

I urge my colleagues to support me on H.R. 3350 in order to assess threats to our transportation infrastructure.

TRIBUTE TO WELCH'S ORCHARD

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joe and Joan Welch of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for celebrating their Orchard's 25th anniversary this season.

As one of a handful of local orchards, Welch's has provided high quality products along with a dedication to customer service. Thousands of local residents flock to the orchard each year to enjoy the wide variety of products that the orchard offers, from honey crisp apples to 100-pound pumpkins. For 25 years Welch's Orchard has been a fun and entertaining attraction for children and adults alike.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Joe and Joan Welch and their staff for their 25 years of dedicated service to Council Bluffs and southwest Iowa. I urge my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Welch's Orchard and wishing them nothing but continued success moving forward.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
JERRI JONES, U.S. MARINE
CORPS, RETIRED

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Colonel Jerri Jones, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired for her extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our Nation. LtCol Jones has served as a guardian of those in need while serving in the military and continues that service today in the great state of Texas.

LtCol Jones entered the United States Marine Corps on October 28, 1975. Her years of service have taken her throughout the Pacific theater, serving tours in California, Hawaii, and Japan. LtCol Jones' dedication to leading by example earned her the nickname "Combat Jones" while living in a tent in South Korea during the winter of 1979.

LtCol Jones was called to duty again and served a critical role during the first Gulf War that plunged many of her fellow Marines into the heat of battle. The first Gulf War saw many families' breadwinners deployed to active duty, leaving many spouses and families with financial difficulties. LtCol Jones took this crisis head on and eased the burden on these Marine families during these challenging times. LtCol retired on December 1, 1995.

Today LtCol Jones continues her service with the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, where she coordinates the monthly business networking roundtable. LtCol Jones is well known for motivating and inspiring the Chamber's members with her warm sense of humor and energizing personality.

Nowhere is LtCol Jones' compassion for the defenseless more profound than in her work with the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center. During her tenure as Executive Director of the Advocacy Center LtCol Jones doubled the number of children and teens helped through the Center. Her leadership, tenacity, and compassion to serve those in need are felt by all who associate with her.

In celebrating LtCol Jones' life I am reminded of the parable of the talents found in the New Testament in which each servant was rewarded according to the work they had done. With deep admiration and respect, I pay tribute to her for all she has done with her talents in the service of her fellow man. Well done thou good and faithful servant.

H.R. 702—TO ADAPT TO CHANGING
CRUDE OIL MARKETS

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I voted against H.R. 702—to adapt to changing crude oil markets—on Friday, October 9th. This legislation will broadly remove almost all restrictions on crude oil exports from the United States. It was ill-advised and represented a huge missed opportunity to address our energy needs comprehensively.

Right now, we export limited amounts of crude oil from the United States, and this policy is working. There may come a time when it would be strategic to make an adjustment on our export strategy, but right now we are awash in oil in this country, gasoline prices are low and the President already has the latitude to help some of our strategic partners with limited U.S. exports if he deems it in the national interest.

Those in favor of exporting more crude tout benefits of job creation and lower gas prices. This is dramatically overstated. If some jobs are created in the oil fields, other jobs will be lost in refineries. The Energy Information Administration estimates that exporting more crude now would either have no impact on the cost of gasoline or only slightly reduce the price of gasoline. The real benefactors of this policy change would be large oil companies.

If Congress is going to provide yet another benefit to oil companies who don't need it, at the very least it should be part of a larger energy package that would actually help the American people and further our domestic energy security needs. We need to extend tax credits that support the wind and solar electricity sectors, industries that actually create far more jobs than would come from exporting more crude oil. We need to end some of the more egregious subsidies for the oil and gas sector, subsidies that cost the taxpayers billions of dollars every year. We need to reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund which supports important conservation projects in every community in America. Instead of passing an isolated giveaway to big oil, we should take any energy legislation that comes to the floor as opportunity to look at energy comprehensively, with the ultimate goal of transitioning away from fossil fuels while keeping energy affordable and reliable for the American people.

If Republicans were actually serious about pursuing a bipartisan agenda, they would not have included provisions that broadly prevent the federal government from imposing any restriction on the export of crude oil under other authorities. They would not have included non-germane, vote-buying provisions such as the last-minute addition of funding for the Maritime Security Program (MSP). That is why I voted for an amendment offered by my colleague, Representative AMASH, to keep MSP at its currently authorized level, instead of the \$500 million increase included in this legislation. There's no doubt that the sustainability of the MSP program is in question without increased funding. That is sadly the case for many federally-supported programs, all directly impacted by a Congress unwilling to provide additional revenue or compromise on an effort to finally eliminate the reckless sequestration caps that I've voted against since day one. Even if MSP were to receive the relief they need ahead of many others hurt by budgetary brinksmanship, the funding level ought to be carefully scrutinized. The highly debated, amended, and conferenced fiscal year 2016 Defense Authorization did exactly that, and concluded that the annual subsidy for MSP participants should increase from \$3.1 million per vessel to \$3.5 million per vessel—a 12.9 percent increase, not the 40 percent increase included in H.R. 702.

Overall, H.R. 702 was bad policy and represented a huge missed opportunity to address our real energy needs.

CELEBRATING LISA KORBATOV'S
RECOGNITION BY THE BOY
SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lisa Korbatov on her receipt of the Boy Scouts of America's Distinguished Citizen Award. This award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated leadership above and beyond the call of duty, and dedicated themselves to the betterment of their communities. Lisa's long and distinguished history of leadership throughout the greater Los Angeles area makes her an ideal choice for this great honor.

