

HONORING JAN ZIMMERMAN ON
HER RETIREMENT AS CHIEF OF
POLICE IN RAYMORE

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Chief Jan Zimmerman of the Raymore Police Department. After more than four decades of selfless service working in public safety, Chief Zimmerman has announced her intent to retire. She has established an inspiring career and legacy that is a true testament to the value Missouri's public servants bring to their communities.

Beginning a career in public safety in 1979, Jan served the Kansas City Police Department (KCPD) as a dispatcher; shortly thereafter, she attended the Kansas City Police Academy and was sworn in as a KCPD police officer in 1982. Throughout her career in law enforcement, Jan served the KCPD with distinction by rising through the ranks of sergeant (1987), captain (1994), and ultimately concluded her tenure as major (2000). Jan holds a BA in Criminal Justice, an MA in Public Administration, and is an alumnus of the FBI National Academy in Quantico.

Joining the Raymore Police Department as Chief of Police in 2012, Jan Zimmerman has led the department through tumultuous times providing unrelenting leadership. Chief Zimmerman places high expectations on her officers, committing herself to provide quality training and setting an example for the next generation of public safety professionals.

Jan also championed mental health by partnering with healthcare professionals to develop the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and implement the program at the KCPD and the Raymore Police Department. Later, she served as a Jackson County Mental Health Court Commissioner and considers this experience one of her proudest accomplishments. Zimmerman is the first female in the history of the Missouri Police Chiefs Association to receive the Donald "Red" Loehr Outstanding Police Chief award for her achievements in ensuring public safety.

Law enforcement officers face many difficult, sometimes fatal, challenges. To support fallen officers' families, Jan serves as a program director for the Surviving Spouse and Family Endowment Fund with the Kansas City Crime Commission.

For over a decade, Chief Zimmerman has put the safety and wellbeing of Raymore residents above her own. With the support of family; her husband, Major David Zimmerman of the Kansas City Police Department; her daughters, Jackie and Britt; and her granddaughters, Elise and Michele, Jan has withstood the hardships that are all too common in law enforcement.

Today, thanks to the leadership of Chief Jan Zimmerman, Raymore residents enjoy safer neighborhoods, exceptional emergency services, and a police department that serves with integrity. On behalf of Missouri's Fourth Congressional District, I thank Chief Zimmerman for answering the call to serve and protect our community. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement.

BRINGING ATTENTION TO THE
LEFT'S WAR ON AGRICULTURE

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. JACKSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to a serious issue facing all of rural America: the Biden Administration and the radical Left's War on Agriculture.

Today, the House will vote on H.R. 7606, which will exacerbate fractured supply chains, skyrocketing input costs, and historic levels of inflation, all of which are hammering American consumers.

This bill is the latest attempt to scapegoat private industry rather than address the real needs and concerns of farmers, ranchers, and rural Americans.

We know the Biden Administration and my colleagues across the aisle see Americans in the oil and gas industry as the enemy, and I truly believe they now see farmers and ranchers as the enemy too.

I want my constituents back home in Texas to know this is something I'm fighting every day.

I represent the number 1 Ag district in Texas, and the farmers and ranchers in my district are experiencing out of control input costs for fertilizer, fuel, and basic parts for equipment. I can assure you the legislation we're voting on today will make matters worse.

A spending and regulatory agenda that compounds the situation and further limits the American Ag industry's ability to meet global food demands is not the answer.

Instead, I urge the Speaker to abandon this bill and bring H.R. 8069, the Reducing Farm Input Costs and Barriers to Domestic Production Act, to the House Floor.

H.R. 8069 will actually support our farmers and ranchers by ensuring they have regulatory certainty so that they may grow abundant and affordable food and fiber.

Rather than generate additional layers of bureaucracy and regulatory compliance with H.R. 7606, Congress should take up H.R. 8069 immediately.

I thank Ranking Member G.T. THOMPSON for his leadership on the right approach, H.R. 8069, and I urge my colleagues to vote NO on H.R. 7606.

RECOGNIZING JOHN F. GIBBS

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize John F. Gibbs for his 18 years of service to Comcast, over 40 years in the cable industry, and decades of dedication to his community and the state of Minnesota. Mr. Gibbs announced his retirement from Comcast, and although he will be greatly missed, his hard work and contributions have made a positive impact on the industry and community, ensuring he will not be forgotten.

Mr. Gibbs joined Comcast in March 2003 with more than 20 years of legal and telecommunications experience. During his ten-

ure, he built and led an industry-leading state government affairs team that has achieved a strong record of successes across the country. Prior to 2003, he was a partner at the Minneapolis law firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, LLP, and practiced in the areas of communications and regulatory law. While at the firm, he provided counsel to the franchise transfer activities associated with Comcast's acquisition of AT&T Broadband and other major industry transactions, including the mergers of AT&T and MediaOne, AT&T and TCI, and AOL and Time Warner. Before joining the Robins firm, Mr. Gibbs served as Vice President of Corporate & Legal Affairs for Continental Cablevision in Los Angeles from 1986 to 1995.

Long involved in community affairs, Mr. Gibbs was elected to the Three Rivers Park District Board of Commissioners in November 2010. This park system is in the west suburban Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area and manages almost 27,000 acres of park reserves, regional parks, regional trails, and special-use facilities. Prior to this, Mr. Gibbs served for 10 years on the Hennepin County Library Board where he served as president for three of those years. He is the former chair of the Hennepin County Policy Advisory Committee, a former member of the Bloomington, Minnesota Charter Commission, former member and chair of the Bloomington Cable Commission, and has served on a variety of non-profit boards.

