

But, this is not only a moral issue—it is also about improving health, reducing maternal mortality, slowing the spread of HIV/AIDS and reducing poverty.

Study after study has shown that when we do these things, we not only help create a safer world for women and children, but we also help improve the security of the United States.

It is true that there may be some very minor costs associated with this bill. However, they pale in comparison to our obligation to do what is right.

I want to thank my colleague from Minnesota BETTY MCCOLLUM and Senator DICK DURBIN from Illinois for leading this effort. Both of them have been indefatigable champions of the rights of women and children and we wouldn't be considering this bill today without them.

I urge all of my colleagues to support the International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act.

HONORING GAIL NEAL

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Gail Neal upon her retirement as the Mariposa County Chief Probation Officer.

Ms. Neal began her career with Mariposa County as clerk II for the District Attorney's office in April 1978. In September 1981, she transferred to the Sheriff's Office, where she was a dispatcher and then a jail officer. In November 1987, Ms. Neal transferred back to the District Attorney's office, where she served as a Clerk III for a short time before being promoted to legal secretary. Ms. Neal began in Probation as a probation aide in May 1989. From there, she received a number of promotions: to Acting Deputy Probation Officer in September of 1990, Deputy Probation Officer in January of 1991, Deputy Probation Officer II in January of 1993, Deputy Probation Officer III in May of 1995, Deputy Chief Probation Officer in January of 2001, Interim Chief Probation Officer in March of 2001 and Chief Probation Officer two weeks later in March of 2001.

Ms. Neal has displayed outstanding leadership, organization and commitment in her time with Mariposa County Probation. Her duties included planning, organizing, directing, supervising and administering activities and operations of the County Probation Department and Juvenile Hall. She also developed and oversaw the Revenue & Recovery Division.

Besides her commitments to Mariposa County Probation, Ms. Neal served as a member of a number of groups, including of the Chief Probation Officers of California, California Probation, Parole and Corrections Association, American Probation and Parole Association, Mariposa County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Mariposa County Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board, and was Chair on Mariposa County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council. In her free time, Ms. Neal also ran a side business as a candle maker.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gail Neal for her dedicated service to the people of Mariposa County. I invite my colleagues to join

me in wishing Ms. Neal many years of continued success.

RESTORE ONLINE SHOPPERS' CONFIDENCE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3386, the Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act, bipartisan legislation critical to protecting online consumers in Ohio and across the country.

Online shopping is becoming a common and critical part of our Nation's economy. The convenience of shopping and making purchases from home is an exciting revolution in commerce, and one that has broadened the opportunities and access available to American consumers.

As we saw on Cyber Monday, Americans are not hesitating to take advantage.

In particular, for people like my constituents who live in rural areas, online shopping offers an opportunity to avoid lengthy trips, saving both time and the cost of gas.

However, as the number of consumers taking advantage of these new opportunities continues to grow, I fear that the number of pitfalls for consumers is beginning to grow.

In particular, I am concerned about a growing new trend that is putting consumers on the defensive. Companies are using misleading Web sites and offers to sign up unsuspecting consumers for expensive subscription services. These companies are engaging in a new practice called post-transaction marketing, in which they purport to make special offers to consumers who have just completed a transaction.

Before they know it, consumers have unknowingly signed up for services, and their credit card information is on the way to the new company. Oftentimes, these same consumers don't even realize they have signed up for the service until they get their credit card statements.

This practice is egregious, and it is flat wrong.

We must act to bring it to a stop.

While I, like many of my moderate colleagues, fear the consequences of extending the reach of government too far into the economy, I also believe that there is a time when we, as legislators, have a mandate to act. This is one of those occasions.

Earlier this year, I introduced H.R. 5707, the Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act. This legislation would take initial first steps toward ending what is clearly a deceptive and troubling practice.

Specifically, the legislation would require that companies engaging in post-transaction marketing clearly disclose the terms of any agreement proposed to consumers, ensuring that they have full knowledge of the services for which they are subscribing.

In addition, it would also require that these same companies provide easy ways to opt out of any agreement or subscription service, empowering consumers to control their enrollment.

Recently, the Senate passed companion legislation, S. 3386 by unanimous consent.

