

homes. The first-time homebuyer's tax credit could be of tremendous value to these people, yet the law denies them the credit because they are replacing destroyed homes. My bill not only reinstates that first-time homebuyer's credit, it also corrects that oversight.

It is hard to think of a more beneficial or compassionate expansion of the first-time homebuyer tax credit than to make the credit available to those whose homes have been destroyed or damaged by natural disasters. In addition, the changes to the casualty loss provision will help more taxpayers affected by natural disasters. Repealing the taxes on unemployment benefits provided to people affected by natural disasters will ensure those forced onto the unemployment rolls because of a natural disaster are not further burdened by having to pay taxes on their unemployment benefits. Providing tax relief to first-time homebuyers and to those affected by natural disasters should be one of Congress' top priorities. I therefore urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

MICHAEL MORENO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Michael Moreno who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Michael Moreno is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Michael Moreno is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Michael Moreno for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

HONORING EDWARD VAN ES

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Edward Van Es, a business leader and entrepreneur who recently passed away. Mr. Van Es served the community of Laredo, Texas greatly through his contributions and grand business sense.

Mr. Van Es was born in Amsterdam, Holland in 1931. During the war, at the young age of ten, he was put on a freighter across the water of Yesselmer to farmlands where he worked. As a young boy, he witnessed the German occupation of Holland and lost two

years of school in that time, yet returned home after working for eight months. Eventually, his country recovered and Mr. Van Es was able to return to school and graduate. He also served his country by joining the Dutch Army for two years, as a mechanic on tanks.

By 1953, Mr. Van Es immigrated to the United States where he lived in Los Angeles, California. He was a sports car auto mechanic and worked at a Jaguar dealership, servicing cars for Hollywood stars. He received his Bachelor's from California State College and his Master's from California State University in Long Beach. He became an educator—teaching high school and after receiving his Master's became a college professor teaching manual arts. While teaching, Mr. Van Es had aspirations to fulfill as an independent franchisee for McDonald's. He became certified for his future business career by attending and graduating from Hamburger University in Oak Brook, Illinois. He developed a franchise in Laredo, Texas where the store's popularity grew and attracted tourists from Mexico and further. The franchise in Laredo broke all time sales in the industry. Thirty seven years later, a total of 16 McDonald's stores opened.

Mr. Van Es became recognized as one of the top McDonald's Owner/Operators in the corporation and received numerous awards. He served as Board of Director and Advisor to McDonald's Owner Association and was a member of the Ronald McDonald House Children's Charities amongst other organizations. Laredo Chamber of Commerce named him the Business Person of the Year in 2000.

As a prominent rancher and savvy businessman, Mr. Van Es gave back to the community through his dedication and contributions to charitable organizations. His 37-year career not only employed thousands, but also came to be his extended family and a lifetime service for Laredo, Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize the late Mr. Van Es.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM M.
KRAUSE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to William M. Krause who is retiring after 30 years of active duty and federal civilian service. He currently serves as the Director of Business Operations on Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri.

In August of 1980, Mr. Krause began his service as an airman in the United States Air Force. After 10 years of active duty service, he started his career as a contract specialist for the Air Force. He distinguished himself early on as a leader and innovator in this field. For his superior performance and unique approach to the job, Mr. Krause was named the Director of Business Operations in 1993.

As Director, Mr. Krause mentored small businesses in Missouri through the Department of Defense Small Business program and during my annual Procurement Conference. His mentorship and expertise strengthened

Whiteman's security, improved relationships with local businesses and communities, and bettered the lives of the servicemen and women who call Whiteman home.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Krause's tireless dedication and outstanding contributions to the Whiteman community will continue to be felt for generations to come. I wish him, his wife Peggy, and his son Josh the very best in the years ahead.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
STAMFORD AREA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of the Stamford Area Youth Philharmonic and its esteemed founder and musical director Salvatore Princiotti.

Fifty years ago, Mr. Princiotti imagined an environment where young musicians could grow as artists and individuals while learning to work together toward a common goal and enriching the local community. As conductor of the string ensemble of the Junior Schubert Club of Stamford, Salvatore Princiotti organized the Schubert Club Youth Orchestra, which quickly grew into the Stamford Area Youth Philharmonic, an ensemble now recognized for both its musical excellence and community involvement.

The Stamford Area Youth Philharmonic provides students the opportunity to work with their peers and talented professionals to learn and perform challenging, exciting repertoire. These experiences motivate young artists to pursue with tenacity their own musical aspirations as well as to share that enthusiasm as leaders in their school music programs. The result is an ensemble acclaimed for its musicianship, style, and expression and a membership with a passion for excellence that carries over into all endeavors they pursue.

The Stamford Area Youth Philharmonic has not only continued to distinguish itself musically, but Maestro Princiotti and his students have also shown their commitment to the community. With performances throughout Southwest Connecticut, giving of their time and talent, these students and their teachers have distinguished themselves as both musicians and citizens.

While the Stamford Area Youth Philharmonic is lucky to count such talented students as members, these achievements would not have been possible without the direction and commitment of their director and founder Salvatore Princiotti. In celebrating his 50 years as conductor, I am thankful for the Maestro's service and dedication to the community, music, and above all, the students. He has left an indelible mark on the minds of all those who have been given the opportunity to learn under his baton and reminded us all of the importance and value of musical education.

