

shape our children's lives every day, with the support of generous local businesses that help fund it. It takes quite a band of leaders to run an organization that goes "above and beyond" for our kids on a daily basis.

Today, I would like to recognize Collaborative for Children for their dedication to improving the quality of education in the lives of our children, America's future. For some kids, you have given them a chance that they may not have had without your help. Thank you for your valuable contributions to our community, our state and our nation. Coming from a family with several teachers—and having taught school myself long ago—I understand what an impact a good education and role model can have on a child. It truly makes a world of a difference. Thank you for being that difference.

And that's just the way it is.

SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 2013

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. agricultural sector is a critical component of the American economy, generating over \$1 trillion in annual economic activity. However, this sector remains vulnerable to the natural or deliberate introduction of pests and disease. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports foreign pests and diseases currently cost the American economy tens of billions of dollars annually in the form of lower crop values, eradication programs, and emergency payments to farmers. Therefore, effective import and entry inspections are essential to preventing further economic losses.

After 9/11, the Homeland Security Act of 2002 transferred federal frontline import and entry agriculture inspection responsibilities from USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) within the Department of Homeland Security. Intended to enhance coordination at our nation's ports of entry by unifying federal customs, immigration, and agriculture inspection officers within DHS, this reorganization has actually generated several problems relating to the recruitment and retaining of agricultural inspection activities, including staffing shortages of CBP inspection personnel, coordination challenges between APHIS and CBP, and a lack of resources for equipment and supplies.

Without measures to adequately address these specific shortfalls, CBP will be powerless to prevent the increasing economic damage foreign pests and diseases are causing to the American economy.

That is why I am introducing the Safeguarding American Commerce and Agriculture Act. This bill will address these issues by establishing an Office of Agriculture Inspection within CBP charged with 1) developing a comprehensive agriculture specialist career track that ensures agriculture specialists are provided the training, experience, and assignments necessary for career progression; 2) developing plans to ensure agriculture specialists receive the necessary equipment and resources to fully and effectively carry out their

mission; and 3) establishing interagency rotations for CPB and APHIS personnel to strengthen critical relationships and promote interagency experience. By focusing on effective training and professional development, we can recruit and retain agricultural specialists, protect U.S. agriculture and commerce, and bolster this very necessary yet vulnerable sector of our economy.

ON THE OCCASION OF REVEREND DERRICK S. McDONALD'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF PROSPECT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Derrick S. McDonald on the occasion of his Fifth Anniversary as the spiritual leader of the congregation of Prospect Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, Michigan.

As the son of the late Reverend Eddie McDonald, who was pastor to Friendship Missionary Baptist Church for many years, Reverend McDonald grew up immersed in the teachings of Christ. It is hardly surprising that, like his father, Reverend McDonald would heed the call to serve his community. Reverend McDonald would continue to be involved in the congregation of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and after heeding the call to serve he joined the leadership at Friendship in 2002 as Gospel Minister under the late Reverend Dr. William Dulaney.

In 2008, Reverend McDonald was called to serve the congregation at Prospect Missionary Baptist Church. Under his leadership, the congregation at Prospect has not only grown in membership, but has also developed a greater spiritual connection to the words of the Gospel. Reverend McDonald strongly believes that faith plays a central role in the transformation of lives, both within his congregation and the City of Pontiac. The lessons of love in his faith have also led Reverend McDonald to place considerable emphasis on ministries that are active in the Pontiac community, which focus on improving the quality-of-life for local residents. While serving as pastor, Reverend McDonald has supported church programs that have nurtured the youth of the congregation as they work to discover and achieve their full potential.

His leadership and dedication have led Reverend McDonald to become a pillar of strength in the community and an example to others who seek to make a positive impact through the teachings of the Bible. For his commitment to his faith and his support of the Pontiac community, Reverend McDonald has been recognized by the Wolverine State Congress, Walter Cade Regional Workshop of the National Baptist Convention and the Crystal Lake District Congress Association, where he currently serves as Assistant Dean of the Crystal Lake Baptist District Association. Reverend McDonald's efforts, both at the pulpit and beyond, have been strengthened by the love of his wife, Barbara, and their children, Antonio and Jennifer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the profound impact that

Reverend Derrick McDonald has made on the congregation of Prospect Missionary Baptist Church as its pastor of the last five years and the larger impact he has made on the Greater Pontiac community. I wish Pastor McDonald, his family, and the congregants of Prospect many more rewarding years of spiritual fellowship.

HONORING THE WANAQUE FIRST AID SQUAD'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Wanaque First Aid Squad, located in the Borough of Wanaque, Passaic County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Before the existence of the Wanaque First Aid Squad, emergency medical services were provided to the borough by the Pompton Lakes First Aid Squad, located in the adjacent municipality. With the aim of providing better coverage to Wanaque, a group of residents petitioned the Mayor and Borough Council to form their own squad in 1970. Then Mayor Frank Longo appointed Councilman Samuel Liotti to serve as a liaison to the group and monitor its progress, and in October 1971, prospective members began training with the Ringwood, New Jersey Ambulance Corps. The first officers appointed by the Wanaque First Aid Squad were President Dennis Gallagher, Vice President Thomas Jones, Secretary Rosemary Jenkins, and Captain Robert Brown.

The Wanaque First Aid Squad was incorporated on June 21, 1972, due to the efforts of founding members Martin Carrigan III, Joseph Cisco, Arnold Cohen, Raymond Ernst, and David Sisco. The seventeen new members then began probationary training with the Ringwood and Pompton Lakes Squads, while they worked to build up their training and the capabilities of the new Wanaque First Aid Squad. The members wrote to other area squads seeking equipment donations, and were able to meet most of their needs. Later in the year, the squad obtained two aged Cadillac Ambulances, and in December, found a property on Melrose Avenue for their headquarters. While the new building was being completed, the squad operated out of a trailer set up behind the Borough Hall on Ringwood Avenue.

The Wanaque First Aid Squad officially began to operate at midnight, April 1, 1973. They held a dinner at a local restaurant to celebrate, and there they chose the names for the first premier, duty crew from a hat. Just before midnight, David Brolema, David Dougherty, Joseph Carrigan, and Robert Jordon left to start the first shift of the Wanaque First Aid Squad. The squad proved their importance quickly, as the first use of the rigs was the following day, April 2, and the first emergency call came on April 3.

The official headquarters was completed and dedicated on May 26, 1974, and within five years, a large hall was added, thanks to the donations of the Wanaque Lion's Club. Today, the hall is open for use for public fundraisers and private events, and every Thursday night, it is used to host the Wanaque First