

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

GET ADDITIVES OUT ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Get Additives Out Act. This legislation would require a GAO report on the physical and behavioral health risks of food additives on children.

As a mom of two boys, I am committed to ensuring more transparency in the foods that we eat. The effects of food additives, both in food products and in the packaging that touches food products, are dramatically understudied, particularly the impact on children as they enter critical stages of development.

I urge my colleagues to join me in calling for more accountability on the foods that we consume and that we feed to our children. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the Get Additives Out Act.

RECOGNIZING CHRIS MCGUIGAN OF PLAINS

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chris McGuigan of Plains whose work with the Sanders County Fair and Rodeo has attracted the world's top professional competitors.

After years of volunteering at the fair, Chris began serving on the Sanders County Fair Board in 2001 and became its chairman a decade later. In 2017, Chris was appointed fair manager, a position from which he recently stepped down. Over the years, he estimates he has volunteered at least 1,000 hours to help make the fair and rodeo a success.

A retired Sanders County sheriff's deputy with 25 years of service, Chris helped lead many improvements to the fairgrounds, including upgrading the livestock facilities, improving the rodeo surface, constructing a 4-H horse arena and crow's nest, and making the arena ADA accessible.

The vision and accomplishments of the Sanders County Fair Board under Chris's leadership have brought the fair and rodeo wide acclaim for its excellence. In fact, the Women's Professional Rodeo Association seven times recognized the rodeo arena surface as having the best footing in the region.

"Hands down, the Sanders County Rodeo is one of the top-notch rodeos in Montana, and Chris has been the right-hand man there for years," said Lori Franzen, co-owner of Powder River Rodeo, which produces the rodeo in Plains as well as 90 professional rodeo events across the country. "Last year in the bull riding event alone, 10 of the top 15 cowboys in the professional circuit were competing in Plains."

Madam Speaker, for his more than two decades of service and outstanding dedication to improving the Sanders County Fair and Rodeo, I recognize Chris McGuigan for his spirit of Montana.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT OF 1989

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, thirty years ago today, on April 10, 1989, one of the most critically important federal ethics laws in our history, the Whistleblower Protection Act (WPA), was enacted. As we mark the anniversary of the WPA, I would like to give special recognition to this federal statute that has empowered Congressional oversight and assisted our work over the years.

The WPA protects whistleblowers who work for the federal government from retaliation for reporting activity constituting a violation of law, rules, or regulations, or mismanagement, fraud, waste, and abuse, or substantial danger to public health and safety. A federal agency violates the WPA if it takes or threatens to take a retaliatory personnel action against an employee who makes a protected disclosure.

On this 30th anniversary of the WPA, we honor the contributions of the brave men and women who report wrongdoing despite great risks to their careers and personal lives as a result of retaliation.

Without the WPA, very few whistleblowers would be willing to come forward. Congress relies on the WPA to fulfill its Constitutional duty to provide checks and balances on the Executive Branch—the very root of our democracy. This past February, my Committee issued an interim staff report raising serious concerns about White House efforts to rush the transfer of highly sensitive U.S. nuclear technology to Saudi Arabia in potential violation of the Atomic Energy Act and without Congressional review as required by law. The Committee's investigation was based on information that we received from multiple whistleblowers.

We also rely on the WPA to help safeguard our national security. Recently, a whistleblower working inside the White House Security Office was interviewed by the Committee about the dysfunctions in the White House that presented dangers to national security. This whistleblower "informed the Committee that during the Trump Administration, she and other career officials adjudicated denials of dozens of applications for security clearances that were later overturned." She explained the reason she came forward, stating: "I would not be doing a service to myself, my country, or my children if I sat back knowing that the issues that we have could impact national security."

My Committee would not have been able to conduct these oversight investigations without these whistleblowers, and these whistleblowers would not have come forward if they did not have the protections of the WPA.

We have made significant progress in protecting public servants who shine a light on corruption in the federal government, but we are not satisfied with the status quo. Congress must continue to ensure that agencies are following the existing law and also identify ways to improve the law to better serve the needs of our country.

