

Member GRIJALVA and their staffs for their help in moving our bill through their committee to the floor.

I also thank the National Park Service for its work to strengthen the legislation as well as for its efforts over the years to improve Gateway and its historic Floyd Bennett Field. Also deserving our appreciation are Governor Cuomo, New York Deputy Secretary for Energy Congdon, Mayor Bloomberg, Deputy Mayor Holloway, the Floyd Bennett Field Blue Ribbon Panel, the National Parks Conservation Association, the Regional Plan Association, and countless other individuals and organizations in New York for their work and collaboration in support of Gateway.

The natural gas pipeline system serving Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island is 40 to 60 years old. While adequate for the demand at the time, the system no longer has the capacity for the approximately 5.2 million residents of these three boroughs. Simply put, we need new natural gas infrastructure to meet our existing and growing needs, and H.R. 2606 is necessary to get us there.

Robert Yaro, the President of the Regional Plan Association, summed it up in August 22, 2011 letter to me in support of our bill. He

stated that H.R. 2606 will expand the supply of natural gas in New York City, help support economic development, improve public health by increasing air quality, and provide needed financial support for restoration of one of Floyd Bennett Field's historically significant airplane hangars.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2606 is a win all around.

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TRIBUTE TO ADORE FLYNN KURTZ

**HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 7, 2012*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of one of my constituents, Adore Flynn Kurtz, President and CEO of The Development Corporation in Clinton County, NY.

Receiving a bachelor's degree from the College of New Rochelle, along with a Master's of Public Administration from Ohio State University, Ms. Kurtz has dedicated her life to economic development and the betterment of the community around her. Her work has spanned

the course of twenty-eight years, with assignments in Connecticut, Ohio, and since 1995, Northern New York.

I have known Adore and her husband Perry since they moved to New York, and we have worked on many projects which brought much needed employment to our community. During her tenure as CEO, she has helped to increase TDC's net worth by 248 percent, and doubled the number of staff. She was among those who were instrumental in bringing manufacturers like Nova Bus and Bombardier to our community. At a time when our country faces a jobs crisis, Ms. Kurtz demonstrates a distinguished record in job creation and economic development.

While I am saddened to see such an exceptional individual and good friend retire today, I will be forever grateful for the work that she has done for my constituents and New York's 23rd district. As reflected in her accomplishments, her dedication and commitment to public service will continue to live on for many years to come. I trust much more of her time will be spent with her husband, children and grandchildren.