

WE CAN HELP PROGRAM

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, as we talk about the need for job creation it is critical that we remember why America needs work.

Jobs are a means to provide for individuals and families, for food and shelter, and for a sense of security and peace of mind.

But work is only half the equation—a pay-check is needed to fulfill the other.

Which is why I stand in full support of the Department of Labor's "We Can Help Program."

This public service campaign strives to educate America's workforce about employer abuses and workers' rights.

It will also add 250 investigators to the department's wage and hour division.

Efforts like this will go a long way toward recovering at least some of the \$19 billion of wages that are never paid to workers across the country every single year.

In the midst of a tough economy, it is vital that Congress do everything in its power to make sure every American who wants a job can find a job.

But we must remember that there are many already on the clock who need our help, too.

DALLAS' CHAPTER OF TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION INC. CELEBRATES 45TH SAPPHIRE ANNIVERSARY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, on June 12, 2010 the Dallas Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, TLOD, recognized their 45 years of outstanding service in the greater Dallas community. Founded in the Lone Star State of Texas, the mission of the organization is to enhance and enrich lives of youth and adults through national and community based programs and projects. The organization is comprised of 4,600 members spread among 104 chapters across the Nation, with each chapter respectively sponsoring Top Teens of America.

Top Ladies of Distinction collaborate with various organizations to help build a better community and increase awareness. To illustrate, some organizations include: Ronald McDonald Houses; National Alzheimer's Awareness; HIV/AIDS Awareness; Top Ladies of Distinction Literacy Program; and Sickle Cell Research.

At the anniversary celebration the women were graced with the presence of Mrs. Jackie Pope, Top Ladies of Distinction's National president, along with Ms. Bobbie Moorehead, Top Ladies of Distinction's fifth past National president. Also joined in the celebration was Ms. Sharon Beard, the current National recording secretary.

Top Ladies of Distinction 2010 honorees for 30 to 46 years of service included: Mrs. Nita

Moorehead; Mrs. Opel Jones; and Mrs. Elinor Jackson.

Top Ladies of Distinction 2010 honorees for 25 to 29 years of service included: Mrs. Dorothy Lee; Mrs. Orvee Seward and Mrs. Harriet Tripp.

Top Ladies of Distinction 2010 honorees for 20 to 24 years of service included: Mrs. Pauline Dixon, Ms. Hertha Echols, Mrs. Oretannah Price, Mrs. Martha Smith, and Mrs. Harnell Williams.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Top Ladies of Distinction on this memorable moment in the history of their organization. These Ladies represent resourceful woman power; all of whom work for the betterment to serve others.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN ANTHONY BRUZZONE

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of John Anthony Bruzzone, a devoted family man, member of the United States Army, successful Santa Clara County entrepreneur and a valued leader in our community. Sadly John passed away on June 30, 2010.

John was a skilled businessman and entrepreneur, starting in 1947 with The Pied Piper Exterminators, Western Roofing Supply, and most recently Hollister Motor Sports. In 1974, he purchased the Roberto-Sunol Adobe in San Jose, which he extensively and carefully restored. The Adobe became California State Historical Landmark No. 898 on March 18, 1977.

Always a business visionary and concerned with California's environment, John was one of the first recyclers in Santa Clara County where he operated San Jose Recycling and Diversified Recycling Services. He also operated the Italian Gardens in San Jose. He was always generous in donating his resources and time to our community.

Prior to his successful endeavors in business John was a dedicated member of our armed services serving in the Army during World War II. He fought in the Battle of Okinawa and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received during that historic battle. He helped save our country.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in sending our condolences to John Anthony Bruzzone's family and in remembering a special man who devoted his life to his family and our country.

HONORING EDWARD KLOSTERMAN

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward Klosterman, a dedicated community servant and a lifetime member of the Pewee Valley Fire Department from the Fourth District.

Ed Klosterman was born and raised in Crestwood, Kentucky along with his fourteen siblings. He attended Carroll County Vocational School and graduated from Oldham County High School in 1975.

