

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
DALE E. KLEIN

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2006

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Dale E. Klein, currently the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, departs his post this week to assume the position of Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Born and educated in Missouri, Vice Chancellor for Special Engineering Programs in the University of Texas System, and on leave from his position as Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering (Nuclear Programs) at the University of Texas in Austin, Dr. Klein, as the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense from November 2001 to June 2006, led the Department of Defense's efforts to combat weapons of mass destruction at a watershed time in history.

In this position, he served as the principal staff assistant and advisor to the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology for all matters concerning the formulation of policy and plans for nuclear weapons, and nuclear, chemical, and biological defense. He was directly responsible to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense for matters associated with nuclear weapons safety and security, chemical weapons demilitarization, chemical and biological defense programs, cooperative threat reduction, treaties, and agreements.

In this capacity, he was responsible for the day-to-day oversight of four organizations responsible for billions of dollars in providing combat support operations to the Theater Commanders in support of the Global War on Terrorism, Counterproliferation and Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction. In addition, he was responsible for the Research and Development, Testing and Evaluation, and Acquisition Life-cycle Planning for systems to combat Weapons of Mass Destruction and to survive in a contaminated environment.

Dr. Klein personally facilitated international cooperation in the area of nuclear weapons safety and security by ensuring active and relevant bi-lateral dialogue was ongoing between several nuclear nations. These actions directly helped ensure proper stewardship of the enduring nuclear weapons stockpile by several nations, while maintaining adherence to numerous international treaties and agreements, such as the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. These programmatic actions serve to help mitigate the threat nuclear weapons pose to world order, while ensuring the President retains a credible deterrent option.

He supported and electrified President Bush's aims for the NATO-Russia Council. Desiring to see NATO and Russia move forward, together, to face common challenges and build ties that expand with time, Dr. Klein helped facilitate and institute numerous initiatives in the realm of nuclear and chemical and biological defense programs. These challenges include countering terrorism, preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction, search and rescue operations at sea, and emergency planning.

Dr. Klein led the establishment of a significant new effort in medical bio-warfare defense. The Transformational Medical Technology Initiative (TMTI) focuses more than \$1 billion over the next five years to develop broad-spectrum medical countermeasures against advanced bio-terror threats, including genetically engineered pathogens.

Dr. Klein provided the Chemical Demilitarization Program with the oversight and policy guidance that led to the successful start of five new chemical weapons destruction facilities. Under Dr. Klein's Leadership, the Chemical Demilitarization Program led the international community in compliance with the Chemical Weapons Convention obligations while maintaining the safety and security of the workers, the environment and the public during the destruction of the U.S. chemical weapons stockpile and former chemical weapons production facilities.

His endeavors produced extraordinary results and will have a lasting impact on the quality of many of the programs vital to the Department of Defense. They include such significant accomplishments as: successful stewardship of the U.S. nuclear deterrent enterprise; spearheading efforts to develop science and technology programs aimed at establishing the backbone of Domestic Nuclear Defense; personally facilitating international cooperation in the area of nuclear weapons safety and security; and development of capabilities to defeat improvised explosive devices, special weapons, hardened targets, and WMD stockpiles and production facilities.

Dale Klein accelerated national security in the critical areas of nuclear weapons safety and security, chemical weapons demilitarization, chemical and biological defense programs, cooperative threat reduction, and nuclear, chemical, and biological treaties and agreements. His leadership, vision, and tenacity were the driving forces in transforming the Department of Defense's approach to nuclear, chemical and biological defense while proactively seeking new and revolutionary technologies to address future threats. Dr. Klein's achievements and dedication represent the highest traditions of public service.

HIGHER EDUCATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT EXTENSION

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, today the House will temporarily extend for 3 months the Higher Education Act. I rise today to support this extension and to express my concern for the dangerous direction in which this Congress has taken our country's college students and our Nation's valued higher education system.

The Republican leadership has failed college students and their families by pushing through a reauthorization bill that does nothing to make college more affordable as tuition continues to increase at a rate faster than inflation. Instead of helping students and families deal with the rising price to attend college, Republicans also passed legislation cutting

\$12 billion from the student loan program—the largest cut in the history of federal student financial aid.

