

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

OPPOSING H.R. 1911, SMARTER SOLUTIONS FOR STUDENTS ACT

HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1911, Smarter Solutions for Students Act.

This is a truly devastating bill for every working and middle class family trying to achieve the American Dream.

If we do nothing before July 1st, we will be passively negligent.

If we pass this will today, we will be actively destroying our competitiveness and economic strength by taking dollars out of the pockets of our workforce.

The bill is as far away from "commonsense legislation" as we get. It makes the situation worse by making college education far more expensive!

According to a Congressional Research Service report, under this proposal, a student borrowing the maximum loan amounts with a 5 year subsidized loan will pay more than \$10,000. Even under the doubled rate of July 1, a student with the same loan would pay less than \$9,000. Under the current rate of 3.4 percent, this student pays just over \$4,000.

Those massive differences in repayment rates show that this bill was not written with students in mind.

The growing student loan-burden in our country is critical and must be addressed.

According to the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau, student loan debt recently surpassed the \$1 trillion mark. The 2010 Survey of Consumer Finances reported that 45 percent of all American families hold outstanding student-loan debt. This was an increase from 33 percent in 2007.

While the majority of student debt is held by people under the age of 35, increasing student debt affects every member of the family, especially in a time when nearly half of bachelor's degree holders under the age of 25 are unemployed.

However, addressing increased interest costs is only part of the solution. We need to begin to address the exorbitant prices of higher education. I understand that universities are trying to cope with the decreases in government funding and declining contributions as a result of the tough economic times. However, these institutions also have a role to play in ensuring that education is accessible and affordable to all students. If these institutions would like the government to continue to invest in students, they should do so as well, by doing everything in their power to keep tuition costs low.

I cannot stress enough the importance of making college education accessible. We all agree that education transforms people's lives. Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty, crime, and violence in any community. It is the engine that will propel our fami-

lies into the middle class and allow us to revitalize and grow our economy. We must act swiftly to remedy this unsustainable situation.

IN HONOR OF SHEILA STUART

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Sheila Stuart, a dear friend and long time community activist who recently died. Sheila was a remarkable woman who touched the lives of many throughout her years of tireless service to her community.

Sheila was born in Dublin, Ireland on April 24, 1918, the second of six children. Her father, a school teacher and principal, instilled in Sheila a life-long love of learning. At fifteen, after attending Dominican College for three years, Sheila went to work as a clerk to support her family. In 1945, she met and married John "Harry" Stuart. In 1947, the young couple had a son and a year later moved to London and then India, where Harry worked as a mechanical engineer building power plants. While in India, daughter Orla was born. The family left India in 1954, eventually finding their way to Santa Cruz, California, in 1956. They remained in Santa Cruz for the rest of their lives.

Sheila was an active participant in a number of community organizations. Harry and Sheila joined the Pasatiempo Golf Club where Sheila served as President of the Pasatiempo 18-hole Women's Club and won numerous trophies. In the late 1950's she began serving as both "room mother" at her son Orin's school and Cub Scout Den Mother. She was active in the League of Women Voters, as well as in the Santa Cruz Symphony, and Shakespeare Santa Cruz.

Sheila's interest in politics was fueled by her love for fellow Irishman John Kennedy. Sheila walked precincts for Kennedy, handing out pamphlets. She and the children drove to San Jose to watch Kennedy's motorcade and she often recounted how Kennedy turned and smiled directly at her when she shouted the Irish greeting, "cead mile faile." Sheila continued her involvement in local politics working as Santa Cruz County Assessor for eleven years, where she assisted with the Homeowner's Exemption Program. An avid Democrat, Sheila said one of her greatest achievements was turning her conservative husband into a liberal Democrat! Sheila ran several campaigns in Santa Cruz including Robert Kennedy's 1968 Presidential Primary, Gary Hart's Presidential bid and two campaigns for DIANNE FEINSTEIN. She helped Leon Panetta in his first Congressional campaign and later volunteered tirelessly for a number of other candidates and issues. After her retirement, she became active in the Democratic Women's Club and The Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee, where she became the

first Voter Services Chair and later DCC Co-Chair. She was also honored as the first DCC "Democrat of the Year".

Sheila is survived by son Orin and daughter-in-law Arlene of Sutter Creek; daughter Orla of Santa Cruz; grandchildren Jason, Nicole (Ian), Courtney (Ryan), and Trevor; three great-grandchildren, Sophia, Colton and Cayden, numerous nephews and nieces in Ireland and Canada, and many dear friends.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in honoring Sheila Stuart and the remarkable life she led and in extending our condolences to her family and friends. The civic activism that Sheila Stuart embodied is the lifeblood of our democracy and our nation owes her a debt of gratitude for her efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES DESIGNATION

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Divine Temple Church of God in Christ, located in Green Bay, Wisconsin. This historically significant structure, designed by architect George Rockwell for the Christ Episcopal Church, was built in the famous Gothic Revival-style. The site has now been added to the National Register of Historic Places. The church and its members are planning to celebrate this milestone on Friday, June 28th, 2013.

The cornerstone of this church was put in place in 1898, and the structure that stands today was completed one year later. Throughout its long history in downtown Green Bay, this church has served the spiritual needs of the community, and offered congregants a safe place to worship. I congratulate Pastor L.C. Green for his efforts to pursue this designation, and commend the congregation of Divine Temple Church of God in Christ for volunteering their time to preserving this wonderful structure.

There is a quote from Romans 15:7 on the church website that reads: "Wherefore receive ye one another as Christ also received us to the glory of God." May this church continue to receive those seeking spiritual refreshment in the years to come. Again, congratulations to Divine Temple Church of God in Christ for receiving this special recognition.

