

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

HON. PAUL D. RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank our legislative counsel for all their help over the past few weeks, starting with Sandra Strokoff and Ed Grossman.

I also want to thank all the senior and assistant counsels for their hard work: Tom Cassidy, Ryan Greenlaw, and Justin Gross on appropriations; Henry Christrup, Wade Ballou, and Scott Probst on taxes; Paul Callen, Marshall Barksdale, and Veena Srinivasa on housing and financial services; Hallet Brazelton, Megan Chasnoff, and Susan Fleishman on the 9/11 VCF and immigration; Jessica Shapiro, Warren Burke, Ed Grossman, Jesse Cross, and Michelle Vanek on the WTC health program; Bob Weinhausen on budget; Lucy Goss on social security; Hank Savage on oceans and coastal security; and Tony Sciascia and Hadley Ross on intelligence.

Then there are the drafters who worked nights and weekends to produce all the other major legislation: Curt Haensel, Rosemary Gallagher, Tom Dillon, Karen Anderson, Tim Brown, Sally Walker, Brady Young, and Chris Osborne on the highway bill; Sherry Chriss, Greg Kostka, Hadley Ross, Tony Sciascia, and Mark Synnes on the defense bill; Susan Fleishman, Anna Shpak, and Brendan Gallagher on the education bill; and Sandy Strokoff, Mark Synnes, and Mat Eckstein on trade and customs bills.

Finally I want to thank all the office's support staff: Nancy McNeillie, Debby Birch, Kelly Meryweather, Elonda Rich, Tomas Contreras, Miekl Joyner, Ashley Anderson, Joe Birch, Angelina Patton, Craig Sterkx, Tom Meryweather, and Matthew Loggie.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF JOHN L. MARTIN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 2015

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary leadership of John Martin and wish him every blessing in retirement as he steps down in 2016 from a distinguished career.

John Martin has served as the leader of our nation's seventh busiest airport, San Francisco International (SFO) for two decades. It has been my pleasure and good fortune to have worked cooperatively with him throughout his career at SFO and I consider it a privilege to know him and call him my friend.

John Martin served for 15 years as Deputy Airport Director for Business and Finance at SFO and was appointed Airport Director in

1995 by Mayor Frank Jordan, and served as CEO under three subsequent mayors. Under his wise leadership, John Martin has added immensely to the economic vitality of our region, completing the \$3.5 billion International Terminal, raising the wages of service and security workers at SFO, and reducing the Airport's greenhouse gas emissions by 34 percent from 1990 levels. He worked to extend BART to SFO, built new parking garages and the Air Train people mover. During his tenure the airport added 25 new international carriers and currently serves nearly 50 million passengers a year. He opened the first LEED Gold airport terminal in the world, and has maintained SFO's leadership in safety and security practices. He created a culture of health and wellness among employees and provided unique guest services, making SFO the top concession revenue producer per passenger in the U.S.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring John L. Martin for his extraordinary leadership of San Francisco International Airport, for the superb contributions he has made and the challenges he met over two decades. Today's SFO is a masterpiece of vision for the 21st century and I think John Martin is a national treasure.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOHN "HOT ROD" WILLIAMS

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 2015

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John "Hot Rod" Williams, a prolific professional basketball player and Louisiana native. Mr. Williams passed away on December 11, 2015, at the age of 53.

Mr. Williams was born on August 9, 1962 in Sorrento, Louisiana. His family gave him the nickname Hot Rod for the engine-like sounds he made when he moved about as a baby. As a rising athlete, he played basketball at St. Amant High School before signing with Tulane University.

While playing at Tulane, Mr. Williams was a three-time All-Metro Conference selection, averaging 16 points and seven rebounds. As a junior in 1984, Mr. Williams was the Metro Conference Player of the Year. Mr. Williams remains fourth in Tulane's career scoring with 1,841 points and second in 20-point games with 36.

In 1986, Mr. Williams joined the Cleveland Cavaliers where he was named to the All-Rookie team for the 1986–87 season. He would spend his first nine NBA seasons with the Cavaliers, averaging 11 points and 6.8 rebounds for his career. Mr. Williams was a central figure for the 1988–89 Cavaliers team, which went 57–25 during the regular season, where Michael Jordan's famous last-second jump shot in Game 5 eliminated them in the first-round series. Mr. Williams concluded his

13-year professional career playing with the Phoenix Suns and Dallas Mavericks.

An active member of the National Basketball Retired Players Association, Mr. Williams loved the game of basketball and always tried to give back. Described as a kid from a small town in Louisiana who never changed, the Cavaliers team remembers the basketball star as a "talented, unselfish, and versatile player and person that earned the respect of everyone around him." The Suns described Mr. Williams as a "humble and gracious man, willing to share his time and fun-loving nature with anyone."

Mr. Williams may have lost his fight to cancer but his spirit will remain a part of the Sorrento community. Stories like his will show generations of Americans the impact of genuine personality and hard work.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Williams, a beloved father and example to aspiring athletes everywhere.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2015

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I was disappointed to see there was no language in the Omnibus to delay the implementation of the Department of Labor's fiduciary proposal and allow the bipartisan proposal in the House to codify a workable fiduciary that would truly protect savers.

The Department of Labor's (DOL) proposed fiduciary standard is a well-intentioned but poorly conceived proposal. I've expressed concern with a number of issues in the proposal in the past but I'd like to focus on the Department of Labor's legal authority over IRAs in my comments today.

Congress explicitly designated employer-sponsored plans to the fiduciary standard under ERISA. Congress also explicitly designated IRAs to be governed by the Internal Revenue Code's prohibited transaction rules.

DOL is simply not legally permitted to exert jurisdiction over IRA rollovers and to apply a fiduciary standard to IRAs without Congressional approval. Congress has amended ERISA and the tax code multiple times and has chosen repeatedly not to make this change. It is not legally permissible for an unelected bureaucrat from DOL to make that decision for the Congress, and the people we've been elected to represent back home.

There are already a number of federal agencies that do have the authority to regulate financial transactions over individual IRAs, namely the SEC and FINRA. SEC and FINRA have a demonstrated record of education and enforcement to minimize any conflicts and

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