

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM COBLENTZ

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William Coblentz, a legendary San Franciscan, a great American and citizen of the world who passed away on September 13th. Bill's leadership on many of our most important physical and cultural landmarks profoundly shaped the city's landscape and character, and his impassioned defense of human rights and intellectual freedom helped to define our ideological heritage. He was a visionary whose work helped make San Francisco the international city it is today.

A native of San Francisco, Bill was born in 1922 and attended Lowell High School and the University of California, Berkeley. After studying law at Yale, he returned to join a small real estate practice in San Francisco. He would remain at this firm for more than 55 years—guiding it to become one of the biggest and most influential in the city.

As a partner at the firm, now known as Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass, Bill helped shape many of San Francisco's most significant post-war building projects, such as Yerba Buena Gardens, AT&T Park, the Fillmore Auditorium, Levi Plaza, and Mission Bay. He was a highly respected attorney and influential political leader, both as special counsel to California Governor Pat Brown and to San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Bill inspired others with his profoundly compassionate soul. Bill loved people, and those of us who were fortunate enough to know him will always remember the warmth and ease of his friendship. He believed in the value of every individual, and generously gave his time and energy to those from all walks of life. An example of this can be seen during his service on the Airport Commission, when he would volunteer as a janitor for the day on Christmas so that a custodian could spend that time with his family.

His courage and vision were perhaps most evident in his leadership on the University of California Board of Regents, where he served as a member from 1964 to 1978 and as chairman from 1978 until 1980. As a Regent on a conservative board, he pressed the university to fight apartheid in South Africa and to uphold the right of controversial thinkers Angela Davis and Eldridge Cleaver to teach in the University of California system.

Bill's combination of legal expertise and warm egalitarianism drew some colorful, high profile clients. In the sixties, he worked with Bill Graham on the Fillmore Auditorium, and soon found himself connected to the vibrant San Francisco rock scene. He gave personal and professional legal advice to groups as the Jefferson Airplane, Santana, and the Grateful

Dead, and in doing so was an unlikely contributor to one of the major cultural movements in San Francisco's history.

San Francisco has lost a beloved son. I hope it is a comfort to his wife Jean, his sister Lolita Erlanger, his children Wendy and Andy, and his four grandchildren that countless San Franciscans join them in mourning Bill's passing.

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS ACT OF
2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5297, the "Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010," which will generate small business growth and job creation by providing tax relief, enhancing loan accessibility, and cutting inefficient bureaucratic red tape. H.R. 5297 will create 500,000 jobs without adding a dollar to the deficit and is one of the most crucial steps in our recovery.

I thank Chairman FRANK for his leadership in shepherding this bill to the floor and for his tireless commitment to reenergizing our economy by providing relief for struggling small businesses.

Madam Speaker, small businesses are the engine of the American economy. They created two-thirds of all new jobs over the last 15 years and currently account for half of all private sector employees, 44 percent of total U.S. payroll, and 97 percent of our Nation's exports. The 16,300 small businesses in my district are vital to our local economy. Ensuring that they have the credit they need to grow is one of my top priorities.

Many small businesses in my district are ready to make investments, hire new workers, and help grow our economy out of this recession. But because of tight lending standards and a lack of credit, they are being prevented from growing to their full potential and making the investments that our economy needs. Since the financial crisis began in 2008, the number of small business loans is down nearly 5 million.

This bill takes unprecedented steps to cut taxes and provide credit for small businesses. It gives small businesses \$12 billion in tax cuts by: (1) extending bonus depreciation, (2) allowing for 100 percent exclusion of capital gains on investments in small business, and (3) doubling the deduction for startup expenditures.

The bill also creates a \$30 billion Small Business Lending Fund to provide community banks with capital to increase small business lending. The fund is limited to the smallest banks (those holding \$10 billion or less in as-

sets) with key performance-based standards to incentivize those lenders to extend new credit to small businesses.

Madam Speaker, the bold actions taken by Congress and the Administration thus far have stopped the downward spiral caused by years of economic mismanagement. They prevented the Bush recession from becoming a second Great Depression. H.R. 5297 will generate the job creation and economic growth that will mark the next phase of our recovery. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5297, loosening the credit squeeze, and freeing thousands of small businesses to put us back on the road to prosperity.

RECOGNIZING THE METTAWEE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL PENNIES
FOR PEACE PROGRAM

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary group of students at the Mettawee Community School in West Pawlet, Vermont.

I would like to commend the Mettawee Community School for its effort, inspired by Greg Mortensen's Three Cups of Tea, to collect pennies to help build schools for children halfway around the world. The pennies collected by students at Mettawee were donated to Mortensen's "Pennies for Peace" charity, which helps support education for children in rural Pakistan and Afghanistan. I am immensely proud of the students and teachers of Pawlet and Rupert for organizing this project.

Through a selfless commitment to supporting opportunities for children whom they have never met, Mettawee's students learned about the importance of giving to others, the invaluable nature of education, and the consequences of conflict. They learned that not all the world's children have the chance to attend school, and of the need to fight extremism and intolerance with education and opportunity.

The initiative was spearheaded by Mettawee Community School third graders Sydney Badger, Trinity Delano and Isabelle Desroches, with the help of teacher Nancy Bryant. Together they organized a collection of 47,700 Pennies for Peace. The pennies will go to children in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and these funds have the potential to change lives by providing access to learning opportunities and by ending isolation and cycles of ignorance.

I would like to thank the students of Mettawee Community School for their hard work and dedication to the cause of bringing education to boys and girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan through Pennies for Peace.

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