

HONORING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NASCAR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

HON. ROBERT PITTENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, greetings to all those gathered to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the NASCAR Technical Institute.

For over sixty years, NASCAR has captured the hearts and minds of millions of Americans. Skilled mechanics and technicians are the lifeblood of the industry. The individuals graduating from the NASCAR Technical Institute each year are a crucial part of the teams that ensure the sport's safety and continued success.

Additionally, the Institute is an important part of the Mooresville community and the entire region. NASCAR Tech consistently boasts exceptionally high graduation rates as well as high rates of employment upon graduation. You provide your students with many opportunities to learn and excel, such as partnerships with some of the world's best known manufacturers and access to state-of-the-industry technology. All of this enables graduates from this Institute to transition easily from the classroom to the workforce.

Race City, USA, and NASCAR would not be the same without the influence of the NASCAR Technical Institute and its alumni. The Institute's growth and accomplishments in just ten years are amazing, and I look forward to watching your continued success in the next ten years and beyond.

Suzanne and I send our best wishes on this special occasion.

HONORING BUFFALOUIE'S OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, my home state of Indiana takes pride in its long tradition of Hoosier innovation and small business entrepreneurship. Hoosier businesses across Indiana's 9th District strive to offer quality products and services that become integral parts of their local communities. One such small business is BuffaLouie's, a popular restaurant in Bloomington, Indiana, which is known throughout the state for their amazing selection of buffalo-style chicken wings and homemade sauces.

BuffaLouie's has been a mainstay in Bloomington since they first opened their doors in 1987. It is a popular hangout for Indiana University (IU) students and Bloomington residents alike, who come and enjoy great food in a comfortable atmosphere. In fact, BuffaLouie's has such a strong reputation that they earned national recognition from USA Today as one of the Top Ten Wing Joints in the country.

Today, I commend BuffaLouie's on the success of their business, as well as their commitment to improving the local Bloomington community. As part of my commitment to acknowledge Hoosier small businesses and the

critical role they play in my home state, I want to recognize BuffaLouie's as the first in a series titled the 9th District's Hoosier Small Business Spotlight.

Jay Lieser, an IU student and native of Buffalo, New York, founded BuffaLouie's. His mother and father, Ed and Trudy—or Mr. and Mrs. Louie as they are often referred—joined their son in his venture, bringing their family recipes to BuffaLouie's. BuffaLouie's is truly a family business, getting its name and company logo from another member of the Lieser family, Jay's grandfather Lou. This tradition of family and service to the community has been carried on by the current owners, the husband and wife team of Ed and Jamie Schwartzman.

The Schwartzman's have continued to build on the cornerstone of what makes BuffaLouie's great: working hard to "serve quality food, prepared fresh and made to order using the finest ingredients in a family friendly atmosphere." It is not uncommon to see both Mr. and Mrs. Schwartzman at the restaurant helping serve customers and personally thanking patrons for their business. It is this philosophy and commitment that has garnered a loyal following of wing lovers in Bloomington.

BuffaLouie's strengthened its local ties when it relocated from its 17th street location to the famous Gables building on Indiana Avenue. The Gables, once known as the "Book Nook," often played host to the famous jazz musician and IU graduate Hoagy Carmichael. It is where the famous musician penned part of his immortal song "Star Dust." In keeping with this tradition BuffaLouie's hosts musical performances that allow customers to enjoy the historic venue.

BuffaLouie's has become a landmark in Bloomington, Indiana—exemplifying the spirit of Hoosier small businesses across Indiana's 9th district. The family friendly atmosphere and nationally recognized wings continue to bring satisfied customers through the doors of the historic Gables building. I would like to congratulate BuffaLouie's on more than 25 successful years in business and thank them for the dedication they show their customers. I wish them continued success for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN "KIRK" KIRKPATRICK AND HIS CAREER IN SERVICE TO OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John "Kirk" Kirkpatrick. Born and raised in Owensboro, Kentucky, Kirk has strived to better his surrounding community in every way possible.

