

Whereas, Sallie Mae employees 647 Hamilton County Residents and,

Whereas, Sallie Mae, its employees and leadership have been significant supporters of the community in many ways; and,

Whereas, the Hamilton County Council on behalf of all residents of Hamilton County is supportive of responsible actions by the Congress which will recognize appropriate cost saving measures while protecting valuable jobs for Hoosier families; and,

Whereas, Sallie Mae and a broad coalition representing various stakeholders in the student loan community have proposed a responsible alternative which should be seriously considered and adopted as the best way of achieving the goals and objectives of both the President and Congress, without sacrificing tens of thousands of jobs across the country and here in Indiana: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Hamilton County Council, meeting in regular session, as follows:*

Section 1. That the Congress of the United States is hereby encouraged to adopt a student loan reform proposal that makes college more affordable and achieves significant taxpayer savings while also protecting Hoosier jobs and our families and communities.

Section 2. That a copy of this Resolution be provided to all members of the Indiana Congressional delegation forthwith as an expression of the concern and desires of the entire County of Hamilton, Indiana.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and upon its adoption.

All of which is resolved this 4th day of November, 2009.

Hamilton County Council.

I support the FFEL program and believe that H.R. 3221 will lead to its extinction, which is why I voted against the bill. Additionally, on two separate occasions during this Congress I have proposed amendments to help preserve the FFEL program, and the jobs associated with the program. Disappointedly, the Majority has used their control of the House Rules Committee to kill those amendments and prevent the full House of Representatives from debating and voting to protect these jobs.

I have not given up the fight to preserve the FFEL program or the jobs associated with it though. Could improvements be made to the program? Sure, but there is more to lose than gain by eliminating the program in its entirety. Since 1965, the FFEL program has provided access to higher education for tens of millions of Americans, and it has done so with private capital and private labor. I believe we have a responsibility to the American people to preserve the FFEL program and the good-paying jobs associated with the program.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM R.  
GIFFORD

**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2009*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I stand today before the House to recognize an important member of New Jersey's 3rd District, Mr. William R. Gifford who is celebrating his 90th birthday on December 20, 2009.

Mr. Gifford is a graduate of the Ohio State University. During World War II, he served with distinction with the rank of captain, as a bombardier in the 15th Army Air Force's 484th

Bombardment Group. After the war, Mr. Gifford became employed at Pricewaterhouse in New York City where he was made partner.

Now retired, he enjoys spending time with his sons, William R. Gifford, Jr., Russell M. Gifford and Gregory Gifford and their families.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you please join me in wishing Mr. Gifford a happy 90th birthday.

JO ANN RZEPPA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2009*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and applaud Sergeant Jo Ann Rzeppa for her outstanding service to our community.

Sergeant Rzeppa's career in the field of law enforcement began over 30 years ago, in what was then a male-dominated profession. She earned respect among her co-workers while serving as a patrol officer, in under-cover narcotics, and as a detective. She is a symbol of the Arvada Police Department's desire to maintain a strong relationship with area schools by serving as the sergeant in charge of School Resource Officers for Arvada schools.

Sergeant Rzeppa's participation in the after school club "Police Pals" allows her to provide an excellent example for young women interested in pursuing careers in law-enforcement.

The dedication demonstrated by Sergeant Jo Ann Rzeppa directly benefits her community, and is exemplary of her high personal and professional standards. Those who know Sergeant Jo Ann Rzeppa personally comment on her passion for living, enthusiasm for her work, and confident, friendly manner.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Sergeant Jo Ann Rzeppa for her recognition by the West Chamber of Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2009*

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, consistent with the House Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, to the best of my knowledge the request I have detailed below is (1) not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; and (2) not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark. As required by earmark standards adopted by the House Republican Conference, I submit the following information on a project I requested and was included in the Conference Report for H.R. 2996, the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: EPA—STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Project Name: Umatilla County for Milton-Freewater Stormwater System Improvements

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Umatilla County, 216 SE 4th Street, Pendleton, OR 97801

Project Location: The City of Milton-Freewater, Oregon

Description of Project: The Conference Report for H.R. 2996 appropriates \$300,000 for the Milton-Freewater Stormwater System project. According to the requesting entity, this funding will be used by Umatilla County to assist in the development of a stormwater treatment system for the city of Milton-Freewater, Oregon. This is a beneficial use of taxpayer funding because it will enable the community to construct a holding pond to catch silt-laden storm and winter water runoff which currently clogs the drainage system and deposits silt into drinking water wells.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY HILL PLAYHOUSE IN PHILADELPHIA, PA

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2009*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Society Hill Playhouse in Philadelphia. Under the leadership of Deen and Jay Kogan, who founded the theater in 1959, the Society Hill Playhouse has become a home for important works by contemporary American and European playwrights.

The Kogans met while students at Temple University and married soon after graduation. Deen carried a lifelong passion for the theater, and Jay, a former World War II prisoner of war, was soon bitten by the theater bug. After a year working in theaters in Milan and Zurich, the Kogans set out to create their vision of a theater community in Philadelphia.

Over the last 50 years, the Society Hill Playhouse has delighted Philadelphia audiences with productions including Nonsense, Lafferty's Wake, and Menopause: The Musical. In addition to its contributions to the Philadelphia theater community, the Society Hill Playhouse created the Philadelphia Youth Theater, which for 25 years opened its doors to allow Philadelphia youth to have access to the arts and develop their skills.

The Society Hill Playhouse prides itself on its appeal to "people who don't like theater . . . or who think they don't." As Philadelphia's original public theater, the Society Hill Playhouse has made a lasting contribution to the design of new theaters throughout the Delaware Valley. Rarely does a theater extend beyond a location and become an integral member of the arts community, but the Playhouse has done exactly that. The Society Hill Playhouse brought a new generation into the theater, while producing hits and entertaining crowds for 50 years.

Madam Speaker, the Society Hill Playhouse has made immeasurable cultural contributions to the Philadelphia area. I congratulate Deen Kogan and her late husband Jay on accomplishing their vision of a premiere arts institution in Philadelphia, and wish the Society Hill Playhouse many more years of success.