

And all those in that air war,
Sent them running back across those Yalu
shores . . .
For they too were the men of the hour,
For the air support gave us such power!
And all those on the high seas . . . dropping
b's . . .
Softening up those commies . . .
And all of those MIA's,
Whose loved ones their fine hearts still muse
this very day . . .
About where there loved ones now so lie . . .
For only now, their precious souls are seen
all in our lord's eyes!
And all of those who returned home, without
arms and legs . . .
Teaching us all what the word hero so con-
veys!
And eyes, who now so live without this day
. . .
For some call it the Forgotten War!
But not so in our Lord's eyes, for sure!
For of these, were the finest of all Men . . .
Who Live on this day . . .
All in America's greatest of all heroic lores!
As was, The Korean War . . .

ENHANCING SMALL BUSINESS RE-
SEARCH AND INNOVATION ACT
OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2965) to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, and for other purposes:

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the underlying legislation, H.R. 2965, the Enhancing Small Business Research and Innovation Act.

This bill will ensure that small businesses have access to federal research and development money so they can continue to be the engines of economic growth and innovation that our economy so desperately needs.

This bill also contains a number of important developments—including a focus on the commercialization of products developed with SBIR funding.

A focus on commercialization is also a focus on jobs as technologies and innovations created by this funding enter the marketplace.

I am also pleased that a number of provisions that I championed have been included in the manager's amendment and the underlying bill.

One of these provisions requires agencies that administer SBIR programs to give special consideration to vital transportation and infrastructure research activities when reviewing grant applications.

Investing in our nation's transportation and infrastructure through small business is essential to our long term success and growth.

I also worked to include a preference for veterans who have so honorably served this country.

This is the least we can do for the 26 million brave men and women who sacrificed years of their lives to protect our country—many who are small business owners.

This bill will also increase outreach to service-disabled veterans and other underrepresented groups.

As I have said before and I will say again, it is not enough to simply pay tribute to our veterans with our words; we must show our appreciation through our actions.

I also strongly support the provision of this bill that I worked on with Representative BOSWELL to require that priority be given to grant applicants from areas of the country that have lost a major source of employment.

Communities across this country, from Ohio to Iowa, are suffering as employers shut their doors. In Ohio, 83 of the 88 counties have experienced a mass layoff or plant closing since 2001.

Focusing funds in areas that have suffered the most and have endured major job losses will ensure that this money is helping people in the communities that need it most.

I urge a yes vote on the rule and the underlying bill.

IN HONOR OF THE BIG SUR
HEALTH CENTER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30th anniversary of the Big Sur Health Center, an independent, state-licensed, not-for-profit, community clinic, nestled in the heart of the beautiful Big Sur Valley. The Center is the only source of out-patient care for the 1,500 residents of the over 100 miles of remote and mountainous Big Sur coast. The Center also serves nearly 3,000,000 tourists who visit the Big Sur coast each year. It is crucial to the welfare of the Big Sur Community. As a Big Sur resident myself, I applaud the work of the health center staff and volunteers who do so much for their neighbors and visitors alike.

The Center grew out of a local, grass-roots effort in the late 1970s, to meet the needs of this rural community to provide quality comprehensive medical care to all in Big Sur regardless of a patient's ability to pay. At that time, I represented Big Sur as a Monterey County Supervisor. I had the great pleasure of working with Ray Sanborn, Dr. Saul Kunitz and other community leaders.

The Center finally opened its doors in September 1979. By 1985, it had become a 501(c)(3) corporation with a volunteer Board of Directors. That same year BSHC relocated from the Big Sur Grange Hall to its current location on the grounds of the All Saints Episcopal Church. In 2004, following a community-wide fundraising effort, the Center moved out of its old trailers into a new building at that site. Over the years the Center has developed into a busy family practice with over 2,600 patient visits annually. In the last few years the Center has also embarked on several important outreach initiatives. These included an oral health program emphasizing childhood dental care, a program to work with families and school districts to reverse growing rates of childhood obesity, and a multi year effort to reach out to the Big Sur coast's substantial Spanish speaking population.

This spirit of service and professionalism was apparent during the summer and fall of 2008 when the second largest wildfire in California's history besieged the Big Sur commu-

nity for the better part of two months. The Center staff worked hand in hand with the fire response authorities to help treat injured fire fighters so that they could return to their crews to continue their important work.

Looking to the future, the Center has fully embraced the move to electronic medical records championed by the Congress and President Obama. The Big Sur Health Center has developed and implemented an information technology system that provides practice management, electronic medical records and electronic health information exchange, and assures the protection of critical patient data in the event of a disaster that threatens or destroys the facility. In addition, this system allows for remote access to documents and facilitates patient management in the event of after-hours emergency room visits, or during a community disaster that closes the center. Retrieval of information for disease management in key populations, quality measures reporting, tracking of data and State-mandated annual clinic reporting is no longer the cumbersome and time consuming project of past times. Electronic retrieval and reactivation of patient health records is now done rapidly and accurately. The result is great savings to the Center and faster, better, more attentive care to the patient.

Madam Speaker, the Big Sur Health Center is a national treasure. It exemplifies a kind of dedicated grass-roots based health service that will be a key ingredient in a reformed American healthcare system—first rate medical care, cutting edge technology, in a community based setting. I know I speak for the whole House in extending our congratulations to the Center for a successful thirty years and our wishes for many more to come.

CONGRATULATING RALPH F.
KORTE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ralph F. Korte for his 2008 induction in the Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville Alumni Association Hall of Fame.

Ralph Korte is the founder and chairman emeritus of the board of Korte Company. The company was established by Mr. Korte in 1958 after he returned from Korea, serving in the U.S. Army. He was asked to build a milking parlor by his neighbor and a few weeks later he created an innovative, state-of-the-art business structure that is still used today.

In 1959 Korte decided to go to college and utilized the financial aid of the G.I. Bill. He took two night classes a week for 5 years until his G.I. benefits ran out. Korte realized his business courses were helping him manage his company, so he stayed in college. After 4 more years of schooling, he graduated from SIUE School of Business. Korte attributes his success in business to the quality of education he received at SIUE.

By 2005 the Korte Company was operating in 37 states and by 2008 it celebrated its 50th anniversary. The company is a nationally recognized industry leader with more than 1,800 jobs completed across the country. "I'm proud to say that more than 80 percent of our business comes from returning customers," Korte