Kirk's career began with Owensboro on the Air, Inc., where he served in a number of capacities. Kirk also handled public relations for the city's television system before joining WaxWorks/VideoWorks in 1984. Kirk served as President and CEO of the RiverPark Center Foundation for two years, working to help develop the riverfront. After facilitating major improvements to The RiverPark Center, he returned to WaxWorks/VideoWorks to continue his career until his recent retirement.

Kirk's background in communications made him a natural for Master of Ceremonies for the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce's monthly Rooster Booster meetings. Kirk branded "the good news phone" as his signature personality to share the great happenings of Owensboro. For more than 35 years, Kirk has served in this capacity, with the Owensboro Chamber of Commerce recognizing him as "Member of the Year" three times.

Serving in numerous Board of Director positions, it is evident that Kirk has dedicated his career to serving the greater Owensboro community—for both current and future generations. Kirk recently accepted his latest role as an ambassador for the Owensboro Convention Center. I couldn't think of anyone better suited for this important role. Recently named an All-America City with Kirk's help, Owensboro is fortunate to call Kirk one of its residents.

I look forward to seeing Kirk's new endeavors and would like to thank him for all he has and will continue to do on behalf of Owensboro, Kentucky.

IN HONOR OF CLINT G. QUILTER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Clint G. Quilter on the occasion of his retirement, with just shy of twenty-four years of service to the residents of Hollister. Since he first began his service in 1989, he held multiple posts with the city. Clint began as Public Works Inspector, where he was responsible for the upkeep of water, sewer, grading, storm drains and all city roads. In 1992 he was promoted to Assistant Engineer and the following year to Associate Engineer. In 1997, Clint assumed the Acting Director of Public Works position and within a matter of months was promoted to Acting Public Works Director/City Engineer. Because of his fine work, the following summer he became the Public Works Director/City Engineer position where he was responsible for the overall operation and maintenance for the city's entire infrastructure. He became Interim City Manager on May 10, 2004 and finally served as City Manager from May 17, 2005 through July 19, 2013.

During his tenor as City Manager Clint dealt with a number of challenges in governing the city but was dedicated to working with people to find solutions. When Clint took the City Manager position, the city was operating at a \$4 million deficit, but with time he was able to balance the budget. Clint also helped steer the city to a solution for its sewer treatment capacity and out of the building moratorium.

I had the pleasure of working with Clint on a number of federal projects and community events. In 2005, Clint assisted my office with the plans for my annual "Proud to be An American" Citizenship Ceremony held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in downtown Hollister. We had over 250 new citizens from twenty-five different countries sworn-in as American citizens from the tri-county area. In the summer of 2009, Clint again facilitated the use of the Veteran's Memorial Building for my Hollister Health Care Town Hall meeting,

where we had over 450 people, a record turnout of San Benito County residents.

It has also been a pleasure to work with Clint on issues pertaining to the Hollister Airport. Clint's expertise and knowledge was extremely important to my office, when the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was leaning to deny the Hollister Airport's through-the-fence access. With his help, the FAA issued a no objection letter to the through-the-fence access at the airport business park. This was a great accomplishment involving many but Clint's work was noteworthy and has opened up other business opportunities as well as federal funding to do upgrades including the airport taxiways. It was great having him on my San Benito County team.

Mr. Speaker, Clint has had a long and successful career with the City of Hollister and has gained the respect of his fellow workers and members of the community as well as the business community. I extend my most sincere thanks and warmest wishes for her success and much success and happiness in his retirement.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 2397, the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill, for Fiscal Year 2014 and to recognize the important role played by management companies in the successful operation of the Department of Defense's Defense Personal Property Program, or DP3.

I would like to thank Chairman YOUNG and Ranking Member VISCLOSKEY for including report language I submitted to the Subcommittee on Defense regarding the DP3 program. I am proud to note that one of the management companies that helps make this program successful is located in my congressional district.

