IN HONOR OF THE REOPENING OF THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY CENTER

HON. JERROLD NADLER
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the reopening of the newly renovated and recently renamed Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center located in New York City. The stated mission of the Center is to provide a home for the birth, nurture and celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender organizations, institutions and culture. For nearly two decades the Center has successfully fulfilled that mission by providing groups and individuals a safe space in which to achieve their fullest potential. The newly renovated space at 208 West 13th Street in Manhattan, will be a permanent home for the local LGBT community, fostering creativity, compassion, and activism.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center has long been a beacon of hope for many in the community, serving thousands upon thousands of residents from all walks of life and from every corner of the world. The Center is not only a host to a wide variety of civic, athletic, health, and cultural groups, but it also provides an array of its own programs. Programs such as Project Connect, CenterBridge, Center Kids, the Pat Parker/Vito Russo Center Library, and the National Museum and Archive of Lesbian and Gay History add to the expansive fabric that binds New York's LGBT Community.

Mr. Speaker, I salute The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center in its ongoing effort to better enrich the LGBT Community and society as a whole. I am eminently proud to represent such a living landmark. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing them well and all the hope for the future in their new spectacular facility.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HON. DON YOUNG
OF ALASKA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation which will facilitate and promote the successful commercial reuse of the former Naval Air Facility on Adak Island, Alaska. At the same time, this legislation will allow the Aleut people of Alaska to reclaim the island and to make use of its modern developments and important location.

The legislation I introduce today ratifies an agreement between The Aleut Corporation, an Alaska Native Regional Corporation, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of the Navy. “The Agreement Concerning the Conveyance of Property at the Adak Naval Complex, Adak,” Alaska was signed last September and is in the process of taking over responsibility for the many public facilities.

The Agreement resolves a number of important issues related to the transfer of this former military base and the establishment of the new community on Adak, including responsibility for environmental remediation, institutional controls, indemnification, required public access, and reservation of lands for government use. This legislation furtheres this country’s objectives of conversion of closed defense facilities into successful commercial reuse, it benefits the Aleut people and returns to them their ancestral lands and it benefits the National Wildlife Refuge System. I believe everyone will agree that such legislation is important and worthy of our support.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM
OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, it is far past the time for us to address the intolerable discrimination in drug pricing and provide a comprehensive prescription drug benefit now. These drug re-importation amendments fail to address the real issue of the lack of affordable prescription drugs and in turn provide no real relief.

Seniors should be able to buy American prescription drugs for the same price in Rochester as you can in Rio, in Mankato as you
can in Mexico City, at their own pharmacies. We pass “buy America” legislation in this body all the time, yet here we are asking American Seniors to buy American alright, just not in America—go to Canada, or Mexico, or the Islands—just not at their local pharmacy.

Congress should pass legislation now to prevent drug companies from discriminating against U.S. Seniors, allowing them to get their drugs at the same prices as their counterparts in other countries. I urge Congressional leaders to bring to the floor the Prescription Drug Fairness for Seniors Act (H.R. 1400), which I am a cosponsor of, to directly tackle the issue of price discrimination. It’s time to stop the current price discrimination and provide a comprehensive prescription drug benefit for all Seniors. Not debate re-im and provide a comprehensive prescription

In the Village of Baldwin the educational system consisted of a three-year high school, a public grade school and a Lutheran grade school. The high school was discontinued in the mid 1940’s and the school district became part of the Red Bud School District. In 1959, the public grade school and children were sent to Red Bud schools. The Lutheran grade school also closed in the mid 1970’s and children attend either Prairie or Red Bud. Baldwin is also the home to many churches. Both the St. John’s Lutheran Church and the Baldwin Community Presbyterian Church have organizations to promote the welfare of their members. The Village also has many varied civic organizations which include the American Legion Nicholas Lauffer Post 619, the Baldwin Athletic Club, the Baldwin Community

In 1984, the Village installed both water and sewer systems. The water plant received severe damage from the 1993 flood and the plant needed to be moved out of the flood plain. After deliberation by the Board, it was determined that the Village became part of the newly formed rural water system. In early last year, the Village water system became part of the Egyptian Water Company, which purchases water from the City of Sparta. The Village sanitary sewer system was upgraded in 1987 and with federal and state assistance, their water system is about to be improved.

In 1999, the old school building, which previously served as the Village Hall, was razed. With assistance from local political leaders, funds were made available for a new Community Center. Both State Senator David Luechtedfeld and State Representative Dan Reitz helped to secure the new Center. Today, the Village of Baldwin is presided over by Jeffrey S. Rowold, Village President, Wesley G. Steinhoff-Village Clerk, Eileen Mehring-Village Treasurer, Craig Hartman, James Mueller, Darrell Mueth, Gary Schoenbeck and Cheryl Sellers all Village Trustees.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 125th Anniversary of the Village of Baldwin, Illinois.