

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ASSISTANCE, QUALITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Assistance, Quality and Affordability, AQUA, Act. I'm pleased that this important drinking water legislation includes my legislation the "Get the Lead Out" Act.

Get the Lead Out will help protect against the lead exposure acquired through our plumbing systems and faucets. The bill updates the lead content standard in the Safe Drinking Water Act, SDWA, from 8 percent to .25 percent and represents a progressive and major effort that will eliminate the threat to all of us from lead in our faucets and fixtures.

Today, lead remains one of the most persistent threats to our public health and the EPA has concluded that between 15 and 20 percent of the lead in children's blood comes from their drinking water systems. From the last decade of medical research, it is increasingly clear that there is no safe level of lead in the human bloodstream and this is particularly true for children.

California recognized this threat and in 2006 enacted the toughest lead content standard for drinking water faucets, fittings, and plumbing systems anywhere in the world. The states of Vermont and Maryland have followed California's lead and are now implementing identical laws.

Get the Lead Out mirrors California's legislation and will provide for a consistent and effective national standard. By updating the SDWA we will ensure that no one will be exposed to a serious health threat which can easily be avoided.

Get the Lead Out has garnered the support of state health officials, numerous children's health organizations, prominent national environmental organizations, local governments, scientific associations, and national drinking water associations. Of particular note, the Plumbing Manufacturers Institute, the association that represents all major faucet companies and other manufacturers of drinking water plumbing fittings, also supports the legislation.

I thank Chairmen WAXMAN and MARKEY for their leadership on promoting safe drinking water and I urge my colleagues to vote for AQUA and the Get the Lead Out provision included in this critical bill.

HONORING JIM STEINER'S DISTINGUISHED CAREER

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 9, 2010

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jim Steiner, Business Develop-

ment Specialist for Portland's Small Business Administration field office. Specialist Steiner is retiring in August after nearly 20 years with the SBA and 40 years of service to our country.

Jim embarked on an exemplary civilian career with the SBA in 1991. Over the next 20 years, Jim helped numerous entrepreneurs enroll in SBA programs like the veterans Patriot Express program, the Minority and Women Owned Business program and the HUBZone program. He approached his work with integrity and a sense of dedication learned over a 20-year military career.

Mr. Steiner and his colleagues have assisted businesses that innovate and provide jobs and services to our community. Well-known companies such as Columbia Sportswear and Mother's Bistro have benefitted from SBA's assistance.

Former Oregon Governor Tom McCall once said, "Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say, 'This is my community, and it is my responsibility to make it better.'" Jim Steiner truly is an American hero, for he has devoted much of his life to making his country and community better.

In 2008 Jim was awarded the Stanley Magiera Award for Excellence in Service to America's Veteran Entrepreneurs. Mr. Steiner's commitment to the people he served has been recognized by his colleagues, community partners, and the public, who are grateful for his efforts to provide excellence in service.

It is an honor for me to recognize Business Development Specialist Steiner for his service and for providing a heroic example to us all.

KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS AND EDUCATION WEEK

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 9, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the week of August 9, 2010, as Kidney Disease Awareness and Education Week. This important event is sponsored by the American Nephrology Nurses' Association, ANNA. The week helps remind us and all Americans of the needs of patients suffering from or at risk of End Stage Renal Disease, ESRD.

I have met with nephrology nurses from my district to discuss ESRD and hear from them firsthand about their work. According to national reports, over 400,000 Americans have irreversible kidney failure. The only treatment for ESRD is dialysis or kidney transplantation; however, transplantation is limited due to the shortage of donors. The majority of patients undergo regular dialysis treatments to sustain life.

In my home state of New Jersey there are 10,882 people who suffer from ESRD and re-

quire regular dialysis. Nephrology nurses play a critical role in providing kidney disease patients with dialysis and related care and treatment to patients with ESRD across the entire country.

