

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DEBBIE AND DONALD
JOHNSON

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the countless contributions of Debbie and Donald Johnson and the mark they have made on their community in Santa Paula, California. For a quarter of a century, Debbie and Donald have tirelessly served the City of Santa Paula and its residents by chronicling the community's news and happenings.

Santa Paula residents since 1979, Debbie and Donald Johnson founded the twice-weekly Santa Paula Times in 1993, following the closure of the 105-year-old Santa Paula Daily Chronicle, of which Donald was the publisher and Debbie was the office manager. Together they published the Santa Paula Times for 25 years, never missing an issue.

The numerous accolades they have received over the years are a testament to their civic virtue. Debbie and Donald Johnson have been honored as the 2015 Citizens of the Year by the Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce; the 2015 Jesse Victoria Business of the Year Award by the Latino Town Hall; and the 1994 and 2009 Business of the Year Award; as well as the 1991 Good Practices Award by the Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, Donald is a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970. For his distinguished service, he received the Bronze Star, the National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. Donald continued his public service by serving two terms on the Santa Paula City Council and was appointed as mayor twice.

Debbie Johnson was president of the Downtown Merchants Association, which staged the annual Hot Summer Jazz and Art. Both Donald and Debbie are co-founders of the Citizens Patrol and founding directors of the Santa Paula Police and Fire Foundations, and Debbie has been a leading force for the annual Moonlight at the Ranch fundraiser that benefits public safety organizations in the region.

Debbie and Donald Johnson strongly support many charitable activities in Santa Paula and have been lauded for their steadfast commitment to organizations including the Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce, the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Paula, the Santa Paula Optimist Club, and the Santa Paula Education Foundation.

For these reasons, it is my honor to recognize Debbie and Donald Johnson for their dedicated efforts in serving the Santa Paula community and embodying a level of civic engagement and participation to which we should all aspire. I thank Donald and Debbie

for establishing the Santa Paula Times, a local journalistic institution that will not soon be forgotten.

HONORING MIKE LOVE OF THE
BEACH BOYS

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike Love, a founding member of The Beach Boys, one of the most popular rock groups in history. Love has spent an extraordinary fifty-five years and counting as the group's lead singer and one of its principal lyricists, with thirteen Gold albums, fifty-five Top 100 singles, and four number-one hits. He has received an Ella Award for his songwriting and, as a member of The Beach Boys, is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the California Hall of Fame, the Vocal Group Hall of Fame and he has received a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Beach Boys, from their California roots to their international fame, are a unique American story, one of overnight success, age-defying longevity, musical genius and spirituality. Mike Love is the only band member to be part of it each and every step of the way. It's an American story of how a sheet metal apprentice became the quintessential front man for one of America's most successful rock bands, singing in more than 5,600 concerts in twenty-six countries.

Love wrote the lyrics for pop classics such as "Good Vibrations," "California Girls," "Surfin' USA," and "Kokomo." Mike's partnership with his cousin Brian Wilson has few equals in American pop music, though Mike has carved out a legacy of his own. He co-wrote the lyrics to eleven of the twelve original Beach Boys songs that were Top 10 hits while providing the lead vocals on ten of them. The band's unprecedented durability also provides a glimpse into America's changing cultural mores over the past half century.

Mike's latest solo album, "Unleash the Love," was released in November 2017 with his hope that "if we all can unleash whatever love inside of us, we can collectively make this world better." His memoir, *Good Vibrations: My Life as a Beach Boy*, released in 2016 and is a New York Times bestseller.

A husband, a father, and an avid environmentalist, Love's life is as rich and layered as The Beach Boys' harmonies themselves. Love has been married to his wife, Jacquelyne Piesen, since 1994 and has eight children: Brian Love, Ambha Love, Michael Love, Jr., Melinda Love, Summer Love, Christian Love, Teresa Love and Hayleigh Love.

COMMENDING NORTH JERSEY
MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the mayors of Sussex and Warren Counties, who convened last month for my Fifth District Mayors Summit. I'm proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with these leaders to save taxpayer dollars, invest in critical infrastructure, improve rural broadband connectivity, and provide law enforcement and firefighters with the resources they need to protect our communities.

