

on both sides of the aisle are opposed to the SNAP cuts in this bill. I encourage my colleagues in Leadership and in the Agriculture Committee to work towards a compromise that would eliminate the SNAP cuts and allow for the passage of a farm bill that supports agriculture without hurting hungry families.

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM
AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT OF
2013

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1947) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Chair, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1947, Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act. While Congress must pass a long-term policy for American consumers, farmers, and ranchers, this bill is simply unacceptable. Unlike the measure passed by our colleagues in the Senate, the House GOP's bill makes deep, reckless cuts to programs for low-income families and children. This bill reduces by \$20 billion the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which will end food aid for nearly 2 million people, and kick 210,000 children off of free school lunch and breakfast.

We need a farm bill that is fiscally responsible, provides small farmers and ranchers with tools to manage risk, and creates opportunities for conservation in areas like the Chesapeake Bay. There is agreement that we need to eliminate direct payments that are made regardless of yields, prices, farm income, or size. Unfortunately, until the House GOP bring a reasonable measure to the floor, the federal government will continue to give taxpayer dollars to big agribusinesses whether they need them or not.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill and look forward to working with them on a responsible, long-term reauthorization of our nation's agriculture policy.

IN HONOR OF MARY BORKOVITZ

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Mary Borkovitz for 35 years of service to the Lower Makefield Society for the Performing Arts, a group she founded in 1978. Earlier, she demonstrated a keen spirit of volunteerism by serving on the township Park and Recreation Board, as a Girl Scout leader and teaching music in a local nursery school. Soon she began a popular community concert series under the auspices of the new Lower Makefield Society for the Performing Arts. Mary continues serving as executive director of the expanded and renamed Bucks County

Performing Arts Center as it celebrates its 35th anniversary. We join the community in paying tribute to Mary Borkovitz for her dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to the performing arts. The community is fortunate to have such a remarkable leader. We appreciate the commitment she has demonstrated and wish her continued success as she sets an example of community service for others to follow.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS
FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM
COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for the Prince William County Animal Shelter.

As part of the Prince William County Animal Control Bureau, the Prince William County Animal Shelter aims to provide permanent safe and clean homes for animals through adoption. The Prince William County Animal Shelter strives to educate the public about the overpopulation of companion animals and the need to provide them with a safe and secure living environment. The volunteers help promote pet adoption by loving and caring families.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for the Prince William County Animal Shelter:

Taylor Andrejko, Donna Angel, Laura Ariza, Ashley Arrendo, Christine Baird, Grace Bennett, Haley Bolduc, Chris Bowers, Tyler Brainard, Edward Busse, Maddy Busse, Dale Cash, Jessica Cash, Nicole Cotter, Courtney Creegan, Kristy Delcid, Lurn Ferrell, Ja'Sjnn Ford-Maxwell, Kirsten Freeman, Kyle Geary, Kourtney Gifford, Monica Gonzalez, Bill Graham, Eliza Hayslett, Jennefer Hayward, Rachel Higgins, Shanon Hintz, Garrett Holguin, Madeline Honneger, Sara Howell, Stefanie Howlett, Joan Hufnagel, Becca Jackson, Jayson Juarez, Helena Karch, Greg Kellenberger, Terri Kellenberger, Christopher Leta, Christy Lewis, Catherine Lynn, Dawn Lopicollo, Hannah Malone, Jakob Manne, Lorraine Marks, Tom Marks, Kourtney McClendon, Angela Meier, Barbara Meier-Bice, Rick Mensch, Tessa Metz, Genesis Moreno, Fernando Navarro, Matthew Noble, T.J. Nocera, Betsy O'Connell, Shan Oliver, Debbie Padula, Ron Padula, Ashley Plaster, Breon Randon, Ariel Reilly, Noah Robles, Mickenzie Roby, Collen Rosengrantz, Maja Ruble, Karol Salas, Jennifer Stafford, Vicki Smith, Corey Taylor, Anika Tolentino, Lynn Traxler, Allison Tucker, Candice Villanuerva, Bryce Wade, Roxanne Wilson, Annika Young.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers of the Prince William County Animal Shelter for their dedication to the protection of animals in our community. Family pets can be a great source of comfort and companionship and the least we can do is work to provide them with a loving home when they are without one.

LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES HIGH TECH COMPONENTS, INC. AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2013 LANTERN AWARDS

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate High Tech Components, Inc. as the Acadiana Region recipient of the 2013 Lantern Awards.