ANNA's Kidney Disease Awareness and Education Week provides a great opportunity for everyone to learn about the excellent work being done by nephrology nurses across the country. Finally, I want to commend the nephrology nurses in New Jersey for the great work they do every day.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 9, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,310,114,269,532.31.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,671,688,523,238.51 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

TRIBUTE TO ALAN CABLE

HON. STEVE KAGEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 9, 2010

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Mr. Alan Cable as he retires as the president and chief executive officer of the Community Blood Center. For 26 years Mr. Cable oversaw the critical work of the blood center and is a distinguished community leader in northeast Wisconsin. As friends, family and colleagues gather to pay tribute to his hard work and dedication, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this outstanding individual.

If you talk to professionals at medical centers across the State of Wisconsin, they will all certainly sing the praises of Alan. Under his management, the Community Blood Center has been widely recognized as a stellar organization that meets hospitals' needs for blood products, and his work is credited with saving countless lives.

Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Cable has greatly expanded the blood center. Under his leadership, the organization has grown from 30 employees to 150 employees and from 8,500 annual blood donations to 55,000 blood donations each year. This has helped guarantee that, for the last 20 years, patients in 17 Wisconsin hospitals have had

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ample access to safe blood transfusions. Mr. Cable has also contributed to the well being of communities beyond the 8th District of Wisconsin. He has worked with several national organizations including the National Blood Exchange Task Force, the American Association of Blood Banks and America's Blood Center.

Madam Speaker, as Alan Cable celebrates his retirement, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting a truly extraordinary member of our community.

RECOGNIZING VILLAGE OF BELLPORT'S CENTENNIAL

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 9, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial celebration on August 7, 2010, of the incorporation of the village of Bellport, located on the south shore of my district of eastern Long Island.

Brothers John and Chris Bell laid the foundation of this seaside outpost in the early 20th century as a fishing enclave for families escaping the frenzied life of New York City. For the past century, this enchanting bayside community has retained its distinctive charm and character in the midst of the ever-changing world around it.

Bellport's unique history is anchored by its maritime culture, centered on its renowned marina, yacht club, and celebrated waterfront. Many of Bellport's earliest residents provided for their families by fishing for mussels and oysters, and flourished on the bountiful waters of the Great South Bay.

From its humble beginnings, Bellport has matured into a thriving village adorned with enticing restaurants and boutiques. The Bellport Bay Yacht Club, founded in 1906, exemplifies the village's sailing heritage and remains a popular site for some of the premier sailing races in the country.

Another of Bellport Village's attractions is the acclaimed Gateway Theater. Many of its local actors, including Gene Hackman, launched their careers from its stage. The Gateway remains a source of communal pride and participation.

Beach lovers have enjoyed Bellport's many alluring waterfront attractions, including the secluded Ho Hum Beach, across from the marina on Fire Island National Seashore.

On August 6, Bellport officially celebrated its 100th anniversary beginning with a dinner dance at the Bellport Country Club, followed by a parade from the Bellport Fire House to the Bellport Marina on August 7.

Madam Speaker, I am very proud to represent Bellport, New York, in the U.S. House of Representatives. I invite my colleagues to join us in celebrating Bellport's centennial and wishing this charming community and its residents continued success and happiness.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF AMBASSADOR LAW-
RENCE W. "BILL" LANE, JR.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 9, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of a distinguished Californian and proud American, Ambassador Lawrence W. "Bill" Lane Jr., a longtime resident of the 14th congressional district, who died on Saturday, July 31, 2010. Publisher, philanthropist, and public servant, he embodied the West's can-do spirit and sense of opportunity, devoting nine remarkable decades to his family, to the outdoors, to his community, and to his country.

The former publisher of *Sunset* magazine, Bill fittingly left us in the evening, as the sun began to set over his beloved American West. Since moving from Iowa to California in 1928, Bill laid down deep roots in the region. He graduated from Stanford in 1942 with a degree in communications, and enlisted in the Navy shortly thereafter. Taking over the family business in 1961, Bill and his brother Mel turned *Sunset* into an iconic Western publication, producing thousands of practical articles and books on gardening, cooking, travel, and home improvements.