Currently, in addition to representing District 5 on the Three Rivers Park Board, Mr. Gibbs serves on the boards of Artistry Theater and Visual Arts in Bloomington and the Minnesota River Valley Chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

I congratulate Mr. Gibbs on his successful 18-year career with Comcast and over 40 years of leadership in an industry that has invested heavily in America and through broadband improved the lives of the citizens of this country. I commend Mr. Gibbs on his decades of service to the State of Minnesota, Hennepin County, and the City of Bloomington. I know the whole House joins me in wishing him the best in retirement and as he continues to serve his community as a valued and experienced leader.

**RECOVERING AMERICA'S
WILDLIFE ACT OF 2021**

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concerns with respect to H.R. 2773, the Recovering America's Wildlife Act. The bill has laudable goals and the potential positive impact on our nation's wildlife conservation efforts is undeniable. I am a long-standing proponent of environmental causes and the benefits of investing in them.

However, the ends do not justify the means. Specifically, the bill provides an average of \$1.4 billion per year in mandatory appropriations from the General Fund indefinitely. As a result, this bill provides the additional funding on autopilot without any role for this or future Congresses to scrutinize the details and value

of this massive investment. Additionally, the House Parliamentarian's Office has also confirmed to my staff that this bill presents significant jurisdictional issues with respect to the House's rule against appropriating in an authorizing bill.

I believe there is a better way forward that is consistent with the longstanding regular order of this body. Subjecting this funding to the appropriations process would ensure that we make these valuable investments in our nation's wildlife while at the same time preserving the important role Congress must play in overseeing our Article I responsibilities.

It pains me that we were not able to resolve these differences because as a longtime appropriator, I fully understand the need for robust, long-term investments to protect our environment and natural habitats. However, as chair of the House Committee on Appropriations I must vote against this legislation. The Founders were crystal clear about the importance of the power of the purse. Our duty to the American people is to ensure that we do not abdicate our responsibility to be effective stewards of taxpayer resources.

My hope is that I can work with my colleagues here in the House and in the Senate to come to a stronger, bipartisan agreement on moving this bill forward in a manner that is consistent with the rules of this body and Congress' power of the purse.

CONGRATULATING LTC ERIC
MARSHALL

**HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN
RADEWAGEN**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Eric Marshall on his retirement from the United States Army. LTC Marshall has had an illustrious career lasting over 20 years serving in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, culminating as the Honolulu District's Commander.

In American Samoa, our men and women of the Armed Forces are very important to us. The people of our islands take great pride in being patriotic Americans and our people are known for a high rate of service in our military. In particular, our U.S. Army recruiting center ranks number one in the nation in enlistment rate.

To that end I would like to recognize all the work LTC Marshall has done to lead throughout his career in situations such as leading dive missions, having a key managing role in the Western Closure, commanding the B/1-48th infantry company, and imparting his knowledge on future leaders in the Army through his instruction and course direction in physics at West Point.

He has an extensive list of military awards and decorations including the Bronze Star, Bronze DeFleury, and is currently nominated for the Silver DeFleury. He is a graduate of the prestigious U.S. Air Force Academy and received his Master's Degree in nuclear engineering from MIT.

In congratulating this outstanding officer today, we also express our deep appreciation to all who serve, including the many in uniform from American Samoa serving with distinction all over the world.

I thank Eric for his outstanding leadership and his commitment to our Soldiers, American Samoa, and our great Nation. Best wishes to him and his family as he departs Honolulu. I congratulate him on his retirement and the great future ahead. Again, I thank him for his service and his time dedicated to our beautiful island.

God bless you on your journey. (Fa'amanuia le Atua i ou ala). Soifua.

HONORING MR. GENE WEEKS

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD
OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Gene Weeks, a distinguished Superintendent from my district who is retiring this year after a career of service.

Mr. Weeks is a dedicated educator of 36 years, who served as a coach, athletic director, principal, and assistant superintendent throughout his time at the Greene County Tech School District. He is retiring as the Superintendent of Greene County Tech after 7 years in the position.

Mr. Weeks devoted his career to his students and played an essential role in teaching and preparing the next generation to be leaders and public servants. His commitment to the health, education, and success of his students was invaluable to our community, and I am certain the First District is better because of service.

CONGRATULATING DR. MARLA E.
PÉREZ-DAVIS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my deep gratitude to Dr. Marla E. Pérez-Davis for her remarkable service as Director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) John H. Glenn Research Center, both the main campus at Lewis Field in Brook Park, Ohio and the Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility in Sandusky, Ohio—and to congratulate her on a well-deserved retirement.

Over her nearly forty-year career at NASA, Dr. Pérez-Davis nobly delivered for the American people in a variety of crucial roles, including Deputy Director of the Research and Engineering Directorate, Director of the Aeronautics Research Office, Chief of the Project Liaison and Integration Office, and Chief of the Electrochemistry Branch.

Upon taking the helm as Director of the Glenn Research Center, Dr. Pérez-Davis went to work leading a team of more than 3,200 dedicated professionals in the awe-inspiring mission of advancing humanity's understanding of the cosmic wonders beyond.

Dr. Pérez-Davis' leadership has been instrumental in driving Glenn Research Center's progress as a renowned hub for unrivaled innovation, technological excellence, economic development, and scientific discovery. Her commitment to expanding aerospace capabilities; assuring cybersecurity and quantum computing protections; and partnering with schools, students, and the wider community leave the Glenn Research Center in a strong position for the future ahead.

It has been a sincere honor to work with Dr. Pérez-Davis—an esteemed leader who relentlessly focused on propelling the Glenn Research Center—and the whole of NASA's global enterprise—on its journey toward a new era of breathtaking enlightenment.

I speak for the entire community of Northern Ohio in thanking Dr. Pérez-Davis and wishing her all the best in her next endeavor.