EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REDUCING FLIGHT DELAYS ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of legislation to give the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) the flexibility to use unobligated funds to ensure the safety of our nation's air transportation system. I specifically want to affirm the intent of this legislation that grants the Secretary of Transportation the ability to use unobligated balances of the Airport Improvement Program account to prevent the closure of 149 contract air traffic control towers and halt the furloughs of air traffic controllers.

The needless proposed closure of four Arizona air traffic control towers, including the tower located at the Laughlin-Bullhead International Airport located in my district, would have a profound impact on our rural economies. Our nation's air transportation system is a comprehensive network of intertwined departments. Maintaining service at all contract air traffic control towers is essential to ensure a safe and efficient air transportation system—the basis of this legislation.

The inaction of the Department of Transportation to request sequester reprogramming authority and maintain some level of service at all contract towers has necessitated this legislation. The safety and efficiency of our skies have been put at risk and it has become incumbent upon the Congress to direct this authority to the Secretary of Transportation.

IN REMEMBERANCE ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLLAPSE OF THE OLD MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance on the tenth anniversary of the collapse of New Hampshire's iconic symbol, the Old Man of the Mountain. Born in fire and sculpted by ice, the Old Man of the Mountain has long been recognized as the symbol of New Hampshire and its people.

The Old Man was completed at the recession of the last ice age sometime during the 8th Millennium BC. The first recorded viewing was in 1805 by Francis Whitcomb and Luke Brooks as they were surveying Franconia Notch. Niels Nielsen and his son David, long time guardians of the Old Man, spent years protecting him from vandalism and keeping his fragile countenance secured to the Mountain. The Old Man has had many honors, including his profile featured on a postage stamp and on New Hampshire's State Quarter.

Today, at 11:30 am in Franconia State Park near where the Old Man clung to the mountain, people will gather in Profile Plaza on the shores of Profile Lake in remembrance of that day in May 10 years ago. We thank Dick Hamilton and the people of The Old Man of the Mountain Legacy Fund, a volunteer nonprofit group, charged with creating a memorial to the Old Man. They built a fitting monument of seven steel "profilers," when viewed at the correct angle, allow viewers to see the profile as it appeared on the side of the mountain. The sale of more than 700 granite pavers, inscribed with the names of donors, helped to finance the construction of the plaza and monument.

While the Old Man of the Mountain has succumbed to the ages and lies at the base of the mountain amongst the stone of his creation, I am reminded of why we honor him. In the words of Daniel Webster, "Men hang out their signs indicative of their respective trades; shoemakers hang out a giant shoe: jewelers, a monster watch; and the dentist hangs out a gold tooth; but up in the mountains of New Hampshire, God almighty has hung out a sign to show that there, he makes Men."

RECOGNIZING DR. VALERIE A. HEPBURN

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Dr. Valerie A. Hepburn for her unprecedented service from July 2008 through June 2013 as the 4th President of the College of Coastal Georgia and to wish her well as she returns to her chosen field of public policy.

In addition to serving as College president, Dr. Hepburn held a faculty appointment as professor of public policy. She previously served as an administrator and faculty member in health policy and management at both the University of Georgia and Georgia State University. In 2006, Dr. Hepburn was awarded a prestigious Packer Policy Fellowship from the Australian Government. Prior to her academic service, she spent more than 20 years in senior leadership positions with state health, financing and regulatory agencies. She continues to work with public officials and research colleagues on health planning, education and resource allocation issues. She holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Public Administration and Policy from the University of Georgia, a Master of Public Administration from Georgia State University and a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science from Agnes Scott College.

