

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF RULES OF ORIGIN LEGISLATION

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 13, 1999

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to amend the rules of origin for certain textile products. This bill would amend the rule of origin requirements contained in section 334 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) in order to allow dyeing, printing, and two or more finishing operations to confer origin on certain fabrics and goods. Specifically, this dyeing and printing rule would apply to fabrics classified as of silk, cotton, man-made, and vegetable fibers and certain products classified in enumerated headings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule.

Under current law, fabrics and certain products derive their origin in the country where the fabric is woven or knitted, notwithstanding any further processing (such as dyeing and printing). This bill would change that rule for fabrics and products included within its scope and would base origin determinations for customs and marking purposes in the place where these finishing operations take place.

Enactment of this bill would also settle a longstanding dispute in the World Trade Organization (WTO) brought by the European Union (EU) against the United States regarding section 334 of the URAA. The Administration worked with the EU—in close consultation with U.S. industry—to resolve outstanding concerns with respect to section 334, and, in August, concluded a settlement with the EU, under which the Administration agreed to propose new legislation to Congress to amend section 334.

I urge my colleagues to support swift enactment of this bill. It is non-controversial, was drafted in consultation with domestic industry, will have minimal effect domestically, and will settle an outstanding trade irritant between the European Union and United States. I look forward to its passage into law in the remaining weeks of the congressional session.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE SIMPSON

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 13, 1999

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize the hard work and dedication of Deputy Steve Simpson, a fine police officer who has represented the Orange County Sheriff's Department since 1990. Deputy Simpson has been recognized as Deputy of the Year for Orange County because of his outstanding dedication and service to the citizens of Orange County.

Deputy Simpson began his career in 1990 at the Central Men's Jail, he also served at the James A. Musick Facility and the Central Women's Jail. He worked quickly to establish himself as an outstanding patrol officer. His work ethic and willingness to handle any assignment has endeared him to his peers and supervisors. In the last year alone Deputy Simpson has made 99 arrests including 12 felony arrests. He is a member of the Tactical Support Team and serves as a specialist on the actual entry team. Deputy Simpson currently serves as a patrol officer in the City of Lake Forest.

Mr. Speaker, Deputy Steve Simpson is an outstanding member of the Orange County Sheriff's Department and is a valuable asset to our community. Law enforcement officers risk their lives daily to provide safety to our nation and Deputy Simpson has provided safety with excellence. Deputy Simpson truly deserves this recognition as South Orange County Exchange Club Officer of the Year and I am pleased to recognize his accomplishments before this House today.

TRIBUTE TO GENESIS FAMILY HOME

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 13, 1999

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. and Mrs. John K. Edmond, Sr., founder of the Genesis Family Home in Concord, North Carolina.

The Genesis Family Home's philosophy is to create a new beginning for young adults, ranging from 9 to 17.

The Genesis Family Home provides a residential setting for these young adults for whom removal from home to a community-based residential setting is essential to facilitate treatment.

Treatment is targeted to those who no longer meet criteria for in-patient psychiatric services or intensive residential treatment and need a step-down placement in the community, or those who have been placed in non-residential community setting and need a more intensive treatment program.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are responding to the children in need in our community that need our help in the transition back into family life.

Positive role models are often hard to find, the Johnson's aren't only role models—they are the boost these young adults need to survive.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Genesis Family Home on the difference it is making on our community.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. KENNETH GAMBLE AND UNIVERSAL COMMUNITY HOMES

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 13, 1999

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of my most distinguished constituents, Kenneth Gamble and the organization he created, Universal Community Homes.

Many of my colleagues will recognize Kenny Gamble as the pop music icon who gave us the "Sound of Philadelphia" as he steered Philadelphia International Records to the heights of the music industry. The unmistakable sounds of artists such as the Intruders, The Delfonics, The Spinners, The O'Jays, Phyllis Hyman, Teddy Pendergast, and Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes have enriched the lives of all Americans. It was Kenny's vision and hard work that made that possible.

Mr. Speaker, Kenny Gamble could have chosen to take his well earned financial rewards and enjoy the "good life" away from the urban environment. Instead, he came back home to Philadelphia. We often hear people say that they want to make a difference. Well, Kenny Gamble has made a difference. He has taken an area that was plagued by drugs, violent crime and abandoned buildings and made from it a true community. He built houses, made community-based small businesses possible, mentored children, and did so much more. Throughout all this, he set an example. He showed young people in the neighborhood he grew up in that they could succeed without using or selling drugs. That faith is not the only way to escape poverty. That faith in God and respect for people is an honorable way to live. And most of all, that one need not flee ones past to live a bright future.

Mr. Speaker, the non-profit development company Mr. Gamble founded, Universal Community Homes has already completed over \$13 million in real estate and economic development programs, holds leadership positions in 13 community partnerships, and currently operates several educational, social and human service programs at 4 locations. Under Mr. Gamble's direct leadership and tremendous financial commitment, Universal Community Homes, in a relatively short period of time, has begun one of the largest concentrated community development initiatives in the history of Philadelphia.

Mr. Speaker, October 13, 1999 has been designated Universal Community Homes Day in Philadelphia. I urge all my colleagues to join me in honoring this great man and his proud organization.

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