

The domestic component of a strategy to promote healthy globalisation must rely on strengthening efforts to reduce inequality and insecurity. The international component must focus on the interests of working people in all countries, in addition to the current emphasis on the priorities of global-corporations.

First, the U.S. should take the lead in promoting global co-operation in the international tax arena. There has been a race to the bottom in the taxation of corporate income as nations lower their rates to entice business to issue more debt and invest in their jurisdictions. Closely related is the problem of tax havens that seek to lure wealthy citizens with promises that they can avoid paying taxes altogether on large parts of their fortunes. It might be inevitable that globalisation leads to some increases in inequality; it is not necessary that it also compromise the possibility of progressive taxation.

Second, an increased focus of international economic diplomacy should be to prevent harmful regulatory competition. In many areas it is appropriate that regulations differ between countries in response to local circumstances. But there is a reason why progressives in the early part of the 20th century sought to have the federal government take over many kinds of regulatory responsibility. They were concerned that competition for business across states, and their ease of being able to move, would lead to a race to the bottom. Financial regulation is only one example of where the mantra of needing to be "internationally competitive" has been invoked too often as a reason to cut back on regulation. There has not been enough serious consideration of the alternative—global co-operation to raise standards. While labour standards arguments have at times been invoked as a cover for protectionism, and this must be avoided, it is entirely appropriate that U.S. policymakers seek to ensure that greater global integration does not become an excuse for eroding labour rights.

To benefit the interests of U.S. citizens and command broadpolitical support, US international economic policy will need to focus on the issues in which the largest number of Americans have the greatest stake. A decoupling of the interests of businesses and nations may be inevitable; a decoupling of international economic policies and the interests of American workers is not.

EDWARD EARNEST FOSTER:
FIERCE ADVOCATE FOR VET-
ERANS

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, representing the 36th district of California since 1992 has given me the opportunity to meet many veterans and learn their stories. One special veteran and friend, Ed Foster, has an incredible story—one I would like to share with my colleagues on the eve of his retirement from the Torrance Job Service Office.

Edward Earnest Foster enlisted in the Army at age 19, and served as a medic in the Korean war. As a medic, soldier and veteran, he has touched the lives of countless individuals. He has advanced the cause of veteran's rights

throughout the South Bay, and I am not alone in expressing enormous gratitude for all he has done.

Ed received nine medals on his tours of duty in Korea, including a Purple Heart and the Bronze Star with a "V" for valor. With the same strength of character that got him those medals, he has fought on behalf of all veterans.

Locally, Ed's contributions have been invaluable. In his post at the State Employment Development Department's Torrance office, he has worked to make sure area veterans find the work and dignity they deserve.

Perhaps his most notable and lasting initiative is the "Visit a Vet" program, which promotes visits with veterans at VA hospitals to let them know they are not forgotten and thank them for their service. We should all heed his call of "let us not just think of our veterans on holidays but do it all year long."

Ed Foster is a tireless advocate for veterans everywhere, and a wonderfully dedicated man. He represents, to me, what it means to serve one's country for a lifetime. Ed retires this month at the young age of 76. On behalf of the entire community, I say thank you, on behalf of a grateful nation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "INTERNET FREEDOM AND NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2008"

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the "Internet Freedom and Nondiscrimination Act of 2008," legislation that establishes an antitrust remedy for anti-competitive and discriminatory practices by broadband service providers. I am joined by Representative LOFGREN.

Over the last ten years, the Internet has gone from its infancy through a period of exponential growth. Today, it is estimated that over 1.3 billion people use the Internet—that is almost 20 percent of the world's population. In the last 7 years alone, the worldwide use of the Internet has jumped 265 percent.

The Internet has become the dominant venue for the expression of ideas and public discourse. From social networking to get-out-the-vote drives, the Internet is now a leading tool for speech and action. Web sites like Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, and Monster have changed the way people of all ages connect socially and professionally. Political candidates raise more money online with each election cycle. Newspaper Web sites and independent blogs have revolutionized the ways in which news and media are disseminated and consumed. And the Internet has opened up new performance venues to emerging artists and entertainers. In these and many other ways, the technological innovation in communication made possible by the Internet has made it among the most powerful outlets for creativity and free speech.

