

English Language Arts teacher. She plans, develops, and compiles comprehensive language-based skills for all students while delivering quality instruction to impact their overall developmental success. She is also a member of the School Leadership Team, the School Improvement Committee, the PBIS Committee, the Chair of the ELA Department, and the Upper Elementary Reading Club.

Ms. Bradley is a native of Jefferson County and graduated from Jefferson County High School with the class of 2009. She is the mother of a son, Omarian, who is currently an 8th grade student.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Erica Bradley for her passion and dedication to education in the Jefferson County School District.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENT TO REMAIN OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR COMMONWEALTH ONLY TRANSITIONAL WORKERS

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, three years of pandemic have taken a toll on businesses nationwide and, especially, in isolated, one-industry economies like that of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Policies that made sense before a pandemic shut down the tourism industry in the islands I represent are now actually making recovery more difficult.

So, today, I am introducing legislation to ease the return to normalcy by recognizing the impact of the pandemic.

My bill will delay for three years the effective date of a provision of the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act, Public Law 115–218, that is making it more expensive and more difficult for businesses in my district to recover.

This is the so-called “touchback” provision of that law that requires employers to send certain foreign workers back to their home country at least every three years. Doing so has, of course, proven problematic during the pandemic, when flights were interrupted and increasingly costly. In some cases, home country ingress provisions made it difficult for workers to return.

In the meantime, the purpose of the touchback requirement has been fulfilled. It was intended to reduce reliance on foreign workers and encourage investment in U.S. workers. And that is precisely what has occurred, even without implementation of touchback.

During the pandemic the number of U.S. workers employed in the Marianas has held steady near 13,000, according to the most recent report from the Governor required by the U.S. Workforce Act. The number of foreign workers, according to the Governor, has fallen from about 8,000 to 6,000.

Even without the requirement that certain foreign workers return home at least every three years, Marianas businesses appear to have shifted to a relatively greater reliance on U.S. workers. This is precisely the intent of Public Law 115–218.

Rather than striking the requirement from the law altogether, however—as considering this shift touchback may now seem unnecessary—my bill takes a more conservative approach to delay the effective date for three years, matching the duration of the pandemic.

The bill also makes clear the intent of the law’s authors—Chair Rob Bishop and Ranking Member RAÚL GRIJALVA of the House Natural Resources Committee, Chair LISA MURKOWSKI of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and me—with respect to the timing of touchback, as explained in our letter of July 22, 2020, to Samantha Deshommes, Chief of the Regulatory Coordination Division of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Ultimately, I respect the bipartisan agreement on a reasonable immigration policy unique to the Marianas that is embodied in the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act. Circumstances now warrant fine-tuning the touchback provision. Ultimately, however, I want to see that bipartisan policy through to its conclusion in 2030.

HONORING A.W. HOLT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable individual, A.W. Holt.

A graduate from Brinkly High School in Jackson, MS, where he participated in basketball, baseball, and track. A.W., who was also known as the “Awesome Wonder”, attended Jackson State University (JSU) and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education.

Holt played for the JSU Basketball Tigers and enjoyed a winning season each year while he was there. During his freshman year, his team won the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Tournament. The following season the Tigers won the Georgia Invitational Tournament, and he was selected as one of the tournament’s Most Valuable Players. That year the team also won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Championship. In 1968, Holt was selected to the ALL-SWAC 1st Team.

During his junior and senior years, Holt served as Captain of the JSU basketball team, and was pitcher for the JSU baseball team in 1968. The team won a SWAC Championship. In 1969, he received All-American Honorable Mention and appeared in the 1969 edition of Outstanding College Athletes of America.

His success did not stop at the collegiate level. In May 1969, the Dallas Chaparrals drafted Holt in the 3rd round of the American Basketball Association (ABA). He also played for the Chicago Bulls in the National Basketball Association (NBA). During his career, he played for the Scranton Minors, the Northwest Travelers, and the New Orleans Jazz.

Upon his return to Jackson, MS, Holt was employed at JSU as Assistance Director and then Director of the New Men’s Dormitory. He participated in the Jackson City Basketball and Baseball Leagues as a player and an umpire.

