

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Chair, this week, the House is debating a Continuing Resolution (H.R. 1) that includes the dangerous elimination of funding to a key organization, UNFPA, that provides life-saving services to women, children and families around the world in over 150 countries—more than any other organization in the world.

The work UNFPA does recognizes that there is a direct connection between a woman's ability to plan her family, space her pregnancies, and give birth safely and her ability to get an education, work outside the home, support her family, and participate fully in her community. UNFPA knows that when we ignore the health of women, there is a measurable cost in terms of lost productivity, lost resources, and lost lives. The CR works against these efforts which is why I urge you to vote against it.

Recent natural disasters remind us that the needs of women must not be forgotten in times of emergency. The devastating earthquake in Haiti did not stop the need for access to good maternal health care. Haiti already had the highest rate of maternal death in the Western Hemisphere before the earthquake, with the lifetime risk of dying in childbirth equaling 1 in 47.

Since the earthquake, UNFPA has delivered reproductive health supplies, including clean delivery kits and other maternal and neonatal health care products.

UNFPA helps to ensure women and their health care needs are not ignored in the wake of a disaster. But we can't wait until times of emergency to act. Each year more than 536,000 women die due to complications developed during pregnancy and childbirth, and another 10 million suffer debilitating illnesses and lifelong disabilities and UNFPA works to help prevent these deaths and complications.

Every step of the way, UNFPA is working to help women, prevent death, and support healthy families. This bill will cut funding to the basic work UNFPA does as well as the work in does in times of emergency, including Haiti, the Southeast Asia tsunami in 2004, and Afghanistan in 2001, among other times.

For this, and scores of other reasons, I encourage you to vote "no" on H.R. 1.

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HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

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consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong support of the amendment to H.R. 1 that would prohibit the U.S. Department of Education from implementing its misguided Gainful Employment rule.

Since the Department of Education issued this rule, I have written numerous times, and have spoken directly with Secretary Duncan to express my strong opposition to this rule. Career colleges serve millions of non-traditional students across the country—including a significant number of minorities and single parents.

In my own district, many well-respected career colleges are helping my constituents realize the dream of better careers and higher salaries. Yet, the Department's rule will disproportionately harm these non-traditional and lower-income students who rely on these institutions for quality education to improve their prospects for better careers.

I oppose this rule and I support this amendment because I do not believe that we should use the actions of a few institutions to paint the entire career college industry with one negative brush. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on this amendment, which is a vote for opportunity for millions of Americans across this country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ANNI-
VERSARY OF LITHUANIAN INDE-
PENDENCE DAY**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Cleveland Chapter of the Lithuanian American Community's commemoration of the anniversary of the restoration of Lithuania's independence, and the re-establishment of their independence.

On February 16, 1918, the people of Lithuania declared their independence to the world as a distinct country of its own culture and traditions. The state was founded on democratic principles and declared its independence in a peaceful manner. However, Lithuania's freedom was short-lived, as the country and its people were subjected to foreign occupation and conquest by the Nazi Germany regime and the U.S.S.R. during World War II. In 1940, the Soviet Union took control of Lithuania, without the people's consent. This unjust control of a free people lasted for 50 years. On March 11, 1990, upon the fall of the Soviet Union, the people of Lithuania re-established their independence, and once again, became a sovereign, free state.

The Lithuanian-American Community's Cleveland Chapter has worked to connect the people of Cleveland of Lithuanian descent and to share their rich and vibrant culture with the community. I offer my best wishes for the upcoming celebration of their heritage and their independence.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in commemorating the independence of Lithuania and, in wishing the country and its people continued freedom and success.

HONORING MRS. ODA LUE
SANDERS GILMORE**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the long and distinguished life of Mrs. Oda Lue Sanders Gilmore. Mrs. Oda Lue Sanders Gilmore was born in 1914 in Leake County to Velmon and Maggie Crouther Sanders. Being the eldest of three children, her parents instilled in her the importance of education and having family values, in which she carried and followed throughout her life. She built her life on being a role model to her students by never meeting a stranger and always having an open door to assist anyone. Her motto was "Always walk like you have a purpose in life."

Mrs. Gilmore received her junior high and high school education at Mary Holmes Seminary for Girls in West Point, MS and continued her education at Jackson State College, now Jackson State University, where she received her B.S. in elementary education. Mrs. Gilmore began her teaching career in the rural school system of Leake County, teaching in Tribulation, Pilgrim Rest, Wesley Chapel, and O.E. Jordan Elementary Schools. After teaching the students of Leake County Schools for 46 years, she finally retired in 1978 from Carthage Elementary School. Mrs. Oda married Hollis "Lanky" Gilmore in 1935, in which she joined Wesley Chapel UMC, where she remains a faithful member to date. She has served in many capacities within the church, including secretary, treasurer, nominating committee and Sunday School Teacher. In the United Methodist Women, she has served in various offices, such as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and secretary on the local, sub-district, and district levels. Mrs. Gilmore served as a delegate to the Mississippi Methodist Conference and, later the Mississippi United Methodist Conference, for over 40 years.

She has also attended national and jurisdictional United Methodist Women conferences in Cincinnati, OH; Raleigh, NC; Philadelphia, PA; and Kansas City, Missouri. Throughout the years, she has received distinguished awards and accolades from various associations and organizations, with the most recent being a 96th birthday card from President Barack and First Lady Michelle Obama.

VETO ANTI-ISRAEL UNITED NA-
TIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESO-
LUTION**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on the Administration to stand with Israel and veto the proposed anti-Israel United Nations Security Council resolution. Any compromise in our support for the State of Israel would be detrimental to efforts to bring peace and prosperity to the Middle East. The United States should veto any resolution that endangers our allies in the region and threatens the