However, some of the Internet Service Providers, which control 96 percent of the residential market for high-speed Internet access,

and are either monopolies or duopolies in most areas of the country, have proposed to give favored treatment to some Internet content and disfavored treatment to other content. Under these proposed business models, what treatment you get will be determined by how much you pay or, potentially, whether the Internet service provider approves of the content or whether the provider has a financial interest at stake. Under these regimes, many of the innovations and ideas that we have enjoyed on the Internet may never have occurred. We would never have had a Google search engine or YouTube videos if "pay to play" had been our national policy. To be sure, if we go in this direction, it will stifle both future technological innovation and free speech.

Rather than attempt regulation of the industry, we believe an antitrust remedy is the most appropriate way to deal with the problem. The antitrust laws exist to correct distortions of the free market, where monopolies or cartels have cornered the market, and competition is not being allowed to work. The antitrust laws can help maintain a free and open Internet.

The "Internet Freedom and Nondiscrimination Act of 2008" amends the Clayton Act to require that broadband service providers interconnect with the facilities of other network providers on a reasonable and nondiscriminatory basis. It also requires them to operate their network in a reasonable and nondiscriminatory manner so that all content, applications and services are treated the same and have an equal opportunity to reach consumers. The bill expressly preserves the ability of broadband service providers to manage their network, so long as it is done in a nondiscriminatory manner, and the bill allows the operators to give priority to emergency communications and take reasonable and nondiscriminatory measures to prevent violations of the law.

Americans have come to expect the Internet to be open to everyone and everything. The Internet was designed without gatekeepers for new content and services and without centralized control. If we allow companies with monopoly or duopoly power to control how the Internet operates, start-up companies might never be able to offer their products, network providers could have the power to choose what content is available, and the artists and thinkers of our time could find their speech censored.

CONGRATULATING NURSE TONI HADDOX

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Toni Haddox, of Denton, Texas. Ms. Haddox has been recognized as one of the Great 100 Nurses of 2008 by the Dallas-Fort Worth Nurse Executives and Districts Three and Four of the Texas Nurses Association.

Ms. Haddox is a nurse at the Denton Regional Medical Center, which serves Denton, Wise, Cooke and Montague Counties. She is

a perfect example of Denton Regional's mission in the community: she is a caring, compassionate person who exhibits passion, knowledge, and commitment to her patients and colleagues on a daily basis.

Each year this recognition is bestowed on nurses who embody excellence in the science and art of nursing. The chosen honorees belong to an array of professional organizations and work in a wide variety of clinical specialties. This is the 18th consecutive year that the Texas Nurses Association, Districts Three and Four, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Nurse Executives have recognized area nurses for their compassion and dedication. The recipients will be honored at a gala event on Monday, May 12, 2008.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand here today to recognize Toni Haddox. It is an outstanding honor to represent both Ms. Haddox and her fellow nurses in the 26th District of Texas. Her constant vigilance and skill has made North Texas a better place, and her allegiance to her craft is nothing less than remarkable. I sincerely thank her for her service to our community.

TRIBUTE TO TIANNA SULLIVAN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Osage High School senior Tianna Sullivan for helping to save the life of an elderly woman who had wandered away from a health care center.

In the early morning of January 20, 2008, Tianna was driving home in 14 degrees below zero weather and came upon 88-year-old Marguerite Miller. Marguerite was barefoot and clothed only in a hospital gown. Although Tianna was scared, she knew that Marguerite needed help immediately. Tianna attempted to get Marguerite in her car, but she was so cold and stiff that she could only clutch to Tianna for warmth. Tianna dialed 911 and stayed with Marguerite until Osage police officer Brian Wright arrived. Marguerite's body temperature had dropped to 90 degrees, and they had a difficult time getting her in the police car due to her stiffness from the cold. An ambulance then came and took Marguerite to Mitchell County Regional Hospital. Later, she was taken to the Iowa City hospital burn center to treat her frostbite injuries.

