

Firefighters are a pillar of strength, bravery, and poise in our society. They routinely risk their lives to protect our neighborhoods, safeguard our families, and provide urgent aid to those who need it most. Over the course of his impressive career, Chief Foley has demonstrated an unwavering devotion to these ideals and our communities are safer as a result.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Eastham Fire Chief Mark Foley for over 28 years of distinguished public service. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring all that Chief Foley has done for our community and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

FUSION CENTER ENHANCEMENT
ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following exchange of letters between the Committee on Homeland Security and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, regarding H.R. 3598, for the record.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,
Washington, DC, November 2, 2015.

Hon. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCCAUL: I write concerning H.R. 3598, the "Fusion Center Enhancement Act of 2015." This legislation includes matters that I believe fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

In order to expedite floor consideration of H.R. 3598, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure agreed to forgo action on this bill despite the fact that the Parliamentarians were unable to fully litigate the jurisdictional question. However, this was conditional on our mutual understanding that forgoing consideration of the bill would not prejudice the Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or to any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill or similar legislation that fall within the Committee's Rule X jurisdiction.

I request that you please place a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest into the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
Washington, DC, November 3, 2015.

Hon. BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SHUSTER, Thank you for your interest in H.R. 3598, the "Fusion Center Enhancement Act of 2015." I appreciate your cooperation in refraining from requesting a sequential referral on this bill in the interest of allowing it to move expeditiously under suspension of the House Rules on November 2, 2015. Because H.R. 3598 has now passed the House, the Parliamentarians can no longer render an official decision as to

any jurisdictional claim the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee may have had.

I therefore acknowledge that the question of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's jurisdictional interest in a certain provision of H.R. 3598 has not been fully adjudicated and that no final decision as to that point was made. I further agree that the absence of a final decision will not prejudice any claim the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee may have with respect to this legislation in the future.

A copy of this letter will be entered into the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL T. MCCAUL,
Chairman.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act:

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Chair, I submit the following exchange of letters between myself and Chairman LAMAR SMITH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,
Washington, DC, October 30, 2015.

Hon. LAMAR SMITH,
Chairman, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 3763, the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015. I appreciate your willingness to support expediting the consideration of this legislation on the House floor.

I acknowledge that by waiving consideration of this bill, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology does not waive any future jurisdictional claim to provisions in this or similar legislation. In addition, should a conference on the bill be necessary, I would support your effort to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving provisions within this legislation on which the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology has a valid jurisdictional claim.

I will include our letters on H.R. 3763 in the Congressional Record during House floor consideration of the bill. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation, and I look forward to working with the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY,
Washington, DC, October 30, 2015.

Hon. BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 3763,

the "Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015," which your Committee ordered reported on October 23, 2015. H.R. 3763 contains provisions within the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology's Rule X jurisdiction. However, in order to expedite floor consideration of this important legislation, the committee waives consideration of the bill.

The Committee on Science, Space, and Technology takes this action only with the understanding that the Committee's jurisdictional interests over this and similar legislation are in no way diminished or altered, and with the understanding that an amendment which includes provisions of H.R. 3585, the Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 2015, will be supported by you when it is submitted to the Rules Committee and offered on the Floor.

The Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment to any House-Senate conference on this legislation, with the understanding that you will support such a request.

I would appreciate your response to this letter confirming this understanding, and would request that you include a copy of this letter and your response in the Congressional Record during the floor consideration of this bill. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

LAMAR SMITH,
Chairman.

IN RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS FOR
CITIZENS, INC.

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 5, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Citizens for Citizens, Inc. on its 50th anniversary.

Citizens for Citizens, a Community Action Agency, assists over 42,000 households in the Greater Fall River and Greater Taunton areas in Massachusetts every year by providing short term services that support families during financial crises through its Fuel Assistance, Food Pantry and Rental Assistance programs.

Founded in 1965 under the leadership of its first Executive Director, Edward J. (Jud) Sullivan, Citizens for Citizens opened a Head Start program to provide pre-school education programs for children ages 3 to 5. Recognizing the needs of its community, the programs were quickly expanded to include employment opportunities for individuals over the age of 55 through the Senior Aide Program, nutritional services through the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) feeding program, and utility mitigation opportunities through the Fuel Assistance and Weatherization program. By 1982, Citizens for Citizens had also started an After School and Family Day Care program and Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Today, Citizens for Citizens is an ever-present and integral part of our community's fabric. Hardly a demographic is overlooked by its wide variety of new and continuing programs. In addition to its initial focus on education and employment opportunities, Citizens for Citizens also provides elderly individuals with an opportunity to earn additional income by working with children with special needs through the Foster Grandparent program, and