In 2004, he retired from the Hinds County Sheriff’s Department after 30 years of service.

While there, he was named one of the three 1st Black sergeants and later 1st Black lieutenant at the Hinds County Sheriff’s Department.

Holt and his wife Margaret have 2 sons, Christopher and Alvin. Alvin is deceased.

A.W. Holt was inducted in the Jackson State University Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing A.W. Holt for his dedication and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

RECOGNIZING TAMPA BAY’S LOCAL TRAILBLAZER, FRED HEARNS, IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true Tampa Bay historian who has served this community with great distinction for many decades. Mr. Charles “Fred” Hearn is one of the foremost historians of Tampa Bay and Florida history. And, since 2021, he has served as the first Curator of Black History for the Tampa Bay History Center (TBHC).

Mr. Hearn was born in the Bronx, NY and grew up in East Tampa, Florida, graduating in 1966 from Middleton High School, the first high school for African Americans in Hillsborough County. He later went on to further his education at the University of South Florida earning a bachelor’s degree in English/journalism and a master’s degree in African studies. Mr. Hearn also holds a master’s degree in human services from Springfield College (Distinguished Graduate Award). He is the father of four adult children, sons Charles F. (Ricky) Hearn Jr. and Marcel Charles Fred Hearn, and daughters Cassanda Franklin and Charaneka Johnson. He also has five grandchildren.

He began his career as a journalist working for the Florida Sentinel Bulletin, St. Petersburg Times, Tampa Tribune, Ft. Lauderdale Sun Sentinel and then in the Office of Public Contacts for Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. In 1975, Mr. Hearn began a 32-year career with the City of Tampa and became its human rights director in 1992. He retired as director of the Department of Community Affairs in 2007.

During his tenure with the City of Tampa, Mr. Hearn worked on several major projects including leading the charge as president of the Middleton High School Alumni Association to reestablish his alma mater where a Pavilion now stands in his honor. He also worked as a consultant for the revitalization of the Perry Harvey, Sr. Park project and was a founding member of several civic organizations in the city such as the 78th Street Improvement Association, the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries and the Robert W. Saunders Library Foundation, Inc. Mr. Hearn also worked as a consultant for the ENCORE housing project in Tampa. He served on the Friends of the Riverwalk and on the Florida Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. In 2014, he was awarded the Robert Saunders Award for Community Service.

Mr. Hearn continues to lift the Tampa Bay community through his church, Allen Temple AME, and his fraternity, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. where he was initiated into the Pi Iota Chapter in 1977. Mr. Hearn served in numerous roles for the fraternity including as chair of the Just Gents program, which mentors young African American male students from Ernest Everett Just Elementary School.

Mr. Hearn has a deep love for this community and is constantly fighting to ensure everyone understands that Black History is everyone's history. Sparked by his mentorship with Robert Saunders and the publication of Mr. Saunders' book, *Bridging the Gap*, Mr. Hearn started to have a deep interest in local history. In 2005, he started his own tourism business, Fred Hearn Tours, LLC, which included both bus and walking tours of Tampa's African American history. The next year, he wrote an autobiographical book titled, *Getting it Done: Rebuilding Black America Brick By Brick*. Mr. Hearn is the president emeritus of the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH).

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Tampa Bay community, during this Black History Month, we salute and honor Mr. Charles "Fred" Hearn for ensuring that history is written truthfully, fully and with a persistent shining a light on the struggles, contributions and success stories of our local unsung Black neighbors.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SHONDA RENNAE MAGNESS

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Shonda Rennae Magness of Telephone, Texas. Mrs. Magness was born on January 18, 1965. She graduated from Crane High School in 1983 and was a star basketball player at Odessa College. While at Odessa, she met her first husband, Tommy Stahl, and was married for 25 years. Together, they raised two beautiful daughters, Lauren Bennett and Lindsey Stahl.

