

Despite the fact that there is neither a current nor any reasonable likelihood of future domestic manufacturing capability, a tariff is imposed on these imports. Prior to the conclusion of last year's Congress, a reduction in this tariff was included in the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act (H.R. 4868). Because a full repeal would have breached the limitation on revenue impact for the bipartisan miscellaneous trade bill, the original full repeal of the tariff was changed to a reduction to 4.9 percent.

This tariff should be removed. While providing no benefit to any domestic manufacturer, this expensive tax is borne directly by domestic consumers of electricity. The cost of the duty is passed on to the ratepayer through the state public utility commissions in rate-making proceedings. In short, the consumer pays this unnecessary tax directly and entirely. There is no domestic manufacturing industry to protect and the consumer derives no benefit from this tax. Except for raising a minor amount of revenue for the Treasury, this is a classic case of a tariff that serves no purpose other than to raise costs for consumers.

This tariff repeal legislation has enjoyed strong bipartisan support in both the House of Representatives and the other body. I ask my colleagues to join the effort again this year to eliminate this unneeded tariff by cosponsoring the Generator Tariff Suspension Act.

TRIBUTE TO SALVADOR LOPEZ

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize a very brave man who put his own personal safety at risk to protect the life of another. On March 5th Salvador Lopez saved a young 7 year old boy from serious injury or worse when the Postal Carrier rescued him from behind the wheel of a pickup truck that was fast heading toward a busy intersection. Mr. Lopez's gallant act deserves the recognition of this body. With this in mind, I would like to place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following article from the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, written by Alex Taylor.

It was a nice day for delivering the mail. The sun was out and the temperature was mild. Salvador Lopez was having a pretty pleasant day on the job as the postman in the area of North Seventh and Orchard Avenue on Monday afternoon . . . Shortly after 3 p.m., Lopez had to leap off the sidewalk when he saw a car veering toward him traveling in the wrong direction on Orchard.

Behind the wheel were two wide eyes just barely gaping over the dashboard. Apparently 7-year-old Nicholas Reyes thought it was so nice out he'd go for his first-ever drive through the neighborhood. 'I was going down the sidewalk delivering the mail when I heard a noise,' said Lopez. 'I looked up and saw the car coming at me. I could see by the boy's eyes in the car that something was wrong, it was just the look on his face. I jumped out of the way.'

After narrowly missing Lopez, Reyes turned to the right and was driving across

Orchard. The vehicle he was driving headed toward a car stopped at the intersection. Lopez dropped his mail and dashed across the street to save the boy. He reached through the window and turned the wheel just before impact.

The car side-swiped the other car in the intersection, and was headed towards another vehicle when Lopez leaped back through the window and yanked on the emergency brake. He stopped the car just in time as it gently hit the next in line and came to a stop. Lopez estimated the boy had been idling along at about 5 mph to 10 mph.

The boy was taken to the hospital minutes later with minor injuries to his face. Lopez injured his ribs when diving through the window, but the injury was not serious . . .

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Salvador risked his health to save the life of this young boy. He has made us all—particularly his wife Gloria, his children Yma, Sergio, Isabelle, and Mario, and his co-workers at the Post Office—very proud.

AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON 77

**HON. BOB BARR**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2001

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, during times of peace, there are unfortunately many who take our nation's armed forces for granted. In the process, not only do they forget the time-tested wisdom that preparing for war is the best way to avoid it, they also forget the contributions that military units make to the functioning of our republic.

One would be hard pressed to find a better example of this principle in action than Airborne Early Warning Squadron 77, or VAW-77.

VAW-77 performs a vital role in our defense structure, by providing the most valuable of all defense commodities: information. Its E-2C Hawkeye aircraft collect and synthesize the information our fighter and attack aircraft depend on to perform their roles. By performing this function, VAW-77's "Nightwolves" serve as the eyes and ears for surface ships and naval aviators during engagements and exercises.

Fortunately for our families, schools, and neighborhoods, the work of the Nightwolves goes beyond simply deterring America's military enemies from attacking our shores and national interests. During its five year existence, the squadron has deployed to the Caribbean ten times.

These deployments have resulted in the confiscation and destruction of several metric tons of cocaine and marijuana. These are drugs that will not be reaching America's streets due directly to the efforts of VAW-77.

We owe the men and women of VAW-77 a great debt for their service in this area, and I encourage others to join in thanking them for their dedication and success.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF MIKE HARSHBARGER

**HON. JERRY WELLER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2001

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Mike Harshbarger who has retired from the Bourbonnais Fire Protection District after more than 31 years of service. Chief Harshbarger started with the Bourbonnais Fire Protection District on December 29, 1969 and retired on January 1, 2001.

Much has changed in firefighting since Chief Harshbarger started. Firefighting has become more complex and technical. Training levels have escalated and technology keeps changing. When the Chief first started, all he needed was a coat, gloves, and a pair of boots. Today, training is needed to deal with many modern hazards.

Chief Harshbarger has always subscribed to free thinking and is willing to listen to new ideas and suggestions. The Chief ran the fire department with the same philosophy as he ran his business, "Our customers, the people of the district, are first and foremost."

Chief Harshbarger rose to national recognition for his performance as head of the Amtrak rail crossing disaster scene on March 15, 1999. His work was chronicled in the August 2000, Readers Digest.

Chief Harshbarger lives in Bourbonnais Township with his wife Ellie. The Chief is the second generation in his family to serve with the fire department. His father, Lyle, was a long-time member of the fire department. On October 12, 2000, the Kankakee Elks Lodge #627 named the Chief "Citizen of the Year". No one in the 100 years of the Lodge has ever received this award.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other institutions in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and strengthened America's communities.

IN HONOR OF DAVID OCEGUEDA BRACKER

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2001

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to David Ocegueda Bracker as he retires from his position as the Executive Director of a non-profit group in my district, Arriba Juntos. For the past three and a half years, David has led this agency through a time of transition and expansion. During his tenure with Arriba Juntos, he has helped low-income residents of San Francisco receive the training they need to find employment or to advance their careers. His inspirational leadership has had a profound effect on our city.

David has dedicated his entire professional life to public service. After receiving his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in social work from San Francisco State University, David began his career by working for four years at the organization from which he is now retiring,