

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 17, 2015*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the so-called Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act (H.R. 758). This misguided bill would reinstate procedural rules that failed thirty years ago, stripping federal judges of the ability to impose the sanctions they deem appropriate for bringing frivolous lawsuits. During the ten years the old rules were in effect, judges completely lost their discretion about whether or not to impose sanctions on attorneys and were forced to issue harsh penalties for even the smallest infractions. Heavy punishments under the old system lead to endless motions that clogged our already burdened legal system, preventing access to justice.

Moreover, had the provisions in this bill been law for all of the twentieth century, they would have prevented dozens of landmark civil rights cases from moving forward. Under this bill, both *Brown v. Board of Education*, which struck down school segregation, and *Loving v. Virginia*, which eliminated bans on interracial marriage, might not have made it into the courtroom. To rectify this situation, Congress in 1993 brought back the standards that existed during the Civil Rights Era, giving judges more flexibility and focusing on deterrence, rather than punishment. H.R. 758 would undo that work by abandoning our faith in judicial prudence. We should not repeat the mistakes of the past, and we should not allow this bill to become law.

### RECOGNIZING PATRICIA FRY FOR BECOMING A FINALIST FOR NA- TIONAL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2015*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia Fry, a dedicated principal who has been selected as, not only the Massachusetts Principal of the year, but is also a finalist for the 2015 National Principal of the Year.

The National Principal of the Year program identifies exemplary principals, like Patricia, from both the middle school and high school levels across the United States who have gone above and beyond to provide the best quality educational opportunities for their students while also contributing significantly to their profession, and I can think of no one more deserving than Patricia.

For the past 10 years, Patricia has served as principal at Plymouth South High School in

Plymouth, Massachusetts. Prior to this position, she has served as principal at Seekonk High School in Seekonk, Massachusetts. Before rising to the position of principal, Patricia endeavored to engage and shape young minds as a Spanish teacher and an assistant principal at Barnstable High School. Additionally, she is an accomplished presenter at workshops and conferences geared toward educators—having presented her energizing lessons, passion for the material, and commitment to the students all over the country.

Patricia is not only an educator but is also a lifelong learner. Though she has an undergraduate degree from Stonehill College and a Master's degree from Bridgewater State University, she has continued her education and is working toward completing her dissertation for a PhD from Lesley University. Her curiosity and passion for learning is a model for her students, and most importantly, is unparalleled.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Patricia Fry for achieving this prestigious recognition. I know all my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating her and wishing her nothing but success in the future.

### A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF JESÚS RAMOS RECIPIENT OF THE 2015 ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE AWARD

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2015*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the recipients of the sixteenth annual St. Madeleine Sophie Awards, given by Sacred Heart Schools (SHS), Atherton, California. The recipients of this prestigious and highly regarded recognition are individuals in the SHS community who have made a sustained and significant contribution to the Schools and embody the Goals and Criteria of a Sacred Heart education. Their commitment to the mission of a Sacred Heart education is a source of great inspiration to our entire community. This awards celebration will be held on September 23, 2015, in the Eileen Sullivan Connolly Auditorium in the Campbell Center for the Performing Arts at Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton.

This year's award recipient, Jesús Ramos, has given generously of his time, talent, and devotion to the Mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

Jesús Ramos is a Spanish instructor and coordinator of the Senior Honors Independent Study Program at Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton, California. In his 25 years as an educator in several independent schools, Jesús has worked in a wide range of school positions and functions: middle school academic dean; middle and high school Spanish teacher; World Languages department head; college counselor; founder of an office of Diver-

sity and Inclusion; middle and high school admissions committees; coach; dorm faculty member; peer mentor and evaluator; and campus ministry. In these capacities he has gained invaluable collaborative, communication, problem-solving, and strategic planning fluencies: mediating between teachers, parents and students; directing curriculum design; overseeing the hiring and evaluation of new and returning teachers; working with faculty, students, the Admissions Office and the Head of Schools on issues of equity, justice and multiculturalism; counseling students and their families through the college application process; and equally exercising his duties as coach, faculty resident and classroom teacher. Jesús earned his B.A. in Theology and Spanish Literature and his M.A. in Spanish Literature from the University of Notre Dame. He resides in Menlo Park, California.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the extraordinary work and contributions of Jesús Ramos and congratulate him on being honored with the St. Madeleine Sophie Award.

