

lead the charge on good stewardship and conservation, which this ruling undermined. While there are a number of statutes that do govern agricultural nutrient management practices, Congress never intended for RCRA to be one of those statutes. In fact, the EPA's own regulations promulgated back in the 1970s agree that agricultural wastes, such as manures and fertilizer, were not intended to be governed under this law. This misguided ruling has placed farmers across the country in a legal uncertainty. It is incomprehensible that Congress and EPA intended that agricultural nutrients be exempt from this law, and then have a court find farmers at fault for non-compliance with the very law they are exempt from. Farmers need to know with certainty to what rules apply to them.

The legislation I introduce today would clarify and reaffirm that RCRA was not intended to govern agricultural nutrient management activities. Moreover, if a farmer is already engaged in legal action and is diligently working with the state or federal regulators to address nutrient management issues, then they would be preempted from citizen suits under this bill.

We want to continue to encourage farmers to be good, proactive stewards, and create an climate where farmers can feel comfortable working with regulators to address stewardship issues—not have farmers fear that documents they provide to regulators will be acquired by third-parties and used against them in “double-jeopardy”-like lawsuits. This commonsense legislation will clarify Congress' intent on this statute, and work to restore a relationship of trust and confidence between farmers and regulators.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES J.  
SPINELLO

**HON. DINA TITUS**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 3, 2017*

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to include in the RECORD some inadequate yet heartfelt words to celebrate the life and mourn the loss of James J. Spinello. Jim was my dear friend, respected colleague, and trusted confidant. We met in 1988 when he was a Young Turk in the Nevada Assembly. Along with his friends, Matt Callister, Gene Porter, and Wendell Williams, he was a legislator with a mission. As members of the Marvin Sedway/Gary Gray posse of talented young idealists, they set out to change the world—and indeed they have made Nevada a better place, each in his own way.

As an Assemblyman, Jim served as Chair of the Education Committee where he led the fight for class size reduction and as Vice Chair of the powerful Ways and Means Committee where he championed more funding for mental health. He was the serious, scholarly one of the bunch who had the compassion, knowledge, and work ethic to get things done.

After two terms he went on to manage Nevada's state workers compensation system.

He joined the administrative team at Clark County in 1997 for several years before becoming an integral player at R&R. Partners where he served as director of local government affairs. He loved his R&R family, especially Billy Vassiliadis, who was there for him in the most generous ways until the very end.

Meanwhile, he taught classes part time at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the College of Southern Nevada, which he thoroughly enjoyed. He was a natural teacher and role model who entertained, educated, and inspired. He brought his practical experience as well as his academic training and a vast wealth of information to the classroom.

Throughout all this time, Jim remained a wonderful friend, a man I trusted totally, which is a rare thing in politics today. We shared a Mediterranean temperament—mine Greek and his Sicilian. Boy, was he Sicilian. He had black curly hair and a beautiful singing voice (we called him Spinatra). He loved red wine and pasta, and loyalty was very important to him.

Jim enjoyed traveling, especially with his beloved daughters, Lilly and Chessa. He traveled to Sicily with his girls to visit his mother's village and found some slightly suspect cousins along the way. Everything he did, he did with their futures in mind. He was very proud of them and spoke of them often. At the Sicilian wake following his service, there was consensus among those who had known Jim for a long time that he was, simply put, a really good guy—in the very best sense of the words. Billy V. noted that his legacy is in his girls and the many young people he taught in class and in the work place. Dick Cooper commented on how ethical he was: He just couldn't not tell the truth. Another legislative colleague, Ernie Alder, said Jim was polite enough to laugh at his jokes. And Tom Warden and Marc Hechter, who had been with Jim every day those last weeks, recalled when Jim had selflessly been there for them in trying times. Matt called him a true friend and Chris Giunchigliani remarked on his amazing strength of character and spirit.

Tears were shed. Stories were told. Memories were bittersweet. He was a wonderful person to work with, to have a martini with, to stay out of or be in trouble with. He was loyal to me and I will always try to be loyal, in words and deeds, to his memory. The Spinner set a high bar. His passing is Nevada's loss.

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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 3, 2017*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, as our nation celebrates National Catholic Schools Week, I rise to recognize the lasting contributions of Catholic education in my South Florida community.

Marian Center School and Services, Archbishop Edward McCarthy High School, Car-

dinal Gibbons High School, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll High School, Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame High School, Immaculata-LaSalle High School, Monsignor Edward Pace High School, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, St. Brendan High School, Archdiocese of Miami Virtual Catholic School, St. John Vianney Seminary, Belen Jesuit Preparatory, Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart, Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory, Christopher Columbus High School, and Archbishop Curley Notre Dame are just a few of the Catholic institutions serving my district.

These schools do more than provide their students with an excellent education.

Each one of them is also dedicated to instilling a religious grounding, academic excellence, and moral values in their students so that they can dedicate their lives to serve God, their families, and their community.

Congratulations to the teachers, administrators, and staff at our fantastic Catholic schools.

Thank you for your dedication to building a brighter future for South Florida.

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HONORING S. JEROME FELDMAN

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 3, 2017*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Pennsylvanian, Mr. S. Jerome Feldman. A well-respected and greatly admired member of our community, Mr. Feldman is celebrating his 85th birthday today, February 3rd.

I have known Jerome and his wife Helene for many years and have always found them to be extraordinarily kind-hearted and wholly selfless people. His lifetime of charitable work and his dedication to peace and our national security is without peer. Jerome served our country with honor as a member of the United States Navy during the Korean War. Well-liked among his peers in the Navy, his bravery and commitment earned him the respect of everyone who served with him as well as the undying gratitude of our nation.

Mr. Feldman continues his advocacy for peace and security through his support of our closest ally, the State of Israel. He is also an active member of Philadelphia's Jewish community, one of our nation's oldest and most vibrant Jewish communities.

More than anything, Jerome is a family man, a neighbor and a friend to many, including me. He is the sort of man that Pennsylvania is proud to call a native son, and I am equally proud to call Jerome a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring S. Jerome Feldman on the occasion of his 85th birthday on February 3rd of this year.