

Given their record of accomplishment, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Desert Vista High School's Health Occupations Students of America Club for their dedication and achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 435 I was unavoidably detained in a meeting at the White House with the President.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

ENERGY CONSUMERS RELIEF ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1582) to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than \$1 billion and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy, with Ms. Ros-Lehtinen in the chair.

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Chair, this bill leads me to ask a question.

Who are we here to protect? The American people, or big business?

If we don't stand up to protect public health, who will? Are we going to trust big oil, gas, and coal companies to look out for the public's health?

This bill is just another give-away to big polluters.

As we just saw with the coal ash bill, this bill would further harm human health by tearing down the EPA. The EPA—not big business—is trying to protect Americans' health.

Take the Clean Air Act, for example. In its first 20 years, it prevented 205,000 premature deaths and 18 million child respiratory illnesses.

The result? Billions of dollars in economic savings from prevented diseases and greater worker productivity.

This bill is yet another attempt to tear down the EPA. It's immoral. I urge my colleague to oppose this bill.

A TRIBUTE TO MARGARET BORGEN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Margaret Borgen for being named a 2013 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Each year, Business Record undertakes an exhaustive review to identify a standout group of women in the Greater Des Moines area who, as the publication notes, "have made a difference." An impressive group of inspiring female leaders are selected annually for this prestigious distinction, which is based on combined criteria of community involvement, career success, and being a role model for other women to emulate. The 2013 Women of Influence honorees join an impressive roster of more than 130 women who have changed and are continuing to change our communities for the better.

Mrs. Borgen is part owner of Borgen Systems, a family-owned small business that manufactures display cases for a variety of products—but her professional pursuits hardly end there. Her lifelong passion, improving education, has led her to be a teacher, an administrator and a school board member, and in addition to holding state and national leadership positions in education, she currently is president of the Des Moines Public Schools Foundation. She also founded the FINE Education Research Foundation in 2003, which leveraged \$100,000 into \$3 million of state funding and matching private contributions for education research. In the community, she has served on the boards for the Des Moines A.M. Rotary Club, Employee & Family Resources Foundation and the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Margaret Borgen in the United States Congress, and I am pleased to recognize her for working to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating her on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Women of Influence class continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GREGORY LUKASZEWICZ

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Gregory Lukaszewicz for his service as president of the San Mateo County Medical Association, which represents and educates physicians and promotes quality medical care for the people of San Mateo County. Throughout his career, Dr. Lukaszewicz has been a staunch advocate for preventative care and patients' access to care.

Gregory Lukaszewicz grew up near Buffalo, New York. He earned his BA at Dartmouth College and his medical degree at Harvard Medical School. After completing his General Surgery Residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, he was awarded a Fellowship in Vascular Surgery at UCSF.

Dr. Lukaszewicz then joined Kaiser Permanente in South San Francisco where he is a vascular and general surgeon. He is also the smoking cessation champion at the hospital. Three years ago he became a part-time specialist in venous and lymphatic disorders, a change he calls transformative. He says his experience has shown him just how complex

these diseases are and how much the medical knowledge lags behind patients' needs. Determined to close this gap, he launched a pilot program to detect Peripheral Arterial Disease in its earliest stages.

It was Dr. Lukaszewicz's strong interest in public policy that got him involved in the San Mateo County and California Medical Associations. He works closely with county and state health care leaders to find remedies to public health issues that affect patients beyond his individual clinical practice. For example, he is committed to the Association's active role in eradicating Hepatitis B in the Asian and Pacific Islander communities by providing regular screenings and vaccinations.

Dr. Lukaszewicz is married to Nicole Moayeri, a neurosurgeon at Kaiser's Redwood City facility. They have two children, Leila, 12, and Gabriel, 10. As a devoted family man, he works part-time so that he can remain involved in his children's scholastic and athletic activities. To stay physically and mentally healthy, he enjoys hiking, cycling, sailing, kayaking, gardening, cooking and reading.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor an exceptional physician and human being. Dr. Lukaszewicz's work continues to benefit thousands of people in San Mateo County and beyond and sets an admirable example of innovative, patient-centered care.

RETIREMENT OF FBI DIRECTOR ROBERT MUELLER

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and thank Robert Mueller for his service to our country. Mr. Mueller has served as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) since September 4, 2001, and will be retiring before the Congress returns in September. I have had the privilege of working with Director Mueller as the chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee that funds the FBI and firmly believe he is the best director in the more than hundred-year history of the Bureau.

I want to also recognize his wife, Ann, and his two daughters, Melissa and Cynthia, for their sacrifice in countless nights and weekends their husband and father spent serving our country over the last twelve years.

Director Mueller deserves much credit for skillfully responding to the 9/11 terrorist attacks after just a week on the job and leading the FBI's transformation into an intelligence-driven and threat-focused national security organization. The FBI today is a remarkably different agency than the one the director inherited in 2001. The changes made during his tenure have made our country safer and stronger, while also upholding and respecting our Constitution. He has always been honest and forthright with the Congress and the American people.

It is hard to quantify the many lives that have been saved thanks to FBI actions that disrupted terror plots and other threats against the American people. I want to recognize the