

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING AMY THOMAS AT
BOLTON FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Amy Thomas and the Bolton Family Health Clinic.

Amy Thomas was born to Robert and Jeanette Shoulders on October 17, 1977 in Jackson, MS. She has an older sister, Tequilla Shoulders, who is a Registered Nurse (RN) and is currently pursuing her degree in Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. Amy has been happily married 3 years to her lovable and supportive husband, Michael J. Thomas, who is a savvy Businessman, plus Co-Owner, Administrator, and Billing/Coder for the Bolton Family Clinic. Ultimately, Amy loves embracing and practicing her Christian lifestyle where she continuously gives God all the praise and puts Him first in all her endeavors. Also, Amy enjoys caring and helping others, participating in volunteer services, traveling, and mingling with family and friends.

Amy Thomas began the long road to becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner by graduating from Bailey Magnet High School. She then earned her BS degree in Nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi where she became an RN. Striving to achieve the goal of advancing her nursing career, Amy accomplished that goal. Here, she obtained her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi where she specialized in Advance Family Nursing Practice and graduated with Dean Honors in 2011 and became certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners to practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Then in 2014, Amy also became a certified DOT Medical Examiner to help promote and maintain transportation safety. In relation, at this present time, she is now furthering her education even more by pursuing a Doctoral in Nursing Practice degree from the University of South Alabama specializing in Family Clinical Practice.

Amy Thomas developed a strong 14 years of nursing background by working as an RN in Telemetry/MICU at the University of Medical Center, SICU at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center, and LTAC at Regency Hospital of Jackson. Then, after obtaining her Advance Practice Registered Nursing degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner, Amy worked 4 years to provide quality Geriatric care to residents in the Nursing Home and Primary Care to patients at Minor Med Care Clinic. One year later, Amy then ventured out and became owner (along with her husband) at the Bolton Family Clinic in the town of Bolton, MS. Here, Amy is presently the sole healthcare provider in the Bolton community. She has future goals of incorporating more specialty services in Bolton so that the residents could have all their healthcare needs met in their own community. This way, quality healthcare could be effectively disseminated with the ultimate goal of building a healthier Bolton community.

Amy is affiliated with the following organizations: Mississippi Nurses Association, Mississippi Rural Health Association, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, American Nurses Association and Mississippi Association for Nurse Practitioners.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Amy Thomas for her dedication to serving throughout her community and throughout organizations around Mississippi and the Bolton Family Clinic.

SANDRA LOVE

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2018

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Sandra Love, a constituent of New Jersey's First Congressional District and distinguished public servant.

Mrs. Love served as a New Jersey General Assemblywoman, representing the State's Fourth Legislative District. Prior to "Sandi's" tenure in the Legislature, she was the long time mayor of Gloucester Township, New Jersey, serving three terms from 1994 to 2006.

Among Mrs. Love's Mayoral accomplishments: the establishment of an Economic Development Advisory Committee, forming the Gloucester Township Human Relations Committee, creating a welfare-to-work program, developing the Gloucester Township Ministerial, and assisting in an effort that raised a substantial amount of relief funds for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

In addition, Sandi Love was a board member for the Council on Affordable Housing, served on the Gloucester Township Housing Authority, was a member of the Gloucester Township Scholarship Committee, and was a trustee for Camden County Health Services.

Despite her many public constituents and busy schedule, Sandi Love actively volunteered in the community she loved, contributing her time to the Special Olympics and serving as a trustee for the Mainstage Center for the Performing Arts.

For her dedicated civic engagement and commitment to help others in her advocacy, Mrs. Love was honored with the Women Who Make a Difference Award, a Blackwood Rotary Club Paul Harris fellowship, the Camden County Martin Luther King, Jr. award, and a YWCA Award.

Mrs. Love was the wife of Al, mother to Jason (Sara) and Jeffrey (Jen), and grandmother to Cordelia, Sophia, Ian, and August. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, neighbors, community members, and colleagues in public service.

Mr. Speaker, Sandi Love was an exceptional community leader. Mrs. Love's service, sacrifice, and compassion will forever endure in South Jersey. I ask you to join me in honoring the memory of The Honorable Sandra Love.

COST ESTIMATE ON H.R. 5089,
STRENGTHENING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SECURITY CAPABILITIES ACT OF 2018

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2018

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following cost estimate for H.R. 5089, Strengthening Local Transportation Security Capabilities Act of 2018, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office, which was not made available to the Committee at the time of filing of the legislative report.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, March 26, 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. 5089, the Strengthening Local Transportation Security Capabilities Act of 2018.

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

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL, Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 5089—STRENGTHENING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SECURITY CAPABILITIES ACT OF 2018

As passed by the House of Representatives
on March 22, 2018

SUMMARY

Under current law, the role of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in safeguarding surface transportation systems, which are largely owned and operated by state and local entities, primarily involves overseeing, coordinating, and regulating security-related activities. (Surface transportation includes the four general modes of land-based transportation: mass transit, freight rail, highway motor carrier, and pipeline.) H.R. 5089 would authorize DHS to pursue efforts to enhance the security of such systems.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5089 would cost \$21 million over the 2019–2022 period. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues, therefore pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5089 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 5089 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary effect of H.R. 5089 is shown in the following table. The costs of the legislation fall within budget function 400 (transportation).

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2018–2022
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INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Estimated Authorization Level	0	3	6	6	6	21
Estimated Outlays	0	3	6	6	6	21

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

This estimate assumes that H.R. 5089 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2019 and that necessary funds will be appropriated each year.

