

hope to see you all there. God bless America.

EX-IM BANK REAUTHORIZATION

(Mr. QUIGLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, last week the House finally came to its senses and overwhelmingly passed the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank. I am encouraged to see that it has been included in the long-term highway bill we will be considering this week.

We know the Ex-Im Bank helps American businesses gain access to critical markets overseas and is a vital piece of our export strategy. But thanks to the vocal minority, the Bank's charter expired for the first time in its history on July 1.

This doesn't just hurt the likes of Boeing or GE. It hurts small businesses, many of which are minority- and women-owned.

Last year nearly 90 percent of the Ex-Im transactions directly supported small businesses without costing taxpayers a penny. That is why I urge all 313 Members who voted for Ex-Im reauthorization to oppose any attempts in the highway bill that significantly weaken or eliminate the Bank.

Now is the time for supporters to stop standing on the sidelines and start standing up for American workers and exporters.

NOVEMBER IS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. DOLD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a member of the Diabetes Caucus to recognize November as Diabetes Awareness Month.

Approximately 29 million Americans suffer from diabetes. This disease is the seventh-leading cause of death in the United States.

It is critically important that we help educate people to understand their risk factors and that we educate people on how to prevent the disease by living healthier lives.

Although there are many treatments for diabetes, there is no cure. I was proud to help introduce the 21st Century Cures Act, which provides critical funding to the National Institutes of Health so that they can continue their innovative research into diabetes and other diseases. Mr. Speaker, we spend \$330 billion each and every year treating diabetes. We need to find a cure.

I am also proud to be a cosponsor of the Treat and Reduce Obesity Act, which will help seniors manage obesity, one of the leading causes of type 2 diabetes. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and advocates across the country to continue helping patients fight this disease.

VETERANS AND CONSUMER PROTECTIONS

(Ms. BONAMICI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, next Wednesday is Veterans Day, and we will recognize and thank the millions of men and women who have put their lives on the line for our freedom.

One way to honor those who have served is to make certain that our veterans—and all Americans—are protected from predatory payday lenders, who leave them saddled with insurmountable debt. That is why I am speaking out today to urge the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to pass strong rules that protect veterans and all Americans from these harmful practices.

In Oregon and around the country, predatory lenders prey on consumers who have fallen on hard times. When consumers cannot pay back the loans, with fees and interest rates that can dwarf the amount of the underlying loan, they find themselves in financial ruin.

The CFPB must act quickly to develop rules to protect veterans and all Americans.

THANK YOU TO THE FRANKLIN FAMILY

(Mr. ABRAHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank an incredible American family in my district. The Franklin family of Richland Parish made a generous donation to our Nation's heroes. The family has given 50 acres of land to develop the Northeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery.

George Franklin, the patriarch of the family, was a veteran himself, a member of the Greatest Generation. In World War II, George served in the Eighth Air Force, European Theater. He was a tail gunner. He flew over 35 missions in a B-17. He earned six air medals, four battle stars, and a Presidential citation.

The Franklin family represents a true American commitment to serve, and this gift from their family to the veterans is yet just another example of that service. The cemetery will officially open next week—on time—with the first internment on Veterans Day.

The Franklin family has given so much to Louisiana. I commend them for this honorable contribution to those who gave so much for us.

CHILD ABUSE IN MILITARY FAMILIES

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, Talia Williams was just 5 years old when she was beaten to death by her own father

after suffering months of abuse at home. Despite multiple reports to officials at the Army base in Hawaii where Talia and her father lived, the system failed to protect her.

Talia's tragic story is just one of over 29,000 cases of child abuse and neglect in military homes over the last decade. This is a problem that demands better protections for our children in military families who are being abused and better support for military families facing the stresses of war, multiple deployments, and economic hardship.

I have introduced Talia's Law today, joined by Representative MARK TAKAL, which requires military officials to immediately report suspected cases of abuse to State child protective services. We owe it to our servicemembers, their families, and thousands of children like Talia to disrupt the status quo and stop another decade of preventable child abuse.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWNAN-COWETA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(Mr. WESTMORELAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I come today to honor the Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce on being named the Nation's Chamber of the Year by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

The members, volunteers, leaders, and friends of this chamber are what makes this organization so successful and, in turn, allow our small businesses to continue to be successful.

Because of this partnership, Coweta County is fortunate to have many businessowners who have achieved the American Dream by opening their own business.

Our businesses are also examples of how investing in our local community and economy can have great impact throughout the area. And I mean not just the store owners, but the loyal customers who buy and source local goods and services. Healthy small businesses mean a healthy local economy and stable jobs for our community.

I thank the Newnan-Coweta Chamber for providing guidance, advocacy, and encouragement to our businesses as we fight our way out of a struggling economy and back onto a path for prosperity.

So, again, congratulations to the Newnan-Coweta Chamber on being the number one chamber of commerce as named by the ACCE's Chamber of the Year, and I wish you the best for continued success.

U.N. CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)