

FAA REAUTHORIZATION AND
REFORM ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 658) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes:

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the amendment offered by my friend from Michigan and of this fiscally responsible FAA bill.

I was proud to help include language in the bill requiring the establishment of at least four test sites to promote the safe integration of remotely piloted aircraft into the national airspace.

Remotely piloted aircraft are an exciting next chapter in aviation. It is time to expand this technology domestically, and this bill directs the FAA to establish four test sites with the appropriate climate, geography, and access to necessary research radars.

Remotely piloted aircraft are not new to American airspace, and they are certainly not new to the area around my district in Central New York.

The topography of Central New York is as varied as the seasons. A diverse climate and varied topography are essential for testing and will inform preparations for the safe integration of remotely piloted aircraft into the national airspace.

Mr. Chair, remotely piloted aircraft are not limited to military uses. They can assist in search and rescue operations, environmental research, forest and fire management, domestic law enforcement activities and perhaps most importantly, monitoring our borders for illegal activities.

I encourage my colleagues to vote in favor of the Candice Miller Amendment and the underlying bill.

IN HONOR OF BILL SAMUELS' ACCOMPLISHED CAREER IN KENTUCKY

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of a very important man in one of Kentucky's signature industries. Bill Samuels is stepping down as president of Maker's Mark after an outstanding 44-year tenure with the company, a career which saw him introduce Maker's Mark to the world and re-invent the way that bourbon was seen around the world.

A 7th generation bourbon maker, Bill Samuels is well versed in the tradition of making bourbon. Although his father, Bill Samuels Sr., was the inventor of the Maker's Mark recipe,

bourbon wasn't always in the blood of the younger Bill. In fact, after growing up in Bardstown, Kentucky he set off to college and became, of all things, a rocket scientist. When the solid propellants he worked on became outdated, he earned a law degree from Vanderbilt University. After law school, Bill returned to work for his father, all the while not intending to permanently join the family business. Little did he know that he would be largely responsible for taking Maker's Mark from a local institution to a brand recognized and enjoyed worldwide.

When Bill started working at Maker's Mark, it was still a local company. They didn't have an advertising agency create a fancy marketing campaign, so Bill put his superb sense of humor to work and started making his own ads. He paired his now-famous one-liners with his family product, and created a worldwide phenomenon. In a business which to that point was nothing but serious, Bill Samuels' ability to make people laugh and catch their attention changed the game. Today, few brands' advertisements are more recognizable than the Maker's Mark bottle with the wax on top. Despite Maker's Mark's status as a worldwide brand, Bill made sure that he stuck to his family's methods, carefully supervising each batch to give the whole world a taste of small-town Kentucky.

Bill Samuels' legacy at Maker's Mark is unforgettable. Not only did he introduce the country and the world to one of the signature products of the Commonwealth, he also saw his family's distillery become the first one in the United States to be named a National Historic Landmark. While his company is now known worldwide, Bill has stayed true to his Kentucky roots. He is still a pillar in his community, serving on a number of boards and as a guest lecturer at several universities.

Bill Samuels leaves big shoes to fill at Maker's Mark, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors. I congratulate him on his success at Maker's Mark and all that he has done for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
THOMAS H. GREER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Thomas H. Greer, a loving husband and friend, and the vice president of the Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper.

Mr. Greer became editor of the Plain Dealer in 1990, becoming only one of three African-American journalists to hold such a position at a major daily newspaper at that time.

Known to colleagues as Thom, he served as a role model for young and aspiring journalists. His work ethic was, as he told the newspaper in 1992, to "keep your mouth shut, hold your head up high and work like hell to make yourself and those around you as good as they can be."

Mr. Greer was born in Nashville, Tennessee, but moved to New Jersey during his childhood. He majored in history at Dillard University in New Orleans, and later attended Rider College and Rutgers University.

In 1964, Mr. Greer was hired by the Evening Times in Trenton, NJ, as a sports

journalist. He moved to the Plain Dealer in 1974, where he served on the suburban news unit. His stories investigating shakedowns of late-night liquor stores and thefts of confiscated liquor by Cuyahoga County Sheriff officers, led to their arrests.

Mr. Greer left the Plain Dealer for larger papers in Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, but returned in 1983 as editor of the sports department. He expanded their news coverage from exclusively local sports to national and international stories.

Mr. Greer worked as managing editor, executive editor and eventually editor, as he oversaw the expansion of the paper, the creation of new bureaus in other counties, and expanded coverage of upcoming issues. In 1992, he became vice president and oversaw community outreach, volunteerism, affirmative action employment and the Plain Dealer Charities, as well as the Plain Dealer High School Newspaper Workshop.

In addition to his many roles with the Plain Dealer, he served as a trustee of the Greater Cleveland Roundtable, WVIZ-TV, the City Club, and the National Junior Tennis Association. He was honored by Kaleidoscope Magazine and inducted into the Region VI Hall of Fame of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Thomas H. Greer, whose legacy of professionalism, positive work ethic, and commitment to justice will forever serve as an example. I extend my sincere condolences to Mr. Greer's wife Maxine and to his family, friends and colleagues that knew him best.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—LUKE EMIGH

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) from the third district of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the third district's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond

thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

President George H.W. Bush once said, “A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization.”

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

As community service this year and in the spirit of CYAC, I volunteered to help a church prepare and serve a Thanksgiving Day meal. I unexpectedly ended up on pie making duty the first day as part of food preparation. I spent five hours making pies that day! Totally out of my usual character, I learned to make quite pretty pie crust edges! I learned a lot from this experience besides how to bake a pie. I enjoyed the camaraderie and the realization that people were enjoying the pies I baked. Day two was also unexpected as I ended up on the food server line serving green beans. I learned there is an art to being a food server and a coordinated effort is needed by all to make the process run smoothly. At the end of the day, it feels good knowing that you have made a difference in so many people’s lives, at least for a day. The process of working together with other volunteers is a bonding process from all working cohesively in a wonderful environment for a common cause and opens the door to new friendships and understandings. There is definitely a feeling of contentment after a couple of days like this just knowing that you made a difference to somebody and made their day a little brighter!

