

EXTENSION OF PORT SECURITY
GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH 2015**HON. JANICE HAHN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, each day, U.S. ports move both imports and exports totaling some \$3.8 billion worth of goods through all 50 States. Additionally, ports move 99.4 percent of overseas cargo volume by weight and generate \$3.95 trillion in international trade. Given the importance of ports to our national economy, they must remain competitive and secure.

Thus, we must remain vigilant and make sure we are giving States the resources necessary, so they can address the constant security threats that continue to loom at our Nation's ports. Whether its scanning foreign cargo for nuclear material or patrolling essential waterways, port security has become increasingly important as we expand into a 21st century global economy. However, funding for these efforts continue to be a challenge as maritime security continue to expand and broaden with ever-evolving threats. Additionally, the economic downturn has forced cash-strapped States to cut funding for these vital security initiatives.

That is why I am introducing the Port Security Grant Act, which will extend the Port Security Grant Program through 2015. The Port Security Grant Program addresses these problems by allowing States to receive the Federal funding they need in order to secure their vital ports of entry. The program provides up to \$400 million for states to train personnel, expand port recovery and resiliency capabilities, and increase their capacity to detect, respond to, and recover from attacks involving explosive devices.

However, Congress has failed to extend this vital program beyond 2015. By not extending this program, we risk compromising the critical progress that has been made in port security and increasing the overall risk.

By passing this bill, we will ensure that States continue to receive the funding they need in order to protect our Nation's gateways to the rest of the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 854, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

ACKNOWLEDGING WORLD
REMEMBRANCE DAY 2011**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to take a moment to pay my respects to road traffic victims in honor of World Remem-

brance Day, this Sunday, November 20th. Since 1993, this special Remembrance Day responds to the great need that road crash victims and their loved ones harbor for public recognition of their loss and pain.

The sense of grief and distress of this large group of people is all the greater because many of the victims are young and many of the crashes could have been prevented. The response to road death and injury is often experienced as inadequate, cruelly unsympathetic, and inappropriate to a loss of life or quality of life. In 2005, the United Nations took it global, endorsing it to be the third Sunday in November each year, encouraging NGOs, such as the Association for Safe International Road Travel to commemorate this day.

I am proud to say, this past July, Indiana became the 32nd state to ban texting while behind the wheel. On May 11, Gov. Mitch Daniels signed the legislation which became effective July 1, 2011. Distraction is still a factor in too many serious crashes, and the new law is a small step to help make Indiana roads safer—and a small initiative which I hope will inspire road safety initiatives worldwide.

It is estimated that 1.3 million people die in road crashes each year. Unless action is taken, road traffic injuries are predicted to become the fifth leading cause of death by 2030.

It is my hope that recognizing Remembrance Day will signal the importance the issue of reducing road danger to government.

GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP
WEEK**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Global Entrepreneurship Week, a celebration of the innovators and job creators who launch new companies. These innovators bring forth new ideas, drive economic growth and expand human welfare. This year, I am pleased to announce that Global Entrepreneurship Week, supported by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in my district, will be celebrated in 123 different countries, directly engaging more than seven million participants.

During this week each November, Global Entrepreneurship Week inspires Americans from all walks of life through local, national and global activities designed to help them explore their potential as self-starters and imaginative innovators. These activities, from large-scale competitions to intimate networking gatherings, connect participants to potential collaborators, mentors and even investors—introducing them to new possibilities and exciting opportunities.

But G.E.W. is more than just an awareness campaign supported by world leaders and celebrity entrepreneurs. It is a rallying cry, calling us to unleash ideas and bring them to life—recognizing opportunities, taking risks, solving problems, being creative, building connections and learning from both failure and success. It is about challenging young people to think big and to make an impact on the world.

Entrepreneurs do three things—they advance innovation, build wealth for society, and create jobs. In fact, research from the Kauffman Foundation shows that almost all

net new jobs in the United States over the past 25 years have come from firms less than five years old. It's not surprising that policy-makers are looking to reinvigorate their economies by focusing on ways to stimulate new firm formation.

I invite my colleagues to take part in Global Entrepreneurship Week in your community. Support the innovators and engage the entrepreneurs that are a driving economic force in each of our districts. Together, we can encourage and empower aspiring and existing entrepreneurs to unleash their ideas and create the startups of the future that will change our country forever.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. BOBBY
MUKKAMALA**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend congratulations to Dr. S. Bobby Mukkamala as he completes his term as the youngest president of the Genesee County Medical Society.

Bobby and his family have dedicated their lives to providing health care to our community. His parents, his wife, his sister and brother-in-law are all physicians. Bobby fondly remembers playing as a child on the grounds of Hurley Medical Center while his mother, Dr. Sumathi Mukkamala made her hospital rounds. The twin sons of Bobby and his wife Dr. Nita Kulkarni, Nikhil and Deven, play today on that same playground while they wait for their parents to finish rounds.

Despite his young age, Dr. Mukkamala has extensive leadership experience. Bobby served on the Michigan State Medical Society Board as Young Physicians Section Chair in 2002 and was elected as a District Director to the Board earlier this year. Governor Jennifer Granholm appointed Bobby to the Board of Audiology for the State of Michigan. In 2008, Bobby received the American Medical Association Foundation Leadership Award.

Dr. Mukkamala was tapped in October of 2010 to serve as President of the Genesee County Medical Society where in his tenure he dramatically increased membership while encouraging his colleagues to focus on the many diverse needs of the Flint community. This was a realization of his dream to serve as President as his father, Dr. AppaRao Mukkamala, did in 1994. His commitment is best illustrated by the scholarship that was created by Bobby and his wife Nita at the University of Michigan-Flint and the endowment fund they established for the Community Foundation of Greater Flint.

Mr. Speaker, I find Dr. Mukkamala's dedication and leadership in the community a great inspiration and I am a better person for knowing him. That is why I ask You to please join me in congratulating Dr. Mukkamala on his many accomplishments as President of the Genesee County Medical Society. We graciously thank him for the leadership and vision he continues to bring to our community.