The Lantern Award provides an opportunity to salute manufacturers for their outstanding contributions to the Louisiana economy and to their communities. Recipients are selected on the basis of their contributions over a period of time to the betterment of their communities, growth in the number of employees, and expansion of their facilities.

Owned by Frank's International, High Tech Components, Inc. has manufactured, repaired, and stocked the widest selection of Gate Valve Components in the Gulf Coast region for 26 years. The scope of manufacturing is broad which allows the company to machine something as small as a thimble to as large as a car.

In an ever changing and competitive industry, High Tech utilizes the latest and most powerful technology to optimize its machining processes while producing the highest quality products. Committed to providing quality products in a timely manner that meets and exceeds its customers' expectations, High Tech Components, Inc., has seen tremendous growth since 2006. As a small company starting with 28 employees and 19 machines, High Tech Components, Inc., has expanded to encompass a 19,600 square foot facility with 210 employees using 86 machines.

It is due to the efforts of companies and businesses like High Tech Components, Inc. that Louisiana continues to grow and prosper economically.

TRIBUTE TO NATHAN REA FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO OREGON AND THE NATION

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nathan Rea, a long-time, dedicated member of my staff and very good friend who recently left Washington, D.C. to return to his family's farm in Umatilla County, Oregon. Nathan came to the nation's capital in 2005 intending to stay for a brief three month internship in my office before returning to his family's multi-generation farm. Three months turned into eight years, and along the detour Nathan fell in love with Emily Skoblar. Nathan and Emily married, and in February of last year they welcome their beautiful daughter Gwenyth "Gweny" Isabelle into the world. During their time in Washington, Nathan and Emily both dedicated themselves to the needs of others, but they decided to heed the call to family farm life and turn the federal public service opportunity over to others.

Nathan was born in Walla Walla, Washington, and was raised on the Rea family farm in Milton-Freewater, Oregon by his parents Dennis and Laura Rea. From a very young age, Nathan worked in the field with his grandfather H.T. Rea and father planting and harvesting wheat and green peas.

Nathan graduated from DeSales Catholic High School in Walla Walla and earned his degree in agriculture businesses from Washington State University in 2004. His love of his alma mater was not only evident in the numerous WSU Cougar logos found around his desk, but also by his well-stated affection for the famous "Cougar Gold" cheddar cheese, a product produced and sold around the world by students at the WSU Creamery in Pullman. And even though the Cougs only beat my Oregon Ducks football team once during Nathan's eight years in my office, I will admit that Cougar Gold cheese is worthy of the praises Nathan and his fellow alumni so readily tout.

While growing up on the farm, Nathan gained an appreciation for politics and public service and saw the impact that agriculture and trade policy had on his family and community. When he opened the Milton Freewater Valley Herald one morning and saw an opening for an internship in my Washington, D.C. office, he applied and was soon off to our nation's capital.

The work ethic that Nathan learned on the farm was seen from day one when he started in my office. His first full day in D.C. was on a Saturday, but rather than tour the sights as he had planned, Nathan opted to pitch in with the team. He spent the better part of that day in "The Cage" helping fold thousands of outgoing constituent letters and get my mail out the door. It definitely wasn't the glamorous start that he may have expected!

Nathan rose quickly through the ranks in our office. He was hired on full time as a staff assistant after a few short months as an intern and was later promoted to Legislative Correspondent, Legislative Assistant, and Legislative Director.

He served the people of Oregon's Second District—and the country—with his firm grasp of policy issues that mattered to people back home—from promoting Oregon's wonderful agriculture around the world to putting people back to work in the woods to expanding American energy.

If something needed to be done in our office, Nathan would do it. No job was too big or too small—from negotiating landmark legislation to hiring and mentoring young staffers to greeting visiting Oregonians.

One of Nathan's side hobbies is photography. Nathan was always looking for the perfect shot—for committee hearings, for World War II veterans on an Honor Flight, or for his family. In early 2009 during an Energy and Commerce hearing on the salmonella outbreak, I held up a canister of contaminated products and asked the manufacturer if he was willing to eat his own product. Nathan captured this exchange with an excellent photo that was ultimately used by national media outlets and was seen all over the country.

Nathan leaves my office with a long list of accomplishments as well as friends who highly admire him. But most importantly, he leaves with his wonderful family. Nathan met Emily shortly after he was hired in my office, and they married in 2010. A native of Akron, Ohio,

Emily is a child and adolescent psychologist. She has served the children and families of combat injured service members as part of Operation BRAVE Families at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Like Nathan, Emily is a true and highly dedicated public servant.

Nathan is no longer a formal member of my staff, but he'll always be a highly valued member of Team Walden. We miss Nathan's intellect, humor and care. I am certain that he will continue to exhibit in his local community the values he showed on my team—Eastern Oregon values like hard work, service, and loyalty.

