

his community. And his vision and determination help enrich his flock and his city with community initiatives and charitable activities.

After 20 years, Pastor Roberson is an undisputed community leader in Lake County as well as a respected faith leader. The breadth of his work in the community has drawn many accolades and much recognition, including awards from the city and the College of Lake County and recognition from the Illinois General Assembly.

Leaders like Pastor Roberson ensure our communities remain close and strong and focused, in common purpose, on giving back and helping out. Congratulations again to Pastor Roberson on 20 years with First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church. I look forward to many future successes for many years to come.

AMERICAN RESEARCH AND
COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 4438. This bill is the exact opposite of the fiscal conservatism which has been preached by the G.O.P.

H.R. 4438, the American Research and Competitiveness Act, permanently extends the research and development tax credit that expired at the end of 2013, but modifies the credit to make it simpler to calculate.

I think we can all agree that on the merits, the R&D Tax Credit is one of the most practical, useful, and well-subscribed tax credits. Not only do large multinationals and many small research facilities use it; but numerous universities, including the University of Houston, the University of Texas, Texas Southern University, Texas A&M, and Texas Tech, among others, also take advantage of this job-producing credit.

Yet, the Republicans hypocritically failed to do something which they usually love to take credit for—and that is—to PAY for the bill by including an offset.

It provides no offset for the cost, which the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates would reduce revenues by \$156 billion over 10 years. This bill is the first in a series of individual tax “extenders” that I understand the Republican House leadership intends to consider. And make no mistake, this bill, and the others likely to follow, blow a hole in the deficit. Though at some point in the near future, President Obama will somehow be blamed for this.

This is a textbook example of Congress picking winners and losers.

Many of us support the R&D tax credit but there is no excuse for not offsetting the cost of the bill, noting that permanently extending the R&D credit and five other tax provisions that GOP leaders want to act on would add \$310 billion to the deficit.

Two years ago my Republican colleagues managed to hijack the legislative process and increase the federal budget deficit by insisting on an extension of the Bush Tax Cuts, originally enacted in 2001 and 2003.

These tax cuts cost \$1 trillion a year to extend and while many are critical to individuals

and businesses, the fact remains that if we are going to have a serious discussion about tax reform and balancing the budget, Congress cannot simply ignore the other side of the ledger: revenues. In addition, Congress cannot and should not be in the business of picking winners and losers.

Again, it is “hypocritical” that our Republican friends won’t offset the R&D credit but let emergency unemployment insurance for the long-term unemployed expire because they claim that we could not find an offset that they would support.

I ask my colleagues to reject this bill and end this partisan lawmaking.

RECOGNIZING MIKE GRECO

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I stand before you today to honor Mr. Michele “Mike” Greco for his more than 60 years of outstanding commitment to The Bronx and to my congressional district. Michele, better known as Mike, has consistently been a commendable contributor to The Bronx community, and stands as a living example of true commitment, citizenship, and good service to the community.

Michele Greco left the small town of Mendicino in Calabria, Italy in 1949, and immigrated to the Arthur Avenue section of The Bronx. While not a native member of the community, Mike has grown to embody all of the best characteristics of our community, and I am proud to call him a colleague in service, and even more proud to call him a friend.

Mike has grown to be an invaluable member of the community whose dedication to the neighborhood can be seen through all facets of his work.

Today, at 85 years young, Mike’s commitment is shown through his opening of The Bronx’s favorite neighborhood deli, Mike’s Deli. For New York City residents, having a neighborhood staple open for business day in and day out serves as a steady reminder that there is always someone in our community here to help, and for many people, that someone is Mike.

Mike Greco has dedicated himself to promoting his neighborhood’s rich Italian heritage, and to tirelessly demonstrating his love for The Bronx and all it has to offer. Most importantly, this gentleman serves as an outstanding example of how one person’s lifelong work can leave such a permanent mark in the hearts and minds of so many.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Mike Greco for his remarkable dedication to improving The Bronx, and sharing its wonders with visitors and residents alike.

RECOGNIZING THE U.S. BORDER
PATROL’S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the United States Border Patrol’s 90th anniversary of its founding.

