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QUIANNE HOLMES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Quianne Holmes, who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Quianne Holmes is a senior at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Quianne Holmes is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Quianne Holmes for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her high school career to her college career and future accomplishments.

JUBILEE ACT FOR RESPONSIBLE LENDING AND EXPANDED DEBT CANCELLATION OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

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Mr. CARSON. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2634, the Jubilee Act. This bill seeks to help those struggling under the most grievous economic circumstances abroad. It reflects a strong bipartisan effort to assist in full debt cancellation for 24 of the world's poorest countries.

Under this bill, introduced by Congresswoman WATERS, debt relief would be extended to countries not currently eligible under the IMF's Heavily Indebted Poor Countries program. Nine of these countries would receive immediate assistance under this act while the remaining countries would have to

meet stringent standards in order to receive the forgiveness.

These standards would ensure countries receiving assistance do not acquire new debt or encourage bad actors within their government. Countries would not be eligible for assistance if they lack transparency in their budget, commit human rights violations, support international terrorism, have excessive levels of military funding, or fail to cooperate on international narcotics control issues. The bill further provides that external financing needs of these countries are met through grants rather than loans to prevent them from falling victim to exploitive lending in the future.

Debt relief for the most severely disadvantaged throughout the world concerns us all as global citizens and numerous constituents in my district have reached out to me expressing their overwhelming support for this compassionate bill. I am proud to be a member of the committee that passed this bill with a favorable recommendation and of this House which has moved this legislation today. H.R. 2634 helps our world's neediest individuals, many of which have suffered under repressive regimes, move forward and use their countries' future capital on important economic growth activities and health care.

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SPEECH OF

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OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of the Hastings amendment to H.R. 2634 which expresses the sense of Congress that Haiti's debts should be immediately forgiven. This amendment seeks to empower a nation that has endured a turbulent past and has fought courageously to achieve a relative measure of stability.

As the world has experienced a 40 percent rise in global food prices since mid-2007, Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, has keenly felt this increase on a greater scale. Eighty percent of Haiti's population lives on less than \$2 a day. The cost of staple foods which Haiti's economy depends on, such as rice, beans, fruit, and condensed milk, has gone up 50 percent in the past year.

The high cost of food in Haiti has led to anti-government protests and riots, in which at least 5 people have died and 40 people have been wounded. These extreme reactions to the humanitarian crisis will jeopardize Haiti's security and the capacity of its democratic institutions to govern effectively. To put it simply, Haiti's democracy cannot survive if it is unable to ensure that its people have access to basic food commodities at a reasonable price.

The Hastings amendment reinforces the point that Haiti is scheduled to send

\$48,700,000 in debt payments to multilateral financial institutions in 2008—money that could be better spent on providing for its people.

In light of this devastating global food crisis and the crisis in Haiti, we must urge the Secretary of the Treasury to do all that he can to expedite the complete and immediate cancellation of Haiti's debts to all international financial institutions.

This is a reasonable amendment that responds to an urgent need, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL CRITTENTON FOUNDATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the National Crittenton Foundation, an organization that supports empowerment, self-sufficiency, and an end to cycles of destructive behaviors and relationships for at-risk and system-involved girls, young women and their families.

On this historic occasion, I am particularly honored to recognize the ongoing contribution of one of the leading members of the Foundation's Family of Agencies, DePelchin Children's Center in Houston, which proudly serves my home district and other children and families from across Texas.

DePelchin Children's Center has strong roots in our community. More than 120 years ago, Charles Crittenton, the well-known American philanthropist, visited Houston and inspired a group of local activists to establish one of the country's first maternity homes, a refuge for young unmarried mothers. In response to changing community needs, the Crittenton Home significantly expanded its services over the years, merging with DePelchin Children's Center in 1983.

Recognizing that a child's needs are best met in a family environment, DePelchin Children's Center strives to strengthen the lives of children and families by providing a continuum of services to prevent and resolve social and emotional crises. Each year, the agency provides more than 30 programs for over 26,000 vulnerable children and families each year in multiple locations in Harris, Montgomery, Brazoria, Galveston, Fort Bend and Waller counties. In addition to teen parenting and independent living services, DePelchin offers foster care, adoption, prevention, residential, and an array of other services designed to meet its clients' complex needs.

The unique partnership between DePelchin Children's Center and The National Crittenton Foundation is an additional strength for Houston's children and families. This ongoing collaboration was and is based on Charles Crittenton's and Dr. Kate Waller Barrett's belief that the most effective way to address compelling national social issues was through a network of affiliated independent, local organizations supported by a national body.

I am proud of the work The National Crittenton Foundation and DePelchin Children's Center continue to do on behalf of vulnerable children and families across the state

of Texas and across this nation. I thank them for their commitment and wish them a strong and continued partnership in the coming years.

HONORING THE NATIONAL CRITTENTON FOUNDATION

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. PASTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 125th anniversary of the National Crittenton Foundation and the Crittenton Family of Agencies. I do so because this network of organizations deserves recognition for the profound role they have played in allowing girls and young women to realize their full potential.