In addition to cutting Federal aid, the Republican leadership has made loans more expensive. And the bad news keeps coming. Recent reports confirm what struggling families already know—students and families are going deeper and deeper into debt to finance a college education. The Project on Student Loan Debt, a non-profit advocacy group, has found that the percentage of graduate seniors who have debt loads of \$40,000 or more have increased from 1.3 percent to 8 percent between 1993 and 2004.

Another recent report done by the Public Interest Research Group's Higher Education Project shows that 25 percent of public school graduates and 38 percent of private school graduates who become new teachers can't afford to pay their student debt on their salaries. Social workers in the same situation number even more—37 percent of public and 55 percent of private school graduates can't afford their student loan payments. More and more students are graduating with student loan debt numbers in the six figures. This is unmanageable and unfair and Congress can be a better partner in making the possibility of going to college more attainable—especially for middle- and low-income students.

Another troubling statistic has emerged—during the 2004–2005 school year—student borrowing of private loans increased by 30 percent. Private student loans are often used to bridge the gap between traditional financial aid and the cost of tuition—but they are more costly to students and families. In addition to being costlier, these private loans do not share some of the features of Federal student loans that are backed by the government, including deferment of payments and the rates at which interest may accrue.

What's more, starting July 1, Federal student loans will carry a higher fixed interest rate of 6.8 percent, an increase from the current 5.3 percent. That's why I support Democratic plans to provide substantive increases to the Pell Grant and to cut the student loan interest rates in half. As a co-sponsor of the Reverse the Raid on Student Aid Act, I believe that Congress can be a better partner for those students and their families who—as we debate these very issues that affect them—are sitting at kitchen tables across the country trying to figure out how to piece together the finances to attend college this fall.

There is some good news in this extension. The good news is that the current law that will be extended today is better than the Republican bill to reauthorize the Higher Education Act, H.R. 609, which does nothing to make college more affordable for students—the expressed purpose of the Higher Education Act. It makes no sense to make college more expensive by amending a law that exists to promote access to a college education.

College students should not be forced to bear the weight of President Bush's and this Republican Congress's irresponsible fiscal policies that have slashed student aid in order to pay for tax cuts that only benefit one percent of the nation's wealthiest. As I've stated in earlier extensions—today, this temporary extension is necessary, but I will continue to work to ensure that students will not be forced to pay for this enormous deficit now through financial aid cuts—or in the future as taxpayers.

RECOGNITION FOR THE KENTUCKY
COUNCIL ON ECONOMIC EDU-
CATION AND HILLIARD LYONS

HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the Kentucky Council on Economic Education and, J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc., a Louisville-based brokerage firm, for their efforts to improve the quality of financial and economic education for elementary, middle, and high school students in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Thanks to their dedicated efforts, Kentucky led all other States in increased participation in an important educational program, the Stock Market Game, in 2005.

To help students learn fundamental economic and financial concepts and principles, the Kentucky Council on Economic Education encourages schools throughout the Commonwealth to participate in the Stock Market Game. Created in the 1970s and administered by the Foundation for Investor Education, the Stock Market Game is a 15-week curricular tool that puts students in fourth through 12th grades in the role of investors. Students are given a hypothetical \$100,000 to invest in a simulated online market and must make decisions on how and where to invest their capital.

The simulated market experience that students receive via the Stock Market Game introduces them to financial markets and important economic concepts, including the sources and uses of capital and the impact inflation and recessions can have on investments. In addition to this knowledge, students learn valuable life skills, such as personal budgeting, critical thinking, and the importance of saving and investing.

Hilliard Lyons underwrites participation with a \$50,000 annual gift. As a result, participation in the Stock Market Game in Kentucky rose 46 percent in 2005, the largest of any State. In all, more than 9,000 students in 220 schools in Kentucky participated in the game. At one school, Campbell County Middle School near Cincinnati, 650 students participated at once. Math teacher Faye Smith deserves congratulations for that effort.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Kentucky Council on Economic Education and Hilliard Lyons for advancing economic education. Exposing youth to the concepts and practices that undergird our economy will aid them personally and professionally. Knowing how the economy works is important to the success of our nation. I commend the Kentucky Council on Economic Education and Hilliard Lyons for their interest in and dedication to economic education, which is vital to the continued prosperity and well-being of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and our Nation.

