

Bayport Fire Department on the 125th anniversary of its founding. Since 1888, this band of heroes has come to the rescue of community members not only in the City of Bayport but the surrounding townships and villages with their all-volunteer department. With literally generations of families serving in this St. Croix River fire department, the Bayport Fire Department is one of the oldest all-volunteer fire departments in the state of Minnesota.

The Bayport Fire Department was originally established in 1888 when the village of South Stillwater formed its own brigade to fight fires ravaging this small mill town. In the years following department's creation, the town has since changed names and generations of families have diligently volunteered to protect the Bayport community. Most remarkably, it is possibly the oldest all-volunteer fire departments in continuous existence in Minnesota. The fire department's informal motto, "desire to serve, courage to act, ability to perform," is a testament to the inspiring commitment of the Bayport Fire Department's all-volunteer staff. The brave men and women in the Bayport Fire Department have selflessly given untold time and energy to meet the challenges and emergencies this community has faced over the last 125 years.

From community outreach to training drills and even water rescues on the Saint Croix River, the fire fighting volunteers are extremely capable professionals who frequently hold full-time jobs in addition to their fire department duties. Bayport fire fighters are trained as first responders and routinely arrive first to the scene of local medical and fire emergencies. The long and prestigious history of the Bayport Fire Department and its all-volunteer staff is a powerful demonstration of what is possible when a community acts collectively—it is an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in rising to honor the commitment and dedication of all-volunteer Bayport Fire Department as we commemorate their 125th anniversary today.

A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FOR
A NORTH CAROLINA TREASURE,
MRS. THELMA PATTERSON CAIN

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of Mrs. Thelma Patterson Cain, a constituent of mine from Davie County, and longtime North Carolinian. It is an honor to represent Mrs. Cain in Congress and to introduce her to this body and her country as a real national treasure.

The people who know and love Mrs. Cain, which is everyone who meets her, say she is loyal, dutiful, responsible, intelligent, loving, beautiful, kindhearted, and gracious. She is a celebrated cook, a beloved mother, a cherished "Grandma," and an adopted "Auntie" to practically all the children in her neighborhood.

Mrs. Cain was born on September 26, 1913 as the tenth of Henry and Julia Patterson's eleven children. With her four sisters and six brothers, Thelma grew up in a North Carolina farming family, working in tobacco and raising cows, pigs, and chickens.

In 1939, she married Mr. Samuel Cain and the two had a son, William Henry Patterson.

She raised Gary Dulin, her grand nephew and current caretaker, like her own son as well. Today, Mrs. Cain enjoys the blessing of watching her family continue to grow through her four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In earlier years, Mrs. Cain was employed by North Carolina families in Davie and Yadkin as a domestic worker and was also a waitress at Winston-Salem's own Salem Academy.

A woman after my own heart, Mrs. Cain possesses a green thumb and has committed much time in her years to planting flower and vegetable gardens in our fine North Carolina soil. Birds, too, are counted among the beneficiaries of Mrs. Cain's thoughtfulness as feeding and watching them is a favorite of her pastimes.

Her personal relationship with God has been strengthened through her lifetime membership in Mocksville's Chinquapin Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Faith in the Lord Almighty has sustained Thelma Cain for 100 beautiful years, and carried, comforted, and guided her through hardship and loss. The heart of compassion, decency, and spirit of generosity which characterize this woman are so clearly rooted in obedience to God.

It is an absolute joy to recognize Mrs. Cain's on the occasion of her 100th birthday celebration. Mrs. Cain, like strong women often are, is an anchor for her family, church congregation, and community. She is deserving of honor, congratulations, and true celebration on this day and for all her days. May God continue to bless Mrs. Thelma Patterson Cain with good health, dear friendships, hope and happiness for many years to come.

RESTORING HEALTHY FORESTS
FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1526) to restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1526, the Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act. This bill is the fulfillment of a promise that the federal government made to counties and communities, particularly those in the Western part of the country, more than a century ago.

For far too long, our national forests have been managed by a strategy that fails to recognize the tremendous resource potential that our national forests hold. At the beginning of the 20th century when our national forest system was being created, the federal government implemented a program to exchange land owned by counties in return for a share of the revenue generated off the land. The

land was managed for resource extraction and forests thrived.

That is until the forest management strategy shifted. As extraction became less popular and increasingly vulnerable to litigation, timber revenue decreased and communities became wards of the federal government. In fact, timber harvests in our National Forests have fallen 80 percent over the last 30 years. Forest health is at an all time low. Jobs are scarce and communities are decimated.

In Eastern Washington, the Colville National Forest has been the economic engine for Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille counties—providing jobs, energy, and recreational opportunities. Yet, mills have closed, jobs lost, and of the 1.1 million acres in the Colville National Forest, over 300,000 are bug infested. This is unacceptable.

This past August, I met with forest officials, community leaders in the Colville National Forest, and other stakeholders to chart a path forward. We need a path that allows states and local governments to manage their affairs because they have shown success.

States have shown that they are able to produce several times more harvest and revenue from a smaller land base than the federal government. For example, Washington State is able to harvest 7 times as much timber, and generate 200 times as much revenue on 1/4 the land area as the Forest Service. We need forest management policies that exploit these successes.

H.R. 1526 does just that. It allows responsible timber production on Forest Service commercial timber lands—areas that were specifically identified by the forest service for timber harvest. It also allows state and local governments to get more involved in preventing wildfires on federal lands, and lets counties actively manage portions of National Forest land.

It is a common sense solution that provides a sustainable revenue stream for rural schools and counties for years to come. It creates jobs, improves forest health, and strengthens our rural communities. It is a win-win for everyone. I urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 1526, the Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 476, the Unfair Food Stamps (SNAP) Reduction Act, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to congratulate the Fireman's Fund Insurance