

homeowners and business owners have benefited. And this once mostly desert land has given way to a vibrant community and a place millions call home.

As Mr. Beard enters the sunset of his life with his loving wife, Cherrell, at his side and reflects on his enormous accomplishments, his legacy continues with his children, Bradley, Scott G., Scott C., Kimberly and Michael, and the countless people he has helped.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we all stand to recognize the service, passion and dedication of a great American—Gerald William Beard—and wish him many more years of health and happiness.

NATIONAL MANUFACTURING  
STRATEGY ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4692, the National Manufacturing Strategy Act of 2010. I would like to thank Representative LIPINSKI for introducing this bill which put in place a plan to invigorate our nation's manufacturing sector.

It is no secret that our nation's manufacturers are struggling, and have been for a long time. In this globalized economy, it is now time to develop a strategy for the proper management of our manufacturing sector. Every day, manufacturing jobs move overseas. This outsourcing is hurting American families and shifting our economy from manufacturing to service. The plan developed through this legislation will improve our domestic manufacturing competitiveness in these new emerging markets so that we can keep our jobs at home. Moreover, there must be an established minimum domestic manufacturing capability in order to rapidly respond in times of national emergencies. This plan takes this important measure into account by further emphasizing the key role of continued domestic manufacturing to our national security.

Mr. Speaker, I also support the provisions of this bill that provide the necessary oversight for these improvements to be properly implemented. I think that the creation of a Manufacturing Strategy Board for the President is a tremendous idea. It enables a more focused body to narrow in on the needs and opportunities for the manufacturing sector and then report back to the President for action. This will enable budgeting requests to be in line with the recommendations and goals included in the strategy of this new board.

Overall, a unified, definitive plan is what the manufacturing sector needs in order to continue to grow and flourish. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

NO ENFORCEMENT MEANS LOWER  
WAGES, HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, Arizona's pleadings in support of their immigra-

tion enforcement law include an important declaration by Harvard Economics Professor George Borjas.

In his analysis of interstate wage trends from 1960 through 2006, Borjas found: "that the presence of unauthorized aliens in the Arizona workforce reduced the earnings of low-skilled authorized workers in Arizona by 4.7 percent.

Borjas says, "The overall wage depression for all Arizona workers is approximately \$1.4 billion.

"The evidence further indicates that the presence of unauthorized aliens in the Arizona workforce reduced the employment rate of Arizona's low-skilled authorized workers by 1.6 percent . . ."

This reinforces what we already know: the Obama administration's failure to secure the border and enforce our immigration laws means citizens and legal immigrants face higher unemployment and lower wages.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID WILLIAMSON

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Williamson of Ogden, Iowa and his work with Project AWARE (A Watershed Awareness River Expedition), which is a volunteer river clean-up project organized by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

David utilizes metals collected from local rivers to create sculptures and other artwork to promote Project AWARE. He travels to the Iowa State Fair every summer and creates a metal sculpture to help increase the awareness and the importance of cleaning and maintaining Iowa's rivers.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending David Williamson for his dedicated work with Project AWARE. I consider it an honor to represent David in Congress and I wish him continued success in supporting Project AWARE through his artwork.

IN RECOGNITION OF CELIA G.  
KUPERSMITH

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Celia Kupersmith, who is resigning after 11 years of service as General Manager of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District in Northern California.

A native Texan, Celia Kupersmith attended Southwest Texas State University where she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geography and Planning, followed by a Master's Degree in Urban Planning at Texas A&M University. Prior to joining the Bridge District in 1999, Ms. Kupersmith served as Executive Director of the Regional Transportation Commission in Reno, Nevada.

As General Manager, Celia Kupersmith has led an organization that comprises the land-

mark Golden Gate Bridge and two public transit systems, including a network of almost 200 buses and five ferries serving the North Bay Area and San Francisco County. Under her direction, approximately 825 employees serve more than 50 million Bridge and transit customers, as well as six million tourists each year.

During her tenure, Ms. Kupersmith moved the Bridge District forward in many ways, including leading efforts to seismically retrofit the Bridge, now two-thirds complete; enhance overall security of the Bridge; transform Golden Gate Ferry services into an expeditious 30 minute crossing; lead the introduction of new technology including FasTrak and TransLink; and improve internal business operations and long-term financial stability.

Celia Kupersmith has also been active in various professional organizations including serving as Chair of the American Public Transportation Association and on various committees of the International Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike Association. She has been a member of the Mineta Transportation Institute's Board of Directors, the Transit Cooperative Research Project Selection Committee, and the National Transportation Institute's Advisory Board.

Ms. Kupersmith leaves the Bridge District to pursue a new career as Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Sound Transit in the Seattle, Washington area where she will oversee the construction and operation of commuter and light rail systems, as well as a regional commuter bus service.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor Celia Kupersmith for her extraordinary contributions to the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District. I thank Ms. Kupersmith for her service and join her colleagues in wishing her continued success in her new career.

EMERGENCY BORDER SECURITY  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS  
ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5875, but am disappointed the bill does not contain critical spending for the overwhelmed district courts along our Nation's Southwest border.

During the last several years, stepped up enforcement and prosecution efforts in Southwest border jurisdictions have resulted in a significant increase in the number of drug, immigration, and weapons cases being filed in courts along the border. Consequently, the current workload experienced by the five district courts along the Southwest border is staggering. When combined, border districts handled nearly 75 percent of criminal immigration cases in the Nation's 94 districts in fiscal year 2009 and almost 40 percent of all the Nation's federal criminal case filings.

Here's a brief snapshot of the district court in Arizona:

Last year in the Tucson division of the district court for Arizona, felony cases and defendants increased by more than 65 percent