HONORING DAN HAIFLEY

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Dan Haifley for his decades of service to the Santa Cruz community as the Executive Director of O'Neill Sea Odyssey, and to congratulate him on his retirement. Mr. Haifley has been at the helm of O'Neill Sea Odyssey, a cornerstone of the Santa Cruz community and maritime education, since 1999. Through his years of dedication to environmental education and our environment, Mr. Haifley made an immeasurable impact on our community on the central coast of California.

During his tenure of twenty years with O'Neill Sea Odyssey, the organization grew into a pillar of the Santa Cruz community as it offered free oceanography and ecology programs for grade school children, often from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Mr. Haifley also championed the integration of oceanography into formal educational institutions, making the subject matter accessible to youth of diverse backgrounds.

Under Mr. Haifley's direction, over one hundred thousand children had the opportunity to receive hands on marine biology, ecology, and navigation lessons aboard Team O'Neill's 'Catamaran' yacht. Mr. Haifley's leadership was intrinsic to the extraordinary performance of O'Neill Sea Odyssey, which has received numerous awards and recognition on multiple occasions for outstanding environmental leadership and education.

Mr. Haifley's conservation efforts did not begin with O'Neill, but rather span throughout his career. He was also the executive director of Save Our Shores, where he played a vital role in the creation of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. In addition, he led a successful campaign against offshore oil drilling throughout California and actively writes columns about the importance of our oceans.

Mr. Dan Haifley exemplifies what it means to be a conscientious and engaged citizen of the Central Coast. Mr. Haifley influenced generations of citizens to cherish and preserve the environment and through them he leaves a legacy of respect and admiration for our planet. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to

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stand here today in recognition of Mr. Dan Haifley's accomplished career. I have no doubt that he will continue serving his community and giving a voice to our oceans.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL 4-H
COUNCIL'S 2019 YOUTH IN ACTION
AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important work of the National 4-H Council, our country's largest youth development organization, as well as Clyde Van Dyke, the national winner of the 2019 4-H Youth in Action Award. Clyde, who also won the 4-H Youth in Action STEM Pillar Award, was honored at the National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards in Washington, D.C., and is being awarded \$10,000 in scholarships for higher education.

The 4-H Youth in Action Award recognizes Clyde for his resilience and commitment to using technology to spark community change. Clyde faced many challenges during his childhood, including the loss of his mother at a young age. He was further discouraged in elementary school when he was told that most kids with his background "wouldn't succeed." These feelings of defeat led him to put forth little effort in school. Everything changed for Clyde when a friend invited him to a 4-H technology club meeting. Not only did the 4-H program provide Clyde with access and exposure to technology, it also helped him develop important life skills that altered his perspective and boosted his drive to succeed.

4-H empowers nearly 6 million young people like Clyde across the United States through experiences that develop critical life and career skills. Through a network of 110 public universities and more than 3,000 local extension offices, 4-H serves every county and parish in the United States. Globally, 4-H collaborates with independent programs to empower approximately 1 million young people in 50 countries. Young people who take part in the research-backed 4-H experience are four times more likely as their peers to contribute to their communities; twice as likely to make healthier life choices; twice as likely to be civically active; and twice as likely to participate in STEM programs.

I commend 4-H for its ongoing work to educate and engage our young people and I salute Clyde Van Dyke for his exemplary perseverance, civic engagement, and ingenuity.

CONGRESSIONAL TEACHERS
AWARDS, FL 16

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of outstanding public school teachers in Florida's 16th Congressional District.

I was once told that children are 25 percent of the population, but they are 100 percent of

the future. And it's true. The education of a child is an investment, not only in that student, but in the future of our country.

Therefore, I established the Congressional Teacher Awards to honor educators for their ability to teach and inspire students.