Tianna's heroic actions and quick thinking set an example for us all. Tianna's courage goes above and beyond what is asked of us as citizens of this country, and her willingness to help a stranger in need illustrates the compassion of Iowans; willing to do whatever it takes for the safety of our fellow citizens. For this I know my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in offering Tianna our congratulations and thanks. I am extremely honored to represent Tianna in Congress, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JACKIE DELANEY

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor Jackie DeLaney by entering her name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today I pay tribute to Jackie DeLaney, President and CEO of Sun West Bank, for her small-business achievements throughout the Las Vegas community.

As the only female bank president and CEO in Nevada, Jackie DeLaney is credited with establishing the Sun West Bank in 1998 with one of the largest capital investments of any bank in the state. She established a board of directors and filed and received approval on all necessary regulatory applications. Sun West Bank is the only local bank owned by Nevada business professionals. The full-service bank offers a full array of business products and services including SBA and small business commercial loans as well as expansion financing. Sun West also works with the Nevada Small Business Development Center and other agencies to help entrepreneurs and prospective business owners examine how to assess their business models and understand the market.

Jackie's role at Sun West has shown a great level of devotion to the community and has been recognized by a number of community organizations for their charitable work. Sun West has also achieved national recognition for its dedication to America's Promise, which strives to improve the health and well being of America's youth. The bank has also raised funds for organizations including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nevada, the Shade Tree Shelter, and Classroom on Wheels.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Jackie DeLaney and would like to recognize her contributions to small businesses throughout the Las Vegas community. I would also like to congratulate her on receiving the Financial Services Champion of the Year for the 2008 Small Business Awards.

RECOGNIZING HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Home for Our Troops as it holds its fifth annual event in my district in Troy, Michigan, on May 10, 2008.

Homes for Our Troops is a nonprofit organization that provides specially adapted homes for our severely injured servicemembers. The organization is able to provide assistance at no cost to the veterans that they serve through a growing network of monetary contributions, donations from building contractors,

suppliers, corporate supporters, and local volunteers.

John Gonsalves started Homes for Our Troops in 2004 after watching a news report of a severely injured servicemember who had returned from Iraq. He thought to himself, "What happens to our severely injured veterans once they return?" Mr. Gonsalves searched for an organization where he could donate his building expertise for a few weeks, but when he found out that none existed, he quit his contractor job and started Homes for Our Troops. Since its founding, Homes for Our Troops has provided 25 veterans and their families with homes suited to meet the physical challenges they face after returning with life-altering injuries.

The continued efforts of Homes for Our Troops has gained national recognition. In fact, the American Institute of Philanthropy has named them as one of their Top-Rated Charities of 2007. They have the honor of being one of only five veterans charities included in the top-rated category. This honor not only displays the breadth of their efforts, but also the speed and efficiency of their delivery.

Madam Speaker, I salute Homes for Our Troops for their tireless efforts on behalf of our courageous men and women in the armed services. Theirs is a shining example of the altruism that embodies the American spirit.

HONORING THE LOUISIANA HONORAIR VETERANS

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a very special group from South Louisiana.

On May 10, 2008, a group of 97 veterans and their guardians will fly to Washington with a very special program. Louisiana HonorAir is providing the opportunity for these veterans from my home State of Louisiana to visit Washington, DC, on a chartered flight free of charge. During their visit, they will visit Arlington National Cemetery and the World War II Memorial. For many, this will be their first and only opportunity to see these sights dedicated to the great service they have provided for our Nation.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these great Americans and thanking them for their unselfish service.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF RONALD D. BROWN

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on Monday, the city of Atlanta lost one of its most influential residents and a pillar of the community, Ronald Brown.

Ron Brown was the head of Atlanta Life Financial Group, a company that is a historic institution. The 103-year-old company was