

Additionally, this language ensures that it shall be the policy of the United States that the President and the permanent U.S. Representative to the United Nations work with the international community to increase political and financial support for the work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to prevent and resolve problems related to statelessness, and to promote the rights of the stateless by taking the following specific actions. The language urges U.N. and U.N. Country teams in countries with significant stateless populations to devote increasing attention and resources to bring about registration and documentation of all residents. The language advocates for the creation of an Inter-Agency Task Force on Statelessness with UNHCR and UNICEF. With respect to improving conditions for Women and children, Section 1104 urges the U.N. to devote special attention to restore secured citizenship to trafficked women and girls, and to work with Member States to guarantee that national legislation gives women full and equal rights regarding citizenship, and addressing the needs and rights of stateless children. Finally, this important language urges UNICEF to increase its efforts to encourage all U.N. Member States to permit full and easy access to birth registration for all children born in their territories, and promotes the issuance of birth certificates to all children born to refugees and displaced persons.

In conclusion, emerging challenges that will define our century such as climate change, weak states, rogue regimes, criminal cartels, nuclear proliferation, terrorism, poverty, and disease all must be addressed in order to protect our national security. America must work with our neighbors around the world to address these challenges and in doing so, it is our responsibility as Members of Congress to make sure organizations that are dealing with these issues get the resources they need to do their jobs safely and effectively.

NICOLE MOLUMBY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nicole Molumbo of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Nicole is active in the community through her school and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Future Leader Award.

Nicole Molumbo possesses a 4.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and is ranked #1 in a class of 364 students while volunteering more than 300 hours to the community during her high school career. Nicole has lettered three times, been a member of the All-District Choir and has been involved in Show Choir for three years. She is a member of the Spanish and Forum clubs. Nicole was inducted into the International Thespian Society and the National Honor Society and participated in the People to People Student Ambassador Program touring Italy and Greece. She has been a Freshman Mentor for two years. Nicole has volunteered for America's Second Harvest Backpack Buddies program and the United Cerebral Palsy preschool. She is active in her church's youth group and choir. After Hurricane Katrina, she

participated in a mission trip to New Orleans to assist in clean up efforts. Nicole is much more than an honor student and role model, she is an asset to the community in which she lives and the high school she attends.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Nicole Molumbo. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in and beyond the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

BJ OFFICE PRODUCTS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize BJ Office Products of Saint Joseph, Missouri. This business has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Employer of Excellence.

In the 1979's, Barbara Burns worked for a small office supply company. She soon borrowed enough to buy the company and build it into BJ Office Products, which 30 years later remains a fixture in the St. Joseph business community. She most recently won the American Business Women's Business Woman of the Year Award. As an employer, she is compassionate to daily life struggles in her employees' families. She is a member of the Eastside Rotary Club and the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce. Barbara started her business by taking a huge gamble and has worked tirelessly to keep her business running while always making time for her family and her community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing BJ Office Products. They are a tremendous asset to the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent this business in the United States Congress.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2010 AND 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2410) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, to modernize the Foreign Service, and for other purposes:

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Chair, last night, the House of Representatives passed the Foreign Relations Authorization Act. Unfortunately, this bill opens a door that will jeopardize one of the fundamental principles that our country was founded upon: the right to life.

I am disturbed that the liberals in Congress want to allow taxpayer dollars to be spent on the promotion of abortion in foreign countries through the creation of the "Office of Global Women's Issues." Secretary Clinton has acknowledged that this office will be used as a means to promote reproductive rights of

women. She also testified before Congress that she believes that reproductive rights include abortion. I find it troubling that Secretary Clinton is forcing a pro abortion agenda on foreign nations, including countries with pro life laws. This pro abortion agenda by the State Department contradicts President Obama's statements that he wants to work toward reducing the number of abortions that are performed.

I applaud Congressman CHRIS SMITH for offering an amendment that would have explicitly prohibited this Office from participating in abortion activity. His amendment would have also promoted maternal health, women's empowerment, and educational opportunities for women. While I supported his amendment, unfortunately it was rejected. If we establish this office, we should set guidelines that promote a culture of life, not a culture of abortion.

Secretary Clinton clearly expressed that she intends to promote and provide abortion through the Office of Global Women's Issues when she said: "We happen to think that family planning is an important part of women's health and reproductive health includes access to abortion . . ." and also that "we are now an administration that will protect the rights of women, including their rights to reproductive health care."

Unborn lives are the most defenseless lives, and it is our job to stand up and protect them. Under no circumstances should Americans be forced to fund abortions, either domestically or abroad.

BARBARA SPRONG

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Barbara Sprong of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Barbara is active in the community and she has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award: Woman in Volunteerism.

After graduating from Central High School, Barbara received a degree in elementary education from Northwest Missouri State University. She then moved to Independence, volunteering as a docent to the Harry Truman Library, and to the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, and becoming a member of the Junior Service League of Independence, the University of Kansas City Ambassadors, and the American Association of University Women.

Upon returning to Saint Joseph, Barbara worked with Heartland Regional Medical Center to develop its first volunteer program, and later joined the Board of Directors of Heartland Health, and the Heartland Foundation Board. She has served on the Family Guidance Center of Behavioral Health Care Board of Directors and the Community Living Services Board.

