

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bipartisan measure to provide a five year authorization for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative provides federal, state, tribal, and local officials with one more tool to protect the Great Lakes.

Through it, we are helping in the fight to keep the Asian Carp out of the Great Lakes.

Through it, tons of contaminated sediments have been removed and will no longer pose a threat to the public or the environment. Waterways that were once closed to boaters, fishermen, and the public are being revitalized and reborn.

Through it, we are working to improve habitat for wildlife. This week in my district, the Army Corps and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District will announce the completion of an Ecosystem Restoration Project funded with GLRI funds. The project ripped out 2,900 feet of concrete channel in the Menominee River, restoring natural riverbed and opening up over 37 miles and 125 acres of upstream wetlands for spawning by various fish species.

Through it, three formally designed areas of concerns—because they contain highly contaminated and toxic sediments—have been delisted in the region.

Investing in protecting the Great Lakes make both economic and environmental sense. This basin is a drinking water source for tens of millions. When much of our nation and the world is fighting over water and trying to figure out how to address shortages or diminishing water resources, we would be foolish not to protect this national treasure.

This investment also benefits the economy and job creation in the region and the nation. Look no further than Milwaukee where water related businesses, universities, and other stakeholders are working to take advantage of our region's proximity to the largest body of freshwater and a strong university research base, including the nation's only freshwater school of science to attract water related entrepreneurs and small businesses to the area.

The Milwaukee Water Council, a nonprofit organization with over 180 members, which links water technology companies, water entrepreneurs, academic researchers and water professionals is hard at work turning our region's advantages, including our city's location on Lake Michigan, into creating jobs and economic development that will benefit the city and region. We need to protect the Great Lakes.

I want to thank the leadership of the Committee for making this bill a priority. Chairman SHUSTER, Ranking Member DEFAZIO, your leadership is much appreciated. I also want to

applaud my colleagues from the region, including Congresswoman KAPTUR, on both sides of the aisle who keenly understand why we need to support this legislation.

I support this bill and urge my colleagues to vote for it.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STEVE W. CRANDALL

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2016

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Steve W. Crandall, who passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on November 24, 2015. Steve served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War on the USS *Sperry*. After his service, Steve met his first wife Carol and they had two sons together, Steven and Shane. In 1976, Steve married his lifelong partner Cathy. Together, they raised Michael, Steven, and Scot.

Steve loved sports and being outdoors. Steve enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating and camping with his family. Steve played softball, bowled in leagues and won a couple golf tournaments through Raley's. Steve enjoyed volunteering his time coaching little league and always encouraged his boys in sports.

Through the years, Steve worked hard for his family. Steve worked for the Retail Clerks Union for over 20 years, was a co-owner of Aqua Magic, a carpet cleaning and restoration business and a garbage man with Recology until he was diagnosed with diabetes in 1999. Steve had many medical struggles through the rest of his years but he was always happy to see you and his positive personality was impossible to miss.

Steve's sanctuary was at the golf course. Thereafter, he worked at Green Tree Golf Club for approximately 12 years. Steve cherished his time there. Whether it was spending time with his friends, driving his beloved dog Sam around in the cart, teaching his sons and grandsons how to golf, or of course, working on the Course, he loved every day.

Steve always wanted to make you smile. We will miss his "slightly exaggerated" stories and his tall tales. We will miss the way he lit up a room when he walked in. We will miss his kind and generous heart.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents Glen and Iva Lee Crandall. Steve is survived by his loving wife Cathy, his sons Michael, Steve, Scot, Shane and their families. Sister Debbe Allen, four nieces and their families, as well as a dear "Papa" to nine Grandchildren.

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HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2016

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the United States House of Representatives for the passing of H.R. 223, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2015, which authorizes the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative through Fiscal Year 2020 at \$300 million per year. This initiative continues to perform vital work to combat the influx of invasive species, restore polluted habitats, and clean up areas where significant harm has been caused by human activity; also known as Areas of Concern. H.R. 223 is a commonsense, non-partisan bill that creates jobs, restores communities, and boosts small businesses in the Great Lakes region.

Beginning in 2010, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has been working hard to protect and preserve the largest freshwater system in the world. I would like to thank my dear friend Mr. DAVID JOYCE for leading this legislation to provide long-term stability for the protection and restoration of our beautiful Great Lakes, which are home to over 1.5 million jobs and more than thirty-five hundred plants and animals.

This initiative has made a significant impact in the 8th District of Minnesota; specifically, the St. Louis River, which is one of the largest Areas of Concern in the Great Lakes Basin. With the support of federal and state agencies involved, this Area of Concern is making incredible progress.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Congress for passing this vital piece of legislation to provide long-term stability to our Great Lakes region and I commend the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for all of the important work it does.

CONGRATULATING THE AIRBUS TEAM IN MOBILE ON DELIVERY OF FIRST A321

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2016

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the determined men and women who work at the Airbus assembly facility in Mobile, Alabama, on the successful delivery of the first Alabama-built A321 to JetBlue.

I had the honor of attending the special delivery ceremony in Mobile on Monday, April 25th, to celebrate this momentous achievement and share our appreciation with those who made the aircraft a reality.

The ceremony was marked with a football theme. The marching band and cheerleaders from the University of South Alabama helped lead the crowd in cheers. The visiting dignitary

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