In particular, I would like to draw attention to the Florence Crittenton Services of Arizona in Phoenix. For more than a century, this organization has provided valuable services, education and community-based programs to help Arizona children and teens overcome the issues of abuse, neglect, teen pregnancy and mental health problems. Through its comprehensive network of services and support systems, this organization provides a refuge where vulnerable youth, ages 12 to 21, prosper from the assistance of a caring community and discover the possibility of a bright new future in spite of their challenging past experiences.

As society has experienced dramatic changes in the last 100 years, the Phoenix home has changed too, but its goal of giving every girl it serves safety, hope, and opportunity has remained constant. I commend the Florence Crittenton board members, staff and volunteers for their compassion and dedication to excellence, ensuring that their services continue to grow to meet the needs of the girls it serves, and for becoming one of the state's leading experts in gender-specific services.

It is with great pride that I congratulate the Florence Crittenton Services of Arizona and its nationwide community of Crittenton sister organizations on their successful efforts to empower at-risk girls to rise above the negative circumstances they have been exposed to and become productive and self-sufficient citizens who understand the value of always treating themselves and others with respect.

UPON INTRODUCTION OF THE WIRELESS INTERNET NATIONWIDE FOR FAMILIES ACT OF 2008

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, today Rep. CHRISTOPHER CANNON and I introduced the Wireless Internet Nationwide for Families Act of 2008 (WIN) which, if enacted, would foster the deployment of a new nation-wide wireless broadband network.

By every measure, the U.S. is losing the international broadband race and our competitiveness as a nation is at stake. More than

100 million Americans do not have broadband at home. Seventy-one percent of Latinos do not have broadband at home. Sixty-nine percent of Americans living in rural areas do not have broadband. Sixty percent of African Americans do not have broadband at home.

The high cost of internet access is a barrier for too many families who want broadband. In just the last year, the average cost of a broadband connection has risen \$2 per month, or nearly five percent. These troubling figures must change and that's why I've introduced the WIN Act. This legislation mandates that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) auction certain spectrum that is currently lying fallow.

The winner of the auction would be required to build and complete a network within 10 years which must provide coverage to at least 95 percent of our country. The licensee would be required to provide service for free to consumers and public safety users. The WIN Act also requires the licensee to deny access to obscene and indecent material on the free service tier.

The results of the 700 MHz auction disappointed many of us who hoped that a new entrant would emerge. Seventy percent of the auctioned spectrum went to only two carriers. While the auction required under this legislation is open to anyone, it is my hope that the bold conditions of requiring free, family friendly service will encourage the entry of a new national broadband service provider.

The public airwaves are a national resource that should be utilized to benefit the public. For far too long our nation's carriers have stockpiled spectrum, gamed building-out requirements, and provided poor service to consumers. This bill attempts to remind licensees that they do not own the public waves in fee simple. As licensees, they hold spectrum in a public trust. This is an agreement that obligates them to utilize this spectrum in the public interest in exchange for their exclusive control.

The Innovation Agenda made a commitment to spur affordable access to broadband and this bill will go a long way to providing universal broadband access. I encourage my colleagues to join me and Rep. CANNON in support of this legislation.

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY PRICE MOORE

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear friend Dorothy Moore of Arkansas City, Arkansas, who passed away April 9, 2008, at the age of 97.

Dorothy Moore, affectionately known as "Miss Dorothy" to all that knew her and throughout the state of Arkansas, was a tremendous woman and an inspiration to everyone who called her a friend. Raised on her family's farm in Southeast Arkansas during the Depression and the Great Flood of 1927, she learned the importance of small town values such as hard work, honesty, compassion for others, and reverence for all which she exemplified throughout her life and were evident in all she did.

Faithful to her community, Miss Dorothy returned home to Arkansas City after college to begin her lifelong career in public service. For over two decades Miss Dorothy served as the Deputy Collector in the Desha County Sheriff's Office while her husband, Robert S. Moore, held the post of Sheriff. During this time she was the backbone of her wonderful family as well as a trusted political advisor to her husband. After her husband's life was tragically cut short, it was Miss Dorothy who stepped in and completed the remainder of his term as Desha County Sheriff—a role that was only fitting for a person dedicated to her community and committed to public service.

After Miss Dorothy completed her time as Sheriff, her political journey in Arkansas continued as she was selected by then-Governor Bill Clinton to serve on his staff. Her friendly style and warm smile became so contagious around the office that she was asked to continue working for Arkansas's next two governors. Her numerous years spent working in the Governor's office established her as a legendary figure in Arkansas history.

Miss Dorothy was a great ambassador for Desha County and Southeast Arkansas as she worked tirelessly to create a strong sense of community in everything she did. I was truly honored and humbled to be able to speak at Miss Dorothy's funeral, and I will always cherish the fond memories I have of her. It is with great admiration and heartfelt respect that I will remember a lady who was a mother figure to an entire state, and whose class and dignity will always represent what Southern Hospitality should be.

I send my deepest condolences to her daughter Dorothy Lee Moore Paige and her husband David of Davis, California; her son State Representative Robert S. Moore Jr. and his wife Beverly of Arkansas City; and to her four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and numerous friends across the state. Miss Dorothy will be greatly missed in Desha County and throughout the state of Arkansas, and I will continue to keep her family in my thoughts and prayers.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING JOHN CALSON FOR WINNING THE OHIO DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

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