

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

KILAH DAVENPORT CHILD PROTECTION ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2013

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of a bill we are debating today, H.R. 3627, The Kilah Davenport Child Protection Act of 2013.

This commonsense bill will create an important study to examine the penalties that apply to child abusers across the country so that we can ensure we are doing everything possible to keep our children safe.

The motivation behind this significant legislation comes from one of my own constituents, Kilah Davenport. Kilah was abused when she was just three years old and suffers from severe mental and physical damage. I have had the pleasure of meeting young Kilah several times, and each time I'm moved by her strength and conviction. Not even old enough for kindergarten, Kilah is faced with an uphill battle of physical therapy and rehab. I will continue to pray that this innocent young girl makes a full recovery.

Mr. Speaker, child abuse and the safety of our children are not partisan issues. We must equip our states with the necessary tools to punish abusers to the fullest extent of the law. I am committed to ensuring that the federal government empowers the states to strengthen child abuse laws and ensure the safety of the most innocent in our society.

This bill guarantees that our states can address the serious problem of child abuse and makes certain that those who choose to harm a child are dealt with in a swift and severe manner. I support this bill, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same.

RECOGNIZING WORK ONE SOUTHEAST

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Work One Southeast to the success of the 6th District job fair.

On October 21, 2013, over 150 job seekers from across the district met with 36 businesses looking to hire new employees. In a time when jobs are still hard to come by these job fairs are an important tool in linking job seekers with perspective employers. I am proud we were able to bring community leaders together and provide this service to the people of the 6th District.

The job fair would not have been the success it was without the help of Work One Southeast. I want to recognize the work of

both Jamie Geyer and Angela Black. Their efforts in planning and organizing the job fair show a deep commitment to their community and the economic health of Southeastern Indiana. We could not have done the job fair without them.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in recognizing Work One Southeast. I look forward to working with them in the future as we strive to serve the people Southeastern Indiana.

HONORING BRAD ROBERTS

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brad Roberts, who recently passed away. Mr. Roberts' impressive career will surely be remembered by all. As the sponsor of H.R. 1465, the STORAGE Act, I am a strong proponent of energy storage and have had the opportunity to get to know this industry and the individuals who comprise it.

Brad Roberts was a leader in this industry, serving for decades as the volunteer Executive Director of the Electricity Storage Association, which advocates for technologies that make our electric grid more resilient, cleaner, more efficient, and less expensive. Mr. Roberts worked full-time as the Power Quality Systems Director for the Power Quality group of S&C Electric Company.

Growing up, Mr. Roberts was a graduate of Pensacola High School and a member of the Pensacola Fighting Tiger Band. During this time he had the opportunity to march in the Inaugural Parade for President John F. Kennedy. He then earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Florida and was registered as a professional engineer.

Mr. Roberts began his engineering work as a systems reliability engineer in the Apollo Lunar Module Program at Cape Kennedy, and amassed over 35 years of experience in the design and operation of critical power systems. These systems ranged from single phase UPS systems to medium-voltage applications. His career grew to include senior management positions and the publishing of several technical papers and journal articles. Throughout his life he held many leadership positions in various organizations. In addition to his roles at ESA and S&C, Mr. Roberts served as the Chairman of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Power Engineering Society's Emerging Technologies Committee. He was also a member of the US Department of Energy's Electricity Advisory Committee, and the University of Florida's College of Engineering Advisory Committee.

During his remarkable career, Mr. Roberts was honored with the 2004 John Mungenast International Power Quality Award, the 2009

Phil Symons Electricity Storage Award, and was also recognized as a Senior Life Member of IEEE.

In closing, I know Brad Roberts will surely be missed by those who knew him or knew of him. His passing is a loss to the industry. I send condolences to his family and loved-ones on behalf of my own family as well as the people of New York's 19th Congressional District.

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SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2013

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, we all agree that child abuse is a horrific problem, and the abuse of Kilah Davenport is a tragedy. We must take appropriate steps to try to prevent such future tragedies.

Child abuse is a widespread problem. In 2011, approximately 681,000 children were victims of maltreatment, and approximately 3.3 million children received preventative services from Child Protective Services agencies in the United States. Furthermore, nearly five children die every day in America from abuse and neglect, and more than 78 percent of reported child fatalities as a result of abuse and neglect were caused by one or more of the child victim's parents.

In addition to harming children directly, child abuse contributes to future crime.

Children who experience child abuse and neglect are about 9 times more likely to become involved in criminal activity. We should therefore get serious about reducing child abuse by enacting the type of meaningful legislation proven to actually reduce child abuse—and save money in the process—like nurse family partnerships.

Nurse family partnerships are an evidence-based community health program that provide home visits from registered nurses to low-income, first-time moms from pregnancy until the child turns two years old. In medical and scientific journals, nurse family partnerships are most often cited as the most effective intervention to prevent child abuse and neglect.

The approach of H.R. 3627 is to allow sentences of up to 10 years for those convicted for the third time for domestic abuse which, with this bill, will include child abuse. But it only applies to those offenses committed in national parks, military bases, Indian country, and on other federal land.

So of all of the cases of child abuse committed nationally, this bill unfortunately reaches only a negligible portion of the cases—those committed on federal land by people with two prior offenses.

Moreover, I am concerned that by increasing the penalties for third offenses, this bill implies that federal judges don't know what to do

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