HONORING ANGIE MCDONALD'S RETIREMENT AFTER 23 YEARS OF TEACHING

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. BARTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Angie McDonald who retired on

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Friday, June 7, 2013 after 23 years as a public school teacher. Angie, a constituent and resident of Mansfield, TX, was a teacher in the Mansfield Independent School District for 15 years and finished her career as a Reading Specialist serving all of the Mansfield-area high schools. Through her dedicated work teaching students how to overcome reading and writing deficiencies, she gave countless students a greater opportunity to excel academically and succeed professionally. The efforts of teachers like Angie are essential in promoting a more prosperous future for the next generation of Americans and our nation as a whole. I am extremely proud to have her as a constituent and cannot thank her enough for her 23 years of devotion to our children's prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 6th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring Angie McDonald and her 23 years of selfless work as an educator. We must always recognize those who dedicate their careers to enriching the lives of our children.

HONORING AVIS PARMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Avis Parman, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on July 28, 2013.

Avis has been an important leader in Albany, Missouri for decades, earning the moniker "Miss Albany." While she grew up in Worth County, she moved to Albany in 1943. In 1963, she became a founding member of Albany Community Betterment, an organization dedicated to improving Albany and one of two clubs that have competed in the Missouri Community Betterment program every year of its existence. Albany Community Betterment won the Grand Prize in state community betterment in 2001 and 2010, a feat Avis was instrumental in helping achieve. She has also taken time to serve on parks boards, on the Missouri Agriculture and Small Business Development Authority, serving as chairwoman from 1998 to 2000, on the state Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority, on various library projects and currently as a director emeritus of the Missouri Independent Bankers Association. Whatever Albany or Avis's neighbors in northwest Missouri needed, she answered the call and served to the best of her ability.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Avis Parman for a life of service to Albany and northwest Missouri, congratulating her on her 90th birthday and wishing her many more wonderful years to come.

HONORING DE'ONTAY DE'CAROL JONES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a determined and

eager young man who understands it takes tenacity and self reliance to reach the highest success, Mr. De'Ontay De'Carol Jones.

De'Ontay De'Carol Jones was born May 18, 1994 in Vicksburg, MS to the proud parents of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson. De'Ontay was a part of the May 2012 graduating class of Warren Central High School. De'Ontay is currently enrolled at Jones County Jr. College located in Ellisville, MS.

De'Ontay understands that obtaining a good education, and community and civic involvement is the recipe for a success. While in high school De'Ontay participated in the school choir, student council, yearbook club and Future Teacher's Association.

He is a faithful and active member of Greater Grove M. B. Church where he is an usher and a member of PRIDE, Greater Grove's teen ministry. De'Ontay is also a member of the Kappa League Boy's Club. He enjoys learning about the political process and likes to participate in political campaigns.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. De'Ontay De'Carol Jones for his hard work, dedication and a strong desire to achieve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for votes on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, due to Flight #4042 being delayed by approximately four hours before departing Charleston International Airport. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

H.R. 2383—To designate the new Interstate Route 70 Bridge over the Mississippi River connecting St. Louis, Missouri, and southwestern Illinois as the "Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge." Vote: "yes."

H.R. 1092—To designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center." Vote: "yes."

MARKETING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE KOREAN WAR

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark the upcoming sixtieth anniversary of the end of the Korean War and it is with the utmost respect that I recognize this milestone.

On July 27, 1953, an armistice was signed which brought to a close over three years of terrible war on the Korean Peninsula. In the aftermath of World War II, a newly-divided Korea became the site of global crisis as 75,000 invading North Korean soldiers crossed the 38th parallel on June 25, 1950. The global community was fast to respond, as the United Nations Security Council recommended on June 27 that member states take action. Twenty-one nations heeded the call and collectively sent over 340,000 troops,

88 percent from the United States, to assist the over 600,000 South Koreans fighting for their country.

The three years of tragic bloodshed helped stem communist conquest and secure a people's independence in a dangerous world. Yet it came at a great price. 36,574 Americans lost their lives, and approximately 100,000 were injured. Over 170,000 allied troops were confirmed killed with half of a million wounded and, to this day, many thousands remain missing. By some counts, 2.5 million civilians on both sides, 10 percent of Korea's pre-war population, perished.

No words here, then, can adequately mark our recognition and the deep honor that we owe to the men and women who sacrificed so much in Korea sixty years ago. What we can do is pause to ensure that what they went through and what they accomplished will never be forgotten. And we can give the highest respect to those who survived and that we have with us today—our veterans whom I wish to thank and honor this day for their great service.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the sixtieth anniversary of the end of the Korean War, and honoring our veterans and those who lost their lives in that great struggle.

HONORING KATRINA CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FAIR HAVEN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many family, friends, colleagues, and community members who have gathered in celebration of Katrina Clark who is retiring from her position as Executive Director of the Fair Haven Community Health Center after forty years of dedicated service.

Katrina has been at the helm of this organization for all but its first two years. It has been under her leadership and because of her vision that the Center has grown so successfully over the last four decades. I have had the privilege to know Katrina for many years. Her commitment to the people of the Fair Haven community is only equaled by her determination to ensure that they have access to quality, affordable health care. She is an extraordinary woman and I consider myself fortunate to benefit from her counsel and friendship.

In 1971 a small group of dedicated nurses, doctors, students, and neighborhood volunteers, under the leadership of a community advocacy agency called the Alliance for Latin American Progress, opened the Fair Haven Clinic in a local elementary school. Two nights a week, the Clinic served adults and children on a walk-in basis for minor ailments, immunizations, and family planning services. With a budget of only five thousand dollars, made available through a grant from the Greater New Haven Community Foundation, they were able to accommodate over five hundred visits in their first year.