

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2011

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 23, 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 741, final passage of H.R. 2401, which would block two landmark public health regulations under the Clean Air Act.

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Hyattsville, Maryland, as it celebrates its 125th anniversary. Throughout its long and rich history, the growing population of the city of Hyattsville has seen advances in education, industry, as well as preservation, illustrating the important role the city and its citizens have played in the economic and historic nature of our region.

Before its founding, the area was a pivotal settlement in the development of the region due to the area's waterways and American Indian trails. In the early 1700s European settlers had begun making land purchases in the region and in March of 1885, Christopher Clark Hyatt became the first landowner in the district which was later designated Hyattsville in his honor. Although its name was unofficial, Hyattsville became a distinguished community due to its proximity to railroad tracks and telegraph lines, and quickly established itself as a celebrated city among its year-round residents. Due to easy access to the Anacostia River and Victorian mansions, Hyattsville also held a reputation as a summer residence for those living nearby. In April of 1886, the Act of Incorporation of the City of Hyattsville was enacted, and since then Hyattsville, Maryland, has been transformed into a thriving suburb of Washington, DC.

Hyattsville has certainly progressed throughout its 125 years, yet still maintains its historic magnetism. Existing inside of the Capital Beltway, Hyattsville provides its residents easy access to Washington, DC, and still utilizes its long-standing railroads with Metro access and light rail service. Contemporary town homes, apartments, and condominiums have blossomed throughout the recent history of Hyattsville, while its Historic District maintains structures that exhibit late-19th and early-20th century style. Although new shopping centers like University Town Center and The Mall at Prince Georges provide modernized entertainment and employment opportunity, revitaliza-

tion of businesses in downtown Hyattsville allow conservation of the city's 125 year history.

It is my honor to recognize and congratulate the city of Hyattsville, Maryland, and its residents on its 125th Anniversary and acknowledge its many achievements.

SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of our friend and ally, the state of Israel. The Palestinians have asked the United Nations to recognize a Palestinian state. President Obama has pledged to veto such a resolution if it is brought before the Security Council, so we know this effort will not succeed. More importantly, the Palestinians know this effort will not result in the recognition of a Palestinian state. This is nothing more than an attempt by Palestinian leaders to isolate Israel.

President Abbas has walked away from the negotiating table, signed an agreement to bring the terrorist organization Hamas into the Palestinian government, and, through this unilateral effort to seek recognition through the U.N., Abbas is turning his back on a negotiated peace with Israel. But, as the President has stated, there are no shortcuts to peace. The only way to realize a lasting peace is through negotiation. This is the real issue. Every time the Palestinians and the Arab world have shown up for negotiations with Israel, Israel has shown up and made painful concessions. Now, sitting across from Israel at the negotiating table is an empty chair.

Palestinian leaders argue that negotiations with Israel won't work and have now run to the United Nations to seek unilateral recognition of a Palestinian state. But the Palestinian Authority cannot say that negotiations won't work if they are not willing to show up and try to make them work. So I say to President Abbas, return to the negotiating table. Israel is waiting.

And countries that are considering supporting the Palestinians' efforts at the U.N. should understand that this Congress will not allow them to vote against Israel at the U.N. with one hand and come to Congress to seek taxpayer dollars for military financing with the other hand. That is why I have introduced H.R. 2893, which would cut off Foreign Military Financing to any country that supports the recognition of a Palestinian state at the U.N. in the absence of a negotiated peace with Israel.

Israel is the only real democracy in the Middle East, a strategic ally and a close friend of the United States. Our country's commitment to Israel is unshakeable. I am proud of the strong support for Israel's security that Congress has demonstrated time and time again. And it is important to point out that our support

for Israel has historically been and continues to be overwhelmingly bipartisan. Given the threats facing Israel, the long friendship between our two nations, and Israel's strategic importance to the United States, it is critical that the U.S.-Israel relationship remains strong.

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S 18TH ANNUAL NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and express my thanks to the National Environmental Education Foundation, and the more than 180,000 volunteers lending their time and talent to the 18th annual National Public Lands Day. Mr. Speaker, this will be the largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands in the United States. Eight federal agencies will participate along with more than 250 state, county, and city partners and a host of nonprofit groups. At parks, beaches, wildlife preserves and forests around the country, dedicated citizens will work to improve and restore the places that we all use for recreation, education, exercise and relaxation.

One such site, Mr. Speaker, is very dear to me. The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site will see at least 300 volunteers weed, paint and place mulch around Dr. King's first home and the adjacent properties. I am so proud and grateful for the work they do in my district and in our country.

I am sorry I can't be with them on this special day, but I think it is appropriate that we recognize them from this great Chamber of public service. National Public Lands Day celebrates volunteerism and the importance of recreation and public lands to community health, so I think it is appropriate that we celebrate them. I hope all my colleagues will join with me in wishing the volunteers good health and a blessed event.

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 22 AS INTERNATIONAL CHRONIC MYELOGENOUS LEUKEMIA AWARENESS DAY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2011

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September 22 as International CML Awareness Day.

The date September 22 symbolizes the genetic mutation of chromosomes 9 and 22 that causes the rare blood cancer chronic myelogenous leukemia, or CML.

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