

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FARM CREDIT SYSTEM: 100 YEARS OF SUPPORT FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Farm Credit System which this year is celebrating 100 years of service to our rural communities and agribusinesses of all types and sizes. Across our country, and in my own District, the Farm Credit System provides the needed capital to help agricultural producers grow and thrive.

The Farm Credit System actively supports 500,000 borrower-customers, including 24,000 in Minnesota. The system also provides much needed support to the next generation of agricultural producers, as well as financial support for agriculture education, scholarships and organizations like 4-H and FFA.

In my district, Farm Credit has partnered with USDA and banks on investments in projects that help fulfill the critical need for high quality healthcare. These partnerships fund projects that are vital to my constituents and all that utilize their services.

I ask my colleagues in Congress to join me in recognizing this important milestone for the Farm Credit System and its continued contributions to our rural communities and agriculture.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH ENHANCED FINANCIAL COUNSELING ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support H.R. 3179, the Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act. I appreciate the opportunity to work with Congressman GUTHRIE on this important legislation, and I commend Chairman KLINE and Ranking Member SCOTT for their leadership, without which this bill would not be on the path to becoming law.

The Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act will provide college students with clearer information about their rights and obligations as student loan borrowers. The current process of borrowing student loans and preparing for repayment can be confusing. In fact, I have heard from many borrowers who did not understand the terms of their loans or the tools and programs available to help them manage their debt. The lack of information on the benefits and consequences of taking on student debt is especially troubling during a time when more students are turning to loans to cover the costs

of higher education—and they are borrowing larger amounts, on average.

This legislation will put in place several commonsense requirements to help student loan borrowers make informed decisions about borrowing and plan for the future. The bill will require annual loan counseling. Each year students can track how much they have borrowed, how much they are projected to borrow, how much interest has accrued and will continue to accrue, and what they are likely to be asked to pay each month upon entering repayment. In addition to regularly monitoring their debt, students will be reminded that they can pay off interest, if they are able to, before it capitalizes, that they are not obligated to borrow the full amount for which they are eligible, and that Federal student loans tend to provide more benefits and safeguards than private education loans.

The Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act provides comprehensive information to Pell Grant recipients so that they understand the terms of the grants and the circumstances in which they may have to repay the grants. The bill also provides improved information to parents who borrow PLUS Loans to cover the costs of a child's education. By providing more frequent information to loan borrowers and extending counseling to parents and Pell Grant recipients, this bill will help more people take steps to reduce borrowing and prepare to repay their student loans successfully.

Furthermore, this legislation requires a longitudinal study of the effects of loan counseling. The study will examine whether better counseling contributes to a reduction in borrowing, a decrease in delinquencies and defaults, and an increase in program completion. Importantly, the effects of loan counseling will be disaggregated by race, gender, and income—allowing policymakers to determine whether enhanced counseling is benefiting all loan borrowers.

Once again, I would like to thank Congressman GUTHRIE, Chairman KLINE, and Ranking Member SCOTT for their partnership on this legislation and their commitment to making college more affordable and accessible. Congress has a lot of work to do, but the Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act is an important step that will help more students navigate the student loan market and build successful futures.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE BOEING COMPANY

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the founding of The Boeing Company. The history of the company is a true American success story.

Founded in Seattle, Washington, by William E. Boeing, assembly of the first Boeing airplane was completed in a hanger located on the northeast shore of Lake Union.

Since its founding, Boeing has been instrumental in building the economy in the Puget Sound region. The Boeing of today, with more than 165,000 employees worldwide, has evolved into a global leader in the aviation industry. Despite Boeing's global footprint, the company's commitment to more than 200 community partners and non-profits in the Puget Sound region is unparalleled. I commend Boeing for years of support and contributions to projects focusing on STEM education, foster care, land conservation and food distribution, all of which have paid tremendous dividends toward improving the overall health of communities across Washington State.

Boeing's focus and commitment to environmental leadership, ethics and compliance, working conditions and human rights, employee safety, diversity and inclusion, education, military and veteran engagement and community engagement has contributed to an impressive and rewarding first 100 years. I wish the company an equally successful second century.

Lastly, I give thanks to the past and present employees of Boeing whose hard work, talent and determination have allowed the company to follow the sage advice of William Boeing to "build something better."

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN R. FRITZ

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John R. Fritz, 48, who passed away on June 27, 2016. John was born on March 20, 1968 in Youngstown, Ohio, the son of Richard and Diane (Griffith) Fritz.

John graduated from the Austintown Fitch School, where he was consistently involved in the school's instrumental music program, in 1986. He went on to join the Austintown Fire Department for 26 years. He worked as a MCCTC fire instructor for many years and helped found the Austintown Honor Guard. John was also employed by the Western Reserve Mechanical in Niles for almost 20 years.

Throughout his life, John prioritized spending time with his family and serving others. He enjoyed archery, shooting, and scuba diving. He held a black belt in karate, collected unusual knives, enjoyed line dancing, appreciated motorcycles, and was a talented tinkerer. Passionate about raising money to fight Spina Bifida, John twice walked 60 miles from Austintown Fire Station No. 1 to Cleveland Clinic to help raise \$5,700 in donations. He was a founding member of the Mahoning Valley Fools (Fraternal Order of Leatherhead).