First established as the Mounted Guard, founding members came from a large number of disparate groups that included Texas Rangers, sheriffs, and deputized cowboys who patrolled the Texas frontier looking for smugglers, rustlers, and people illegally entering the United States.

A Department of Labor Appropriation Act on May 28, 1924, formally established the U.S. Border Patrol with an initial force of 450 Patrol Inspectors, each patrolman responsible for furnishing his own horse.

Prohibition radically changed the role of the early Border Patrol due to the rampant smuggling of alcohol across the borders. As a result, a formal training regime was initiated for this young organization at Camp Chigas in El Paso, Texas.

In August 1942, the Border Patrol’s emblem was officially designated with a circular solid navy blue background surrounded by yellow with the continental United States centered in the middle with the words “U.S. BORDER PATROL” embossed in yellow on top, becoming a highly recognizable emblem worldwide.

The original emblem is still in use and is worn proudly by the men and women of the Border Patrol on all of their uniforms. The motto of the U.S. Border Patrol, “Honor First,” grew out of the dedication and actions of the first men who called themselves U.S. Border Patrol Inspectors, later to be known as U.S. Border Patrol Agents.

In the past 90 years, Border Patrol Agents have enforced our Nation’s immigration laws, provided border security, responded to civil disturbances, acted as air marshals, assisted State and local law enforcement, trained foreign officers, and provided humanitarian assistance. The present force of over 21,000 agents, located in 139 stations within 20 sectors across the southern and northern borders has been given an immense responsibility—protecting more than 8,000 miles of international land and water boundaries.

Whether dealing with the problem of illegal immigration or facing the threat of international terrorism, Border Patrol agents continue to be known for their dedication to duty, integrity, ingenuity, and rugged determination.

The threats have changed over the years but their commitment to the mission has remained steadfast. For nearly one hundred years, they have protected the Nation’s borders in unforgiving terrain against all who would do us harm.

Let us never forget the dangerous nature of this work—118 agents and pilots have given their lives in the line of duty.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I want to commend the men and women of the Border Patrol for their many years of service and wish them a happy 90th anniversary.

Honor First.

AMERICAN RESEARCH AND
COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation, which is especially important to New Jersey, one of America's most research-intensive states. Yet I must ask how my Republican colleagues can support this tax expenditure while opposing all other forms of government spending.

Republicans say America can't afford to pass unemployment insurance for 2.5 million Americans struggling to find work. NIH is at the lowest funding in three years, distributing fewer and fewer grants, but we can't afford to fund scientific and health research. There is a \$2 trillion transportation backlog, but we can't afford to repair and upgrade our roads, bridges, tunnels, and dams. Yet somehow, they say we can afford special tax cuts?

That's nonsense. To quote Martin Feldstein, the former chief economic advisor to Ronald Reagan, "These tax rules . . . are equivalent to direct government expenditures."

The distinction between tax expenditures and direct spending is one that only Grover Norquist could love. If America can afford this tax cut—and indeed we can—then we can afford to do so much more.

So I thank Republican leaders for correctly acknowledging the role of government investment in our economy. And I call on them to use this same logic to find more ways to invest in America. Let us pass a transportation bill that funds our roads and bridges. Let's meet the funding goals for scientific research that we set in the 2007 and 2010 COMPETES Act. Let's help the millions of Americans looking for work with the support they need. We can do better. The American people deserve better.

LEGISLATION THAT WOULD
ALLOW FAA TO CONTINUE WITH
ADOPTION OF OEI CRITERIA**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to a proposed policy that could have a significant adverse effect on jobs, private property, tax revenues, and economic development in several major American cities that host airports, and their surrounding communities.

The proposed change seeks to significantly alter current criteria used to evaluate structure heights around airports by changing the way a single engine failure at the moment of takeoff scenario is considered. This more rigorous standard would effectively lower the maximum permissible structure height around airports, affecting nearly 4,000 existing buildings in 48 States that would exceed the new criteria, not to mention a number of planned developments.

No one disputes aviation safety must be the top priority when considering these proposals.

