JIM BARNETTE

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, today I bid farewell and best wishes to Jim Barnette, the incomparable Energy and Commerce Committee General Counsel.

When I became Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, everyone told me I needed someone like Jim Barnette to serve as General Counsel. He served under three Chairmen before me and, though he was no longer in government service, his legacy of jurisdictional tenacity and seemingly limitless institutional knowledge remained.

Not content with a mere likeness, I informed Jim I was revoking his leave of absence and he was to report for duty promptly. Much to my delight, like any true public servant, he obliged.

As a veteran of the procedural, political, and policy battlefield, there was no one better suited to take the reins as General Counsel for the Committee when I began my tenure as Chairman at the outset of the 112th Congress.

Jim styles himself a country lawyer, but he brings a level of experience and wisdom to our Committee that is quite simply unmatched on Capitol Hill. He helped assemble and mentor the strongest team on Capitol Hill, building a backbone for our Committee staff that will stand the test of time.

He is a General Counsel in the fullest sense of the title: a faithful counselor to Members and staff and a forceful advocate for the issues before the Committee.

He has been a trusted partner, an expert negotiator, a skilled tactician, and a true friend. I wish Jim and his wife Chelo well, extending my sincere thanks for the year they set aside that allowed me to bring Jim back to the Committee. As we say at the Energy and Commerce Committee, Jim is the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MR. JACK CLINE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a constituent of mine, Mr. Jack Cline, who retires from the Anniston Army Depot in April.

Jack Cline is a native of Anniston, Alabama. Upon his honorable discharge from the United States Navy in 1979, he came to work at Anniston Army Depot March 1981.

Jack began his career at the depot as an Electronics Worker in the Missile Guidance Branch, Directorate of Maintenance. He also worked in Directorate of Mission Plans and Operations as a Planner. In 1991, he became the Division Chief for Weapon Systems. In 1996, he became the Deputy Director for Production, and in 1999 served as the Division Chief for Tracked Systems. In 2001, he was promoted to Director of Production and Jack currently serves today as the Deputy to the Commander.

Among many educational and professional accomplishments, Mr. Cline attended Army Management Staff College in Fort Belvoir, VA; and the Depot and Arsenal Executive Leadership Program at UNC, Chapel Hill.

Married to the former Jeni Guthrie of Oxford, Alabama, Jack has one daughter Beth Williams, a teacher, married to Brad who serves as a Youth Minister. They have one granddaughter Savannah. Jack also has one step-son, Matthew, who is a Chemical Engineer. Jack and Jeni are active members of the Harvest Church of God in Anniston.

We congratulate Jack on his retirement today and thank him for his steadfast and dedicated service to our nation. On behalf of everyone at Anniston Army Depot, we wish him the best.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CARMELL F. ANDERSON FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Carmell F. Anderson on her retirement from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Carmell F. Anderson was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1944 and resided most of her life in Bay City, Michigan. She was a 1962 graduate of T. L. Handy High School, and after attending Delta College, and later Northern Michigan University, she earned her Bachelor and Master's degrees in secondary education. In 1984, Carmell earned her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in Adult Education and Labor Studies.

Along the way, Carmell taught driver's education and business classes for the Bay City Public Schools, worked at General Motors Saginaw Steering Gear, and the University of Missouri—Kansas City. In 1988, Carmell moved to Washington D.C. where she worked for the AFL–CIO—Human Resources Development, Inc. (H.R.D.I.) at the George Meany Center in Silver Spring, Maryland, followed by a position as Executive Assistant to Congressman Bob Traxler.

In 1991, she accepted a position as a researcher with the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington D.C. While working at the U.S. Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration, Carmell and her husband, Jim Hoppenjan, volunteered during the first administration of the Clinton White House serving in the Correspondence Office, Personnel, and the NAFTA War Room. In 1994 she transferred to the Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship in Detroit, Michigan. Carmell retired from the U.S. Department of Labor in 2012 after 21 years' service.

Mr. Speaker I would like to congratulate Carmell F. Anderson on her retirement. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated public servant in the U.S. Department of Labor and I wish her well in her future endeavors.