

to honor her for her service to the people of Sacramento, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting her for helping make Sacramento a great place to live, work and play.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, I was not present for three recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way:

Roll No. 608—"yea."

Roll No. 609—"yea."

Roll No. 610—"yea."

TRIBUTE TO LOIS J. CARSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to an individual from my Congressional District for her 30 years of outstanding service to the community of Riverside, California. Lois J. Carson has served as Executive Director of the Community Action Partnership (CAP) of Riverside County for 30 years. After three decades of service, Lois will retire at the end of December and I thank her for years of dedicated public service. In her honor, a grateful city has declared December 14, 2010, as "Lois J. Carson Day."

In July 1980, Lois was first appointed by the Board of Supervisors as the first Executive Director of CAP of Riverside County, then known as the Department of Community Action. For 30 years CAP has worked toward reducing poverty in Riverside County. In 2005 and under Lois' direction, Riverside received the National Community Action Partnership's Award for Excellence, to date the only Community Action Agency (CAA) in California, and the only public CAA in the nation, to receive this award.

Lois has been recognized as an innovator who always worked diligently on behalf of the city and in her role with CAP. Through the years CAP has touched the lives of thousands of low-income residents in Riverside, helping them gain footing through programs such as Individual Development Accounts, Building Links to Impact Self-Sufficiency (Project B.L.I.S.S.), Earned Income Tax Credit, and Weatherization and Access to Assets.

Lois has received numerous awards recognizing her accomplishments, including being named a "Distinguished Alumnus" by California State University, San Bernardino and by the University of California, Riverside. She was also a first year recipient of the Riverside YWCA "Woman of Achievement" award. In addition, Lois was named the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County's "Champion of Justice," honored with the Business Press' "Leader of Distinction" award; named a 2001

Papal Medalist; earned the Woman of the Year for the 62nd Assembly District; awarded the 2007 Lyndon Baines Johnson "Human Services Award" which is highest honor of the National Community Action Partnership; and was named the 2009 "Spirit of the Entrepreneur" Award from Social Entrepreneur.

She also served as a trustee for the San Bernardino Community College District for 24 years during which time she was named "Top Trustee in the U.S." in 1991 by the Association of Community College Trustees. She remains an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, National Council of Negro Women and is a Black Future Leaders mentor. She is also the longest serving member of the Riverside County Workforce Investment Board.

Lois' tireless passion for community and public service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. I am proud to call Lois a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for her service and salute her as she retires.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR S. 3250

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, attached is a amended support letter for S. 3250 which passed the House on Wednesday, December 1, 2010. A previous copy was submitted for the RECORD.

HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDING CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS COALITION,

December 3, 2010.

Re Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act of 2010.

RUSS CARNAHAN,

Washington, DC.

JUDY BIGGERT,

Washington, DC.

THOMAS CARPER,

Washington, DC.

SUSAN COLLINS,

Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES CARNAHAN AND BIGGERT AND SENATORS CARPER AND COLLINS: As the leading organizations involved in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings, we applaud your continued efforts to improve our Nation's buildings. Thank you for your leadership and vision in the development and passage of H.R. 5112 and S. 3250, "Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act of 2010."

As you know, Congress and the President have established stringent goals for Federal agencies to achieve reductions in energy and water use and greenhouse gas emissions. Agencies also have additional needs related to other high-performance building attributes, including safety and security. Achieving these goals requires personnel engaged in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of federal buildings to have the appropriate skills and training.

Federal agencies have long been looked to as an example of what can be done within the built environment. As the Nation's largest holder of real estate, the Federal government has the opportunity and resources to influence the development and implementation of building design, construction, operations and maintenance tools, technologies and practices. Federal buildings should serve

as public showcases and leading examples of energy efficiency and indoor environmental quality (IEQ) through their design, construction, equipment, and operations and maintenance.

As both public and private sector buildings become increasingly complex to meet our Nation's energy and environmental goals, personnel with the necessary competencies will be critical to achieving these goals. The undersigned organizations, thank you for your leadership on this legislation and are poised to provide the necessary training to achieve both public and private sector goals.

We look forward to continued work with you in realizing the full potential of high-performance buildings.

Sincerely,

National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS); American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE); International Facility Management Association (IFMA); National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA); U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC); International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO); Federation of American Scientists (FAS); National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); International Code Council (ICC); Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA); American Institute of Architects (AIA); Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance (SPFA); United Association—Union of Plumbers, Fitters, Welders and HVAC Service Techs; Green Mechanical Council; The Stella Group, Ltd.; Association for Facilities Engineering (AFE); Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA); National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE); BuildingInsight, LLC; American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC); Green Building Initiative (GBI); Ecobuild America/AEC Science & Technology, LLC; American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA); Air-conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI); National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRRC); Center for Environmental Innovation in Roofing (CEIR); The Radiant Panel Association; Carbon Monoxide Safety Association (COA); Educational Standards Corporation Institute (ESCO Institute); HVAC Excellence; Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Association (AC&R); Federal Performance Contracting Coalition; Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC); National Insulation Association (NIA); InfoComm International; Building Intelligence Group; Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors—National Association, Inc. (SMACNA); Architecture 2030; LonMark International; Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI); American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE); BASF; EIFS Industry Members Association (EIMA); Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association (PHCC); Johnson Controls; APPA: Leadership in Educational Facilities; International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD); The Vinyl Institute; Illuminating Engineering Society (IES); DuPont; Brick Industry Association; Association of Energy Engineers (AEE); Siemens; Bentley Systems; International Association of Heat & Frost Insulators and Allied Workers; Delphi; Ingersoll Rand; Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC).