

the initiatives with unnecessary and redundant study. These regulations include efforts to reduce airborne ozone, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, toxic metals like mercury, arsenic and chromium, and any effort to stem greenhouse gases, the single biggest threat to our way of life and our very existence in recorded history. The TRAIN Act also tries to overtly stop two essential rules. It indefinitely blocks EPA's Mercury and Air Toxics standards and Cross-State Air Pollution Rule by eliminating any legal deadline for EPA action. It prevents EPA from adopting the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule for a minimum of 19 months, and the Mercury and Air Toxics standards for at least 15 months.

Each year the Cross-State Air Pollution rule is delayed brings about up to 34,000 premature deaths, 19,000 emergency room visits for respiratory and cardiovascular disease, and about 400,000 cases of aggravated asthma. The pollution reductions under the rule are estimated to create health benefits of \$59 billion to \$140 billion per year; 5 to 13 times its costs.

Each year the Mercury and Air Toxics rule is delayed brings about 17,000 additional premature deaths, 12,200 emergency room visits for respiratory and cardiovascular disease, and about 120,000 cases of aggravated asthma. Enacting the rule would bring about health benefits of \$120 to \$280 billion per year; 150 to 350 times its costs.

If I told you Washington, DC were to incur an act of terrorism that would cost over 50,000 lives over the next year, I guarantee you this Congress would launch a multibillion dollar effort to save those lives. If an explosion at a nuclear power plant killed a baseball stadium's worth of people, you can bet we would spend billions of dollars figuring out what went wrong, conducting cleanup, performing oversight, and so much more. If a massive flood caused an outbreak of an enigmatic infectious disease that killed 34,000 people over 12 months, you can be certain we would mobilize all levels of government and the private sector to stop it. There would be clearly identifiable victims. There would be heroes. Not so in the field of public health where the victims are harder to identify and the cause of their death, less grandiose.

We have an opportunity here to prevent the deaths of tens of thousands of innocent Americans for far less money than it would cost to relaunch a war on terror, to clean up after a

nuclear catastrophe, or to stop the spread of a flood-borne emerging infectious disease. There are many environmental issues demanding our attention which will require remedies that are simply not cost-effective, in the narrowly defined economic sense of the term. The regulations at issue today do not fall into that category. This bill is a true test of fiscal rectitude. I urge my colleagues to reject it.

65 YEARS—VIRGIL & DORRACE POE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on October 16, Virgil and Dorrace Poe, my parents, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. This milestone is more than an anniversary; it is a remarkable accomplishment. For over six decades, my parents have taught me the value of education, the power of God, and the rewards of hard work.

The story of my parents is truly an American one. After my father served in the Second World War, he returned to Texas where he was stationed at the Army Post in Fort Hood. He met my mother at a Wednesday night "prayer meeting" at the Church of Christ. My mother was a volunteer for the Red Cross at the local Army hospital and a cashier at the Kyle Hotel's coffee shop in Temple, Texas. They married the next year.

Over the next few years, my parents welcomed my sister Jayne and me into the world. My dad went to Abilene Christian University thanks to the GI Bill. The family lived in the Army Barracks while dad attended classes. My dad worked climbing telephone poles for Southwestern Bell, and also he worked nights at KRBC radio station. His shifts at KRBC ended each night with "Stars and Stripes Forever," a fitting song.

Their marriage has taken them from Fort Hood to Abilene to Dallas and Houston with two brief stops in St. Louis.

Throughout our great State of Texas, they have volunteered in their communities and in their churches. My mom found time to teach kindergarten and work for the IRS. My dad worked over 40 years as an engineer for Southwestern Bell, and he taught Sunday School for over 60 years. My parents taught me to love God first and Texas second, but

sometimes it seemed like it was the other way around.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud and honored to recognize the 65th wedding anniversary of my parents, Virgil and Dorrace. And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO LEE BEAMAN

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Middle Tennessee's finest community leaders as he receives the Joe and Honey Rodgers Leadership Award. Named to honor the outstanding legacy of public service of Honey and the late Joe Rodgers, former Ambassador to France, the Rodgers Leadership Award is given each year to an individual in the Nashville area who demonstrates leadership while living a life of personal integrity, godly character, and concern for others.

Lee Beaman offers more to the Nashville area than a multitude of trucks, cars, and sports utility vehicles. More than what he sells with the Beaman Automotive Group, he is known for the incredible character with which he runs his family business of over 60 years. Due to his customer-oriented business philosophy, generosity to the community, and overall work environment, Beaman's company was named one of the top 20 places to work in Tennessee in 2006.

To be a success in business is a good goal, and one Mr. Beaman has met and matched. His true contribution to the Middle Tennessee area is in his civic service, philanthropy, and fidelity to a cause greater than himself. Mr. Beaman puts his faith into action through his work with the organizations like Salvation Army, Boy Scouts of America, and the American Heart Association. I thank him for his continued example in generously dedicating his time, talents, and treasures in making a difference in the community. I appreciate the great work civic leaders like Mr. Beaman contribute to the Middle Tennessee area and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Lee Beaman as he receives the Joe and Honey Rodgers Leadership Award.