

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY, AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3534) to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes:

Mr. FARR. Mr. Chair, BP's Deepwater Horizon oil disaster is the worst environmental catastrophe in United States history.

Change must be made for the future of our ocean, and they must be made now. Today, by voting yes to CLEAR, we can at last revolutionize our approach to how we use our ocean and coastal resources.

I am a fifth generation Californian who represents one of the most majestic meetings of land to sea in the world. My district encompasses the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, which spans of 276 miles of shoreline and is the largest marine sanctuary in the system. It is home to one of Earth's most diverse marine ecosystems, making it a nationally recognized center for marine science. For these reasons and many more, I have been entrenched in ocean policy reform since I served in the California State Legislature over two decades ago.

The National Oceans Conference, which took place in Monterey in 1998, kick-started a nationwide movement to review the status of our ocean resources. I helped pass the Oceans Act of 2000 to establish the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and formed the House Oceans Caucus to promote ocean issues and advance recommendations by the commission.

Since the 108th Congress I have introduced the Ocean Conservation, Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act (Oceans-21) to establish a comprehensive National Ocean Policy, create a regional ocean governance structure, and setup a trust fund for the ocean. In addition, since the president established his Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force over a year ago, I have pressed the Administration to come forth with a strong National Ocean Policy. As you know, a few weeks ago President Obama demonstrated his commitment to the ocean health by signing an executive order that establishes a comprehensive, integrated National Policy for the stewardship of our ocean and coasts.

Today, my hard work on behalf of the ocean and its resources culminates in this oil spill response package. I am proud to say the Act

sets forth both a regional ocean governance structure and an ocean trust fund that are central components of my Oceans-21 legislation. The CLEAR Act makes the necessary reforms needed for the health and sustainability of our ocean and it, coupled with the President's recent executive order, realizes the policies and principles of Oceans-21.

In short, with the passage of CLEAR, our ocean is better positioned for future sustainable management, protection, conservation and resiliency than ever before.

It is important to take a moment to note just how monumental it is that CLEAR contains a provision that will create a new trust fund for the ocean. A fund for the ocean has been recommended for years by leading voices in ocean management, including the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, the Pew Oceans Commission and my Oceans-21 legislation. Finally, funds raised from drilling in our ocean will go toward protecting and improving our ocean. We generate a great deal of revenue and benefits from the ocean and coasts; however, we reinvest only a fraction of the benefits we receive back into those resources.

We devalue our ocean and coasts each day that we continue to fail to invest in them, and today we can change that.

I am proud that my many years of hard work for the ocean are producing real results. It is high time we step up to protect ocean health just as we have done in the past for clean air and clean water. Today we must support the president and his recently enacted National Ocean Policy by enacting strong policies and regulations for our ocean.

As I said, leadership is about getting results, and the only way to get results for the ocean today is to vote aye to H.R. 3534.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 65TH AN- NIVERSARY OF KOREAN INDE- PENDENCE DAY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 65th Anniversary of Korean Independence Day, and to join in the celebration of Gwang bok jeol.

Gwang bok jeol, literally translated as "Restoration of Light Day" commemorates the 1945 liberation of Korea from Japanese rule. This holiday is the most important public holiday in South Korea.

I am privileged to represent the 11th Congressional District of Virginia in the United States House of Representatives. This district is blessed by its diversity; our community is more than 40% minority and one in four residents is foreign born with Korean Americans comprising the largest single ethnic group. This diversity and vibrancy has enriched the entire region and contributed greatly to our robust economy, excellent schools, strong family values and achievement of common goals.

I would like to commend the Korean American Association of the Washington Metropolitan Area, the Korean American Association of Northern Virginia and the Korean American Association of Maryland for their work on behalf of the Korean American community of the Washington, D.C. region. These organizations exemplify community commitment and dedication. They strive to maintain and protect the rich Korean culture while aiding in the transition of newer citizens to ensure full participation in American society.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the 65th Anniversary of Korean Independence day. By joining in the celebration of Gwang bok jeol, we pay tribute the shared histories and mutual respect of our two nations.

IN MEMORY OF KEITH RICHMAN

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Keith Richman, a physician and California legislator who died earlier this month at the too-young age of 56.

Keith was a big man with big ideas who repeatedly expressed optimism in our political system.

He moved to California with his family when he was a toddler and made the San Fernando Valley his home. He was an early proponent of having the Valley secede from the City of Los Angeles. In 2000, the same year he was elected to the Assembly, the Valley electorate voted to secede from Los Angeles and voted Keith as mayor of the new city. However, Los Angeles voters outside of the Valley voted overwhelmingly against the change and the measure was defeated.

As the assemblyman for the 38th District, Keith initially represented parts of the north San Fernando Valley and Santa Clarita, and the cities of Simi Valley and Fillmore, which are also in my congressional district. In 2002, Keith's district was redrawn and Fillmore was removed.

During that term, the California Journal named Keith the legislature's Rookie of the Year. He would serve until term limits forced him out in 2006.

Keith was also one of the first leaders to advocate state pension reform. Although unsuccessful in qualifying a pension reform initiative for the state ballot, he continued his passion for controlling government spending by founding the California Foundation for Fiscal Responsibility after he left office. As part of the drive for reform, the Foundation posted the names of thousands of six-figure pension recipients online.

Keith's other passion was medicine. He followed his father Monroe into the business, had a practice in Sun Valley and founded Glendale-based Lakeside Community HealthCare, Inc.

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