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The law was meant to apply to those immigrants who have committed serious offenses, but in today's climate, it is increasingly being used against persons convicted of rather small crimes, like shoplifting. These are legal residents, having now become model citizens, who have built lives in this country and have none elsewhere, committing small-time crimes years ago as teenagers and finding themselves in deportation proceedings. This is just one example of an American immigration system that proves illogical, demands fixing, and provides blanket judgment as opposed to reasoned case-by-case due process.

As we forestall meaningful action on immigration, good Americans suffer. I urge that we get back to work on this most imperative issue, and do what's right for this country and its residents.

HONORING ART CHAN

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Arthur Chan, a dedicated staffer and an exceptional public servant, on his retirement from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Over the last 15 years, Art has undertaken a number of critical roles on the Committee, and has been integral to the passage of numerous landmark pieces of legislation designed to rebuild America. Throughout his service, protecting the public interest was paramount to Art as he worked to develop transportation policy.

In 1993, Art joined what was then the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, serving as Chief Economist for the Full Committee under Chairman Norman Mineta. In the 104th Congress, Art made the transition to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment in order to focus on the passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996. Art quickly learned the intricacies of the Army Corps of Engineers programs and was instrumental in the enactment of the legislation. Art continued to play a key role on the subcommittee, and was vital to the passage of a number of water infrastructure bills. In 2003, Art took on the role of Highway Policy Director for the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, where he quickly became an expert on the Federal-aid highway program and was a lead negotiator during the creation of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the 2005 surface transportation legislation.

Prior to his public service, Art earned his Ph.D. in economics, master's degrees in both economics and political science, and his B.A., with distinction, all from the University of Nebraska. A true intellectual, Art stayed in academia, teaching students first at Boston University and then at New Mexico State University.

When Art began his public service, first with GAO and then with the Committee, his teaching experience was quickly apparent to all who

worked with him. Art always found the time to share his knowledge with anyone who asked, from Members of Congress to new Committee staffers. Throughout his career, he developed a command of a range of issues spanning the Committee's jurisdiction.

Art's expertise is complemented by his dedication to defending the public interest. In his decade and a half of service, his first priority was always crafting sound public policy. The depth and breadth of his knowledge allowed Art to understand the benefits or shortfalls of the most complex legislative proposal, and to assess its potential impact on the users of our transportation system. The American public has been well-served by Art's insightful commitment to his work.

Art is a true believer in the intents and ideals of our transportation programs, and has always sought to protect and improve upon them. As anyone who has sat across from him at the negotiating table knows, Art is relentless in his efforts to achieve the best possible policy solutions to address our transportation challenges. His devotion to this pursuit and his attention to detail led to many long days and late nights in the legislative counsel's office, and is reflected in the high quality of the work he produced. His commitment to maintaining the integrity of our transportation infrastructure programs has been a hallmark of Art's service.

Madam Speaker, it is with wholehearted gratitude that I rise today to honor Art Chan's service to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to the House of Representatives, and to the United States. Art's institutional knowledge, insightful counsel, and tenacity have earned him the well-deserved respect of Members and colleagues on both sides of the aisle, and he will be greatly missed. I wish Art continued happiness and success in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MINDY DAUGHERTY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mindy Daugherty of Dallas Center, Iowa for earning the Hero of the Heartland honor presented by the Central Iowa chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mindy is a legal nurse consultant with Bradshaw Law Firm in Des Moines, but during her free time she volunteers with the Mid-Iowa Sexual Assault Response Team, where she is able to utilize her forensic nursing background. Her duties involved with being a member of the team include extensive hours of being on call to administer assistance to sexual abuse victims at any given time. When a patient is sexually assaulted, Mindy does a history, physical and collects DNA evidence for the patient. At the same time she has the difficult task of comforting and giving reassurance to distressed victims.