Ed became a member of the Pewee Valley Fire Department before completing high school. As a dedicated community servant with the fire department, Ed served as a firefighter, instructor, lieutenant, training officer, fire inspector and engineer. When the Fire Department outgrew its old station Ed was pivotal in helping design the new fire station and oversaw its construction.

Ed has received numerous awards from the fire department and has been designated a lifetime member. His retirement on July 14, 2010 was also the 36th anniversary of his joining the Pewee Valley Fire Department.

Ed is the proud father of three children. His daughter Anastasia is a student at the University of Louisville Speed School. His twin sons, Alexander and Andrew followed in their father's footsteps as members of the Pewee Valley Fire Department. They have enlisted in the United States Air Force and begin their basic training this September.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Ed Klosterman and in offering him our sincerest thanks for his years of service to Pewee Valley, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF JUDGE CAROL CRAFTON ANTHONY

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a respected and dedicated public servant. On July 18, 2010, our state lost a devoted citizen when Judge Carol Crafton Anthony, age 56, died following a lengthy struggle with leukemia.

Judge Anthony was a proud mother, a committed jurist and a loyal Arkansan. Judge Anthony built an outstanding career as a local attorney in El Dorado prior to her exceptional service overseeing six counties as a judge in the 13th Judicial Circuit's Fourth Division.

I had the honor and privilege to know Judge Anthony and I admired her passion for law and innovative approach to justice. She pioneered alternative programs for local youths and drug offenders in an effort to break the cycles of bad behavior and abuse and encouraged these offenders to live productive lives.

My thoughts and prayers go out to her husband Aubra, sons Hayes, Hunter and Clay and daughter Hollis. I know I, along with many Arkansans, will sorely miss Judge Anthony's presence and will try to find solace in the fact Judge Anthony defined what it meant to be a public servant: to leave your community better than you found it.

Today, I ask all members of Congress to join me as we honor the life of Judge Carol Crafton Anthony and her legacy.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 452 and 453, I left the floor to attend a meeting related to my duties as a member of the Aviation Subcommittee and a co-chairman of the General Aviation Caucus.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" and "yes."

TRIBUTE TO LYNETTE ELIZABETH HOFFMAN MILLER

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of a dear friend to the community of Sellersburg, Indiana.

Lynette Elizabeth Hoffman-Miller was a devoted wife, loving mother, and courageous warrior in her battle against leukemia. Though the pain of her passing is deeply felt, we will continue to be inspired by the life she led.

Lynette was born on March 20, 1972 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Bill and Elizabeth Hoffman. A graduate of Mayfield High School in Las Cruces, Lynette went on to receive her bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University.

Lynette later moved to Sellersburg, Indiana, where she would become an active leader and vital asset to the Hoosier state. She served as the first Vice President of the Indiana Federation of Republican Women, where she excelled in her mission to support Republican principles and promote community service.

A longtime advocate of healthy living, Lynette spent many hours promoting nutrition, exercise, and complementary medicine on her blog. She was very fond of time spent with her mother and sister attending wellness conventions.

Her strong faith helped her and her family through her difficult battle against leukemia. Lynette served on the board of directors of St. Joe on the Hill Catholic Church in Sellersburg. She also taught Sunday school and relished time spent with her family and friends.

One of Lynette's favorite hobbies was to create unique and thoughtful greeting cards and stamps for her friends and loved ones. She was an avid fan of singer Toby Keith and loved the color green.

We have lost an important figure in the Sellersburg community, but I know that Lynette's legacy will not soon be forgotten. Let us keep her cherished family and friends in our prayers during this difficult time, especially her husband Chuck Miller, daughter Cambrelyn, parents Bill and Elizabeth Hoffman, sister Trinette (Jason) Dixon, paternal grandmother Ann Hoffman, and father and mother-in-law Dr. Robert and Lois Miller.