This bipartisan show of support indicates just how serious the problem is facing American consumers, as well as the common-sense nature of the legislation before us.

Now, the time has come for the House to act in kind.

We have before us a choice today—act on behalf of our constituents who every day use the internet for information and commerce.

Or, we can fail to act, and allow more American consumers to fall victim to a frightening practice that separates from them their hard-earned income.

I would be remiss if I didn't also raise a point that I have raised a number of times during my time in the House. The internet is an exciting and powerful tool. In particular, high-speed internet has brought a wealth of exciting new opportunities to American consumers.

However, not all consumers have access to this basic tool. Too many of my constituents do not have access to reliable and affordable broadband service, taking away their ability to participate in online shopping, distance learning, and all the basic services that many of us take for granted.

I hope that this body will continue to take seriously the plight of those individuals on the other side of the digital divide, and will rise to the occasion to address a major challenge facing rural America.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICES OF CAMP PATRIOT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Camp Patriot and their tremendous service to veterans in the Greater Seattle Area and throughout the country.

Camp Patriot was founded in 2006 to help provide the 2.3 million disabled U.S. veterans with the opportunity to take outdoor trips. The nonprofit group organizes fishing, hunting, skiing, hiking, and motorcycling trips for our brave veterans. Camp Patriot enables disabled veterans the chance to develop relationships with other fellow veterans through outdoor adventures and team building exercises. The program works with outdoor organizations and financial sponsors that provide equipment, supplies, and clothing, and allow veterans to attend the camp free of cost.

Camp Patriot is a relatively new organization yet has done much in their outreach to veterans and their families. One major goal they are currently working toward is the construction of a lodge on Lake Kocanusa in Montana, which would accommodate 20 disabled veterans a week at no charge to the veterans.

Among Camp Patriot's major activities is the annual hike to the summit of Mount Rainier. The inaugural climb took place in July 2007. Most recently, the Camp Patriot team reached the 14,411-foot summit on July 14, 2010. Each year, before the climb, participants travel to Seattle to dine at Qwest Field and tour the stadium with the Seattle Seahawks. Participants also attend a week-long training sponsored by Iron90 Workplace Wellness. Iron90 prepares the veterans for the grueling hike up

the summit. Founder Micah Clark, a fellow veteran, often accompanies the hikers on the climb and sees first-hand the effect his organization can have on disabled veterans.

The Greater Seattle community has been very supportive of Camp Patriot's mission in the area. Joint Base Lewis-McChord volunteers moved to help put up tents and prepare food for the participants. They also participate in fishing and hunting trips, assisting Camp Patriot veterans on the way. Additionally, Washington State organizations have helped provide services and materials to help the nonprofit and its participating veterans.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in honoring Camp Patriot for their commitment to provide for disabled veterans who have given so much for our safety.

RECOGNIZING THE PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD LIBRARY

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Patchogue-Medford Library for earning the prestigious National Medal for Museum and Library Service. This award recognizes the Patchogue-Medford Library for its commitment to making a difference in the lives of individuals, families, and its community and serves as our Nation's highest honor for libraries and museums.

The Patchogue-Medford Library enjoys a long and colorful history, having served the people of Suffolk County for nearly 130 years. Originally housed in the back room of Floyd Overton's shoe store on East Main Street, the library was formed under the direction of the Patchogue Library Association in June, 1883. The library opened its doors just two months later in August, 1883, housing 635 volumes that included the likes of Mark Twain, Charles Dickens, Jules Verne, and Alexis De Tocqueville.

Following brief stints in a music store and the Lyceum Community Center, the library was adopted in 1899 by Sorosis, an all-purpose women's organization new to the Patchogue neighborhood, with the intention of transforming the private library into a public facility. Sorosis greatly enhanced the library, raising enough funds and community support for the construction of a permanent home in 1908.

Aided by the financial backing of philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, the library earned acclaim across New York State. Today, the Patchogue-Medford Library serves as the sole New York State-designated Central Library for Suffolk County, providing support and innovative services to the people of the First Congressional District of New York.