John will be deeply missed by his family. He leaves behind his wife, Karen (Bickle) Fritz,

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whom he married on September 11, 1999, and his children, Ryley, Bailey, Halley, Kassidey and Owen. He leaves also his parents, Richard and Diane; his sister, Jill (Kenneth) Ferrone; father-in-law, Gordon Bickle; brothers-in-law, Greg and Kevin Bickle; niece, Madison; nephew, Miles Ferrone; and his family of firefighters. He also leaves his dogs, Toby, LuLu, Sophie Mae, and Kooper.

Charitable even through his death, John was a Lifebank donor. He will be sadly missed by the community to which he gave so much.

CELEBRATING SPECTROLAB'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Spectrolab, located in Sylmar.

Spectrolab was founded in 1956 by Mr. Alfred E. Mann, a noted entrepreneur, inventor, and philanthropist.

Spectrolab is the world's leading manufacturer of solar cells and solar panels for space. Having manufactured more than 6.5 million solar cells, Spectrolab has powered more than 600 satellites and exploration vehicles.

The technology and products developed by Spectrolab have been a part of our nation's first ventures into space, including Pioneer 1 in 1958 and Explorer 6 in 1959.

Its solar panels were placed on the moon during the *Apollo 11* mission in 1969.

In 2004, Spectrolab received NASA's George M. Low Award for Supplier Quality and Excellence and had multi-junction cells inducted into the Space Technology Hall of Fame by the United States Space Foundation.

Spectrolab's solar cells power the International Space Station, the largest spacecraft in orbit. They recently set a new record with its advanced solar cells, powering Juno, NASA's interplanetary probe, on a mission to Jupiter.

With more than 80 percent of all law enforcement aircraft and helicopters in the United States using Spectrolab's Nightsun searchlights, this Sylmar Company has also made a difference in cities across the country.

Spectrolab's contributions to the San Fernando Valley and the space industry are truly commendable.

I applaud the record of unparalleled accomplishments in space exploration, illumination, and solar cell technology and satellite development.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED WAY OF LAKE AND SUMTER COUNTIES

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the tireless service and earnest dedication of United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Since 1965, United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties has collaborated with community partners to empower individuals and families in Lake and Sumter Counties to achieve their maximum potential through education, income stability, and healthy lives. In 2016, United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties will invest more than \$273,295 in 14 education, income and health programs in Lake and Sumter Counties. In addition, United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties community investments include \$345,000 to fund other programs including: 2-1-1, Family Emergency Services, the Human Care Network, and the Volunteer Tax Assistance program.

I am pleased to recognize the selfless work of United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties and their altruistic aspiration to improve our communities and help our neighbors. May their example inspire many to follow in their footsteps.

IN HONOR OF THE HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS OF KIMSE YOK MU (KYM)

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give recognition to the non-profit organization Kimse Yok Mu (KYM). This Turkish based international organization has successfully provided developmental and humanitarian aid through enlisting the help of 180,000 volunteers worldwide in over 113 countries. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the amazing achievements of this great organization.

Established in 2002, KYM has been able to aid over 200,000 families within Turkey and even millions more around the world. Their efforts include helping bring clean water to 17 African countries through the creation of 1,622 fresh water drinking wells, providing cataract surgery to 25,577 people on the African continent, as well as helping orphaned children in 56 countries.

KYM has been granted United Nations ECOSOC Special Consultative Status as an international charity, as they are credited with providing different sources of aid through medical services, social services, disaster relief, humanitarian services, educational programs, and sustainable infrastructure development. KYM is known to quickly respond to natural disasters through its sophisticated monitoring system and efficient work ethic.

The KYM has significantly changed millions of people's lives for the better, and on behalf of the people of the United States and New Jersey we thank them immensely for their humanitarian efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call votes 453, 454, and 455 held on July 13th, 2016, I was inescapably detained

handling important matters related to my District and the State of Alabama. If I had been present, I would have voted NO on the Palmer amendment, NO on the Gosar amendment, and NO on the Perry amendment to the FY2017 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

HONORING SUSAN E. STRICKLER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART IN MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to Susan Strickler on her retirement after 20 years with the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, New Hampshire, and thank her for the outstanding work she did during her career.

Ms. Strickler's commitment to expanding access to great art to the residents of New Hampshire and building on the strong reputation the Currier has had in New England and beyond has been outstanding. Her efforts to bring in new modern exhibits, while also highlighting the timeless beauty of more historical and revered works has helped to broaden the appeal of the museum to new generations.

She has not only helped to promote and expand access to the arts in New Hampshire, but also to solidify the Currier as an important landmark in the City of Manchester, with the expansion of its grounds and buildings.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Ms. Strickler on her retirement and all that she's accomplished in her career, and wish her the best on all future endeavors.

HONORING STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF MISSOURI PRESIDENT DR. DON CLAYCOMB ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Dr. Don Claycomb. He retired as President of State Technical College of Missouri on June 30, 2016. Dr. Claycomb dedicated over two decades of service to the college. Dr. Claycomb is currently the longest-serving public college president in Missouri.

At the beginning of his career, Dr. Claycomb was a high school agriculture teacher and FFA advisor. During those years of teaching, Dr. Claycomb was introduced to State Technical College of Missouri. During the years Dr. Claycomb has been president there have been numerous name changes for the college. When he first started working there in 1993, the name was Linn Technical Junior College; it was then changed to Linn Technical College. Then in 1996, the name was changed to Linn State Technical College. In 2013, the Missouri General Assembly passed HB 673 that would change the college's name to State