

INTRODUCTION OF THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE PURCHASING CREDIT EXPANSION ACT

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, every day, we see the damage done by our dependence on oil. We see high gas prices threatening our economic recovery and burdening families already struggling to make ends meet. We see rising temperatures and sea levels. We see higher respiratory disease rates. And we see any number of distant regimes holding our foreign policy hostage, weakening our ability to stand by our principles and our friends.

It is time for us to throw off these burdens and step into the future.

One of the most promising and necessary things we can do to leave oil behind is speed our transition to electric vehicles. Passenger cars alone use more than 40 percent of the oil consumed in this country. By 2020, the National Resources Defense Council estimates Americans will spend \$260 billion a year on gas. Just think of what we stand to gain from switching to electric vehicles. I drive an electric vehicle myself, back home in Los Angeles. I get to drive right on past the gas station. In fact, I have not been to a gas station in almost a year. The technology is here, all we need to do is implement it.

Unfortunately, the higher price tag of electric vehicles has impeded wide-spread adoption by placing them beyond the reach of many of the Americans who stand to benefit most.

The Electric Vehicle Purchasing Credit Expansion Act would increase the existing tax credit offered for the purchase of these vehicles—broadening access and speeding deployment in the near term, and helping to jumpstart the market and realize the economies of scale that will make electric vehicles no more expensive than a gas-powered car.

Since 2009, qualified plug-in electric vehicles have received a federal income tax credit of up to \$7,500, depending on their kilowatt-per-hour capacity. The Electric Vehicle Purchasing Credit Expansion Act would increase the tax credit to \$10,000, raising the base credit claimable by all plug-in electric vehicles to \$3,750, and the maximum kilowatt-per-hour credit to \$6,250 (fully claimable at 19 kwhr).

By passing this bill, we can clean our air, free our foreign policy by strengthening our hand with regimes like Iran, and put money lost at the pump back into the pockets of American consumers.

“THE FEW”—1ST LT NATHAN RIMPF, 2-16 RANGERS, 4BDE-1ST ID “DEMON CO”, THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a real American hero from Raleigh North Carolina, Ranger 1st Lt Nathan Rimpf of The United States Army. Nathan was the team leader of Demon Company 2-16 Rangers,

while on patrol when he stepped on an IED on July 8th 2012 in Andar Province in Afghanistan. Already within two short weeks his recovery and his can do attitude is something to behold. With his parents support and his brother is a Capitol Policeman he is making remarkable strides. I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert Caswell for the RECORD.

THE FEW

The . . .
The Few!
Only, The Few!
Only, The Brave!
Can but so wear that most heroic title and beret,
of a United States Ranger as who!
And so bathe, all in that most heroic hue!
Ranger's like Jimmy Regan, Pat Tillman,
and Kyle Comfort who our world have so graced!

Who have all so worn courage's most courageous face!
For Ranger's Fight!
And Ranger's Lead!
And Ranger's do it all at such deadly speeds!
And for us one all,
Rangers will so die and bleed!
As The United States Ranger's so give to our nation what she needs!

And Ranger's hunt!
And Ranger's evil do so confront!
To stand strong,
to so right all of those wrongs!
To so intercede,
to so bring us peace!
Bought and paid for,
with but all of their fines lives indeed!
As all in Strength In Honor they so believe!
Beware, “THE DEMONS” are after you . . .
time to run!

Sorry but it's time for you to so confront your “DEMON'S” my son!
As their strong arms and legs for all of us they so willingly concede!

For all out there but in the darkest of all nights!
As that's where you shall so find them Leading The Way . . . The Charge, The Fight!

The United States Rangers,
who but bring their most magnificent of all lights!
Because, Rangers Lead!
Men like Nathan Rimpf,
whose hearts so shine upon us all on this very night!

As it was on a July patrol,
When this fine man's life almost went away . . .

With his two strong legs gone,
as for him his men so knelt and prayed!
And that's when this platoon leader got up and ran,

ran with his heart that very day!
Just one more hill to climb!
Just one more mountain to so scale all in his time!

As against all odds once again we would find!
That this Ranger led the way!
Like Superman, the only thing that can stop him is Kryptonite this day!

For such men are put upon this earth,
to so show us what comes first!
To So Teach Us!
To So Beseech Us!
To So Reach Us!

Who out of such darkness but defeat the worst!

And come shining through like a star burst!
As have you Nate,
The Carolina Kid who at light speed has so traversed the most!

For there are but blue skies up ahead of you Nate to host!
“Can't you just feel the sunshine?”
And if ever I had a son, I wish he could shine as bright as this one!

Who so teaches us how the game of life is won!

Moment's are all that we so have!
To fight the bad!
To make a difference with it all!
For something noble, it's better to lose your two fine legs . . .

Then at the end of your life to so moan and beg,
as so wished you a better world you had so made!

But, Only The Few to our world such gifts can claim!

As you Nathan, The Few . . . are but one and the same!
And that's why the word Ranger is in front of your name!

The Few can claim!

RECOGNIZING THE OBERTO SAUSAGE COMPANY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Art and Dorothy Oberto and the Oberto Sausage Company, based in Kent, Washington. This family-owned business was built on a foundation of providing quality products for their customers and treating their employees well. This has made Oberto, which is also commonly known as Oh Boy! Oberto, one of the most iconic companies of the Pacific Northwest.

In 1918, Constantino Oberto and his uncle, John, founded the Oberto Sausage Company in Seattle, Washington. From the very beginning, Constantino and John dedicated their company to selling the very best handmade Italian sausages and salami. Art Oberto has run the Oberto company since he was just 16, when his father passed away. In all, Art has been responsible for the family business for nearly seven decades.

In 1964, Art introduced Natural Style Beef Jerky. He experimented with the product at home and the jerky was a tremendous success. It led to the company doubling in size and soon after Oh Boy! Oberto products were available nationwide.

Art and the Oberto Sausage Company continued to be dedicated to innovation. They launched turkey jerky in 1994 which solidified Oh Boy! Oberto as the nation's top jerky manufacturer. In 2011, Oberto released one of the biggest innovations to the jerky industry, All Natural Jerky. The company was the first major company to develop a jerky made with all-natural ingredients.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the hard work, perseverance and innovation of Art and Dorothy Oberto of Oh Boy! Oberto. Their dedication to quality and our community will drive the company forward for many years to come.

IMPORTANCE OF VOTER PROTECTIONS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, the freedom to vote for our elected leaders is the very