An independent panel has chosen the following teachers from Manatee and Sarasota counties for Florida's 16th District 2019 Congressional Teacher Award for their accomplishments as educators: Marissa Dobbert for her accomplishments as a 7th Grade Math Teacher at Sarasota Military Academy Prep; Elizabeth Harris for her accomplishments as a 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Interventionist at Myakka City Elementary School; Chris King for his accomplishments as a 6th-9th Grade Special Education Teacher at Haile Middle School; Kate Kramer for her accomplishments as an Exceptional Student Education Liaison for PK and Autism at Fruitville Elementary School; Kari McMillan for her accomplishments as a Math Teacher at Palmetto High School; Ashlee Middleton for her accomplishments as an 11th and 12th Grade English and Reading Teacher at Sarasota High School; Nancy Miller for her accomplishments as a 3rd Grade Teacher at Ballard Elementary School; Kymberli Rivers for her accomplishments as a Literature and English Teacher at Manatee High School; Maria Underhill for her accomplishments as an 8th Grade Reading Teacher at Braden River Middle School.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, I congratulate each of these outstanding teachers and offer my sincere appreciation for their service and dedication.

HONORING THE BELLWOOD-ANTIS
GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM ON
THEIR PIAA CLASS 2A STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bellwood-Antis High School girls' basketball team who secured their second consecutive PIAA Class 2A state championship with a 66-57 victory over West Middlesex.

The Lady Blue Devils started the game down 0-7, but with the help of Alli Campbell's game high 24 points which included four of the team's extraordinary twelve three-points, they were able to come out on top.

Winning one state championship is no easy task, and winning back-to-back titles is an even more impressive fete. I am incredibly proud of these girls.

Please join me in congratulating the Lady Blue Devils.

RECOGNIZING JEAN BYE

HON. JIM HAGEDORN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Mr. HAGEDORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jean Bye, President and CEO of Dotson Iron Castings in Mankato, Min-

nesota. Jean began her career with Dotson Iron Castings in the 1970s. With her strong work ethic, commitment to excellence and keen technical knowledge, she advanced in her career and held various management positions. In 2010, she became Dotson's President/CEO; the first woman and non-family member to run this century old manufacturer. Today, over 100 tons of ductile iron castings are melted daily, with 1,500 different metal castings produced for over 150 customers across the world.

In April, Jean was presented with The Manufacturing Institute's Science, Technology, Engineering and Production (STEP) Ahead Award, which recognizes women who have demonstrated excellence and leadership in their careers and serve as role models in inspiring young women to pursue careers in manufacturing.

Jean is known within the metalcasting industry. Since 2011, she has served on the Board of Directors of the American Foundry Society (AFS), the industry's trade association and will be concluding her successful term as AFS President at the end of April. She became the first woman in the association's over 100-year history to be chosen by her peers to serve in this role.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Jean Bye on receiving the 2019 STEP Ahead Award and completing her term leading the metalcasting industry trade association. I wish her continued success.

IN HONOR OF KARL B. McMILLEN

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Karl B. McMillen, a Marine, a successful business owner and entrepreneur, and a generous philanthropist. Karl's life can be broken down into 3 distinct parts. The first part was to study hard and get educated. Then came working hard and building a successful business; and now he's giving back.

Karl McMillen was born September 19, 1928, in Miami, Arizona. In 1929, when Karl was just a year old, his family moved to California, seeking relief from the Great Depression. In the years that followed, Karl's father Mac instilled a strong work ethic in his son—through his childhood and teen years, Karl helped Mac with odd jobs, mining and other pursuits.

After graduating from Pasadena Junior College in 1946, Karl joined the Marine Corps. After two years with the Marines he left the service and began work at a plumbing company to earn some money. Seeking to advance his education, in the Fall of 1949, Karl enrolled at the University of New Mexico (UNM). One summer, during a break back home to Pasadena, he met a young woman named Thelma Mastraight. After a 3 month courtship Karl knew that Thelma was the woman for him, and they married in the fall of 1950. From there, the married couple went back and forth from Southern California and New Mexico for Karl to continue his education at UNM. During breaks, both worked hard to earn a decent living.

Over the next couple years, Karl became a water-softening wizard and started a small