ON THE AMENDMENT PROCESS
FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R.
4761—DEEP OCEAN ENERGY RE-
SOURCE ACT OF 2006

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2006

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet this week to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 4761, the Deep Ocean Energy Resources Act of 2006. The bill was ordered reported by the Committee on Resources on June 21.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Rules Committee in room H-312 of the Capitol by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2006. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as reported by the Committee on Resources, which is available on the Web sites of both the Committee on Resources and the Committee on Rules.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

IN HONOR OF MR. JOHN E. "JACK"
KIPP, JR.

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2006

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to remember and honor an outstanding citizen, Mr. John E. "Jack" Kipp Jr., from the City of Folsom, CA. Following a lifetime of dedication to family and community, Jack Kipp passed away on May 26, 2006. He was 85 years old.

A fourth-generation resident of Folsom, Jack was born there on September 6, 1920. He was mischievous in his youth and even described himself as a "hell-raiser." Having been expelled from Folsom High School, he graduated from Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento in 1936.

During World War II, Jack served stateside in the U.S. Army. In 1953, he took over the family appliance shop. A year later, he helped found the Folsom Rotary Club chapter. This marked the beginning of his lifelong investment in his local community through civic participation.

Mr. Speaker, Jack spent nearly his entire life in Folsom and participated in many of the city's major changes over the past half-century. While serving as mayor and city councilman from the mid-1970s to the mid-1990s, he helped transform a small prison town born out of California's Gold Rush into a dynamic, thriving commercial and residential center. Dubbed by some to be the "father of Folsom," Jack is credited for helping to secure a sufficient water supply, attract the newest community college built in California, lure a major hospital, and lay the groundwork for the extension of Sacramento's light rail system to Folsom's historic sector.

While he was an agent for great change in Folsom, Jack was also an acknowledged repository of local history. In fact, he wrote a history column for the Folsom Telegraph and gave guided tours around the city. These seemingly contradictory elements of character—keeping one foot in the past while striding into the future at the same time—reflect why he was so influential in the town he loved so much.

Mr. Speaker, Folsom is now a model city that balances the preservation of its heritage with a fixed view to what lies ahead. It is a community equally well-known for its annual rodeo and its high-technology employment opportunities. This is in large part due to the strong leadership and forward-thinking vision of Jack Kipp. It is, therefore, very appropriate that the city's civic center is already named after him and a bronze relief portrait of him is displayed at the Folsom City Hall.

As important as his hometown was to Jack Kipp, there was something more important—his family. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Rose Marie Kipp. Together, they had two children: a daughter, Cookie, and a son, Michael. They have described their father as stern, thoughtful, generous, and kind.

Jack is also fondly remembered by his grandchildren, John Kipp, Tosca Riley, and Tony Galatti, and great-grandchildren, Nolan Kipp, and Chandler and Lucas Riley.

Mr. Speaker, Jack Kipp's legacy is one of honesty and integrity, of service and selflessness. Today, I join with his family, friends, and community to commemorate his life of good citizenship and uncommon decency. May he rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF EVELYN
"EVY" DUBROW

HON. BILL PASCARELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2006

Mr. PASCARELL. Mr. Speaker, today, I have a heavy heart because Paterson has lost one of its greatest daughters with the passing of Evelyn "Evy" Dubrow.

For over 60 years, Evy gave her life and spirit to the fight for fair wages, gender equality and the improvement of the human condition. Evy was that rare individual who had the passion of her convictions, yet never alienated anyone and was almost universally admired by all, truly a rare combination for a lobbyist in Washington.

Indeed, Evy was an old-fashioned advocate who endlessly walked the Halls of Congress using her charm, wit and intelligence to lift the rights of workers. The fact that she was one of our Nation's most important labor leaders shows that the workers rights movement has no gender preference, no racial preference, nor does its message stop at any border, it is a movement for all of humanity and Evy exemplified that message in every way.

The fruits of her labor were justly recognized in 1999 when President Bill Clinton awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom, calling her "a tiny woman, larger than life." But Evy did not do her life's work in order to collect awards or receive recognition, no she got up every morning to fight for the convictions she felt in her heart and that was always clear to those who knew her.