For over 27 years, Mrs. Magness worked at law firm specializing in local government, where she made loyal friends all over the state and brought smiles to all who knew her. She became the County Purchasing Agent for Fannin County and was highly successful in government procurement. Mrs. Magness remarried, and wed the next great love of her life, Jerry Magness, on June 10, 2017. Since then, they have lived on their ranch in Telephone, Texas.

She was proud of being a "rancher's wife" and even learned how to work cattle herself. In her free time, she loved to coach and play volleyball. She was also an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Bonham, Texas. Mrs. Magness was a woman of faith whose cheer would bring joy to the lives of everyone she interacted with. She was affectionately referred to as "Nana" by her grandchildren.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Mrs. Magness' amazing life and work. She will be dearly missed by her friends, family, and all who knew her.

COST ESTIMATE FOR H.J. RES. 27—
PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL
DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER
8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES
CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND
THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY RELATING TO
"REVISED DEFINITION OF
'WATERS OF THE UNITED
STATES'"

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.J. Res. 27—Providing for Congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States.'" The cost estimate was not available at the time of the Committee Report filing.

H.J. RES. 27, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATING TO "REVISED DEFINITION OF 'WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES'" AS REPORTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE ON MARCH 3, 2023

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—		
	2023	2023–2028	2023–2033
Direct Spending (Outlays) ..	*	*	*
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (–) in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	*

* = between –\$500,000 and \$500,000.

Increases net direct spending in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034? \$2.5 billion.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034? \$5 billion.

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? Yes.

Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? Yes, Under Threshold.

Contains private-sector mandate? Yes, Under Threshold.

H.J. Res. 27 would prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers from implementing or enforcing certain regulations related to the nation's waters and wetlands under the Clean Water Act (CWA).

The CWA directs EPA and the Corps to serve as co-regulators, along with the states, of the nation's waters. H.J. Res. 27 would prevent those agencies from implementing a final rule, "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States.'" as published in the Federal Register on January 18, 2023. The rule, which will take effect on March 20, 2023, defines the scope of waters protected by the CWA.

Under current law, the Corps collects fees to issue permits under the CWA in amounts that, on average, total less than \$50,000 annually. Those fees are recorded in the budget as offsets to direct spending.

CBO expects that implementing the joint resolution could affect permitting requirements for some projects and thus the number of permit applications, but we do not have enough information to determine whether the number of applications would increase or decrease. CBO estimates that any increase or decrease in direct spending under the joint resolution would be insignificant because the fees the Corps collects are nominal.

If the 2023 rule were reversed, the regulations that were previously in place would once again become effective. The administrative burden on EPA and the Corps to reverse the regulations would be minimal, so CBO estimates that administrative costs would be insignificant; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Implementing H.J. Res. 27 would impose mandates on intergovernmental and private-sector entities as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) because some property owners would encounter regulatory requirements that they would not otherwise face when the final rule is in effect. Some property owners would face fewer regulatory requirements under the resolution. The cost of the mandate would be any fees and expenses incurred to comply with the regulatory requirements under the CWA.

The number of property owners affected would depend on how EPA and the Corps implement the joint resolution. Even if the total number of applications, on net, decrease or remain unchanged, CBO expects that implementing the joint resolution would require a limited number of property owners to apply for additional permits. Using information from the Corps, CBO estimates the cost of the mandates would not exceed the thresholds established in UMRA for intergovernmental and private-sector mandates (\$99 million and \$198 million in 2023, respectively, adjusted annually for inflation).

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Aurora Swanson (for federal costs) and Brandon Lever (for mandates). The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

HONORING WENDY KNIGHT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Wendy Knight. Wendy Knight has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Originally from Chicago, IL, Ms. Knight began her career as a teller coordinator with Bank of America. Throughout her 8 years there, she held a variety of roles with increasing responsibility, including personal banker, client service specialist, lead operations representative and teller supervisor.

Since moving to the Vicksburg area in 2013, Ms. Knight has been a financial relationship senior consultant with Regions Bank—focusing on proactively meeting the banking and financial service needs of her clients. In January 2023, Wendy was named Branch Manager of Mutual Credit Union at the Clay Street location.