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ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2666) to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from regulating the rates charged for broadband Internet access service:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2666 the No Rate Regulation of Broadband Internet Access Act. Both Republicans and Democrats agree that the FCC should not have the authority to establish monthly rates for customers but I cannot vote in favor of this bill. Republicans crafted a poorly written and overly broad bill that threatens consumer protections. This is not the first time this Republican majority Congress has introduced legislation that is really a guise to strip administrative authority from agencies and to weaken consumer protection laws. I will continue to fight efforts to erode consumer rights and protections.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH
ROCKS

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph Rocks, former Pennsylvania State Senator and Pennsylvania State Representative, who is retiring after a long career in public service.

Mr. Rocks served as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives before joining the Pennsylvania State Senate. During his decade of service there, Mr. Rocks led the creation of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority, which provides financial oversight for the City of Philadelphia.

After retiring from the Senate, Mr. Rocks served as the CEO of NHS Human Services, where he focused on providing specialized services in mental health, addictive diseases, autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities, juvenile justice, treatment foster care, and education.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. Rocks for his dedication and service to his community both as a member of the Pennsylvania state legislature and as a leader in mental health care. I applaud his many accomplishments and wish him the best of luck in retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE CENTEN-
NIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CITY OF CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of the City of Crestview, located in the Florida Panhandle.

Situated on the peak of a long woodland range between the Yellow and Shoal rivers and one of the highest points in the state, Crest View, or Crestview as it would soon be combined, first earned its place on the map as a railroad depot. Outgrowing neighboring communities in both size and population, with a school, four general stores, and post office, where its first citizen Hamner F. "Doc" Powell served as shipping clerk and railroad agent, Crestview reached a population of 100 in 1889. With a growing community, Crestview's early residents soon built a congregational church, where members of the community could practice their faith, as well as a drug store, hotel, and numerous small businesses. During this time, industry in the area experienced a boom, particularly the turpentine and lumber industry, which brought jobs and prosperity to the area.

Although the Crestview community continued to grow, the city did not formally incorporate until April 11, 1916, when a group of citizens gathered at the congregational church to vote on the question of incorporating the Town of Crestview. With Crestview's residents voting in favor of incorporation, the newly formed Crestview Town Council met for the first time on April 18, 1916, with the city's first Mayor W.R. White presiding over the meeting. The previous year, following the creation of Okaloosa County in 1915, Florida State Representative William Mapoles, known as "The Father of Okaloosa County," moved to Crestview from Laurel Hill and became the driving force behind the movement to eventually establish Crestview as the county seat in 1917.

Throughout the one hundred years to follow, businesses flourished, and Crestview became Okaloosa County's largest municipality and the only municipality between Pensacola and Tallahassee with a Sister City (Noirmoutier-en-l'île, France). Crestview also became a major transportation hub and has also long been home to servicemembers and veterans. Crestview's citizens make every effort to ensure that those who wear the uniform are thanked for their service and sacrifice. In fact, Crestview opened its first recreation center for enlisted servicemembers in 1941. Home to tens of thousands, as the northern gateway to the Department of Defense's largest and most dynamic Air Force Installation in the United States—Eglin Air Force Base, the Crestview-area family expanded when it welcomed 6,000 new residents to the community upon the arrival of the U.S. Army's 7th Special Forces Group.

There is no question that the residents of Crestview are a resilient people, and even through the most challenging of times, they have united as a community to develop and maintain its place as a key area for business in the State of Florida and throughout the entire Gulf Coast region.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pleasure to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of Crestview, Florida. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating all of those who have been fortunate to call Crestview home throughout the last century, and we wish them and the city continued success.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVE-
MENTS AND 70TH BIRTHDAY OF
THEODORE KATTOUF

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. Theodore Kattouf of Altoona, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kattouf has dedicated his life to serving our country, and in so doing has achieved a uniquely distinguished career.

Upon graduation from Penn State University in 1968, Mr. Kattouf served in the United States Army infantry for over three years and subsequently joined the Foreign Service in 1972. Beginning in 1973, Mr. Kattouf served as the economic and commercial officer in Kuwait, which then led to his assignment as a political officer to Damascus, the second largest city in Syria. Upon returning to the United States, Mr. Kattouf became a Middle East analyst at the U.S. State Department. Mr. Kattouf returned abroad from 1983 to 1986, serving in Baghdad as the Deputy Chief of Mission. Mr. Kattouf has spent numerous years working abroad with distinguished titles such as: Deputy Chief of Mission, Deputy Chief of Mission in Damascus, Deputy Chief of Mission in Riyadh, and Charge d'Affaires. His international work is not to be overshadowed by his work in the United States, which included Deputy Director and Director of Lebanon, Jordan and Syrian Affairs, and President and CEO of AMIDEAST.

Additionally, under President Clinton, Mr. Kattouf was nominated and confirmed as Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates in 1998. Later, in 2001, he was confirmed as Ambassador to Syria, having received a nomination for the post from President Bush.

Over the years, Theodore has encouraged international cooperation through his work as a U.S. Ambassador for the UAE and Syria. Mr. Kattouf has also received numerous awards, highlighting his dedication and advocacy efforts, some of which include: the Cobb Award, two Meritorious Honor Awards, four Senior Performance Awards, and one Presidential Honor Award.

It is with great pleasure and honor that I recognize Mr. Kattouf's service and contributions to our nation at the highest level. I applaud Mr. Kattouf for his dedication to our country and wish him a happy 70th birthday.

WORLD HEMOPHILIA DAY

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of April 17 as World Hemophilia Day. Hemophilia is a rare genetic condition that prevents