Under Bill's guidance, *Sunset* became a leading voice for conservation and preservation. In 1969, the magazine published an exposé on the impact of the pesticide DDT, and refused to run advertisements for garden products containing it. In an editorial, Bill wrote that "Sunset has been carrying more such advertising than any other general consumer publication, but we cannot reasonably continue to carry advertising pages extolling these products when our editorial pages recommend against their use." This principled decision cost *Sunset* millions in revenue and antagonized major corporations, but Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson read the article into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, sparking a national debate that led to the elimination of the use of DDT.

Bill Lane's longstanding love of state and national parks grew from a trip to the majestic Yosemite National Park when he was just nine years old. Soon, a teenaged Bill was working summers in Yosemite, delighting in calling the famous "firefall" over Glacier Point. A plaque at Glacier Point dedicates the mountain-top amphitheater and its stunning vistas to "Bill Lane, Publisher, Statesman, Philanthropist, Champion of the National Parks," but Bill was proudest of his singular status as the only person designated an "Honorary Ranger" in state and federal parks. Nourished by his parks, Bill tirelessly promoted efforts to protect California's open spaces, seashores and wilderness areas.

Recognizing the central role that his alma mater played in the West, Bill donated millions to Stanford and other organizations. He and his wife Jean helped establish the Jasper Ridge Environmental Research Station in the Stanford foothills, funded the Bill and Jean Lane Lecture series in Stanford's Creative Writing Program, and contributed to the restoration of the Red Barn Equestrian Center and Leland Stanford's Sacramento gubernatorial mansion. After the Loma Prieta Earth-

quake, Bill financed repairs to Memorial Church and the Main Quad's History Corner, which was renamed the Lane History Corner in his honor. In 2005, his \$5 million endowment established Stanford's Bill Lane Center for the American West. Professor David M. Kennedy, co-director of the Lane Center and a longtime friend of Bill's, called Bill the consummate "man of the West," who "enriched countless lives with his remarkably creative generosity."

As a lifelong ambassador of the West, Bill was chosen as Ambassador-at-Large to Japan, and later served as Ambassador to Australia and Nauru under Presidents Ford and Reagan. But for all his distinguished service in national capitals, Bill was perhaps most treasured locally. He was instrumental in the incorporation of Portola Valley in 1964, which elected him its first mayor. Bill resigned after 20 minutes, declaring that he had things to do. He served as vice-mayor instead, driving to Town Council meetings well into his advanced years, and playing Santa Claus at the Ladera Shopping Center for two decades.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest sympathies to Bill Lane's family. He is survived by his wife Jean; children Robert Lane, Sharon Lane, and Brenda Munks and her husband Greg; five grandchildren; and the natural spaces he did so much to protect. A force of nature on behalf of nature, a conservationist who refused to conserve any of his energies advocating causes in which he believed, Bill did his best to preserve the West's wide open spaces, even as he filled them with his compassion, his civic engagement, and his booming laugh. The West will feel emptier without him, but our country is stronger, cleaner, and more beautiful because of him.

TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise in reluctant support of H.R. 5849, which extends the Small Business Administration's programs—including the Small Business Innovation Research program—for another 60 days. It is disappointing that we must again approve an extension of these programs, particularly the SBIR program. We should have reauthorized SBIR long ago, and we should not be dragging this process out further. Unfortunately, we find ourselves yet again without a compromise bill as the program's most recent extension sunsets.

Knowledge-driven endeavors are essential if our nation is to compete globally, but without making important changes to the 20-year-old SBIR program, we are giving today's companies outdated tools. Today's extension marks the seventh time since September 2008 that we have approved a "temporary" extension of the SBIR program. This is a travesty.

Mr. Speaker, I will be supporting today's extension of the SBIR program. But I am utterly opposed to a further extension after today. We have an obligation to America's high-tech entrepreneurs to ensure a steady and predictable funding stream from the SBIR program

that is updated for today's economy. It is time we complete our work on this vital program. We have dillydallied for far too long. We can resolve any remaining differences in the bills

passed by each chamber in 30 minutes if the principals will simply get in one room and negotiate face-to-face in good faith.

I look forward to working with my colleague, the chair of the House Small Business Committee, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, to finalize a full reauthorization of the SBIR program in the coming weeks.