In 2008, when the University System of Georgia fulfilled the long-standing dream of Southeast Georgia by granting senior college status to the local community college, Erroll B. Davis Jr., then Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, had the foresight to enlist Dr. Hepburn to lead the transition. As a result of her visionary leadership, she has forged lasting partnerships between the College and the community that powerfully impact the region. The College now serves as a catalyst for economic development as well as for arts and cultural development. A collaborative, comprehensive master plan charts the expansion of the College as it moves from a campus of commuters to a residential center while respecting the taxpayers' investment in facilities, embracing green initiatives responsive to our beautiful coastal environment. The academic programs cultivate community engagement, critical thinking and problem-solving skills and culminate in degrees with career value.

The United States Department of Education has recognized the College of Coastal Georgia as being in the top 10 percent of affordable public colleges and universities across the nation. Additionally, the College is the first in the University System of Georgia to offer a baccalaureate degree in American Studies. The College provides an affordable, outstanding, comprehensive education for tomorrow's leaders and citizens through service learning, global awareness and engaged entrepreneurship. Dr. Hepburn has, in only five short years, shaped the model for a responsive and responsible institution of higher learning.

A TRIBUTE TO RABBI EDWARD FEINSTEIN, SENIOR RABBI OF VALLEY BETH SHALOM

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary leadership and service of Rabbi Edward Feinstein. Rabbi Feinstein is the senior rabbi of Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, California and this year marks 20 years since he joined Valley Beth Shalom. He came to Valley Beth Shalom in 1993 at the invitation of the renowned Rabbi Harold Schulweis and succeeded him as the congregation's Senior Rabbi in 2005.

I first met Rabbi Feinstein roughly twenty years ago when I joined Valley Beth Shalom. "Rabbi Eddie" has also presided over many of the most meaningful moments in my life, from our wedding to the baby naming ceremonies of each of our three girls. My wife Lisa joins me in saluting Rabbi Eddie on this occasion. She will never forget, nor allow me to forget the words he said to me under our Hoopa, "Remember Brad, the House is not your home."

One of the leading rabbinic voices of our generation, Rabbi Feinstein has brought recognition to Valley Beth Shalom through his involvement in the national arena. Rabbi Feinstein co-chaired the Strategic Planning Group

that convened to re-envision the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Known nationally for his leadership, Rabbi Feinstein is ensuring the future of the Jewish community. He teaches a Homiletics class at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and is a Lecturer at the Graduate School of Jewish Education at American Jewish University. He is a member of the faculty at the highly prestigious national leadership program, Wexner Heritage Program, and is a Senior Rabbinic Fellow and faculty member at the internationally respected Shalom Hartman Institute.

A masterful storyteller, he unites the ancient Jewish love of ideas with the warmth of Jewish humor. A survivor of two bouts of colon cancer, he speaks frequently to cancer support groups all over Southern California.

Rabbi Feinstein was raised in the back of his parents' bakery in the west San Fernando Valley. He graduated with honors from the University of California, Santa Cruz; the University of Judaism; Columbia University Teachers College; and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where he was ordained a rabbi in 1981.

Rabbi Feinstein lives with his wife Rabbi Nina Bieber Feinstein in the San Fernando Valley. Nina was the second woman ordained by the Conservative Movement. The Feinstein's are blessed with three children, Yonah, Nessa and Raphael.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Rabbi Feinstein for his commitment to Tikkun Olam, making his community and our world a better place. The Rabbi is an extraordinary leader whose service deserves to be recognized for all that he has done and will continue to do for our community.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD J. MOUW

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Richard J. Mouw, as he retires after 20 years as President of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Mouw has been a strong institutional leader, fruitful author, interfaith bridge builder, and advocate for public civility.

Dr. Mouw was educated at Houghton College, the University of Alberta, Canada, and the University of Chicago, where he received a Ph.D. in Philosophy. He taught at Calvin College before joining Fuller Seminary as a professor of Christian philosophy and ethics in 1985. He soon moved to the role of Provost, and in 1993 was appointed the fourth President of Fuller Seminary.