Mindy's willingness to utilize her strengths by volunteering and helping people involved in traumatic events is certainly an example to all of us. Her dedication to her community and

commitment to serving those in a time of great need should be commended. I consider it an honor to represent Mindy Daugherty in the United States Congress, and I know my colleagues join me in congratulating her on this honor and wishing her the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DISASTER RECOVERY AND RELIEF EFFORTS IN BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and recognize the extraordinary contributions of emergency management, disaster response, and recovery personnel as well as elected officials and community leaders in my district which was devastated by the recent severe weather in Indiana.

I wish particularly to honor the Board of Commissioners and County Council, as well as these outstanding individuals in Bartholomew County:

Dennis Moats, Director, Emergency Management Agency

Mark Gorbett, Sheriff

Jim Bickel, CEO, Columbus Regional Hospital

Fred Armstrong, Mayor, City of Columbus

Jim Worton, Chief of Police, City of Columbus

These areas suffered greatly from severe storms and weather, creating a catastrophe of nature that inflicted injuries, destroyed property, and displaced many of our citizens. In response, these officials went above and beyond the call of duty, showing great poise while saving many lives and serving the people of their communities.

Madam Speaker, I commend these fine men and women for their tremendous dedication to the Hoosier families, businesses, farmers and communities that they serve. As Hoosiers continue to recover from Mother Nature's fury, I feel confident that the people of Bartholomew County will be well served by these officials.

IN HONOR OF DR. LEATRICE RABINSKY

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished member of the Jewish Community and a real role model in my life.

Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky, an Adjunct Professor of Jewish Literature at the Siegal College of Judaic Studies and a board member of the Ohio Council on Education, has recently retired after 25 years of dedicated service, teaching Ohio youth about the Holocaust at Cleveland Heights High School.

During her 25 years of service she pioneered Holocaust education and led eight

"Journeys of Conscience" for students and survivors to the sights of the Holocaust in Europe and Israel.

I was privileged to be a student of Dr. Rabinsky. She instilled in me principles and knowledge that have had a lasting impact on my life. She shaped me as a person and as a public servant. One of my proudest moments as a state legislator in the Florida legislature was when we passed the Holocaust Education Act, legislation that I authored that mandated teaching about the lessons of the Holocaust in all of Florida's public schools. Because of this legislation, which grew out of Dr. Rabinsky's inspiration, more of America's children will know the consequences of bigotry and intolerance. Now, as a member of the United States Congress, and as the Chairman of the Congressional Taskforce Against Anti-Semitism, I continue to make Holocaust issues a priority.

I am sure that each and every one of our colleagues can identify a teacher from their past who left a significant mark on their lives. I know that I would not be where I am today without the motivation and encouragement of Dr. Rabinsky.

Finally, I would like to thank the Jewish National Fund for honoring Dr. Leatrice Rabinky as a "Woman of Valor." She is a pillar in the Jewish community and, I am proud to honor her in the U.S. House of Representatives.

IN RESPONSE TO THE SUPREME COURT DECISION ON DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VS. HELLER

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. BOYD of Florida. Madam Speaker, I want to voice my support for the landmark Supreme Court decision to overturn the District of Columbia handgun ban. This was a long and hard-fought battle, one in which I signaled my support for the rights of gun owners by joining many of my colleagues in signing an amicus brief supporting gun rights. In the end, the Court's decision affirmed that all citizens have the right to keep and bear arms.

I am pleased with this decision because now honest, law-abiding citizens of the District of Columbia, as well as those in Florida and across the Nation, can be assured of the right to self-protection in their homes. As a strong defender of our Second Amendment rights, I am glad to see this outcome from the Courts.

IN HONOR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTECTIVES CO. 1 OF ROCHESTER, NY

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Protectives Co. 1 of Rochester, New York as they approach their 150th anniversary. Ever since their formation

on August 23, 1858 these volunteer citizens have spent thousands of hours a year protecting the property of their neighbors from fire, smoke and water damage thereby reducing the costs to the businesses and citizens of Rochester in their most distressing times.