In North Jersey, we are paying far too much in taxes and getting far too little in return. My District pays some of the highest taxes in the nation, yet we receive only 33 cents back for every dollar we send to Washington. Compare that rate to that of the "Moocher States" including Mississippi, whose citizens receive \$4.38 back for every dollar they send to D.C. These states are giving themselves relief and sticking New Jersey with the bill.

We must continue working hard at the local level to stop New Jersey from becoming America's piggy bank. With the new challenges created by the recently passed Tax Hike Bill, we have to be more creative than ever in bringing federal dollars to the District and fighting for federal grants to boost our return on investment. Our mayors have already seen record successes in earning grants that support our cops, firefighters, and towns. For example, in Wantage Township, the Fire Department received \$102,000 in federal funds for safety and operations through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program—the first AFG grant awarded to Wantage in thirteen years.

In Belvidere, the town received more than \$1 million in federal excess equipment programs—more than \$857 per family—through which the Police Department and Department of Public Works received equipment. That equipment included fifteen workstation computers, a network server, trucks, trailers, and six generators that can function as an electric power plant and provide electricity to the Fire Department, Police Department, and two storm shelters in the event of a major storm. Our work together is about fighting for North Jersey and helping our residents reduce their tax burden.

I am leaving no stone unturned in clawing back federal resources for New Jersey and hope that by shining a light on these public servants, our mayors can build on their success, and save more money for their towns and taxpayers. There is nothing partisan about this; it's just good for New Jersey.

This year, I am thankful for the fourteen mayors and leaders who attended our summit, rolled up their sleeves, and put in the week-end hours to help strengthen their towns:

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 Allamuchy Mayor Keith DeTombeur
 Mansfield Township Mayor Joseph Watters
 Washington Borough Mayor Dave Higgins
 Hope Mayor Timothy McDonough
 Newton Mayor Wayne Levante
 Independence Mayor Robert Giordano
 Allamuchy Deputy Mayor Elliott Koppel
 Hackettstown Councilman Matt Engelau
 Hackettstown Councilman Jerry DiMaio
 Hackettstown Councilman James Lambo
 Hackettstown Councilman Scott Sheldon
 I thank them for their service. I am lucky to partner with this bipartisan group for the good of the Fifth District.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
 PHILIP JOHN CARRIGAN, JR.

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER
 OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Philip Carrigan, a dear friend and extraordinary community leader, for his dedicated service to Lake County as a lifelong advocate and volunteer.

It is hard to find a community organization or charity in Lake County not touched by Phil's tireless activity. He worked closely with the Waukegan Township-based transitional housing programs for people experiencing homelessness at Eddie Washington Center House and Staben House. He was also particularly dedicated to his regular Friday shift at the PADS Lake County homeless shelter, and one year even threw his birthday party there rather than miss a week.

Phil was an active volunteer with local prison reform groups, the John Howard Society and Prisoner Visitation and Support, and worked with the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism to help former inmates reintegrate into and succeed in society after serving their time.

In 2005, Phil was elected as a trustee of the College of Lake County Board, where he served two six-year terms. CLC board Chairman Richard Anderson described Phil as, "a dedicated supporter of CLC's students, a strong advocate for the Waukegan community and a person of extreme integrity."

The Faith Food Pantry in Zion, the Lake County Community Action Project, the CEASE FIRE Advisory Council, the Lake County NAACP board, and many other organizations benefited from Phil's activism as well.

Professionally, Dr. Carrigan began his career as a pharmacist in Boston. He later moved to Lake County in 1974 to begin work with Abbott Laboratories, where he worked for 30 years, primarily in pharmaceutical research and development. In recognition of his important contributions to the field, Dr. Carrigan was inducted into the Volwiler Society at the company.

Phil will be remembered for his big heart and sage wisdom, and as a friend and supporter of all those in the Lake County community. He will be missed by the many people whose lives were touched by his service.

I extend my sincerest condolences to Phil's wife Mary Clare Jakes; daughter Erin Carrigan; and the many other family, friends,

and colleagues who were changed by his life and now mourn his loss.

