

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

STEM JOBS ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, hundreds of millions of hard-working people who are citizens of foreign nations want to become Americans. That is a testament to the greatness of our country.

America can only accept a limited number of those who wish to move to our shores each year. Accordingly, we should provide visas in a manner that reflects they are a valuable asset to be allocated carefully.

I do not believe the Diversity Visa Lottery is a good way to allocate the inherently limited number of immigrant visas. I believe that a rational, well-designed immigration system would not include the Diversity Visa Lottery.

Given the political climate and legislative rules that we face, the passage of the bill before us on Friday, November 30, 2012, was not a step toward enacting a well-designed, rational immigration system. Nor was the Democratic Motion to Recommit likely to be the basis of a bipartisan reform bill. In any case, the bill will not be acted on by the Senate.

Some of the visas we allocate should go to those who can provide the investment capital to create jobs within the United States. Some of the visas should go for family unification and for the humane treatment of refugees and persecuted persons. And some visas should go to those who have talents and skills that our economy needs. However, we need a better system than the one provided in this bill.

I look forward to creating a rational immigration system in 2013.

HONORING UNITED STATES AIR FORCE VETERANS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor our veterans.

There are no words that can express the gratitude that the American people owe all of the men and women who choose to serve the United States of America in the armed services. We are all humbled by the sacrifice they make—knowingly putting themselves in harm's way while also leaving loved ones behind. This commitment is the mark of America's finest citizens and those who answer to a higher calling. Allow me to honor, from the Air Force:

Willie H. Duckworth, William Frank Kornegay, Lexxie Neloms, Jr., Henry David Cunningham, Jr., David A. Bell, Jimmie L. Brown, Ronald E. Green, Charles K. Bronson, Charles Flower, Charles Ronnye Johnson, Sr.,

Rolland James, Elizabeth Meyers, George Morris, Lee Miller Brown, Sr., Louis Sparks II, Benjamin R. Wilson, Roland James, Alfred Gordon, Louis Tyler, Christopher Flynn, Clyde Hilton, Loyd Harrison, Fred Rosenkoff Derek Joy, Otis Kitchen, Carolyn Crowell, Andrea Naomi Johnson, Robert A. Sewell, George Albert Stewart, Elizabeth Myers, Antonio White, Skip Williams, Rodney X. Chain, Stafford Nairn, Willard Shepard, Darryl Jones, Ryan Ayer;

Finally, it is not our tanks, weapons or machinery that make the United States Armed Forces the best military in the world. It is our young men and women who serve professionally with honor and distinction. If not for these exemplary citizens, freedom and the American way of life would not be safe and secure. For these sacrifices, we respect and should commend their service everyday of the year. Congress has designated, November 11th 2012 as the official day showing our gratitude.

Please join me in honoring these American heroes for their bravery and sacrifice in defense of this great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I was out of town due to a family medical situation and was not present for rollcall votes Nos. 609 and 610 on Tuesday, November 27, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted in this manner:

Rollcall vote No. 609—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as amended, the Medical Preparedness Allowable Use Act: “yes.”

Rollcall vote No. 610—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment, the Jamie Zapata Border Enforcement Security Task Force Act: “yes.”

CELEBRATING THE SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS 2012 WORLD SERIES VICTORY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 2012 World Series Champions, the San Francisco Giants. On October 28, 2012, the Giants defeated the Detroit Tigers by a score of four to three in game four to sweep the World Series, winning the franchise's second championship since the team moved to San Francisco from New York in 1958. By their tremendous victory, our Giants once again made us the proudest city in baseball.

This year, the Giants showed tenacity, heart, and teamwork on their path to victory. They unleashed their arsenal of reliable starting pitching, stellar relief pitching, heroic defense, and powerful hitting to outlast their rivals in the fiercely contested National League Western Division. Their performance was a portrait of grit and good sportsmanship from the first pitch through the last, and we celebrate them for their excellence on and off the field.

There is no one superstar on the Giants' roster; they are a band of brothers who “play for the name on the front of their jerseys, not the name on the back.” Congratulations to all 25 players on the playoff roster, including World Series Most Valuable Player Pablo Sandoval, who demonstrated the true meaning of “Panda Power” to the rest of the country, and National League Most Valuable Player Buster Posey, as well as: Jeremy Affeldt, Madison Bumgarner, Matt Cain, Santiago Casilla, Tim Lincecum, Javier Lopez, Guillermo Mota, George Kontos, Sergio Romo, Barry Zito, Ryan Vogelsong, Marco Scutaro, Brandon Crawford, Gregor Blanco, Aubrey Huff, Brandon Belt, Hunter Pence, Angel Pagan, Hector Sanchez, Jose Mijares, Joaquin Arias, Ryan Theriot, and Xavier Nady.

This year's extraordinary win required a full team effort, from the field to the front office. While the players poured their hearts out on the diamond, the thanks and gratitude of all Giants fans also goes to the team's Chief Executive Officer Larry Baer, General Manager Brian Sabean, and Manager Bruce Bochy. Through their commitment, strategy, guidance, and dedication, the 2012 San Francisco Giants emerged as the 2012 World Series champions.

The San Francisco community united in support behind their team and an estimated one million fans turned out to celebrate their victory in a parade full of past and present San Francisco baseball legends. Congratulations to the passionate and devoted Giants fans in northern California, across the country, and around the world for their unrelenting support of the Giants.

HONORING OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH THE AMERICAN VETERANS TRAVELING TRIBUTE

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, while we can never fully express the depth of our appreciation for those who have risked and given their lives to protect our freedoms, I rise today on behalf of the constituents of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to recognize and honor our military veterans and their families through the American Veterans Traveling Tribute.

Our veterans have quietly gone to work and war so that Americans can freely pursue their

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