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**HON. SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2000*

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, the citizens in my district and across the Northeast have struggled this winter to pay for their heating bills because of the extraordinary recent spikes in the price of home heating oil. The price of diesel fuel rose sharply, too, delivering a severe economic blow to farmers, truckers, and businesses that depend on shipping products by truck. And since just about everything we wear, eat and use in our daily lives is shipped over land by truck, the high cost of fuel took a bite out of just about every consumer's budget. It's been a rough winter for the Northeast.

Unfortunately, it looks like we're not in the clear, yet. Recent headlines report that many experts now predict steep prices of gasoline during the peak driving season this summer, making this winter's crisis seem "like a cake-walk" by comparison.

Why are we all of a sudden experiencing such exorbitant energy prices? Are they simply the outcome of free market forces, the perpetual balancing of supply and demand? No. We are being held hostage by oil producing countries—many of whom have accepted generous assistance from the United States in the past—who now have colluded to slash oil production, distort the market, and drive up the price of oil, which has climbed to about \$32 a barrel, up from \$12 this time last year.

But we need not sit idly by. There are actions we can take to break the resolve of these oil producing countries. A release of oil from our Strategic Petroleum Reserves would have an immediate and dramatic impact on the price of oil—and send a strong signal to oil producing countries that the U.S. will not stand for unfair and harmful trade practices.

Today I am introducing legislation expressing the sense of Congress that the President and Secretary of Energy immediately draw upon the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to supplement the oil market in the United States, bring the price of fuel back down to reasonable levels, and counter the anti-competitive practices of oil producing countries and the economic hardship they have caused Americans.

Identical legislation has been introduced in the Senate by Senators SCHUMER and COLLINS. I urge my colleagues to join me in calling upon the Administration to use the authority it already has—and indeed has used in the past—to draw upon our oil reserves and come to the assistance of businesses and consumers across the country.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ANNE STANBACK FOR  
OUTSTANDING SERVICE

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2000*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Anne Stanback for her service and dedication to the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF).

As the Executive Director of the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund, Anne has led the organization in its mission to empower women and their families to achieve equal opportunities in their personal and professional lives. After a five year tenure at the helm of this organization, Anne is closing this chapter of her professional life to seek new endeavors. Her unique combination of energy and spirit has brought great success to the CWEALF.

Recently celebrating its 25th anniversary, CWEALF has long been a powerful voice for women's rights—a vital source of solidarity and inspiration for women. Under Anne's leadership, CWEALF has expanded its membership, accessibility, and programs, ensuring that the voices of women across Connecticut are heard. With Anne as Executive Director, CWEALF established a toll free referral hotline, allowing women access to legal information and referral services. They also established a \$250,000 endowment and increased membership, ensuring that their services will be available well into the future.

Anne has worked hard to ensure that the voices of women are not lost. With her guidance, CWEALF expanded its child-support program, which provides information to single mothers about child support enforcement laws. By educating child-care workers, CWEALF was able to establish community networks, working to ensure the safety and security of our most precious resource—our children. One of the most impressive victories CWEALF has achieved under Anne's direction was blocking the establishment of a surgical center that was willing to extend reproductive healthcare services only to men. Anne and CWEALF led the opposition to this project, making a strong statement that in all facets of public and private life, women must be treated equally.

I applaud Anne's efforts to improve the lives of Connecticut women and their families—she is indeed a true role model for today's young women. It is an honor for me to join with the CWEALF organization to bid farewell to Anne and extend my best wishes to her and her family as she begins a new journey. Connecticut is truly a better place for her work.

*March 9, 2000*

SENIOR CITIZENS' FREEDOM TO  
WORK ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

**HON. WALTER B. JONES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 1, 2000*

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the H.R. 5, the Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act.

I would like to applaud the efforts of Representative SAM JOHNSON who sponsored this bill and my fellow republican colleagues. Your hard work on behalf of our nation's seniors to repeal the Social Security earnings limit should be commended.

Within North Carolina alone, 24,386 seniors were effected by the earnings limit in 1999, 2.1 percent of all seniors.

In my opinion, this tax is unfair and un-American.

Penalizing productive and hardworking citizens who choose to continue working during their golden years undermines the very fabric of this nation.

As the baby boom generation retires the number of effected seniors will only continue to rise.

Please join me in supporting this legislation to ensure that working seniors do not receive a smaller Social Security check just because they earn a paycheck.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF E.R. (BOB) GREGG

**HON. JIM TURNER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2000*

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American, a patriot and leader, a successful businessman, a fellow Texan and a good and loyal friend, E.R. (Bob) Gregg, who after many years of dedicated service to his community, to his county and to the State of Texas, passed away on November 19, 1999.

Following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Capt. E. L. Gregg, and his parents, Eldredge and Helena Gregg, Bob Gregg worked diligently and tirelessly to help those in need, to strengthen East Texas' business community, and to improve our education system. Following graduation from Kemper Military Institute, the University of Texas at Austin and the Southern Methodist University School of Banking, the Rusk native served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and held an officer's position with the Texas National Guard.

Bob's work with various organizations in East Texas and his list of contributions are numerous. Bob Gregg was very active in the banking community for more than 30 years and served as vice president, president and board chairman of Allied Texas Bank of Jacksonville. He was a Mason, a Past Potentate of the Sharon Shrine Temple in Tyler, a lifetime member of the Jaycees, and a recipient of the Jaycee's "One of the Five Outstanding Young