to an analysis published by scientists from NASA and Stanford last year, fossil fuel-related methane emissions in the United States contributed approximately 80 percent of the total increase of methane for North America from 2006 to 2017. Stopping methane and other pollution from oil and gas production is an important step in solving the climate crisis. Even major oil companies—from BP America to Shell to ExxonMobil—support federal regulation of methane pollution. Building on the examples of Colorado, Wyoming and Ohio, a nationwide standard is critical to protect—Americans everywhere from harmful air pollution stemming from oil and gas production.

Let's be clear: We must cut methane pollution to prevent catastrophic climate change. Today we have the opportunity to move in that direction by supporting this resolution. This is an important step, and it is the least we can do. I want to thank my good friends Congresswoman DEGETTE and Congressman PETERS for their outspoken advocacy on this matter, and I look forward to working with my colleagues and the Biden Administration to build on this progress.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT RAISCH

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 28, 2021*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Brigadier General Robert Raisch of Lathrup Village, Michigan. His lifetime of service to both Michigan and our country is worthy of commendation.

General Raisch was born December 8, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan. Following his graduation from Cranbrook High School, he attended Duke University where he majored in mechanical engineering. In 1951, Raisch was commissioned into the United States Marine Corps Reserve and began pilot training in preparation for service in the Korean War. While assigned to Marine Fighting Squadron 224 during the conflict, Raisch flew the F-9F "Panther" alongside fellow marines John Glenn and Ted Williams. For his heroism, Raisch was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses. In 1965, Raisch entered the ready reserve and held several key positions across the state of Michigan including Commander, Selfridge Air National Guard Base (SANGB) in Harrison Township. He retired in 1980 after nearly three decades in uniform and founded the Supersine Company, a sign manufacturing business that he would operate for more than fifty years.

As a Detroit, Raisch was active in his community—mounting the Spirit of Detroit statue, serving as a Distinguished Clown in the Thanksgiving Parade (a role he would also take on in the Macy's Day Parade in New

York City), and supporting numerous charities. His love of animals inspired him to create the Restore the Horse Foundation, which played a key role in re-establishing the Detroit Mounted Police. Raisch was a true Michigander and a proud summer resident of Mackinac Island where he directed local plays and took part in countless community events. Beloved by his family, Raisch would always point to his children Robert, Elizabeth, Laura, and Julie as his greatest achievements and his wife Susan of 67 years as his greatest love.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Brigadier General Robert Raisch. He was a bright and shining light in our community and all who knew him can attest to his selflessness, patriotism, and unwavering wit. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAVAL SUBMARINE MEDICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 28, 2021*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory, which occurred on Friday, June 25, 2021. Located at the Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Connecticut, the research center has served Connecticut's second district, the region, and the nation as a hub of excellence, ensuring the readiness and primacy of the United States' undersea deterrence efforts by way of cutting edge health and performance research.

Although Friday's date marks the official date of the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory's 75th anniversary, the Research Laboratory's origins date back to as early as 1942 when it was created as an arm of the Naval Submarine Base New London Dispensary. During the earliest stages of America's direct involvement in the Second World War, when our nation's submarine force was put to one of its greatest tests, the center was created to provide answers to problems in communications, vision, personnel, selection, and environmental medicine resulting from wartime demands. The success of the Research Laboratory was evident from its earliest beginnings when in March 1944 it separated from the dispensary and became the independent Medical Research Department of the Submarine Base. Throughout the remainder of World War II, this department became responsible for the organization, development and operation of numerous training programs, including the school for Pharmacist Mates entering the submarine service, the Lookout Training School, the Voice Communication School, and the school for Second Class Divers.

By June 1946, with the full conclusion of the War, the Research Laboratory formally gained

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command status as the Medical Research Laboratory, under the direction of the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. From there, its mission grew to the selection of all officers and enlisted for training at the Naval Submarine School, specialized training in submarine medicine for hospital corpsmen and medical officers and research into the medical aspects of submarines and diving. As our maritime national security policy evolved to meet the demands of the Cold War Era and new age of nuclear deterrence, so too did the Research Laboratory's avenues of focus and innovation, including its innovative work in submarine rescue experiments.

The Research Laboratory has worked tirelessly to push the field of underwater safety forward in the decades since. For example, it has developed countless reliable products including the International Orange high-visibility color enhancing rescue at sea, the Farnsworth Lantern color vision test, the improved Submarine Escape Immersion Equipment suit, the enhanced Disabled Submarine Survival Guide as well as numerous generations of the Navy's diving and decompression tables which are still in use today. In fact, the Research Laboratory's work has also been instrumental in evolving our nation's submarines to become more healthy, productive and disciplined places of work. This includes its adoption of smoke-free submarine environments, production of studies that supported women serving aboard and studies that have produced a better understanding of effective shifts of duty as a result of changes to an individual's natural circadian sleep cycle while aboard a submarine. The sleep research resulted in a healthy change in submarine work and sleep schedules that has since been embraced by the modern U.S. submarine force. In the wake of tragic ship collisions in 2017 that resulted in devastating loss of lives, the New London based-research is now being applied to our nation's surf ace fleet.

