

Foundation with the Abdul Ghaffar Khan International Peace-BUILDER Award.

In 1930, Dr. Galtung was born in the city of Oslo, Norway. He received his doctorates in mathematics in 1956 and in sociology the following year. In 1957, Dr. Galtung moved to New York and began teaching at Columbia University in the Sociology Department. He returned to Oslo in 1959 and founded the Peace Research Institute Oslo, where he would serve as director for the following decade. In 1969 he took a position as a professor of peace and conflict research at the University of Oslo. He has since taught at universities around the world and is currently teaching courses in the Human Science Department at Saybrook University.

In 1993, Dr. Johan Galtung established the TRANSCEND Network for Conflict Transformation. TRANSCEND encompasses Transcend Peace University, Transcend Media Service, Transcend University Press, Transcend Peace Service, Transcend Research Institute, International Peace Institute and the Journal of Peace Research. Their mission is to bring about a more peaceful world by using action, education and training, dissemination and research to transform conflicts non-violently, with empathy and creativity, for acceptable and sustainable outcomes.

Dr. Galtung's contributions to international peace have earned him the Right Livelihood Award, Bajaj International Award for Promoting Gandhian Values, First Morton Deutsch Conflict Resolution Award, Norwegian Literary Prize Brage, Augsburg Golden Book of Peace, Eric Bye Memorial Prize, Korean Demilitarized Zone Peace Prize and in 1987, the Alternative Nobel Peace Prize.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Dr. Johan Galtung as he receives the Abdul Ghaffar Khan International Peace-BUILDER Award from the American Muslim Alliance Foundation.

COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 4, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2838) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2012 through 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise regarding H.R. 2838, the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act.

H.R. 2838 reauthorizes the activities of the U.S. Coast Guard and authorizes funding for the resources necessary to support the men and women who put their lives at risk every day to promote the safety and livelihoods of the people who use our country's waterways. The bill provides these resources in a fiscally responsible manner that advances the mission of the Guard while improving administration and reducing costs.

Our nation's waterways are the recreational and commercial arteries of the country. The safe and reliable movement of goods and people on our lakes, rivers and along our coast-

lines, helped to build the United States into the country it is today. Since its creation, the Coast Guard has played a vital role in America's economic and national security. The investments authorized by this bill will help to ensure the continued availability of the critical resources necessary for the Coast Guard to continue serving and protecting the people of the United States.

Despite its benefits, the bill has a major flaw. While the underlying bill enjoys bipartisan support, I share the Administration's concern about the Majority's insistence on attaching controversial "ballast water" language to the measure, whose effect would be to undermine the Clean Water Act and hinder states' efforts to control invasive species. For that reason, I will support the Dingell-Slaughter and Bishop amendments addressing this issue and will oppose final passage if they are not adopted.

RECOGNITION OF THE STATE OF OHIO FOR DECEMBER 1ST AS ROSA PARKS DAY

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ohio as the first state to designate December 1 as Rosa Parks Day with legislation to honor her life and legacy as the Mother of the Modern Civil Rights Movement.

In 2005, then-State Representative Joyce Beatty wrote, advocated for and won unanimous support to pass Ohio's legislation in the 50th-anniversary year of Mrs. Parks' courageous act of refusing to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus to a white passenger. This act sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Modern Civil Rights Movement.

Ohio continues to honor Rosa Parks with an annual statewide tribute on December 1 entitled "The Power of One," which celebrates that historical day when she took a stand by staying seated. A partnership between the Central Ohio Transit Authority, The Ohio State University, the Ohio Historical Society and the Ohio Civil Rights Commission brings the tribute to life each year. It includes a Children's Assembly that welcomes 800 schoolchildren to learn and be inspired by her legacy. Ohio's leadership in honoring Rosa Parks ensures that young children will be reminded that she is a symbol for justice and civil rights, and that sometimes one person can change the world.

I am proud to recognize the great state of Ohio for commemorating Rosa Parks' legacy of inspiration and courage and our state's ongoing education of young people about civil rights.

(126th General Assembly)

(House Bill Number 421)

An act to enact section 5.2231 of the Revised Code to designate December 1 as "Rosa Parks Day."

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That section 5.2231 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5.2231. *The first day of December is designated as "Rosa Parks Day," in honor of the woman who helped usher in the modern civil rights movement on that day in 1955 by refusing to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama.*

Jon A. Husted, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Bill Harris, President of the Senate.

Passed December 14, 2005.

Approved January 12, 2006.

Bob Taft, Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

James W. Burley, Director, Legislative Service Commission.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, on the 13th day of January, A.D. 2006.

J. Kenneth Blackwell, Secretary of State.

File No. 62

Effective Date 04/14/06.

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AN ACT

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Introduced by

Representatives Beatty, Reidelbach, Allen, Redfern, Ujvagi, Cassell, Harwood, Brown, Healy, Oelslager, Lana, McGregor, J., Miller, Gilb, Boccieri, Perry, Skindell, Evans, C., Carano, Chandler, Barrett, Hughes, Combs, Driehaus, Aslanides, Flowers, DeGeeter, Hoops, Hood, Strahorn, Peterson, Mitchell, Bulp, Smith, S., McGregor, R., Otterman, Stewart, D., Raussen, Book, Yuko, Patton, S., Fende, Hartnett, Mason, Wolpert, Woodard, Wagoner, Schaffer, Fessler, Calvert, Carmichael, Core, Raga, Schlichter, Smith, G., Koziura, Setzer, Blasdel Speaker Husted Representatives Blessing, Buehrer, Coley, Daniels, DeBose, DeWine, Dolan, Domenick, Evans, D., Faber, Garrison, Hagan, Key, Kilbane, Law, Martin, Patton, T., Sayre, Schneider, Seaver, Stewart, J., Sykes, Taylor, Trakas, Uecker, Walcher, Webster, White, Widener, Willamowski, Williams, Yates Senators Miller, Amstutz, Armbruster, Austria, Carey, Cates, Clancy, Coughlin, Dann, Fedor, Fingerhut, Gardner, Goodman, Grendell, Hagan, Harris, Hottinger, Jacobson, Jordan, Kearney, Malory, Mumper, Niehaus, Padgett, Prentiss, Roberts, Schuler, Schuring, Spada, Stivers, Wachtmann, Wilson, Zurz

Passed by the House of Representatives, December 13, 2005.

Passed by the Senate, December 14, 2005.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, on the 13th day of January, A.D. 2006.

J. Kenneth Blackwell, Secretary of State.

THE ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE ACT

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the bipartisan, bicameral Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2011. The ABLE Act is a much needed, long overdue, savings tool for individuals with disabilities.

I would like to thank my colleagues in the Senate, Senator CASEY and Senator BURR for their tireless efforts to introduce a companion bill in the U.S. Senate. I would also like to thank Representative MCMORRIS RODGERS for her pivotal role in crafting this meaningful legislation.

The federal government gives American families a helping hand in saving for the future. Accounts with special tax advantages