COMMON SENSE NUTRITION
 DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 772, the so-called "Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2017," which would deprive American consumers of the full benefit of the Menu Labeling Rule promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration scheduled to go into effect on May 7, 2018.

The Menu Labeling Rule provides consumers with nutritional information on the foods they purchase which is critically needed given rates of obesity and diabetes at crisis levels across the country.

Mr. Speaker, more than two-thirds of adults and one-third of children are considered to be overweight or obese.

Additionally, on average, Americans consume roughly one-third of their calories, and nearly half of their total food spending, on food prepared outside the home.

For this reason, access to nutritional information at the point of sale is an important tool for consumers to make informed nutrition decisions.

Unfortunately, H.R. 772 will undo the important progress made to implement federal menu labeling standards and will lead to consumer and industry confusion.

Consumers deserve transparency and industry deserves certainty, and the bill will lead to less of both.

Specifically, I oppose the bill because it:

1. Increases consumer confusion and allows deceptive portion sizes;
2. Removes consumer's right to information regardless of the location of purchase;
3. Removes the American people and the FDA's ability to ensure compliance; and
4. Delays needed transparency and undoes years of work by the FDA.

Current law requires menu boards to display calorie information for foods in portions that people would realistically be expected to eat.

However, H.R. 772 would permit establishments to display misleading calorie counts, such as by listing a single sandwich as "4 servings."

H.R. 772 removes the requirement that menu labeling be available at all points of purchase.

In a business sells 51 percent of sales online, restaurants would not be required to provide nutritional information to the remaining 49 percent of consumers.

Consumers should not lose access to nutritional information based on where they decide to purchase their meal.

This bill removes the responsibility of businesses to certify they remain compliant with menu labeling requirements and shields establishments from any civil lawsuits for non-compliance.

This removes important tools to hold businesses accountable and ensure Americans receive the transparency they want and deserve when eating out.

Since 2010 when menu labeling requirements were placed into law FDA has worked extensively with stakeholders to enact the law in a manner that works for both consumers and businesses.

Most recently, in November 2017, FDA published additional guidance to help answer remaining questions related to compliance and ensure all covered establishments have the tools they need to comply.

H.R. 772, however, would require FDA to expend significant resources to revise the final menu labeling rule, leading to extensive delays and greater confusion given that many businesses have already begun implementation of the menu labeling requirements as they currently stand.

Under H.R. 772, changes to menu labeling requirements would make access to information on menu labels more difficult for consumers.

Americans must be able to know what is in their food to make healthy choices.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support the final rule enacted by the Food and Drug Administration.

It was the result of a deliberate multi-year process that included input from officials in the food industry, government and public health.

This bill is unnecessary as the FDA's recent guidance already addresses the bill's concern.

Chain food service establishments have had years to prepare for compliance with the requirements.

Many of these establishments have already changed their menus in anticipation of the May 5, 2018 deadlines.

The May 7, 2018 deadline is actually the third extension of previous deadlines, dating back to December 1, 2016.

Consumers must be able to have all available information to make informed, healthy choices for themselves and their families.

I urge all Members to vote against this ill-advised and anti-consumer measure.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
 OF MR. THOMAS COREY

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I dedicate my time today to a man, who as a resident of Jupiter, Florida, I am honored to represent in Congress. His name is Mr. Thomas Corey, a decorated Vietnam hero who proudly served our country as a combat infantryman.

During the 1968 Tet Offensive, he received an enemy round in the neck that hit his spinal cord, leaving him paralyzed and a quadriplegic for life. But this did not stop him from dedicating his life and work to our veterans, and our country.

Since then, he has done extraordinary work: he has served on many Advisory Boards with local governments, and with the VA Medical Centers in West Palm Beach and Miami, the VA Research Foundation of Palm Beaches, VSIN 8 Management Assistance Council, Friends of Veterans Board, Friends of Fisher House Board, as President of the Vietnam Veterans Peace Initiative, and as the founding president of the Vietnam Veterans of America's Palm Beach County Chapter.