

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DON'T USE SHORTAGE TO PROMOTE ANWR, COAST DEVELOPMENT

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 10, 2000*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, the recent rise in energy prices should serve as a wake-up call for the Republican leadership in Congress. From legislative obstruction that prevents improved auto fuel efficiency to gutting the budgets for energy conservation and efficiency programs, the Republicans in Congress have set the American people up to be exploited by OPEC.

Now, as the predicted crisis hits, the Republicans offer solutions that are as bankrupt and empty as their legislative record over the past five years:

Republicans vote for opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development.

The Republican Whip declares that "the cleanest thing you could do is to drill [for oil] off the coast of California and Florida," repealing the moratoria on offshore oil drilling.

Republicans want to repeal the gas taxes that are paying for urgently needed transportation improvements throughout America.

These are the same leaders who have repeatedly advocated the abolition of the Department of Energy and promoted the export to Asia of domestic oil from Alaska, all the while slashing programs designed to make America less dependent on foreign fuels.

As the Nation prepares for the celebration of Earth Day, these vigorously anti-environmental initiatives by the Republican leadership are extraordinarily ill-timed. But that should not come as a great surprise from a party whose third-ranking leader in the House of Representatives has been quoted as likening the Environmental Protection Agency to the Gestapo.

There is no easy or instant solution to make us more energy independent. Thanks to the budget cuts embraced by the Republican leadership, we have lost years of critical research and development in energy conservation and efficiency programs that were requested by the Clinton administration.

Instead of anti-environmental Republican policies, we should be working together to make the daily activities of Americans more energy-friendly. Who wouldn't want to drive a more fuel efficient car, live in a home that is better insulated, or have utilities which use less water and electricity? These kinds of measures can save much more oil than would ever be produced from the Arctic Refuge and without environmental destruction.

The Republican strategy is to trade energy efficiency for environmental catastrophe. That is not a sane national energy policy. That is a choice the American people should not have to make, and it is a choice they rightly reject.

HONORING MATTHEW NEMERSON FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 10, 2000*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join the many that have gathered to pay tribute to one of our community's leading advocates, Matthew Nemerson. A dear friend and colleague, Matthew has had a tremendous impact on the city of New Haven.

As president of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, Matthew has taken the lead in the revitalization efforts for the city of New Haven. Representing New Haven and 14 surrounding municipalities, the chamber is the primary voice for businesses throughout the region. With an unequalled understanding of the needs of business leaders, Matthew has led the effort to include the concerns of local businesses in city revitalization efforts—actively ensuring the creation of a strong and viable economic climate for the region. It has been an honor and privilege to work with Matthew on the many issues facing our region. His profound dedication to the advancement of southern Connecticut has been an inspiration.

Matthew's commitment to Greater New Haven extends beyond the chamber. His participation in numerous organizations throughout the region serves as an example to us all. His efforts on behalf of the Greater New Haven Urban League, the Greater New Haven United Way, the Greater New Haven Preservation Trust, the Greater New Haven Arts Council, the New Haven Scholarship Fund, and the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League have benefitted countless families across the State of Connecticut. Matthew also serves as a gubernatorial appointee to the Connecticut Port Authority and the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission and a mayoral appointee to the New Haven Coliseum Authority New Haven Development Corporation. Through his outstanding record of service, he has demonstrated a unique commitment to addressing the myriad of issues that face some of our most vulnerable citizens. All of us in the New Haven area have benefited from his work.

For nearly 13 years, Matthew has led the Chamber of Commerce and the Greater New Haven community with an unparalleled spirit that has truly enriched the lives of many. I am proud to join with his wife, Marian, his two children, Elana and Joy, family, friends and colleagues to extend my best wishes as Matthew begins a new chapter in his career. Mere words cannot express our gratitude for all that he has achieved on behalf of our community—we will certainly miss him.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF BARBARA HOWELL, BREAD FOR THE WORLD'S DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

**HON. TONY P. HALL**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 10, 2000*

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Barbara Howell, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of her service to Bread for the World, a nonpartisan Christian citizens' movement against hunger. Barbara Howell has dedicated her career to fighting for the needs of hungry and low-income people.

In April 1975, Barbara opened Bread for the World's first Washington, DC office—just across the street, on the fifth floor of the Methodist Building on Maryland Avenue. Since then, she has been instrumental in guiding Bread for the World's efforts to develop and support public policies to benefit low-income and hungry people in the United States and overseas. Barbara has provided expert testimony to Congress numerous times and has met with U.S. Presidents from President Carter to President Clinton. Due in large part to her leadership and advocacy, in 1995, the U.S. government implemented a groundbreaking measure to collect and report data on hunger and food insecurity in the United States annually.

Perhaps because of the deep love Barbara holds for her own daughters, Leah and Marya, Barbara has been a tireless advocate for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Barbara's work in support of the WIC program has helped ensure its steady availability to more and more low-income women and their children—even during periods of time when a number of programs assisting low-income people were under attack. In 1999, the National Association of WIC Directors honored Barbara for her longstanding leadership by giving her their WIC Advocacy Award.

Barbara is a woman of deep faith in God. She holds a master's degree in religious education from Union Theological Seminary. She has served her church as an elder and has chaired its missions council. Earlier in her career Barbara worked as a Methodist chaplain, serving three universities over a seven year period.

Barbara Howell has devoted her life to bringing justice to the most vulnerable people in our world. Barbara and her husband Leon spent four years as free-lance journalists in southeast Asia, writing about economic, development assistance, and church-related issues. For the past 25 years, she has been a determined leader on behalf of effective federal policy for low-income people in the United States and overseas. She has attended three United Nations Women's Conferences—in Copenhagen in 1980, Nairobi in 1985, and Beijing in 1995.

Barbara is a rare individual, and deserves our heart-felt thanks for dedicating her life to

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