

the worker and the job to be seasonal and temporary. Thus, the Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act would allow dairy farmers to legally hire foreign workers through the program for an initial period of three years with additional terms of three years thereafter without requiring intervening periods of absence.

The bill would also allow sheep ranchers to hire foreign workers through the program on the same terms and codify those existing regulatory practices benefitting American sheep ranchers that have proven to be extremely successful. For more than 60 years, the American sheep industry has been able to utilize the H-2A program to employ foreign sheep-herders.

This legislation is currently supported by the following entities: Agri-Mark, Inc.; American AgCredit; American Sheep Industry Association; California Wool Growers Association; CoBank; Colorado Wool Growers Association; Dairy Farmers of America; DairyLea Cooperative Inc.; Farm Credit Services Southwest; Farm Credit of Western New York; Farm Credit West; Federal Land Bank Association of Kingsburg; First Pioneer Farm Credit; Idaho ACA; Idaho Wool Growers Association; Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers; Montana Wool Growers Association; National Milk Producers Federation; Nevada Wool Growers Association; New York Farm Bureau; Northeast Dairy Farmers Cooperatives; Northeast States Association for Agricultural Stewardship; Northwest Farm Credit Services; Oregon Sheep Growers Association; St. Albans Cooperative Creamery; South East Farmers Association; United Dairymen of Arizona; Upstate-Niagara Cooperative; Utah Wool Growers Association; Washington State Sheep Producers; Western Range Association; Western United Dairymen; Wyoming Wool Growers Association; Yankee Farm Credit; and Yosemite Farm Credit.

As I have previously stated, American dairy farmers and sheep ranchers deserve and need access to a stable source of legal workers. Accordingly, Congress should enact the Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act without undue delay.

TRIBUTE TO RICK KAPLAN

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and the Committee on the Judiciary, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Rick Kaplan, who just recently left the House to take a position with the Federal Communications Commission. Mr. Kaplan served in the Office of the General Counsel for 14 months as an Assistant Counsel. We will miss him.

Mr. Kaplan provided invaluable legal advice and representation to our Committee, particularly in connection with a landmark lawsuit that resulted in a decision recognizing the judicial enforceability of congressional subpoenas to executive branch officials. I and my staff relied on his expertise and guidance both in connection with the many tactical and strategic decisions we were required to make in the course of this important case, and in drafting the legal briefs that were filed in court setting forth the Committee's positions.

Mr. Kaplan played a significant role in safeguarding the legal and institutional interests of the House of Representatives. He served the House with great distinction, and we know he will serve the Federal Communications Commission with that same level of distinction. On behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, we thank him for his service to the House and extend to him our very best wishes for his continued success.

HONORING MR. MICHAEL H. DAVIS

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the life of Mr. Michael H. Davis, a man I was honored to work with for many years serving the people of Baltimore County. A brilliant strategist, respected advisor, trusted friend and esteemed attorney, Mike's intellect and passion made a strong impression on everyone he met.

Born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, Mike always strived to better himself and the world around him. His mother, a homemaker, and father, a Baltimore police officer, instilled in him a great sense of civic duty and a conviction to never forget about the little guy.

Mike was someone who believed in the power of education and discipline. Until his graduation in 1978, he attended The Gilman School on Roland Avenue on scholarship. It was there he met Nick Schloeder, a tough coach and brilliant teacher, who spurred his passion and early interest in the political process. Mike went on to attend Harvard University, a true testament to his academic discipline, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science in 1982. From there, he returned to Baltimore to attend the University of Maryland Law School, while simultaneously working on Mayor William Donald Schaefer's reelection campaign.

Mike soon began his career as a lawyer with Smith, Sommerville & Case, and then with Venable LLP. His extraordinary work ethic and knack for problem solving soon earned him the position of Partner at Venable. Though he was leading a successful law career, Mike never strayed far from local politics. He worked on three of Senator Paul Sarbanes' successful campaigns in 1988, 1994 and 2000.

Shortly after my election to the office of Baltimore County Executive in 1994, Mike became my Executive Officer. Mike was instrumental in countless accomplishments for Baltimore County and was a gifted advisor. One award Baltimore County was especially proud to receive was Governing Magazine's selection of Baltimore County as one of the Top Four Best Managed Counties out of 3,000 counties nationally. He was also responsible for helping Baltimore County secure three Triple A Bond ratings during my term. A strong proponent of education, he was responsible for developing a volunteer program partnering county employees with elementary schools, and the School Resource Officers program. Mike's priorities and values were obvious in his work ethic and his accomplishments. After leaving my office, Mike went back to work for Venable, but remained active in politics, advising and sharing his wisdom.

Michael Davis achieved much in his short life but his greatest pride was his family. His wife, Ann, of 24 years was the love of his life and an incredible source of strength. His son, Robert, and daughters, Jessica and Blair, are a tribute to the values he cherished, and the type of father he was. Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor the life of Michael H. Davis. His legacy as a brilliant political advisor will be matched only by the memory of his devotion to his friends and family. Even though Mike has passed from this life, the memory of his friendship will remain eternally in the minds and hearts of those he knew and the lives he touched.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105.

1. Project—Lynchburg Police Department Police Equipment Replacement and Modernization

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division B
Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Village of Lynchburg

Address of Requesting Entity: 155 South Main Street, Lynchburg, Ohio 45142

Description of Project: Funding will go toward the replacement of outdated police cruisers and will support the inclusion of necessary, modern equipment that will support law enforcement in this community.

2. Project—Employment Training for Reentering Offenders—Turning Point Applied Learning Center

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division B
Account: OJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Turning Point Applied Learning Center, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Turning Point Applied Learning Center, Inc., 110 Homestead Ave., Hillsboro, OH 45133

Description of Project: Funds for this project will go toward the workforce retraining of ex-offenders in rural Ohio who lack a GED and are seeking basic employment skills and documented work history.

3. Project—Holes Creek, West Carrollton, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division C
Account: Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miami Conservancy District

Address of Requesting Entity: 38 E. Monument Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45402

Description of Project: Funds will go toward the construction of a levee and floodwall to protect 13 commercial and industrial properties north of the creek, and purchase three flood prone properties south of the creek and remove the structures, completing this flood protection project.

4. Project—Ohio Environmental Infrastructure, OH, City of Hillsboro, OH