

COMMEMORATING THE THIRD
ANNUAL NATION'S TRIATHLON

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the third annual Nation's Triathlon, which will take place this Sunday in Washington, DC. As with any triathlon, this competition will be a rigorous personal test of endurance, dedication, strength, and skill in biking, running, and swimming. In this case however, the competitors demonstrate a devotion to a greater cause than personal accomplishment. By partnering with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, they are working to defeat blood cancer.

I am proud to say that three Louisvillians—Katie Anderson, Amanda Moore, and Chad Queen—and three more Kentuckians—Ruth Adams, Jennifer Watson, and James Pelfrey—will be competing in the triathlon this weekend, and three more—Shelley Gast, Anthony Miller, and Scott Clark—are training and coaching the athletes in this worthy event.

With more than a million and a half individuals annually diagnosed with cancer, and more than half a million Americans dying from the disease each year, virtually everyone of us has been touched by cancer in some way. The good news is, here in the United States, some of the world's most brilliant and innovative scientists are hard at work developing new treatments and uncovering the mysteries that will someday lead us to a cure. In fact, researchers at the University of Louisville, in my district, recently developed a vaccine that will prevent cervical cancer and potentially save the lives of thousands of women each year.

But to achieve their objectives, researchers need resources and attention. And that's just what the Nation's Triathlon will do by using the incredible talents of the participating athletes to raise awareness and funds.

I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating these athletes who, this weekend, will strive to complete a grueling personal challenge and also defeat our common foe. Together, we will work to create a future that has no room for cancer.

RECOGNIZING THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 350th anniversary of the founding of Charles County, Maryland, one of the five counties I have the privilege of representing in the United States Congress. I rise today to congratulate the county on this milestone and to pay tribute to its citizens—individuals who have made it such an inviting place to live, work, and visit.

One of Maryland's oldest counties, Charles County was chartered in 1658 and named in honor of Charles Calvert, the 3rd Lord of Baltimore and a royal proprietor of the Colony of Maryland. Since its establishment, the county

and its residents have played an important role in shaping the development of our State and the history of our Nation.

From its earliest days, Charles County served as a center of commerce for the region. Port Tobacco, one of the oldest English settlements in North America, was the home of Maryland's second largest port and seat of the Charles County government prior to its move to La Plata.

Charles County was the birthplace of several of our Nation's Founding Fathers. Thomas Stone, a member of the Continental Congress and one of Maryland's four signers of the Declaration of Independence, was born in Charles County. His home, Habre de Venture, still stands and is a unit of the National Park Service. His uncle, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, was a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention. John Hanson, a long serving member of the Maryland assembly and the first President of the United States in Congress Assembled under a fully ratified Articles of Confederation, was born at Port Tobacco.

Residents of Charles County witnessed the landing of British troops in Benedict during the War of 1812. During the Civil War, Camp Stanton was established in Benedict for the purpose of recruiting and training African-American men for the Union Army. Following the war, John Wilkes Booth, assassin of President Lincoln, traveled through Charles County stopping at the home of Dr. Samuel Mudd to have his broken leg set—on his escape from Washington, DC.

Charles County was also the birthplace of Josiah Henson who was born a slave, escaped to Canada and later wrote his autobiography which is believed to have inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Matthew Henson, who accompanied Admiral Robert Peary on several Arctic expeditions, including the discovery of the North Pole, was also a native of Charles County. Henson, who was likely the first man to reach the spot, planted the American flag at the North Pole.

Today, Charles County continues to make history. It is home to important Federal agencies, including the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head Division which was established in 1890 and is the international leader in energetic research and development. Recently, scientists and researchers at Indian Head developed, in short order, the thermobaric "cave busting" bomb to combat terrorists abroad.

Charles County offers its residents scenic rural areas, wildlife habitats, and waterfront views with convenient access to the Washington metropolitan area and the Federal Government which helps it live up to its motto of "Where Eagles Fly." With a vibrant and robust business climate, coupled with its hardworking and dedicated residents, Charles County has strong appeal and has become one of the most diverse communities in Maryland and one of the wealthiest for its size in the Nation.

I am proud to represent Charles County in the U.S. Congress and congratulate its current County Commissioners—Commissioner Wayne Cooper, President; Commissioner Edith Patterson, Vice President; Commissioner Rueben Collins, Commissioner Gary Hodge, and Commissioner Samuel Graves as they celebrate this great milestone. Congratulations Charles County on your 350th anniversary and may your citizens have continued prosperity for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THAT WE ARE
FACING A GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution recognizing the need to combat the global food crisis.

Rising fuel prices and the effects of globalization exacerbate the problems related to the growing cost of food, causing populations of developing countries to experience great hardships in purchasing their basic necessities. This emergency has already affected millions and will increase the poverty levels endured by the most vulnerable groups worldwide. Children are especially susceptible to the effects of malnourishment, which weakens their immune systems, causing millions of children to suffer from infectious diseases, impaired brain development, and stunted growth.

The dire situation of rising food prices has already led to unrest in some parts of the world. The U.N. has created a special task force and the World Food Program has called for \$755 million in increased funding to cover the high costs of food and fuel. The United States must take an active role in coordinating international action through a world forum designed to determine what must be done to alleviate this crisis worldwide and protect the children and other vulnerable populations affected.

SECURITIES ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6513, the Securities Act of 2008 by my colleague from Pennsylvania, Congressman PAUL KANJORSKI and the Financial Services for their work in this important area.

Ensuring our markets are functioning properly at a time when we are approaching a recession should be a priority for us all. Many of the provisions in H.R. 6513, were recommended to the committee by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and that the act has the support of the SEC and State securities regulators.

The unanimous and bipartisan passage of H.R. 6513 in committee acknowledges that we must act now to protect our Nation's financial future.

BACKGROUND AND BREAKDOWN ON THE BILL

This act would amend numerous provisions within the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Company Act of 1940, and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The changes potentially affect not only securities firms, but also public companies and anyone else subject to the Federal securities laws.

Penalties in cease and desist proceedings

Section 8A of the Securities Act would be amended by adding a new provision that