

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CLAYTON BENTCH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Clayton Bentch. Clayton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Clayton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Clayton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Clayton has led his troop as the Patrol Leader, become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, and holds the rank of Firebuilder in the tribe of Mic-O-Say. Clayton has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Clayton Bentch for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CHIEF DANIEL KEVIN BAUM COMPLETES FIRE OFFICER PROGRAM

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chief Daniel Kevin Baum of Pearland, TX, for successfully completing the Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP).

Completion of this program provides senior fire officers with the skills and expertise that are needed to combat today's challenging environment. Daniel previously served as chief of the Pearland EMS agency, has a Masters in Emergency and Disaster Management, and has over 10 years of experience in fire administration. Our community is safer thanks to his commitment to fire safety awareness and protection.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations and thank you to Chief Daniel Baum for completing the Executive Fire Officer Program. We appreciate his hard work, dedication and service for Pearland.

HONORING CHRISTIAN CHARLES TORCHIA

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christian Charles

Torchia. Christian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christian has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Christian has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Christian contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Christian restored a section of hiking trail in Green Hills of Platte Wildlife Preserve in Parkville, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christian Charles Torchia for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

BAY AREA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ACHIEVES CHEST PAIN CENTER ACCREDITATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bay Area Regional Medical Center in Houston, TX for achieving Chest Pain Center Accreditation with PCI and Resuscitation from the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care.

Bay Area Regional is the first and only hospital in Houston and only the fifth in Texas to achieve this outstanding recognition. This accreditation is achieved by hospitals proven to have a higher level of expertise regarding patients with heart attack symptoms. Bay Area Regional has stacked its staff with a dedicated and expert cardiology team that ensures its patients receive the best care and treatment, while also promoting community awareness to prepare and prevent heart attacks. Their hard work and success keeps Houstonians healthy.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Bay Area Regional Medical Center for achieving Chest Pain Center Accreditation. We are very proud and happy to have such an exceptional hospital so close to home. Thank you for all your hard work.

OPPOSITION TO H.R. 21

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today, I voted against H.R. 21, a bill that would allow Congress to summarily reject any regulation finalized during the final year of a President's administration.

Current law, under the Congressional Review Act (CRA), already allows Congress to invalidate rules adopted in the final 60 legislative days of an outgoing Administration on a case-by-case basis, preventing agencies from promulgating that rule or any substantially similar rule.

Today's bill, however, would allow Republicans to invalidate important regulations protecting public health, consumer rights, and the environment en bloc, without debating each rule individually or providing the transparency and accountability that would come from a rule-by-rule vote.

This means that rules finalized after the thorough and public process set forth by law—or extended by lawsuits—that agencies must follow are invalidated, even if the underlying problems remain, and with no plan to fix those underlying problems. For instance, rules limiting horse soring or strengthening consumer protections regarding organic food could be blocked under this rule.

The voters elected President Obama to a second, full four-year term. This deeply anti-democratic effort by the Republican majority not only undermines the President, it also leaves Americans and our environment holding the bag. H.R. 21 is perhaps more detrimental than the Senate's refusal to fill the Supreme Court vacancy because this bill would allow Congress to invalidate an entire year of an entire administration's work.

HONORING JOEL MADDEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joel Madden. Joel is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joel has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joel contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joel Madden for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

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