During Richard's presidency, Fuller Seminary has grown into an internationally recognized center for learning about faith and its contributions to society. His leadership has helped Fuller to extend its reach by becoming a network of seven campuses, offering online study options, establishing Korean-language programs, expanding the Hispanic Center, and forging a number of study partnerships with international institutions that have increased the seminary's global influence.

Richard is known and admired for his commitment to interfaith and ecumenical dialogue. He regularly takes part in formal dialogues between religious communities and as such has formed lasting friendships with individuals of other faiths and Christian traditions. Richard's actions have been an inspiration for others to reach out across faith divides. Several interfaith forums have taken place on Fuller's campus and he has turned Fuller Seminary into a ''convening place'' where many diverse peoples can respectfully share beliefs and opinions.

Dr. Mouw is a renowned Christian spokesperson and influential voice in the community, country, and the world. Often called upon by institutions across the globe, Richard delivers lectures and sermons on issues of faith. His longtime academic focus on philosophy and ethics has resulted in extensive writing on social justice. He is known for suggesting new approaches for Christian engagement with culture and his innovative thinking often opens fresh perspectives for many of his readers. Dr. Mouw has authored 19 books throughout his prolific writing career.

Dr. Mouw and his wife, Phyllis, have been married for fifty years, and have one son and two grandchildren.

It is with great appreciation and respect that I ask all Members to join me in thanking Dr. Richard J. Mouw for his exceptional leadership of Fuller Theological Seminary over the last two decades.

IN RECOGNITION OF GUYER HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Denton Guyer High School girls soccer team for winning their first Texas 4A State Championship. Winning the state title is an achievement that requires great determination, discipline and teamwork. This team overcame a classification change and a difficult season last year. They set a goal and a mantra that rang true by the end of the season, ''Win State.'' With the hard work of the team and the leadership of Coach Kenny Blevins, they fostered a winning combination that launched them to a state title. I am impressed with this team and these girls. Guyer has begun a soccer tradition of state titles, and I am confident that it will not end with this years' team.

This Denton Guyer team is full of talented players and they beat many talented teams in their 28–1–0 season; none more talented than the team they beat in the state final. Highland Park had not lost in 49 games until they faced the Lady Wildcats of Denton Guyer. Scoring in the 14th and 35th minutes of action, Brittany Crabtree and Hannah Alspach led Denton Guyer to a fast start and a lead they would never relinquish, finishing the game with 2–1 victory.

I am pleased to join their classmates, teachers, friends and family along with the entire Denton Community in honoring the athletic achievement of the Guyer Lady Wildcats soccer team for winning their first state title. They should also be commended for bringing home the first women's team title in Guyer History. It has been and continues to be my privilege to serve you all in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Head Coach: Kenny Blevins; Roster: Mikayla Renfroe, Emily Swihart, Hannah Alspach, Peyton Bucklew, Amber Krinner, Logan McPhail, Asheigh Lyons, Brittany Crabtree, Madison Uk, Sara Finney, Taylor Heaton, Gairy Natividad, Tatianna Hernandez, Alex Ludeman, Hannah Watson, Samantha Sanders, Peyton Draper, Caitlyn Abreu, Telia Young, Megan Stokes, Danielle Deats, Andie Beach, Morgan Thornton, Kaitlyn Caro, Sophie Martin, Alex Kleider.

TRIBUTE TO VIRGINIA LEWIS

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Virginia Lewis for her many years of community service by helping families obtain affordable housing in her native Mingo County, and throughout West Virginia.

Virginia Lewis began her career in 1977, when she helped create the Mingo County Housing Authority, an organization she continued to serve for 30 years as executive director. After realizing the difficulty of building and maintaining homes without running water or sewer systems, she became the project coordinator for the Mingo County Commission, a position which enabled her to help equip 75 percent of the county with clean public water. Virginia Lewis was also instrumental in lobbying the state legislature to create the West Virginia Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which provides support to nonprofit housing organizations across the state.