Throughout all of the changes, growth, and iterations of the Patchogue-Medford Library, the goal of universal literacy has remained at the forefront of the library's agenda. Serving a diverse community, of which nearly one-quarter of the population is Hispanic, the library has taken a non-traditional approach toward literacy in the community.

The library is committed to bringing quality programming to both English-speaking and

Spanish-speaking communities, often combining the two groups for mutually beneficial learning experiences. Children are often exposed to bilingual story times, teens engage with each other in the Language Café, and Spanish language computer instructions are offered to more than 2,100 adult students. The Patchogue-Medford Library demonstrates that literacy is important in all its forms, from reading books to reading one another.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Patchogue-Medford Library for receiving the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, and I commend the library for its continued commitment to providing vital services to the people of the First Congressional District of New York.

IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR ROBERT SUMMERS' RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Cornell Law School Professor Robert S. Summers, whose tireless dedication to his students and intense passion for law are worthy of recognition.

Professor Summers grew up on his family's farm in rural Oregon. There, his parents imbued in him a strong work ethic, which he credits for his extensive career of publication and scholarship. He went from driving tractors and school buses to studies at the University of Oregon, and Harvard Law. He has spent the last 50 years as a law professor, 42 of them at Cornell Law School. December 1, 2010 was his final class.

Professor Summers has been an unwavering advocate for his students. He ardently supported increased minority enrollment within law schools, and saw this goal through to fruition, traveling the country holding recruiting and preparatory sessions.

Professor Summers demanded analytical excellence in the classroom. He taught using the traditional Socratic Method, forcing students to learn through argument and questioning, instead of simply providing them with the answers. I was a student in Professor Summers's Contract Law class for first year students, and the class was a formative experience for me. Being called upon to answer questions from Professor Summers was rewarding and challenging and it helped make me the person I am today.

In addition to his laudable career in education, Professor Summers has also made significant contributions to the field of law. He co-authored the Universal Commercial Code, outlining procedures for numerous commercial transactions, and was also called upon by the governments of Russia, Egypt, and Rwanda to help draft their civil codes. He is simply the type of lawyer that many law students aspire to be when they first enter school, but that very few become.

Madam Speaker, Professor Summers' commitment to the legal education of the nation's law students and service to the field of law merit recognition. I am sure Professor Summers will embody the same honor and morality in his retirement as he did throughout his distinguished career.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES L. OBERSTAR

SPEECH OF

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, this is a very sad day for the U.S. House of Representatives as we say goodbye to Washington's true transportation guru, Chairman JAMES OBERSTAR. Your expertise and long history in developing transportation policy for our nation will be sorely missed as we continue to fight for the type of infrastructure funding that will keep our nation going strong.

You've guided the committee with wisdom and fairness. Continued the committee's longstanding bipartisanship, and steered major pieces of legislation affecting every sector of our transportation system. Your leadership will long be felt on this committee and throughout the nation long after you depart the chairman's seat.

The trips we took to Haiti were some of my most memorable times serving in Congress. Traveling there with Chairman OBERSTAR was like spending time with a native.

It was an honor working with you on so many issues over the years and I look forward to continuing to work with you as you remain a major player in transportation policy. Thank you Mr. OBERSTAR for all you have done.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD BREITMEYER IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. Richard Breitmeyer, who has provided exemplary public service for over 25 years.

Dr. Richard Breitmeyer has served as the California State Veterinarian at the California Department of Food and Agriculture since 1993—rising to this position through a series of senior appointments at CDFA since 1988. He has also served at the United States Department of Agriculture in Ames, Indiana and Plum Island, New York. Before joining the CDFA in 1984, Breitmeyer was in private veterinary practice.

Throughout his professional career, Dr. Breitmeyer has been a member of both the California and American Veterinary Medical Associations. He also served as president of the U.S. Animal Health Association since 2009 and was co-chair of the USDA Secretary's Advisory Committee for Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases.

In 2001, USDA Secretary Ann Veneman asked California to loan Dr. Breitmeyer to the USDA to provide leadership in addressing the very real possibility that Foot and Mouth Disease might migrate from the United Kingdom to the United States. It is a testament to Breitmeyer's leadership that this virulent and devastating livestock disease did not enter the