—Luke Emigh.

HONORING DR. T. MARSHALL JONES

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a gentleman, a scholar, a master musician, a teacher, a community leader, a mentor, a family man, a man of God, and my friend of long standing, Dr. T. Marshall Jones. His life is an example of how one person can make a difference when carrying out God’s purpose for his life.

Dr. Jones grew up in rural Virginia where his visually impaired uncle introduced him to music at age five. While other students his age were engaging in athletic endeavors, Dr. Jones was quenching his thirst for music—as a child he would often ride three miles to his piano lessons.

Dr. Jones graduated from Virginia State University and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is a U.S. Army Veteran, serving for two years as a member of the

284th Army and 74th Army bands. Dr. Jones served as a band director at Lapeer State Training School in Lapeer, Michigan. His association with Albany State College, now University, began in 1963 as the director of bands. He took a leave of absence from teaching in 1972 to earn his doctorate of music education degree from the Oklahoma School of Music.

After his return, he was named acting chair of the music department. In 1980, when the music, art, speech and theatre departments combined to form the Department of Fine Arts, Dr. Jones was named the first chairman. After 33 years at his beloved Albany State University, Dr. Jones retired. But the fire for teaching still burned in his heart, so he stayed on for 14 more years as an adjunct professor, retiring in May of 2010.

There is no doubt that Dr. Jones loves music, but more importantly, he loves people. It has been said that, “Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth.” Not only has Dr. Jones paid his rent in the field of music, but he has also paid his tireless service to the community. He is a dedicated member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, where he plays a key role in the music ministry. He is a member of the Gamma Omicron Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. where he plays a leading role in the fraternity’s mentoring efforts that have reached the lives of thousands of young men.

Because of his efforts in music and other endeavors, Albany State University dedicated their 2010/2011 Fine Arts Lyceum and Performing Arts Series in his honor—an honor that was well earned, and well deserved.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot think of another person who has done more for the arts in Southwest Georgia than Dr. T. Marshall Jones. But, his accolades do not belong to him alone. If not for the dedicated love of his wife, Mary and his family, he would not have been able to bless us abundantly with his love for music and people. To God be the glory for blessing us with a man as talented as Dr. T. Marshall Jones.

IN SUPPORT OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit a letter from a broad array of private sector organizations, in support of the Corporation for National and Community Service. The letter, which expresses opposition to efforts to reduce or eliminate federal funding for the Corporation, outlines the importance of federal funds, which drive private investment through matching programs.

The Corporation for National and Community Service affects communities in all 50 states, and provides opportunities for Americans of all ages.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the following letter, signed by 212 of America’s foremost business leaders, on the importance of funding the Corporation for National and Community Service.

SAVE SERVICE IN AMERICA

DEAR MAJORITY LEADER REID AND SPEAKER BOEHNER: We are writing to urge you to op-

pose any proposal that would eliminate or reduce the fiscal year 2011 funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service and the programs it funds, including Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, RSVP, Learn and Serve America, VISTA, the National Civilian Community Corps, the Volunteer Generation Fund, the Social Innovation Fund and AmeriCorps.

Local service programs create meaningful opportunities for Americans hard-hit by the downturn, teaching marketable skills and putting workers on a path to economic self-sufficiency. Elimination of these programs would result in the loss of nearly 150,000 jobs and nearly 5 million volunteer positions that provide critical services and improve the lives of people in communities across America.

Funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service provides critically needed, and highly leveraged, support for programs that are making a major difference in communities across the country, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Citizen Schools, City Year, Habitat for Humanity, Jumpstart, YouthBuild, and Teach for America, as well as literally thousands of other local shelters, faith-based organizations, senior homes and schools.

These programs are a model of government investment at its best—each program re-competes for funding annually, and only the best are invested in. Local leaders choose which service programs are needed in their community and secure matching funds. This is not “top down” government, but bottom-up, community leadership and investment. These programs are getting results—they are managed like businesses, and are held accountable to impact goals and results.

As private sector leaders, our companies, and many of us as private citizens, have been investing matching dollars into these programs for nearly two decades—in fact this year alone, the private sector will invest more than \$800 million in private matching funding in local, community based programs supported by the Corporation for National and Community Service. That figure represents nearly a one-to-one match of every dollar the federal government invests. The private sector also helps to power these community solutions by providing these worthy programs with millions of volunteer hours. National service is an extraordinary catalyst and force-multiplier for community volunteering—one study has shown that every AmeriCorps member helps to generate more than 30 additional volunteers.

The private sector, however, cannot do it alone. We require the investment of the federal government, and we will continue to do our part. Together, we are tackling the most pressing problems of our society at the local level: helping to close the education achievement gap, helping seniors remain independent, promoting public health to control the cost of healthcare, moving families out of substandard housing and saving our precious environmental resources. All of this is done, with citizens leading the way with a “can do” American spirit that we are proud to support.

The elimination or reduction in funding of the Corporation for National and Community Service and its programs would put this bi-partisan, public-private achievement in grave jeopardy.

We know that you are faced with difficult budget decisions, but we encourage you to keep investing our taxpayer dollars where the return is so high. We believe cost-effective, efficient, citizen-centered initiatives will provide common sense solutions to the challenges facing communities and citizens across the country.

We cannot turn our back on the enormous contributions and long record of success of