

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in reluctant opposition to S. 764. Although I support a uniform national set of standards relating to GMOs and food labels, I do not believe that this legislation adequately balances the competing interests at stake.

On the one hand, most scientists agree that GMO seeds and foods are safe for consumption. At the same time, a majority of Americans have consistently stated that they want to know if their food contains GMOs. Supporters of more comprehensive food labeling have argued that this bill contains large loopholes that would keep many consumers in the dark. Unfortunately, not a single hearing was held on this bill to listen to the competing perspectives and recommendations. I am also disappointed that on such a controversial and important subject, members were not given the opportunity to offer any amendments.

I am concerned that a hastily written and passed federal bill will now preempt state laws that seek to provide their consumers with more comprehensive and readily accessible information. While I do not believe that an inconsistent patchwork of individual state regulations is the long term answer, I do believe we could improve on the provisions of this bill.

HONORING THE MARIN COUNTY FAIR

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Marin County Fair in honor of its 75th anniversary. A beloved community event attended by people throughout the Bay Area, the Marin County Fair has for decades brought together families, friends, craftspersons, local vendors and more in this historic celebration of Marin County's people and products.

Held this year at the Marin Center in San Rafael from June 30 to July 4, the award-winning Marin County Fair has been held almost annually since its 1925 inception as the Marin County Fair and Harvest Festival. With a wide range of activities for participants, the 2016 fair features over 800 new and returning exhibits, from photography competitions to culinary contests to performing arts and beyond. Additionally, the fair hosts concerts, rides, fireworks, and other attractions throughout its five-day run.

The Marin County Fair is notable not just for its cultural contributions to the community, but

for its commitment to environmentally friendly practices and healthy living. From its solar-powered carousel to food recovery and composting services, the "Greenest County Fair on Earth" has been a longtime pioneer in sustainable event management. Additionally, the fair's health-conscious efforts, like emphasizing nutritional food from vendors and encouraging attendees to bike, have warranted wide-spread recognition, including as the Merrill Award winner at the 53rd Western Fairs Association Annual Achievement Awards Program. By integrating stewardship and wellness into the fabric of the fair, the Marin County Fair preserves its legacy as "the people's fair" while ensuring the event can continue for decades to come.

This year's theme, "What a Ride!" is appropriate for the diamond anniversary of the fair and its decades of history and importance in Marin County. Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting to honor the Marin County Fair on their 75th year for their ongoing presence in our community.

RECOGNIZING MIRIAM CENTER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Miriam K. Center of Savannah, Georgia, for her 90th birthday on August 10th.

At 90 years old, Ms. Center continues to be an impressive member and contributor to the coastal Georgia community.

She graduated from Savannah High School in 1944 and promptly joined the Savannah volunteers to help American troops fighting in World War II. After the war, Miriam married Leo Center and helped him found a prominent, local Savannah business. Miriam and Leo had 3 sons together, Henry, Tony, and Scott.

Since then, Miriam has been greatly involved in public service as she served as Chair of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Planning Commission, ran for election to the Georgia State Senate, and for Savannah Alderwoman. In 2000, she wrote a book entitled *Scarlett O'Hara Can Go to Hell* and produced the currently showing play, *Johnny and Me*, which chronicles her friendship with Savannah's Academy Award winning songwriter, Johnny Mercer. She is also a frequent guest writer to the Savannah Morning News.

Miriam has traveled the world, visiting England, France, Spain, Greece, Israel, Russia, and much of North America.

Ms. Center, I hope you have a happy 90th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2016

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, the day of July 11th, I am wrongly recorded on H.R. 5606, the Anti-terrorism Information Sharing Is Strength Act. I intended to oppose this legislation.

CONGRATULATING THE FLORIDA SOUTHERN MOCCASINS WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM ON WINNING THE 2016 NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2016

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, Florida Southern College is a liberal arts college nestled in my hometown of Lakeland, Florida. Florida Southern is known for its strong academic record, for being the largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture in the world, and for consistently receiving recognition from the Princeton Review as one of the most beautiful campuses in the country.

However, today I rise to recognize another important distinction for Florida Southern.

The Florida Southern Moccasins Women's Lacrosse Team recently captured the 2016 NCAA Division II National Championship.

On May 21, 2016, the Mocs defeated the two-time defending champion, Adelphi University, by a score of 8-7, capping off a remarkable season.

NCAA Division II Coach of the Year Kara Reber led the Mocs Women's Lacrosse Team to their first national championship, along with All Americans Gabby Barowski and Emily Santoli.

Growing up in Lakeland, I have watched Florida Southern flourish before my eyes. This victory marks Florida Southern's 29th NCAA Division II Championship.

Florida Southern is a tremendous educational institution, and this win is a terrific achievement not only for the school, but also for our local community.

Go Mocs!

THANKING OFFICER BRANDON MURPHY FOR HIS BRAVERY AND SERVICE

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2016

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in

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