### FLORIDA INVENTORS HALL OF FAME

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2015*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 13 inventors who have been recognized as the Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame since its founding. In order to be named as an Inductee, these men and women were nominated by their peers and have undergone the scrutiny of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame Selection Committee. Each of their innovations is deemed to have made a significant impact on quality of life, economic development, and welfare of society for the citizens of Florida and the United States.

The Florida Inventors Hall of Fame was founded in 2013 by Paul R. Sanberg, Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation and Economic Development, and Judy Genshaft, President, at the University of South Florida. It was recognized by the Florida Senate with Senate Resolution 1756, adopted at the request of Florida Senator Jeff Brandes (22nd district), on April 30, 2014. By commending the incredible scientific work that has been, and continues to be, accomplished in Florida by its citizens, the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame's mission is to encourage individuals of all ages and backgrounds to strive toward the betterment of Florida and society through continuous, groundbreaking innovation.

Nomination to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame is open to all Florida inventors (living or dead) who are, or who have been, residents of Florida and whose connection to the State has informed their inventive work. The nominee must be a named inventor on a patent issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The impact of the inventor and

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his or her invention should be significant to society as a whole, and the invention should have been commercialized, utilized, or led to important innovations.

The 2014 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame are: Thomas Edison (1847–1931), the most prolific inventor in U.S. history and longtime resident of Fort Myers; Robert Cade (1927–2007), University of Florida professor, who developed the hydrating sports drink Gatorade, Gainesville; William Glenn (1926–2013), Florida Atlantic University professor, who invented the high-definition camera for NASA, Boca Raton; John Gorrie (1803–1855), physician and the father of refrigeration and air conditioning, Apalachicola; Shyam Mohapatra, University of South Florida professor and pioneer of applied biomedical nanotechnology, Tampa; and Shin-Tson Wu, University of Central Florida professor, whose liquid crystal research has impacted display technology worldwide, Orlando.

The 2015 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame are: Henry Ford (1863–1947), automotive technology pioneer and Fort Myers resident, who advanced industrial manufacturing and contributed to experimental botanical research; Robert Howard Grubbs, University of Florida graduate, professor at the California Institute of Technology, and recipient of the 2005 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, whose contributions led to new materials in medicine and plastics, Gainesville; Robert Holton, Florida State University professor, who invented the chemical synthesis of Taxol, a widely utilized and highly effective anti-cancer drug, Tallahassee; Jerry Pratt, scientist at the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, for his revolutionary work in walking robotics, Pensacola; Paul R. Sanberg, professor, and Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation and Economic Development at the University of South Florida, for discovery of novel approaches to drug and cell therapies to treat stroke, brain injuries and diseases, and for founding the National Academy of Inventors, Tampa; Nan-Yao Su, University of Florida professor, who invented Sentricon®, which revolutionized termite control, Gainesville and Fort Lauderdale; and Janet Yamamoto, University of Florida professor, who discovered the deadly feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), created the FIV vaccine, and furthered research on HIV, Gainesville.

The contributions made to society through innovation and invention are significant and life changing. I commend these individuals and the organizations and institutions that have supported them for the work they have done to benefit the world in which we live. In contemplating the work of these inventors, may future generations be encouraged to strive to emulate these honorees and their dedication to the ideal of innovation.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR.  
SANFORD L. JONES

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2015*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Dr. Sanford L. Jones, of Richmond, Kentucky. Dr. Jones, a part of the Greatest Generation, answered

his nation's call to service during World War II. Following the war, he had a distinguished career as an educator. Today, on his ninetieth birthday, it is my honor to recognize him before the House of Representatives.

