

INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF SEATTLE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 61ST ANNIVERSARY AND RECOGNIZING ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GREATER SEATTLE REGION AND THE WASHINGTON STATE

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution recognizing the contributions of the World Affairs Council of Seattle as it marks the 61st anniversary of connecting the Seattle community with the global community. Seattle has long served as a gateway for the global economy, as home to one of the United States' largest ports, innovative companies and world-class research. Since the World Affairs Council of Seattle was founded in 1951, the Council has been integral in providing extraordinary opportunities for people to participate in global debates and expanding people-to-people relationships across the globe. I thank the World Affairs Council of Seattle for its contribution in fostering dialogue in the Seattle region and Washington State.

IN CELEBRATION OF RYAN ROSSI

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of Ryan Rossi, an inspiring young man from my district who died too soon this past December.

A star soccer forward at his alma mater of Cal State Northridge, a talented singer songwriter, and a dedicated humanitarian, Ryan made the world a brighter place for his having been in it. And while non-Hodgkin's lymphoma extinguished his life at the age of 27, it could not dim the love and generosity that suffused it.

After a trip to El Salvador, meeting impoverished children with ragged breathing caused by the toxic fumes of the kerosene lamps that lit their homes, Ryan helped start a charity to replace the noxious lamps with clean, safe and affordable solar lamps.

Before his death, Ryan asked that he be remembered not with a funeral, but with a celebration. And well we should celebrate, for today I know Ryan's light lives on—not only in the hearts of those who knew him, but in the homes of thousands who never will.

HONORING CITY MANAGER STEVE HELVEY

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steve Helvey for his public service to the people of Whittier, California. Steve began with the City

of Whittier in 2000 as the city's sixth City Manager. After 12 productive years of service to Whittier and its residents, Steve is retiring.

Steve and his wife Paula are long-time Whittierites. He attended Sierra High School from 1964–1968, Rio Hondo College from 1968–1970, and graduated from California State University in Fullerton in 1972. Steve came to the City of Whittier after serving the City of Burbank for 17 years as its Financial Services Director and Assistant City Manager. Prior to that, Steve was the Finance Director in the City of Alhambra and the Chief of the Tax Division for the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller's Office.

During his tenure with the City of Whittier, Steve always provided strong and knowledgeable leadership and direction for major projects. Those numerous projects included the Whittier Utility Authority Finance Plan, Pio Pico State Historic Park renovation, Parnell Park Community and Senior Center construction, Whittier Greenway Trail acquisition and development, new Whittier Police Headquarters Building, Uptown Whittier Specific Plan, Whittier Boulevard Specific Plan, Whittwood Town Center redevelopment, release of Fred C. Nelles property for development, and the Mineral Extraction Project.

Over the past decade, Steve has worked tirelessly to ensure Whittier operates on firm financial footing and never outside its fiscal means. While the struggling economy has impacted many cities throughout Southern California, Whittier has managed to maintain funding for all city services and capital improvement projects and Steve is a big reason why.

As an active civic member he has served as a member of the California City Management Association, California Society of Municipal Finance Officers, and the San Gabriel Valley City Managers Association.

From one public servant to another, I praise Steve Helvey and commend him on his many years of outstanding public service and dedication to the City of Whittier and the community. Whittier would not be the community it is today without him.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300–132, the national debt was \$4,801,405,175,294.28.

Today, the day after the President proposed a federal budget that would never again balance, it is \$15,355,198,335,393.66. We've added \$10,553,793,160,099.38 dollars to our debt in 16 years. This is \$10 trillion in debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CARRIED INTEREST FAIRNESS ACT OF 2012

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I introduce today the Carried Interest Fairness Act of 2012.

The Carried Interest Fairness Act provides that the "carried interest" compensation received by investment fund managers will be taxed at ordinary income rates and treated as wage income subject to employment taxes. In exchange for providing the service of managing their investors' assets, fund managers often take a portion of a fund's profits, or a carried interest, usually equal to 20 percent of such profits. The bill clarifies that this income is subject to ordinary income tax rates rather than the much lower capital gains rate. For a technical explanation of the Carried Interest Fairness Act of 2012, please visit my website at www.house.gov/levin.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN HERBAL PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION (AHPA)

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) as that organization celebrates its 30th anniversary.

Since AHPA's founding in 1982, the organization has been at the forefront of promoting the responsible commerce of herbs and herbal products and providing leadership in the herbal products community. Started by a handful of growers, processors, manufacturers and marketers of herbal products, AHPA has now grown into a diverse trade association, representing nearly 300 companies in the herbal products industry and their affiliated businesses.

AHPA has distinguished itself in the herbal and dietary supplement trades for the quality of its work and advocacy before lawmakers and regulators. Legislatively, AHPA was an active participant in the passage of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, which is the law that established a separate category for dietary supplements under a robust regulatory framework. AHPA also played a seminal role in the passage of the Dietary Supplement and Nonprescription Drug Consumer Protection Act of 2006, which established a Federal serious adverse event reporting mechanism for the dietary supplements.

Since its inception, AHPA has also been tireless in its efforts to communicate respectfully and clearly with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and other Federal agencies on the unique aspects and needs of the herbal trade. In recent years, the supplement industry has encountered a number of substantive regulatory issues, including a new rule for Good Manufacturing Practice compliance, guidance on New Dietary Ingredients, and implementation of various