Formed as part of a general reorganization of a fractured and dysfunctional Rochester Fire Department, the Protectives Property Protection and Salvage Company instilled a sense of security that the community it served had been missing. Before its inception, the citizens of Rochester relied on ten separate, and often bickering, fire departments to protect their homes and businesses from fires. The Protectives helped bring about a renewed commitment to protecting the community.

The original Protectives Property Protection and Salvage Company has not only saved countless dollars in property damage over the years, but has also saved the lives of many individuals and firefighters from out of control fires. The Protectives No. 1 operates as a volunteer unit under the Rochester Fire Department assisting them with salvage, ventilation, lighting and holding fire hoses as ordered by the fire Chief, thereby relieving the firefighting manpower at the scene of an active fire.

The Protectives have been there supporting the Greater Rochester community throughout some of its most trying times, including the Great Sibley Fire of 1904 which totaled 4 million dollars worth of damage at the time. And today they continue to work many of the most fundamental and underappreciated jobs including pumping out flooded basements, and setting up and operating fans and lighting during salvaging efforts. Each and every day they subscribe to their motto, "we strive to save."

The Greater Rochester Area owes them a debt of gratitude for their dedicated work and thousands of hours of volunteer services. So it is with great pride and appreciation that I congratulate the Protectives Co. 1 for 150 years of great service, and may it continue to serve as a model of volunteer service and community activism for the citizens of Rochester, NY and across America.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF THE CITY OF POINT ARENA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Point Arena on the Mendocino Coast in Northern California. Located along magnificently rugged headlands overlooking the Pacific Ocean to the west and bordered by redwood forests to the east, California's sixth smallest city (current population 501) is precariously "surrounded" by the San Andreas Fault and watched over by the stately Point Arena Lighthouse.

Self-described as a "town of booms and declines" Point Arena has survived three major fires and fueled a variety of enterprising possibilities. Historical anecdotes trace its heritage

from the native Pomos to traders, lumberjacks and sea captains, from oil drillers and bootleggers to hippies and nuclear energy protestors.

Prior to 1906, Point Arena was the "busiest town between San Francisco and Eureka." More than 200,000 board feet of lumber came from the town mills. Point Arena was the main shipping port for agricultural products on the south Mendocino coast. After the earthquake in 1906 every brick building collapsed and every chimney and timbered dwelling came down.

In the meantime, William Hanon, the editor of the town newspaper, the Point Arena Record, was elected to a term in the state legislature. While there he saw money and services handed out to incorporated cities and wanted Point Arena to get a share. Due to his foresight and persistence tiny Point Arena became incorporated July 6, 1908.

By 1910 more than two dozen saloons graced the dirt road next to the headlands overlooking the Pacific. Until 1912 horse-drawn stagecoaches brought visitors and provisions. The main source of supplies, however, was the SS *Sea Foam* until it sank off the coast in 1931. A fire, started at the Grand Hotel on July 2, 1927, wiped out the town once again. By the 1930s Point Arena was rebuilt and many art deco and art moderne remnants still stand downtown.

Since then roads have been paved and the scenic Coast Highway One turns into Point Arena's Main Street. The pier has been revitalized with restaurants and inns and harbors a small fishing fleet. Main Street sports historic facades, coffee shops, bars and a theater as well as a new public kiosk describing Point Arena's status as a California Coastal National Monument gateway.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the city of Point Arena for a hundred years of determination and success. I would also like to salute the energetic and conscientious city council, which chose "Still Crazy After all These Years" as the motto for its centennial. And for their new colorful city seal featuring the indigenous Point Arena Mountain Beaver.

TRIBUTE TO ALAN WOOTERS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Alan Wooters, a native of Gowrie, Iowa, who has been a distinguished long time public servant in Webster County, Iowa.

For the past 44 years, Alan has been working in the Webster County Auditor's office. After studying at the American Institute of Business in Des Moines, Alan began his non-elected position at the age of 19. Despite being a long-time Republican and a member of the Webster County Republican Central Committee, the three auditors he has worked for during his 44 year career have all been Democrats. In today's political climate, he certainly serves as a wonderful example of how