May they find comfort in the Old Book, which tells us that "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his com-

passions never fail. They are new every morning."

SAFER OIL AND NATURAL GAS DRILLING TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. DOYLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Safer Oil and Natural Gas Drilling Technology Research and Development Act.

The Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill has highlighted the pressing need for research on technology to make deepwater drilling for oil and natural gas safer and cleaner.

While the investigations into the causes of the disaster are still ongoing, the disaster has already made Congress and the public aware of the significant shortcomings in much of the oil industry's current deepwater drilling technology—most notably its blowout preventers.

This legislation refocuses the Department of Energy's deepwater drilling research to place higher priority on research on technology that will increase the safety and reliability of deepwater drilling technology in the years to come—and rightly so.

The National Energy Technology Laboratories facility in southwestern Pennsylvania has been the Department of Energy's leader in research on ultra-deepwater drilling for oil and natural gas for many years. NETL has a talented staff with unparalleled expertise and a long and successful record of research projects to improve the safety and efficiency of fossil fuel production technologies like deepwater drilling. It only makes sense that this legislation preserves the National Energy Technology Laboratories' role in conducting research on a subject on which they have so much knowledge and experience.

I am pleased that Chairman GORDON has confirmed that it is the Committee's intention that the National Energy Technology Laboratories will continue their important work on deepwater drilling research under the Safer Oil and Natural Gas Drilling Technology Research program addressed in this legislation.

I commend the Chairman, Ranking Member, and members of the Committee for drafting legislation to shift the focus of the Department of Energy's deepwater drilling research to prioritize safety and environmental protection. It's clear from the Deepwater Horizon tragedy that there's a pressing need to dedicate more resources to this important goal.

COST ESTIMATE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE FOR THE BILL H.R. 5503

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
*Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Please find enclosed the cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office for the bill H.R. 5503, the "Securing Protections for the Injured from Limitations on Liability Act." This cost estimate was not made available at the time the Committee Report (111-521, Part 1) was filed on June 30, 2010. The Committee respectively requests that this cost estimate be printed in the Congressional Record.

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

JOHN CONYERS, JR.,
Chairman.

Enclosure.

H.R. 5503—Securing Protections for the Injured from Limitations on Liability Act

H.R. 5503 would amend several laws related to private liability that apply to injury or death incurred by workers on ocean-going vessels or on certain other facilities located in the ocean. The act also would amend the bankruptcy code to require any purchaser of a bankrupt company to pay any obligations of the firm that stem from damages caused by an oil spill. CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

Enacting H.R. 5503 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

The act would expand both the Death on the High Seas Act (DOHSA) and the Jones Act to enable the surviving family members of a deceased worker to receive monetary compensation for nonmonetary damages as a result of the death of a relative on an ocean-going vessel or certain other facilities located in the ocean (such as oil-drilling rigs). H.R. 5503 also would extend the distance from shore that would make ships subject to the provisions of DOHSA, and it would repeal the Limitation of Liability Act, a law that limits the value of certain damages that can be charged to vessel owners. H.R. 5503 also would allow state attorneys general to bring suit for remedial action under the Class Action Fairness Act. Because those provisions would affect the liability of private firms, CBO estimates that enacting them would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

H.R. 5503 would amend the bankruptcy code to require any purchaser of a bankrupt company with obligations related to an oil spill to pay those obligations that are owed to victims of the oil spill. Based on information from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AOUSC), CBO estimates that this provision would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

HR. 5503 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

By making unenforceable agreements that restrict individuals from disseminating information regarding the discharge of oil or other contaminants into waters off the shore of the United States, the act would impose a private-sector mandate as defined in UMRA. The legislation would limit the ability of parties connected with such spills to prevent their employees, or others with whom they have agreements, from providing information about matters related to a spill. CBO estimates that the aggregate direct cost of the mandate would fall below the annual threshold established in UMRA for the private sector (\$141 million, in 2010, adjusted annually for inflation).