Madam Speaker, as the Congressman who has the honor to represent Submarine Base New London, and has visited the lab, I can attest to the talent and passionate commitment of the workforce at that facility, whose unique mission is truly a national treasure. Employing sophisticated, one-of-a-kind equipment, the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory and its dedicated staff of scientists remain experts in many highly specialized areas to this day. They serve the fleet and support our Nation's undersea troops by conducting studies that ensures the readiness and effectiveness of submariners and divers operating aboard submarines, those operating in the undersea battle space, and warfighters fighting from the sea. To that end, on this 75th Anniversary of its founding, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring all those who have served, currently serve, or will serve at the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT  
EARL "BOB" SMITTCAMP

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 28, 2021*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Robert Smittcamp. He passed

away on March 4, 2021 after many years of significant contributions to the San Joaquin Valley. Robert was a part of the community, and a dear friend to many.

Robert was born in Fresno, California to Earl and Muriel Smittcamp on May 29, 1941. In 1945, his family purchased the Wawona Ranch from Muriel's father that held 40 acres of peaches. This later was known as the Smittcamp Family Business. Having a father who served in World War II as a marine, Robert was a hard worker along with his siblings, Carol, Betsy, and Bill. By the age of 10, Robert knew how to operate a forklift. When Robert was diagnosed with polio in 1953, he spent months in an iron lung in his parent's living room on the ranch. He developed his faith in God during that time and became an acolyte in his church.

In 1959, Robert graduated with honors from Clovis High School and was involved with FFA where he earned many local and national awards. After graduating from California State University, Fresno in 1964 with a BS in Business-Economics, he and his father, Earl, founded Wawona Frozen Foods. The frozen fruit business thrived in downtown Fresno and in 1965 a freezer plant was built on Alluvia 1 Avenue in Clovis, California. A year later, Robert enlisted in the United States Army Reserve in 1965 through 1966 driving the Army General to and from military events in San Francisco. He learned cooking tips from the chefs in the kitchen that the General would dine at for his meetings. During his time in the Army Reserve, Robert still enjoyed working alongside his father. Soon after, Janell Robinson entered Robert's life while in the Army Reserves, and in 1966, they married and began their own family in 1968 with son Brent and their daughter Lisa in 1970. Janell gave birth to their second son, Brandon in 1982.

His father, Earl had a big influence on Robert's life. When Earl ran for State Senate, Robert saw another path he could take, with politics. His interest in politics began and he became a wise mentor for many people, but also continued to see himself working in a business. In 1971, Earl and Robert acquired the San Francisco based Lyons-Magnus and decided to move that company to the city of Clovis. Robert served as the President and CEO for over 40 years. They made ice cream toppings, fruit toppings and non-carbonated drink bases. The company became an internationally renowned food manufacturing company. While raising his family, Robert continued to work on the company's growth. In 1983, Lyons-Magnus leased a manufacturing plant in Kentucky, and after two years the company installed and operated the first a septic bottle filler in the United States in Clovis. In 1989, the plant was moved to downtown Fresno. The company worked with companies like Starbucks, McDonalds, Carl's Jr., Dairy Queen, and more.

When Brent grew older, he worked with his father and Grandpa Earl. In 1997, Robert and Brent purchased 160 acres together as the B & B Ranch. They worked on the Wawona Packing Company fanning over 8,000 acres and the ranch. Robert's youngest son, Brandon, shared another one of Robert's passions and got into the restaurant business. Robert assisted him in acquiring The Lime Lite, a Fresno-based restaurant.

In 2015, Robert married Annette and welcomed her sons Michael and Steven into the

family. Robert's family grew and so did the companies. In 2017, Robert and Brent decided to sell their companies to the same private equity company and stay on the Board of Directors. Robert, Brent, and Brandon all worked together.

Robert had a strong passion to serve the community. He was on Boards such as the Community Regional Medical Center, Stanford Medical Centers Cardiovascular Institute, St. Agnes Hospital, Board of Governors of California State University, and more. His donations to causes, hospitals, universities, non-profits and more throughout the San Joaquin Valley were endless. He donated \$1 million to help expand a neuroscience program and remodel the intensive care unit at Community Medical Center. He was a donor for political causes and provided student scholarships for the Smittcamp Family Honors College at Fresno State, founded by Earl and Muriel Smittcamp.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Robert Earl "Bob" Smittcamp. He was a role model, leader and a friend of mine. His influence will live on in the San Joaquin Valley for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF MYRA LEIGH  
TOBIN

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 28, 2021*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Myra Leigh Tobin, a Harned, Kentucky native. Her education and Christian values were the foundation of her life, and she became a trailblazer for women in the business world as well as a generous philanthropist.

Myra was a proud University of Kentucky Wildcat 1962 graduate and was named to the UK Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2000. As a UK loyalist, she served on the UK Alumni Association, UK Board of Trustees, and as a founding charter member of UK Women in Philanthropy. Notably, the Myra Leigh Tobin Chapel was constructed in the new UK HealthCare hospital with her generosity. Before her successful insurance career, Myra worked for U.S. Rep. William Natcher. Myra was a strong advocate of education and obtained two master's degrees. In New York, she rose up in the business world and became involved in professional and community organizations. Myra was known as a "Woman of Firsts" through breaking barriers by becoming the first woman in many positions, and she received several professional awards to reflect her achievements. She accomplished all of this while staying entrenched in her Breckinridge County roots.

Myra's generosity reached far beyond geographical borders, and she was determined to mentor family members, friends, and even strangers she encountered. Her leadership and generosity have made a lasting impact, and her legacy will live on.