Barbara helped develop the Missouri Western Ambassadors program, and later served on the University's Board of Regents. She served as director of the Profit in Education program, and as a member of the Saint Joseph School District Foundation Board of Directors. She has also supported the United Way, having served on its Board of Directors,

the Albrecht Kemper Museum of Art, the PEO, and is a member of the Wyatt Park Baptist Church.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Barbara Sprong. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

BECKY SHELLITO

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Becky Shellito of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Becky is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in Support Services.

Becky Shellito married after attending Missouri Western State University; nevertheless, this high school valedictorian lived up to the expectations of that designation in her life. While raising two young daughters, she was active in the Parent Teacher Association and was elected as president of that organization. She went to work part-time for the Grace Evangelical Church while her youngest daughter was in middle school and today serves as Office Manager, handling all administrative functions for a staff of six pastors, four secretaries and two custodians. Becky is a great coach and strong administrator. She has assisted families who have faced tragedy, knowing all too well the challenges faced by families who have lost loved ones. Seventeen years ago, Becky and her family lost their two daughters in a tragic automobile accident. It is not simply her testimony, but her life that brings hope to individuals who face the most difficult circumstances. Her leadership and professionalism are shadowed only by her strong resolve and perseverance.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Becky Shellito. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record that I inadvertently voted against a bill which I had cosponsored and intended to support.

H.R. 1886, the Pakistan Enduring Assistance and Cooperation Enhancement Act, provides for a new framework for U.S. assistance to Pakistan in a relationship characterized by commitment. It is especially urgent that the United States and Pakistan pull together during these critical times in Pakistan. As co-Chair of the India Caucus, I was pleased to see provisions that would focus American assistance to Pakistan on the threats it faces from various terrorist groups, instead of allow-

ing for military aid that could inflame tensions with India. It is vital that our assistance demonstrates that we support the people of Pakistan and contributes to stability and the rule of law—this will be a help to all the people of the region.

I encourage the continued progress of H.R. 1886 through the remainder of the legislative process, and I regret losing the opportunity to demonstrate my support for the measure with my vote in the House.

JULIA RUPP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Julia Rupp of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Julia is active in the community through work and in her spare time and she has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award: Woman in the Workplace.

Julia Rupp has devoted much of her life toward bettering the St. Joseph community. Following her marriage to John Rupp, the two started Rupp Funeral Home in 1939. Julia was instrumental in the formation of the South Side Fall Festival and was the First Grand Marshall of the event, which has grown each year since its beginning in 1989. Julia is a charter member, past president, and treasurer of the South Side Business Woman's Association. For 21 years, she has been a member of the South St. Joseph Progressive Association, which seeks funding for projects to better St. Joseph. Julia served as a member of the InterServ Community Housing Board, and gave leadership in the development of King Hill Apartments, the first senior housing in South St. Joseph.

She is a past member of the Board of Regents of Missouri Western State University, a member of the Missouri Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association, and the National Funeral Directors Association. Julia is also a member of the St. James Catholic Church. She is active in the Altar Society and is a member of the Daughters of Isabella. At the Fourth annual Winter Splendor, hosted by Catholic Charities, she was honored for her work in the business community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Julia Rupp. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

JODI BLOEMKER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jodi Bloemker of Missouri. Jodi is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Emerging Leader Award.

Jodi Bloemker has accomplished much in the ten years since graduating from Central

High School. She graduated from Missouri State University in 2002 and received a Master of Public Administration from American University in Washington, D.C. in 2005. While in graduate school, Jodi worked for a U.S. Congressman as a Legislative Correspondent and later as Director of Research and Firm Administrator for U.S. Strategies Corporation.

Upon returning to St. Joseph, Jodi has worked with the Community Action Partnership as a Community Development Specialist and with the United Way of Greater St. Joseph as Director of Community Investment. Jodi has lent considerable time and talent to several projects bringing education and career opportunities to students in our community. She has served with the Heartland Foundation's Healthy Communities Investor Council, the St. Joseph Employment Coalition. She has served on the Preschool-20 Education Council-Northwest Missouri, and the My Success Event Steering Committee. Jodi is a member of the 2009 class of Leadership St. Joseph and is a member of Rotary Club #32 Downtown St. Joseph.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Jodi Bloemker. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 2200) to authorize the Transportation Security Administration's programs relating to the provision of transportation security, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Chair, there are many worthy and needed provisions in this legislation. It authorizes a tripling of surface transportation security funding, to \$15.6 billion. It requires the Transportation Security Administration to field at least 100 canine teams, which are absolutely critical to our bomb detection efforts. The bill creates a \$10 million grant program for improving security measures at general aviation airports. These and many other provisions in the bill are laudable.

Unfortunately, the bill includes a provision that would allow TSA at least two more years to achieve the congressionally-mandated goal of screening 100 percent of air cargo on passenger jets. Mr. Chair, we can't keep kicking this can down the road. The traveling public has been demanding for years that we close this major airline security gap. We said we would fulfill all the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission. We haven't.

If we give TSA two more years, two years from now TSA will say "We need more time." Congress has supplied the money to achieve this goal. What we need from TSA is results-oriented leadership to get the job done. The best way to finish this job is to keep the existing deadline in place, which is why I could not