On May 2, 2013, Virginia Lewis will be inducted into the Affordable Housing Hall of Fame by Habitat for Humanity of West Virginia. Mrs. Lewis is truly deserving of such an honor, as hundreds, if not thousands of West Virginians have her to thank for a higher quality of life.

Virginia Lewis currently resides in Charleston, where she owns and operates a consulting firm, continuing her community service by assisting with grant applications and serving as a vital housing resource on state and federal levels.

Mr. Speaker, Mingo County, as well as the State of West Virginia, owe Virginia Lewis a debt of gratitude for her many years of devoted community service.

RECOGNIZING CHILDHOOD APRAXIA DAY

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, May 14 marks the first annual Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day, a day to raise national awareness about Childhood Apraxia of Speech, a particularly difficult, persistent, and severe speech disorder in youngsters.

Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children to have extreme difficulty planning and producing the precise, highly refined and

specific series of movements of the tongue, lips, jaw, and palate that are necessary for the production of proper speech. It is among the most severe of speech and communication problems in children.

While the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia endure an incredible and lengthy struggle. Although not life threatening it is life altering as families are left to cope with the emotional, physical, and financial challenges of having a child diagnosed with CAS.

Every child should be afforded their best opportunity to develop speech. With early intervention and appropriate therapy, most children with CAS will learn to communicate with their very own voices. These children, as well as their families, deserve our highest respect for their effort, determination and resilience in the face of such obstacles.

The Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA) offers information and support related to CAS on its website, www.apraxia-kids.org.

Let's use Childhood Apraxia Day to raise awareness about CAS and support the goals of Better Hearing and Speech Month.

IN RECOGNITION OF FRANK K. BERRISH

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frank E. Berrish, who has served as CEO of Visions Federal Credit Union for 38 years. Mr. Berrish, who will be retiring April 30th, 2013, has overseen the financing of over $500 million in capital projects and has developed the Credit Union from $24 million in assets to $3.2 billion in assets. Visions Federal Credit Union has had a positive impact on businesses and customers in Upstate New York, much of that reputation can be attributed to Mr. Berrish.

In recognition of Mr. Berrish's service to the Credit Union, he has been inducted into the Credit Union House Hall of Leaders on Capitol Hill. Mr. Berrish is only the second New Yorker to receive this national honor.

I am proud to recognize Frank E. Berrish for his dedication to Visions Federal Credit Union and Upstate New York. It is a privilege to have such a successful business in my district and I am honored to have this opportunity to recognize Mr. Berrish today.

A TRIBUTE TO ANGELA CUPP-HOMMER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Angie Cupp-Hommer for being named a 2013 Hero of the Heartland by the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa recognizes Heroes of the Heartland by selecting everyday Iowans who have done extraordinary things to help their neighbors and communities. The Iowans honored with this prestigious award displayed selflessness in a variety of courageous, charitable and thoughtful acts. The Heroes of the Heartland program not only showcases the heroes among us, but also helps raise crucial funds to ensure that the American Red Cross is prepared and equipped to assist those that need food, shelter, and comfort during emergencies and difficult times.

Angie Cupp-Hommer of Des Moines is a busy single mother to her four children Taylor, Cameron, Liberty and Carmine. On a typical day in March of last year, Angela came upon the aftermath of a vicious head-on vehicle collision. As she approached one of the vehicles to help, she found a four-year-old boy critically injured. Acting quickly, she climbed inside the wrecked SUV, pulled the child out and performed CPR until paramedics arrived. It's amazing to think of what can cause a person to act with such sudden bravery and selflessness, but Angie said of her actions: ''It's just what you do.'' It is that instinctive willingness to help that makes her a shining example our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Cupp-Hommer's actions that earned her the title a ''Hero of the Heartland'' are a testament to the humble, hard-working and helpful people who make up the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Angie on a job well done, thanking the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa for their life changing efforts, and wishing all of those involved in the Heroes of the Heartland program continued success for years to come.