Both the Chairman and the Ranking Member have long standing commitments to improving the quality of life of military members and their families. Our members of the military are required to make countless moves during their military service. Providing high-quality moves that provide satisfaction to the service member and his/her family is important to morale, well-being and retention.

The Department of Defense also understands the tremendous challenges associated with completing the countless number of defense personal property moves. Because of dissatisfaction and nightmares associated with previous military personal property movement programs, the Department of Defense adopted the Defense Personal Property Program with the goal of achieving efficient, satisfactory, and seamless military moves.

My purpose in speaking today is to note the significant contributions that management

companies are making to DP3 by assisting transportation service providers to reduce costs and improve the quality of each military move. While improving these critical moves, DP3 has improved the quality of life enabling higher levels of personnel readiness.

Madam Chair, again, I offer my thanks to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Defense for their inclusion of this important language on the DP3 and for allowing me the opportunity to comment on the important role that management companies play in the success of this program.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Ms. ESTY. Madam Chair, my amendment would add five million dollars for support services for members of the National Guard and Reserve to the Defense-Wide Operations and Maintenance account in Title IX of the bill.

To prevent an increase in spending, the funding for suicide prevention is offset by reducing the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund by thirty-eight million dollars. This amendment is not only fiscally responsible, but urgent and timely.

The cover of Time Magazine from exactly one year ago today described the tragedy of military suicide with the simple headline: "One a Day." It drew attention to the grim reality that military suicide rates were at record levels. By year's end, a record three-hundred-and-fifty active duty troops committed suicide in 2012, amounting to almost one suicide per day. We lost more troops to suicide than we did to combat.

One year later, these rates have barely budged. The Department of Defense reported one-hundred-and-sixty-one potential suicides among active-duty service members, reservists and National Guard members through April. This is a pace of one suicide every eighteen hours.

We owe far better to those who wear the uniform and serve this nation.

I thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for their leadership on this issue. Your tireless, bipartisan commitment to suicide prevention is reflected in the additional twenty-million dollars for the Suicide Prevention Office provided in this bill.

My amendment seeks only to bolster your efforts by strengthening outreach and awareness programs to combat stigma and improve access to resources. As the chairman has often reminded us, we should focus our efforts on prevention. This amendment gives our outreach and prevention programs greater support to assist service members in need. It is our job to serve our troops as well as they serve us. We cannot—we must not—wait; it's up to us to act.

I urge Members to support this amendment.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of the Flores/Gingrey/Conaway/Hensarling Amendment to H.R. 2397 that will prevent funds in this legislation from being used to carry out Section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Section 526 prohibits all federal agencies from contracting for alternative fuels that emit higher levels of greenhouse gas emissions than "conventional petroleum sources." This means that if a federal agency—particularly the Department of Defense—has the ability to utilize an alternative fuel that even has one scintilla more of carbon emissions than conventional fuels, it cannot be used. As a result, Section 526 severely stifles innovation from DoD to improve clean carbon capture technologies for alternative fuels, thereby increasing our dependence on foreign oil, and will only further increase fuel costs.

Mr. Chair, I support a full repeal of Section 526 because the cost of refined product for DoD has increased by over 500 percent in the last ten years when volume only increased by 30 percent. This amendment takes a very important step towards achieving this goal by prohibiting funding to carry out Section 526 for the upcoming fiscal year in the DoD.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, the Mulvaney, Van Hollen, Coffman, Murphy amendment matches the President's budget for Overseas Contingency Operations, OCO, and also provides an additional \$1.5 billion for National Guard and Reserve Equipment Modernization. The amendment expressly protects all the funding increases made in the OCO account by the Appropriations Committee for the National Guard and provides sufficient funding to fully accommodate the President's OCO request for National Guard military personnel, operation and maintenance (including depot maintenance), and counter drug activities.