Congratulations to the Stamford Area Youth Philharmonic, Maestro Salvatore Princiotti, and

the students, parents, teachers, and volunteers who have committed themselves to creating and maintaining the impressive ensemble. Good luck and we look forward to another 50 years.

MALEAH VELARDE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Maleah Velarde who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Maleah Velarde is an 8th grader at Everitt Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Maleah Velarde is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Maleah Velarde for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO SENATOR PAULA HAWKINS—MAITLAND POST OFFICE RENAMING

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, as our country pauses to recognize National Missing Children's Day, I rise to remember one of our former colleagues, Paula Hawkins, who tirelessly championed children and children's issues and to pay tribute to this extraordinary woman by renaming the Maitland Postal Facility in her honor.

Former U.S. Senator Paula Hawkins authored and helped secure enactment of the Missing Children Act in 1982 which authorized the Attorney General to collect and exchange information to identify and locate missing persons, especially children. Having served as her Chief of Staff when the legislation passed, I can say with certainty there would not be Federal missing children's statutes or the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children if it was not for Senator Hawkins' determination and tireless work.

On October 13, 1982, President Ronald Reagan signed the Missing Children's Act into law, and this year marks the 28th year in national recognition of the law's passage. It is appropriate that on this day, the entire Florida Congressional Delegation join with me in introducing legislation to rename the Maitland Postal Facility at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland, Florida to bear the name of Paula Hawkins.

Senator Hawkins, known as the "Maitland Housewife", began as a community activist in that city and went on to become the first female elected to the U.S. Senate without family connections. Paula Hawkins also has the distinction of being the first Florida statewide elected female when she won a seat in 1972 on the Public Service Commission. With her passing on December 4, 2009, we lost a remarkable public servant and trailblazer for women and all Americans in the state and national political landscape.

On behalf of the Hawkins family, a grateful home state of Florida and a thankful nation, this Post Office renaming is a humble tribute to our former U.S. Senator, Paula Hawkins.

WIND POWER

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, on Monday, May 24, 2010, an editorial was printed in the Paducah Sun by Ben Lieberman with the Heritage Foundation regarding wind power. This article highlights the negative impact a renewable electricity standard, RES, would have on our economy and energy sector as well as the inability of wind power to meet our energy demands.

[From the Paducah Sun, May 24, 2010]

WIND POWER TOO INEFFICIENT, COSTLY TO SOLVE ENERGY WOES
(By Ben Lieberman)

Think Washington can't get any more out of touch? Well, Congress is considering measures that would raise our electric bills and kill more than 1 million jobs.

Sounds like hyperbole. But that's exactly what a renewable electricity standard (RES) would do. An RES (imbedded in legislation already approved by a Senate committee and part of the House global warming bill that passed last June) requires that a set amount of the nation's electricity be generated by wind or other approved alternatives.

It stands to reason that an RES would raise electricity costs. After all, if wind energy could compete with conventional sources like coal, natural gas or nuclear, there wouldn't be any need for a federal law forcing us to use it.

We don't have to guess, however. A study by The Heritage Foundation looked at a hypothetical RES starting at 3 percent in 2012 and rising by 1.5 percentage points each year after that—reaching 15 percent by 2020 and 22.5 percent by 2025. This roughly coincides with the pending proposals in Congress.

Heritage projects that such a provision would raise residential electric bills by 36 percent, or about \$300 annually for an average household of four. Industrial electricity costs would be even harder hit, rising by 60 percent.

Wind turbines tend to be pricey relative to the amount of juice they generate, but that's only part of the cost of an RES. Since the best sites for wind are remote mountain ridges or plains far from the customer base, multi-billion-dollar transmission-line projects would be required—with customers (that's you and me) picking up the tab.

The biggest and costliest problems of all stem from wind's unreliability. The wind

doesn't always blow, and it's least reliable during hot summer days when electricity demand peaks but the air is often still. In other words, unlike coal or natural gas or nuclear, wind power can't be relied upon, especially when it is needed most.

Since the wind can stop at any time, it must always be backed up by reliable non-wind sources, ready to step in and carry the load. Thus, utilities can't really cut back on conventional electricity sources when they add wind to the mix. For this reason, an electric system that's forced to include wind becomes a marvel of expensive redundancy. And make no mistake—every penny will show up in our monthly bills.

One big selling point of an RES is the "green" jobs created by it. President Obama has made numerous trips to wind turbine factories and boasted about the jobs at each. Granted, there will be employment among those who build, install and maintain wind turbines, but the expensive electricity that results will send many more to the unemployment line.

The Heritage Foundation projects net job losses reaching 330,000 in 2012 and exceeding 1 million in 2017 and thereafter. Overall, the hit to the American economy of an RES reaching 37.5 percent by 2035 would be \$5.2 trillion. That's right, America would be more than \$5 trillion poorer with a wind-power mandate.

That works out to \$2,400 per year per family of four. Know anybody who's got an extra \$2,400 just sitting around? At a time when Americans consider the economy to be Washington's top priority, Congress shouldn't be considering an RES. The last thing we need is a multi-trillion dollar anti-stimulus package that would harm struggling homeowners and businesses. Renewable energy may have a future, but Washington can't force it through costly mandates.

MEGAN VANCE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Megan Vance who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Megan Vance is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Megan Vance is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Megan Vance for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.