

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF FORMER U.S. SENATOR AND GOVERNOR PAUL LAXALT OF NEVADA

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the memory of former Nevada Senator and Governor Paul Laxalt.

Mr. Laxalt passed away this past Monday in McLean, Virginia.

A child of immigrants and a Nevada native from Carson City, he served our nation with distinction in the Pacific during the Second World War.

He applied himself to serving his community, first as a district attorney in 1950, then as Lieutenant Governor in 1962.

After winning the governorship of Nevada in 1968, he stabilized the state's gambling industry from the grips of organized crime and developed a system of community colleges.

Mr. Laxalt is perhaps best remembered as President Reagan's campaign chairman and the moderate Republican Senator from Nevada.

But he was above all a man who cared deeply for the nation, which he served with dignity and integrity.

Former Senator Harry Reid, whom Mr. Laxalt defeated in 1974 when Senator Reid was the state's lieutenant governor, and who succeeded him in the Senate in 1987, said of Mr. Laxalt, "We have been political adversaries all my adult life, but he and I are friends."

Though they disagreed on many policy issues, Senator Reid added, he viewed Mr. Laxalt as a man of utmost integrity in the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore pay tribute today not only to Paul Laxalt's honorable life of service, but also to the spirit of upholding integrity over bitter ideological entrenchment.

The life and story of Mr. Laxalt—his dedication to country over party, to the public over self, and to the greater good over personal gain—is certainly a model of conduct for those who seek to lead this nation.

I urge my colleagues, in memory of this statesman of integrity, to work to recover our sense of civility and work toward mending our differences for the common good.

OFFSHORE WIND FOR TERRITORIES ACT

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the "Offshore Wind for Territories Act," which would authorize wind energy development off the coasts of all 5 U.S. territories.

I thank my colleagues—Resident Commissioner GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN from Puerto Rico,

Congresswoman RADEWAGEN from American Samoa, and Congressman SOTO from Florida—for their support as original cosponsors.

Guam and the other territories remain heavily reliant on costly imports of foreign-refined petroleum for electricity generation and transportation fuel.

Electricity usage and costs for territorial residents are nearly twice the national average, while at the same time our median household incomes are less than half that of the mainland United States.

As such, reducing the territories' dependence on costly foreign fuel imports with domestically produced offshore wind energy should be a priority for Congress, and something everybody can support.

Current federal law does not authorize offshore development in the Exclusive Economic Zone around U.S. territories, which extends 200 nautical miles seaward from our coastlines.

This oversight precludes potentially viable offshore wind projects near Guam and other U.S. territories from moving forward or even getting started.

To rectify this problem, my bill would amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to include American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as our respective Exclusive Economic Zones.

Further, my bill would direct the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to complete a feasibility study on the offshore wind development potential for each territory, issue a call for information to gauge commercial interest, and offer wind lease sales as appropriate.

The wind lease scoping and sale process outlined by my bill mirrors the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's existing process for other forms of offshore development.

Any offshore wind project in the territories must be sited appropriately, which is why my bill would ensure that the governors of each territory are consulted throughout this process.

My bill also requires consultation with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and the U.S. Department of Defense.

My late husband, our former Governor Ricky Bordallo, proposed powering Guam with wind and solar energy during the 1970s and 1980s.

Now decades later, his vision may soon be realized.

Importantly, my bill would guarantee each territory a state-equivalent share of all royalty payments made to the federal government by offshore wind developers for projects in our respective Exclusive Economic Zones.

The royalty revenue-sharing under my bill is the same as that which current federal law provides for the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama from offshore development in the Gulf of Mexico.

My bill would also direct a portion of federal royalties collected to support the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coral Reef Conservation Program.

This will provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation in U.S. territories and else-

where, at no additional cost to American taxpayers.

In addition to improving self-reliance and lowering electricity costs, my bill would ensure that offshore wind development in federal waters provides a direct, economic benefit to adjacent U.S. territories.

Given that land is limited, offshore wind development has enormous potential for our islands.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting the "Offshore Wind for Territories Act."

JOURNEY OF HOPE CYCLISTS

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Journey of Hope cyclists riding over 4,000 miles across the country this summer to raise awareness for people living with disabilities.

In 1987, one man's dream of riding his bike across the country inspired the largest fraternal fundraising and awareness event of its kind, the Journey of Hope.

Today, the Journey of Hope consists of three cross-country routes covering 32 different states and over 12,000 miles that converge upon the U.S. Capitol here in Washington.

On a typical day, the cyclists ride over 75 miles. However, their day is far from over. The remainder of their days are spent visiting local groups that support people with disabilities and volunteering in the community.

Next week, the three Journey of Hope teams will arrive at our nation's Capital having raised over \$665,000 for the disabled.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon all of us in this body to join with me in thanking the Journey of Hope cyclists for their service to the disabled community.

HONORING COUNCILMAN GLEN LARUE

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Whitley County Councilman Glen Larue. For 20 years, Councilman Larue has represented Columbia Township. Additionally, Glen has served as dispatcher for the Whitley County Sheriff's Department and as a Columbia City volunteer fireman. I had the honor of serving with Councilman Larue in 2009 and 2010 and I saw firsthand his dedication and commitment to public service. I wish him the best as he begins the next chapter of his life. Whitley County and Columbia Township will miss his leadership and commitment to public service.

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