

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIGHLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 24, 2012

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Highline Community College, which is located in Des Moines, Washington, south of Seattle.

Highline was founded in 1961 as the first community college in King County. Since then, it has served as Washington state's most diverse community college, educating over 17,000 students, of which almost two-thirds are students of color.

Today, Highline serves as the hub of innovative education and training opportunities, supporting students, the community, and the King County economy. In 2010 alone, Highline supported 800 local entrepreneurs through programs and services, helped launch 12 new businesses, and generated \$9 million in investments. International students bring an additional \$7.7 million to King County's economy annually.

As the co-chair of the Congressional Indonesia Caucus, I have been following Highline's State Department-funded initiative with Indonesian community colleges with particular interest. Indonesia is home to over 230 million people and faces acute challenges in making education accessible for all. Highline's work is important in that regard.

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Highline Community College, I want to express my strong support for Highline's commitment to education and in ushering students toward a pathway to the American Dream. Thank you.

HONORING ANTHONY HERZOG

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 24, 2012

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Mr. Anthony Herzog, who will be honored this weekend for his dedication to the Wayne County community.

Upon his graduation from Lackawanna Junior College and the University of New Haven, Mr. Herzog began his 33-year tenure with Herzog Trucking Co., Inc., where he ultimately served as President from 1982–2004.

Until his retirement last year, Mr. Herzog was dedicated to serving his community honorably as a Wayne County Commissioner for the past 24 years. His accomplishments as a Commissioner are too numerous to list, but Mr. Herzog has been instrumental in the completion of several major initiatives in Wayne County, including construction of the Wayne County Emergency Management Operations

Center, the expansion of the Area Agency on Aging, and the creation of the Wayne County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Agency.

In 1998, Governor Tom Ridge appointed Mr. Herzog to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Advisory Committee. Mr. Herzog continues to serve in that capacity today.

Mr. Herzog's local involvement includes organizations such as the Honesdale Lions Club, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Wayne County Family Center Board, the NEPA Alliance, and the Wayne County Board of Elections, where he serves as current Chairman. He is also an active member of St. John's and St. Mary's Parish.

With his wife Sharon, Mr. Herzog is the father of two: Andrea and Steven, and the grandfather to three: Emma, Brady, and Heather.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Mr. Anthony Herzog, and ask my colleagues to join me in praising his commitment to community, country, and family.

HONORING MR. PETER SHIPMAN UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 24, 2012

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement on March 2, we rise to thank Peter Shipman for his 32 years of outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Peter graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1976 with a degree in furniture design and subsequently worked for Gift Construction building decks.

Peter came to the House November 1, 1979, when he was hired by the Cabinet Shop. His first task was to repair broken chairs from various House offices and over time he demonstrated his remarkable talent for constructing new House furniture.

Over the next several years he artfully designed, built, and repaired numerous pieces of House furniture. By 1996, Peter had worked his way up to Assistant Foreman and eventually became Foreman. His list of accomplishments include the construction of the Speaker's chair for the House Floor, the construction of a beautiful hand-painted "Hummingbird Desk" for one particular Member, and two special display cabinets for another. He was also responsible for the design and supervision of the House Floor elevating lecterns, a sideboard for the Speaker, and a workstation for one of our House Officers. He has trained many employees over his tenure as a master cabinet maker teaching furniture design as well as construction and repair techniques. For the last four years, he has served as the Manager of the House Cabinet Shop where he passed on his wealth of knowledge and talent to his employees and mentored the staff.

On a more personal note, he has always been interested in team sports and played with many of his co-workers on the House Rockers softball team during the 80s in the Congressional Softball League. After retirement, Peter plans to continue with his wood-working and spend more time with his family.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, we personally congratulate Peter on his retirement and thank him for all he has done for this institution. We wish Peter the best in all his future endeavors.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3630, MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2012

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, Congress passed the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 on February 17, 2012. As House majority conferees, as well as chairmen of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and its Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, we are pleased that the spectrum auction provisions in Title VI, Subtitle D, of the legislation are based on the Jumpstarting Opportunity with Broadband Spectrum, JOBS, Act of 2011. We helped pass the JOBS Act in the House on December 13, 2011, as part of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011. Like the JOBS Act, Title VI, Subtitle D, of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 is designed to spur the next generation of wireless investment and innovation, to bring in federal revenue in the form of auction proceeds, and to promote significant new job creation. Among other things, Subtitle D allows the FCC to share proceeds with licensees, like broadcasters, that voluntarily return spectrum to be re-auctioned to meet the growing demand for commercial mobile broadband services. To prevent the Federal Communications Commission from picking winners and losers, Subtitle D prohibits the agency from excluding qualified bidders from participating in the auctions. To protect taxpayers, Subtitle D also requires the FCC to auction spectrum it has used federal funds to clear. What follows is a section by section explanation of some of Subtitle D's significant spectrum provisions.

Section 6401. This subsection establishes clearing and auction timelines for spectrum in 1915–1920 MHz and 1995–2000 MHz (the PCS H Block), 2155–2180 MHz (the AWS–3 block), 15 MHz from the government spectrum at 1675–1710 MHz, and 15 MHz to be determined by the FCC.

Section 6402. This section amends the Communications Act to grant the FCC authority to conduct incentive auctions under which it shares some of the proceeds with licensees that return spectrum to be re-auctioned for commercial use. Such auctions must have

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