

With their visit today, walking through the same hallways as our nation's forefathers and learning from their inspiration, I am confident the future of our country will be in good hands.

HONORING INTEGRATED WOOD
COMPONENTS, INC.

HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Integrated Wood Components, Inc. (IWCI) of Deposit, New York for being named "Local Business of the Year" by the Deposit Chamber of Commerce. Founded by the Kamp Family in 1972, IWCI has become an industry leader in composite wood furniture manufacturing through their commitment to producing quality products in an efficient and environmentally conscious way. This recognition is a true testament to IWCI's continued legacy of innovation, community involvement, and environmental stewardship.

Boasting one of the most modern, energy efficient, and fully integrated wood components manufacturing plants in the country, IWCI is known for its cutting-edge operation, swift adaptation to consumer needs, and technological advancements. The "Local Business of the Year" award, however, is a special designation reserved for those businesses who go above and beyond demonstrating exemplary business practices. In the 19th District, community involvement and conserving our cherished outdoor spaces are priorities we hold dear, and IWCI is no exception to that. From aiding local community organizations to embracing environmentally-sensitive practices, IWCI is a bulwark of community and environmental sustainability.

For over forty years, IWCI has left a positive imprint on our Upstate community and economy. On behalf of New York's 19th District, I want to congratulate the Kamp Family on their many years of hard work and community service, and celebrate IWCI on its much-deserved award. I am grateful for the Kamp family's commitment to New York State, and I wish them and IWCI continued success.

HONORING MARGARET C.
BARRETT-SIMON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant. A life-long Jacksonian, Margaret C. Barrett-Simon graduated from St. Joseph High School and the University of Southern Mississippi.

She was first elected to the Jackson City Council in 1985. During her years of experience on the Council, she has served as President, Vice President, and Chair of the Planning Committee, Budget Committee, Rules Committee, Legislative Committee, Homeless Task Force and the Transportation Committee.

She is very active in the local community through her service to various civic organiza-

tions. She currently serves on the board of the Salvation Army, Parish Street YMCA, School of Liberal Arts for Jackson State University and the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

She serves as the Advisory Council Member and Chair of the National League of Cities, National President of Women in Municipal Government and State President of Women in Municipal Government. She is involved in the Urban Poverty Task Force; the National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education, and Families; and the Mississippi Municipal Association.

She and her husband, Dr. Al Simon, have five daughters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Councilwoman Margaret C. Barrett-Simon for her dedication to serving others for 32 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to vote on the afternoon of Thursday, January 10, 2018 as my mother passed away.

I oppose S. 140, which contained the language of the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act. I strongly respect the sovereign rights of Native American Tribes. This bill, however, is nothing more than another attempt to undermine collective bargaining. In the process, it would strip hundreds of thousands of workers—the majority of whom are not tribe members—their right to a voice in the workplace.

As the UAW points out, at a time of growing wealth inequality and a shrinking middle class, the last thing Congress should do is deprive workers of their legally enforceable right to form unions and bargain collectively when there is indisputable evidence that unions help increase worker wages.

I would have voted against this bill, which seeks to deprive workers of their right to advocate for themselves and ask for the wages they deserve.

RECOGNIZING SILGAN CLOSURES

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Silgan Closures, a leader in the manufacturing industry in Illinois' 13th District.

The Silgan Closures plant in Champaign, Illinois was awarded the 2017 Illinois Sustainability Award by the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center. Over the past year, Silgan has made significant changes to its operation in an effort to reduce energy consumption, making it a true example of the sustainability in manufacturing and a deserving recipient of this award.

By converting from injection molding machines to compression molding machines, Silgan was able to reduce the company's greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 2,900

metric tons. Silgan also began using rail to import their plastic resin, further reducing carbon dioxide emissions. Even small changes like switching to LED lightbulbs and using more environmentally friendly cleaning agents have had a significant impact when it comes to cutting down on energy use at Silgan's facility in Champaign.

As a member of the Climate Solutions Caucus, I will continue to support policies like Section 179(d) of the IRS code, which incentivizes businesses to become more energy efficient, and the Mechanical Insulation Installation Incentive Act, which would expand 179(d) to include the installation of mechanical insulation. Businesses like Silgan Closures are an example of how incentivizing sustainability can produce results. I'm proud to highlight the good work that Silgan Closures is doing to lead the way in sustainable manufacturing in my district. They are certainly deserving of the 2017 Illinois Sustainability Award.

COST ESTIMATE ON H.R. 4567, THE
DHS OVERSEAS PERSONNEL EN-
HANCEMENT ACT OF 2017

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, the following cost estimate for H.R. 4567, the DHS Overseas Personnel Enhancement Act of 2017, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office was not made available to the Committee at the time of filing of the legislative report.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, January 18, 2018.

Hon. MICHAEL McCAUL,
*Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4567, the DHS Overseas Personnel Enhancement Act of 2017.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL.

Enclosure.

H.R. 4567—DHS OVERSEAS PERSONNEL
ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2017

As passed by the House of Representatives
on January 10, 2018

H.R. 4567 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to devise a plan to improve the effectiveness of DHS personnel who are stationed at foreign locations. The act also would require DHS—about twice a year over the next four years—to provide briefings to the Congress on department personnel with primary duties outside the United States. Using information from DHS, CBO estimates that implementing the act's provisions would cost less than \$500,000 annually; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 4567 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4567 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 4567 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.