I have known Lisa for a long time, and I have seen the depth of her commitment to making Los Angeles a better place to live. I have seen the pride she takes in serving our community, and I have seen her work with her fellow Angelenos to improve our city.

Lisa and I share a passion for supporting local youth. Since 2009, she has served as a Governing Member of the Beverly Hills School Board, including a term as its President. In addition, she has served on the Board of Directors for USC Hillel at the University of Southern California, and the Jewish Education Trade School in Granada Hills.

She has been active in numerous youth-oriented community organizations, including Aviva Family and Children's Services, Vista Del Mar, and the Boy Scouts of America, Western Los Angeles County Council. And in 2013, she was honored with the "Legacy of Hope" award by Chai Lifeline, a charity that

helps support and inspire children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses.

Lisa is not afraid to take bold and creative measures to help our children. She initiated and co-wrote a Los Angeles city resolution to institute a grading system for schools, similar to the way the city grades restaurants. In Beverly Hills, she has petitioned the school board for safer and more sanitary campuses, and even hired a photographer to help her document the campus conditions she was seeking to correct.

I also admire Lisa's support for Israel and the Jewish people: she has been a Board Member of the Israel Grants Fund, a Trustee of the Jewish Community Foundation, and a Senate Club member of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Finally, Lisa is a distinguished L.A. businesswoman, and a superb example of the talent that women bring to leadership positions in our local businesses. She is a co-owner of the commercial property management company Amalgamated Real Estate Services, where she manages twenty Downtown and Westside commercial buildings.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lisa Korbatov on her well-deserved honor from the Boy Scouts of America, and in urging her to keep up her great work to improve Los Angeles.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT NOAH
DE KRUIF

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Noah De Kruij of Boy Scout Troop 98 in Urbandale, Iowa, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Noah is the son of Jim and Elizabeth De Kruij of Johnston, Iowa.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about four percent of Boy Scouts earn the prestigious Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout must pass specific tests organized by requirements and merit badges, and complete an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Noah has earned 21 merit badges as a Boy Scout. For his Eagle Scout Service Project he and his twin brother Nicholas, who is also an Eagle Scout, revitalized a local school, the Joshua Christian Academy. The project included a complete renovation of the landscaping, painting fresh lines in the parking lots, adding concrete barriers in areas of need, and making a sign to help identify the school. The staff at Joshua Christian Academy really appreciated the effort to make the school safer and more visually appealing.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Noah and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout and in

wishing him nothing but continued success in his future education and career.

HONORING COMMAND SERGEANT
MAJOR ROOSEVELT HUGGINS,
U.S. ARMY, RETIRED

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Command Sergeant Major Roosevelt Huggins, U.S. Army, Retired. It brings me great pride to highlight the life of this great American.

CSM Huggins' service to his beloved nation began July 19, 1961, where he entered the Army at Ft. Hood, Texas. Upon his promotion to Sergeant in Okinawa, Japan, CSM Huggins was shipped out to Vietnam in 1965, where he would serve two tours. On November 6, 1966 while participating in Operation "Eagle Shot Cow" his battery was overrun by a Vietnamese Battalion. For his valiant efforts in Vietnam, CSM Huggins was awarded the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Award with Valor.

After Vietnam CSM Huggins was called to lead and teach in a variety of roles. From 1975–1981 CSM Huggins was assigned to Ft. Carlson, Colorado where he attended a boxing camp. There, he learned the skills that would bring Army Boxing back to Ft. Hood Texas.

CSM Huggins retired August 1, 1991 after more than 30 years of service in the U.S. Army that spanned five countries, war-time conflicts, and multiple states that called him to learn, lead, and teach his fellow soldiers the discipline and skills necessary to defend a nation. CSM Huggins continued his proud tradition of service to his fellow man after his retirement. In 1997 CSM Huggins organized the first Back to School—Stay in School program designed to promote both youth and adult education. CSM Huggins has served as a role model for youth and adults alike.

I am proud to have such a man residing right here in Texas so dedicated to the uplifting and betterment of the community in which he lives, works, and serves. May we all remember and honor this fine example of humility and service. I join CSM Huggins' wife Charmaine, their two sons, three granddaughters, family, and friends in wishing him nothing but the best in the years ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GREATER
WILKES-BARRE ASSOCIATION OF
REALTORS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Greater Wilkes-Barre Association of Realtors as they celebrate 100 years of service to the community. For the past century, the Association's members have helped families in their pursuit of the American dream of home ownership.

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Association of Realtors traces its origins with the establish-

ment of Wilkes-Barre Real Estate Exchange in 1915. Today, with over 400 members, the organization is an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors and operates under the capable leadership of Charles Adonizio III. On January 1, 2016 the Greater Wilkes-Barre Association of Realtors plans to merge with its counterpart, the Greater Hazelton Association of Realtors. The two groups will form the Luzerne County Association of Realtors. With this consolidation, both organizations hope to provide more professional services to their members and to better serve all of Luzerne County.

It is an honor to recognize the Greater Wilkes-Barre Association of Realtors, and I applaud the organization and its members for a century of top-notch professional service to the community. I wish the Association all the best as its members continue their work for northeastern Pennsylvania through the new Luzerne County Association of Realtors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 550 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 3493—the Securing the Cities Act of 2015, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 551 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 3350—the Know the CBRN Terrorism Threats to Transportation Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 552 on suspending the rules and adopting H. Res. 348—a resolution supporting the right of the people of Ukraine to freely elect their government and determine their future, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD AND
JUANITA CLOUSE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Donald and Juanita Clouse of Griswold, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 24, 1950 in Tingley, Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, Donald and Juanita's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Diane, Penny, Cindy and Steve, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, truly embodies our Iowa values. I commend this great couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.