In a special address to Congress on January 9, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower said "The proper role of government, however, is that of a partner with the farmer—never his master. By every possible means we must develop and promote that partnership—to the end that agriculture may continue to be a sound, enduring foundation for our economy and that farm living may be a profitable and satisfying experience." As Nathan departed Washington, D.C. after many years of utilizing his expertise in agriculture to improve our nation's policies—efforts often met by others' misunderstanding of agriculture—he was very well suited to fully appreciate President Eisenhower's noble thoughts. Whether working in Congress or from the family farm, Nathan Rea will make his community a better place and represent his industry with honor.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to invite our colleagues to join me in thanking Nathan and his family for their service to the people of Oregon and the country, and wish them the very best of luck as they make their new life back home in Oregon.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS
FOR THE RAINBOW THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers with the Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Center.

Established in 1985, the Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Center offers equestrian activities to help Prince William County area citizens who are facing mental health or physical challenges. In an age where technological breakthroughs dominate medicine and where urbanization dominates our surroundings, the Rainbow Center has worked diligently to preserve horse-riding not only as a simple form of leisure, but also as a pleasurable means of facilitating the improvement of physical and mental health for many of our citizens.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers with the Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Center:

April Braun, Leigh Bravo, Larry Conneen, Debbie Cosby, Montana Crawford, Nicole Creedon, Sharon Croft, Meagan Curtis, Thomas Dabney, Nicole Dabney, Shane Dalton, Veronica Demarest, Adele Dennis, Emily Dixon, Carlo Domingo, Natasha Dziarnows, Kristina Ferrell, Rose Flanery, Jennifer Fowler, Kaitlyn Fowler, Samantha Fox, Caroline Gellene, Maddie Gierber, VeeDeanya

Goodgion, AJ Handy, Alex Hickey, Cassie Hickey, Ellen Hill, Abby Hitt, Christine Hutchinson, Susan Jefferies, Marilyn Keeler, Hailey Kemp, Shirley Kossoy, Amber Kozavac, Samantha Lebley, Marie Lerch, MaryBeth Lerch, Ellen Linder, Tatiana Link, Stan Livingston, Susan Livingston, Carin Lodell, Nick Londino, Nicholas Londino, Natalie Lutsky, Jenny Lyons, Jordan McCloskey, Susan McClure, Raleigh McClure, Kelly Mcgillivray, Sandy McGushin, Kim Millsbaugh, Kyra Min, John Moser, Ellen Mullen, James Mullen, Sue Murphy, Judy Musa, Sandra O'Connell, Gloria O'Connor, Laurie Olivieri, Natalie Pinto, Tori Plumley, Mackie Radar, Diane Ramee, Susan Roberts, Elizabeth Schwitz, Meagan Searles, Larry Shane, Micaela Shrauder, Pat Sodo, Maril Sowa, Emily Steadman, Eliza Stelmack, Susan Sykes, Tyler Walker, Sharyn Walker Kapp, Leighann Whitley and Karen Zipper.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers for the Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Center for their work preserving equestrian activities in Northern Virginia and engaging citizens struggling with mental and physical challenges.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE MINNESOTA
TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the founders, members and many volunteers of the Minnesota Transportation Museum on the 50th anniversary of the museum. Based in the historic Jackson Street railroad roundhouse in Saint Paul, Minnesota, the museum plays a vital role in preserving and interpreting the history of Minnesota's transportation systems. The museum allows the public to learn about more about how our state has grown, and experience first-hand the vintage rail cars, trains and buses that have helped move and transform our state.

From its inception, the Minnesota Transportation Museum has been a one-of-a-kind museum, with six operating sites. The museum was first formed to save a single streetcar, Twin City Rapid Transit (TCRT) #1300, as it was only one of two that survived completely intact after TCRT was abandoned in 1954. Following restoration of #1300 to operating condition, it was decided that the streetcar would be returned to service for the public. The streetcar began making regular trips on a remaining stretch of the streetcar route in the southwest suburbs of Minneapolis. More than ten thousand people clamored aboard the car during the first several days of operation helping to propel the museum down the track to early success.

Between 1981 through 1985 the Minnesota Transportation Museum ran a series of short steam excursions and shuttle operations in the Twin Cities area, including destinations in New Brighton, Stillwater, Lilydale, and Northfield, Minnesota. These operations spurred annual town celebrations that brought communities together to share and celebrate vision of the museum. Like many nonprofit organizations, the museum has encountered challenges, but