Dr. Jones was born in Lost Creek, in Perry County, Kentucky. The oldest of seven children, his father worked as a coal miner and his mother taught school. When he was a senior in high school, Dr. Jones was drafted into the United States Army. He served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army 15th Air Force, 304th Bombardment Wing, 455th Bombardment Group from 1944–1945. Dr. Jones was assigned as a nose turret gunner on a B–24 Liberator bomber. He completed 35 missions over Europe, with targets in Italy, Yugoslavia, Austria, and Germany. He was awarded the Air Medal, with three Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal, for his outstanding service.

Dr. Jones flew many important missions, but one stands out in particular. On March 23rd, 1944, 157 Liberators flew a raid on the Saint Valentine tank factory north of Linz, Austria. The anti-aircraft flak by the Germans was rough. In the words of Dr. Jones, "I never saw flak burst so close and so much at one time. There were flashes of fire everywhere." His plane was badly damaged. After the pilot miraculously landed the plane, crew members counted over one hundred holes in the plane. Seven Liberators were lost on this mission, the most harrowing one of Dr. Jones' service.

Following the war, Jones completed high school and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky State College. He taught high school in Perry County before receiving a master's degree from the University of Kentucky and a doctorate from the University of Tennessee Memphis. Dr. Jones served on the faculty of Eastern Kentucky University from 1961–1992, serving as Chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences for 13 years. Over his many years in education, he has affected hundreds of young lives. His dedication to the education field is admirable.

The bravery of Dr. Sanford and his fellow men and women of the United States Army is heroic. Because of his courage and the courage of individuals from all across Kentucky and our great nation, our freedoms have been preserved for our generation and for future generations. He is truly an outstanding American, a patriot, and a hero to us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEW  
BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM  
AND THE WILLIAM M. WOOD  
FOUNDATION

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the William M. Wood Foundation for their collaboration in celebrating the history of Cape Verdean and Azorean culture in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Our nations' histories are forever interwoven, as the ancestors of today's Azorean and Cape Verdean American families remain an integral part of Massachusetts' economic prosperity. Many of these immigrants were first drawn to New England's ports on whaling

and fishing vessels in the early nineteenth century, often finding work in the region's nearby cranberry bogs. Cape Cod and Southeastern Massachusetts are home to the fastest growing Cape Verdean and Azorean communities in the United States.

Today, it is estimated that over 40% of the southeastern Massachusetts population are of Portuguese descent. The strong influence that the Cape Verdean and Azorean cultures have had on our local community cannot be understated, and it is essential that we honor and celebrate this important part of Southeastern Massachusetts culture.

In keeping with this spirit the William M. Wood Foundation has generously approved a \$300,000 grant to support the initiatives at the New Bedford Whaling Museum geared toward preserving the history of Azorean and Cape Verdean communities in Southeastern Massachusetts. Among other things, this grant will support a major traveling exhibit detailing the lives of Azorean and Cape Verdean whalers that will make an appearance at various coastal communities throughout New England. Additional community events will be supported by this funding, including an international symposium on the history of Azorean and Cape Verdean immigration in Massachusetts that will be held at the Museum.

In order to ensure that Cape Verdean and Azorean culture is not only preserved but celebrated in Southeastern Massachusetts, I have worked closely with many local and international officials, including Cape Verdean President Jorge Carlos Fonseca, Cape Verdean Prime Minister Jose Maria Neves, and President of the Regional Government of the Azores Vasco Cordeiro. It gives me great pride to work with these individuals and to see such strong support for honoring Azorean and Cape Verdean culture in Southeastern Massachusetts. The funding given by the William M. Wood Foundation will establish a strong base as we move forward, and we envision many more opportunities for collaboration in the future.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the William M. Wood Foundation as they join together to celebrate the history of Azorean and Cape Verdean culture in Southeastern Massachusetts. I thank my colleagues for joining me in recognition of these organizations for celebrating such an important aspect of Massachusetts history.

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