H.R. 5089 would direct DHS to prioritize the assignment of federal officers and intelligence analysts to existing fusion centers in jurisdictions where high-risk surface transportation systems are located to enhance information sharing about security-related threats. (Fusion centers are state and locally owned facilities that serve as focal points for coordinating the efforts of government agencies and other entities involved in law enforcement and other security-related activities.) The act also would require the department to establish a framework for operators of transportation facilities to follow in establishing centers to integrate and oversee daily operations and authorize DRS to provide training to nonfederally enforcement agencies.

The act does not specify how DHS should prioritize the assignment of its employees, but based on information from the department about current staffing levels, CBO expects that providing the envisioned level of support to fusion centers would require additional federal personnel. Using information from DHS, CBO estimates that as many as 36 such centers oversee high-risk transportation-related assets. For this estimate, CBO assumes that DRS would deploy one full-time employee (at an average annual cost of about \$175,000) to each of those centers. Assuming the department would hire additional staff gradually over the next year, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$3 million in 2019 and \$21 million over the next five years. Costs could be higher or lower depending on how many employees DRS determines are necessary to work with the fusion centers and carry out other activities under the act.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS

None.

INCREASE IN LONG-TERM DIRECT SPENDING AND DEFICITS

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5089 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

MANDATES

H.R. 5089 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

ESTIMATE PREPARED BY

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HONORING HOOSIER HOMESTEAD AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 18 farms in the Sixth Congressional District of Indiana who have received a

Hoosier Homestead Award for their commitment to Indiana agriculture.

In honor of Indiana's rich agricultural heritage, the Hoosier Homestead Award Program recognizes farms that have been owned by the same family for 100 years or more. I am proud that 18 farms within the Sixth Congressional District have met these qualifications and have received the Hoosier Homestead award. These include:

William S. Emy Farm (Decatur County).
Oesterling Homestead (Decatur County).
Rosfeld Farm (Franklin County).
Meyer Family Farm (Franklin County).
Kolb Farm (Franklin County).
Funke Farm (Jennings County).
Hobson Farm (Randolph County).
Huffman Family Farm (Randolph County).
Timke Farm (Ripley County).
Kohlman Farm (Ripley County).
Huber Farm (Ripley County).
Crum Farm (Ripley County).
Francis Graham Farms Inc. (Rush County).
Linville Farm (Shelby County).
Dake Farm (Shelby County).
Crandell Farm (Switzerland County).
Romerill Farm (Switzerland County).
Gavin-Beck Family Homestead (Union County).

On behalf of the entire Sixth Congressional District of Indiana, it is my privilege to recognize these farms for this award and their lasting impact and commitment on our community.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the Reserve Officers Association of the United States (ROA) on the 50th anniversary celebration of their national headquarters building in Washington, D.C. On February 22, 1968, the ROA Minuteman Memorial Building officially opened at One Constitution Avenue, NE at the corners of 1st Street and Constitution across the street from the U.S. Capitol Building and the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

ROA is a professional association of federally commissioned Reserve and National Guard officers, non-commissioned officers (E5 and above), former officers, and spouses of the uniformed services of the United States to include Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, plus the U.S. Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. ROA advocates for adequate funding of equipment and training requirements, recruiting and retention incentives, and employment rights for all members of the Reserve Components. ROA also advises and

educates Congress, the president, and the American people on national security issues.

The Association was founded in 1922 when one hundred forty-four officers, most of them combat veterans of World War I, first gathered with General of the Armies John J. "Black Jack" Pershing at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., to formally establish a new organization.

During World War II, the Association became inactive "for the duration" as its members went off to war. ROA was reactivated in 1946, and in 1948, Reserve Officers of the Naval Services (RONS) merged with ROA. The Marine Corps joined later the same year, with the Coast Guard entering in 1949. When law created a separate Department of the Air Force, for the first time the nation had, in ROA, a Reserve association embracing all the Services.

Public Law 595 of the 81st Congress established the objective of ROA, to "support and promote the development and execution of a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate National Defense." President Harry S. Truman, one of the early members of ROA, signed the charter on June 30, 1950.

ROA was first headquartered in The Lee House at 1653 Pennsylvania Ave NW from 1924 to 1938. The house, which later became the presidential Blair-Lee House, was conveniently located directly across the street from what was then called the State-War-Navy Building (now the Eisenhower Executive Office Building) and cater-cornered to the White House. The intervening years between 1938 and 1966 resulted in ROA outgrowing several headquarter "homes" around the capital city.

Finally, in early 1966, ROA decided to have a permanent headquarters building and purchased three brick boarding houses at 1 Constitution Ave NE on Capitol Hill for \$314,000 and, thus, began building a permanent national headquarters called the Minuteman Memorial Building.

The architectural firm Mills, Pettit & Mills of Washington, D.C. was asked to proceed with the final plans and specifications for the new ROA headquarters while a major fundraising campaign began with a \$1,500,000 goal to offset the cost of purchasing the land and erecting a new building. The entire project cost ROA \$1,610,156, but with the generosity of ROA members and benefactors, no mortgage was needed in the end.

ROA members worldwide were actively involved in the concept, design, construction and fundraising of the Minuteman Memorial building, including Lieutenant Commander Alan B. Mills, one of the architects of the new building.

So much pride went into the new Minuteman Memorial building that a sign at the construction site reminded all passersby that "The Reserves Care Enough to Share Enough to Keep our Country Free." This legacy continues today with the 821,600 Reserve Component members who serve daily from every state and in dozens of countries around the globe.