

director of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the position of director of the Systems Engineering and Monitoring Division, from which he retired in 2001. After returning to Fairfax County in 2004, Jimmie successfully steered the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services with his extensive institutional knowledge.

During my tenure as chairman of the county board, Jimmie was instrumental in advancing major initiatives to establish Green building standards and expand storm water management efforts. We dedicated the value of one penny on the local tax rate to address critical needs, including stream and dam restoration, rehabilitation of our aging infrastructure and master planning of our 30 watersheds to protect them for future generations. Jimmie also played a major role in laying the foundation for implementing the board's bold 20-year Environmental Vision.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the many accomplishments of Jimmie Jenkins as he brings his distinguished career with Fairfax County to an end. The efforts of Jimmie and those who work with him largely happen behind the scenes, but the tangible benefits can be seen throughout our community on a daily basis, from the sophisticated treatment of wastewater to the more frequent use of low impact development practices to the improving health of the stream near your home. I am proud to have worked with Jimmie and thankful that our community will benefit from his contributions for years to come.

HONORING MINNESOTA COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS FOR SUCCESS AT WEATHERIZING HOMES

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the many workers and contractors who are part of Minnesota Community Action Partnership weatherization programs. Minnesota is being honored this week by the U.S. Department of Energy as one of the top five States in the country for its work utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to weatherize homes.

The installation of blower doors, energy efficient water heaters and furnaces, improved insulation, and energy efficient windows is vital work that saves energy, saves money, and helps low-income households. During the last year, Minnesota Community Action Partnership organizations have used American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to help weatherize an additional 17,000 homes. These investments are saving families an average of \$350 in energy costs this year and keeping them warm during Minnesota's coldest months.

I have seen the benefits of this work firsthand through the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties, CAPRW, which serves a majority of my constituents. Under the guidance of Executive Director Clarence Hightower, CAPRW has been able to serve over 200,000 low-income households each year, and over the past 30 years

has completed energy improvements on over 13,000 homes. CAPRW invested funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to expand the number of homes weatherized in our community by more than three times. As a result, the community benefited from new jobs, a cleaner environment, and lower energy costs for working class families.

These Recovery Act investments are strengthening our community by allowing Community Action Agencies to build on the legacy begun in 1964 as part of President Johnson's Economic Opportunity Act, which served as a major step in the war on poverty. Today, Community Action Agencies continue to provide a wide variety of services to those living in poverty. In addition to weatherization efforts, local agencies also offer energy assistance, Head Start and Early Head Start programs, training programs for job training, financial literacy, and education, as well as senior nutrition programs. These efforts build stronger communities by providing opportunities for families to work towards economic independence.

Madam Speaker, in honor of the recognition by the U.S. Department of Energy of Minnesota's Weatherization Programs as one of the top in the Nation, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD recognizing this achievement and the hard work and dedication of our Community Action Agencies in fighting poverty.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, the House electronic voting system recorded the insertion and removal of my voting card for rollcall vote No. 977, on motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 1472, the Human Rights Enforcement Act of 2009.

However, it did not record my vote of "aye" on this bill.

I have long been a fervent advocate for human rights and want to ensure the recording of my support for this important measure.

IRAN REFINED PETROLEUM SANCTIONS ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, the Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act offers the Iranian regime a clear choice; either Iran can discontinue its nuclear weapons program or the Iranian economy will be severely disrupted by these tough new economic sanctions. As we have seen over recent months, the Iranian regime has proven to be openly and appallingly despotic. After falsifying election results, the Iranian leadership crushed the political opposition with brutal violence which was broadcast to every corner of the world. We have seen what this regime is capable of, and these

tyrannical leaders cannot be trusted with nuclear weapons. Now, as this brutal regime comes ever closer to the development of a nuclear weapon the international community, acting through the United Nations Security Council, must use sanctions to pressure Iran to stop their nuclear program. This is in the self-interest of all the permanent members of the Security Council. The stability of the entire region would be threatened if Iran were to develop a nuclear weapon as other leaders would certainly decide that a nuclear Iran on their doorstep would necessitate a nuclear program of their own. Iran has been given until the end of this year by President Obama to negotiate in good faith. The clock is ticking down, and when we reach midnight on December 31st, billions around the world will celebrate the dawning of a new year. For the brutal Iranian regime, it will mean that their window of opportunity has slammed shut. They will have sealed their fate. Either they will have joined the nations of the world to create a more peaceful 21st century, or they will be facing the political and economic consequences of their own actions.

HONORING THE 2009 CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION'S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor three principals from public schools in my district: Ms. Debra Lane of Rolling Valley Elementary School; Mr. Sal Rivera of Flint Hill Elementary; and Mr. Dwayne Young of Centreville Elementary School. These principals have shown a remarkable commitment to environmental education, actively incorporating it into their own curricula and seeking to promote it across Fairfax County. All three have increased outdoor learning opportunities for students and teachers in their schools and were instrumental in establishing a teacher professional development program focusing on the Chesapeake Bay for Fairfax principals and teachers.

They are helping to teach children new ways to engage academically and behaviorally, while fostering a stronger sense of community and connectedness to their surroundings. Through their efforts they have increased environmental awareness and promoted stewardship in younger generations, benefiting the Chesapeake Bay by educating about the dangerous effects of pollution.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation recognized their dedication by naming them 2009 Environmental Educators of the Year. This annual award, dating back more than a decade, recognizes individuals in the field of education within the Chesapeake Bay watershed who have contributed significantly to our understanding of the Bay ecosystem through an academic program.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and my constituents, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Ms. Lane, Mr. Rivera, and Mr. Young for this recognition and thanking them for their service.