However, every air carrier is already currently required to individually plan for a single engine failure scenario. These contingency plans may result in costly measures for the carriers such as greater fuel burn, reduced cargo, or reduced numbers of passengers. For this reason, FAA has historically considered OEI as an economic issue.

Given the potential far-reaching economic impact of this change and the competing economic interest at stake, we believe that this action should only be accomplished in accordance with standard rulemaking procedures, requiring a cost-benefit analysis with input from OMB and other agencies, and taking into consideration the real-world effects of such a change. A bipartisan, bicameral group of legislators wrote to Secretary Foxx and Administrator Huerta earlier this year asking for this very thing.

Last month, FAA posted a notice of policy change to the Federal Register announcing their intention to proceed with consideration of OEI via a change to policy, thus bypassing the rigors of a formal rulemaking. This action allows FAA to circumvent the rigors of cost-benefit and federalism analysis under Executive Order 12866 by calling this significant change to Part 77 a policy change, when it is, in fact, a rule change.

I, along with a bipartisan group of my colleagues, have introduced legislation today that would allow FAA to continue with adoption of OEI criteria only if the policy is adopted via a formal rulemaking, requiring input from OMB, OIRA, and other agencies, as well as a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis weighing competing economic interest and proposed practices versus current ones. This bill applies only to OEI consideration, and would not preempt the agency's ability to act in the event of an emergency situation.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL
SEERSUCKER DAY**HON. BILL CASSIDY**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

In celebration and appreciation of seersucker manufacturers and admirers around the country, I extend a Happy Seersucker Day. With a rich history dating back to 1909, seersucker clothing is a unique American fashion. The original seersucker suit was designed by Joseph Haspel at his Broad Street facility in New Orleans and has been enjoyed since by many Americans. The lightweight cotton fabric with its signature "pucker" has provided comfortable fashion ware during the hot summer months. As Mr. Haspel said, "hot is hot, no matter what you do for a living", seersucker clothing is now enjoyed by Americans across the country in all walks of life. In the late 1990s, Seersucker Day was established to honor this unique American fashion. I wish to restart this tradition by designating Wednesday, June 11th as National Seersucker Day. I encourage everyone to wear seersucker to commemorate this iconic American clothing.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of May, in the year of our

Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

RECOGNIZING AWANA CO-FOUNDERS
ART & WINNIE ROHRHEIM'S
75TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Art and Winnie Rohrheim's 75th wedding anniversary.

When the couple married in 1939, little did anyone know the impact that they would have on the world. What began as a personal passion for working with children in Chicago, Illinois, grew quickly into a successful program driven by their love and dedication to God and the kids.

By 1950, the Rohrheims founded Awana, the now-internationally renowned program, which stands for "Approved Workers Are Not Ashamed." Today Awana Clubs International reaches more than 2 million children in more than 100 countries on a weekly basis, encouraging young people everywhere to grow in their faith and learn more about the Bible's teachings.

At the heart of Awana is the Gospel. Art and Winnie have devoted a lifetime to their Lord and Savior. Not a day goes by that they aren't sharing with those they meet the truth of Jesus dying for our sins.

For three quarters of a century, Art and Winnie's strength of love and commitment has been a testimony for their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all those who have had the honor of knowing them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body join with me in honoring Art and Winnie Rohrheim for their milestone wedding anniversary, and their exemplary contributions to this nation and the lives of millions around the world.

HONORING THE BRAVE AND TALENTED
LAKE FOREST COUNTRY
DAY SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPANTS
IN THE 39TH ANNUAL
ROBBIE BIRMINGHAM SPEAKING
CONTEST**HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize 13 exceptional students at Lake Forest Country Day School (LFCDS) in the suburban Chicago district I represent.

These fifth through eighth grade students honored a 39-year tradition born out of a moment of pure courage, when Robbie Birmingham, recently diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, rose to his feet, delivered a speech from his heart and moved all those in attendance.

This year's 13 finalists spoke with poise, passion, pride and great courage themselves. They elucidated universal topics, big and small, and brought them to life with personal experiences.