

S. 862

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Rebuilding Small Businesses After Disasters Act”.

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF SUNSET FOR COLLATERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SBA DISASTER LOANS.

Section 2102(b) of the RISE After Disaster Act of 2015 (15 U.S.C. 636 note) is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “4 years” and inserting “7 years”.

SEC. 3. GAO REPORT ON DEFAULT RATES.

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives a report comparing—

(1) the performance, including the default rate, of loans made under section 7(b)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)) during the period—

(A) beginning on January 1, 2000; and

(B) ending on the date on which the Small Business Administration began making loans in accordance with the amendment made by section 2102(a) of the RISE After Disaster Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-88; 129 Stat. 690); and

(2) the performance, including the default rate, of loans made under 7(b)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)) in accordance with the amendment made by section 2102(a) of the RISE After Disaster Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-88; 129 Stat. 690).

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

□ 1730

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP MONTH

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize November as National Entrepreneurship Month.

America has always been known as a land of innovation, and entrepreneurs combine innovation with capitalism.

But there is a group of future business leaders that need our help, the minority entrepreneurs. Many do not get the funds they need, based on bias in the banking and loan industry. Too many bank managers still refuse to see minorities as worthy of loans. When they do get them, minorities are charged higher interest rates on average than Whites. Many do not even fill out the loan applications because they

know they will be rejected. Major banks have programs to deal with it, but clearly more needs to be done. We need to make sure loans are distributed based on credentials of the applicant, not the color of his or her skin.

RECOGNIZING ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, November is Alzheimer’s Awareness Month. I rise to recognize the millions of Americans across this great country who are living with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

Alzheimer’s is a frightening disease that has impacted several individuals close to me. My Aunt Jane lost her battle with the disease, while my Aunt Virginia continues to fight it. Additionally, the legendary Pat Summitt, a friend of mine—she actually came to my father’s funeral—who coached the University of Tennessee Lady Vols basketball team for 38 seasons, lived with and brought awareness to Alzheimer’s disease before passing away in 2016.

I am especially thankful for the caregivers who assist those living with a memory disorder. Friends, family members, and trained professionals care for these patients and make sacrifices to ensure their comfort. These efforts must not be overlooked, Mr. Speaker.

Individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer’s need to know they are not alone in their battle against this difficult illness. And while I remain optimistic about new treatments and ongoing research to find a cure, this November I encourage my constituents and colleagues to take a moment to think about those Americans living with Alzheimer’s disease and say a prayer for them and their families and to show support for the caregivers who look after and advocate for them.

RECOGNIZING LATINA EQUAL PAY DAY

(Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Mr. Speaker, today we recognize Latina Equal Pay Day. I want to start by emphasizing that the gender pay gap is real, and it hurts Latina women and families.

We know that Latinas make only 54 cents for every dollar that a White non-Hispanic male makes for doing the same job. Let that sink in for just one moment. In 2019, Latina women get paid 54 cents for every dollar a non-Hispanic man makes for the same work.

In fact, a Latina must work an additional 35 years to catch up to the earnings of a 60-year-old man, averaging to about \$1.1 million in loss of earnings during a 40-year career. Continuing to

ignore this disparity has repercussions in many aspects of our economy, and it leaves over 40 percent of families that are headed by a Latina in poverty.

We must find a way to close the wage for the sake of our mothers, our sisters, our daughters, and our families.

RECOGNIZING SCOTT SEWELL

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Scott Sewell for his 4 years of service as president of the Winston-Salem Police Foundation. When he steps down as president in December, Mr. Sewell will be able to look back on his term and be extremely proud of the successes he has had.

Mr. Sewell has led the foundation in a manner that truly gives back to the community. One such example is when, under his leadership, the foundation donated to the Winston-Salem Police Department the Operation Sweet Reads truck, which will be used to engage with local children with ice cream and promote literacy and education.

Scott Sewell has served his community well, and he will continue to do so even after his term has ended. He is an exemplary member of the community, and I am proud to call him a friend and to recognize his service.

HONORING MIKE MAROTTA, SR.

(Mr. PANETTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mike Marotta, Sr., an entertainment legend, a Monterey native, and a cornerstone of the Italian American community on the central coast of California in my district.

I am sorry to say, Mike passed away earlier this week at the age of 98. Mike was a family man, a businessman, and a civic leader.

But I have to say everyone who knew him knew that music was Mike’s first and everlasting love. He taught himself how to play the accordion when he was 11 years old. He would then take the accordion down to the bay and play for the Italian fishermen coming back and unloading their catch.

His musical journey even led him to Hollywood eventually, where he played with stars like Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. During his military service during World War II, he entertained the troops throughout the United States.

Now, recently you could find Mike playing Italian songs with his kids and grandkids and even at the Paisano Club, but also you could find him continuing his tradition of playing for fishermen and our community at the Festa Italia Santa Rosalia, the premier Italian American festival on the central coast of California.

My condolences are with his family. Mike's civic-mindedness and his musical gift will be missed by our community, but his legacy and his love of music will be carried on by his family and friends through his everlasting songs played by his son, but most importantly, through the love in our hearts for Mike Marotta, Sr.

RECOGNIZING RITA BISHOP

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Roanoke Superintendent of Schools, Rita Bishop.

Superintendent Bishop has served the students of Roanoke City for more than 12 years and will retire at the school year's end. Her tenure is marked with significant accomplishments, and I applaud the passion she exudes for the students of her district.

During her time of service to the community, graduation rates improved from 60 percent in 2007 to now over 90 percent. Further, under her leadership, all schools have achieved full accreditation division wide, a feat that had never before been accomplished.

Additionally, Ms. Bishop was essential in launching Roanoke's summer enrichment program RCPS-Plus. This program seeks to address what is known as the "summer slide" by ensuring knowledge is not lost between school years. Last summer, a record 3,400 students enrolled in this program.

I want to thank Ms. Bishop for her dedication to improving the city's education system and wish her a happy, well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING LOCAL PAGEANT TITLEHOLDERS

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I want to highlight three exceptional young ladies who reside in my district in south Jersey. They are pageant titleholders who work for the greater good of our community.

Madison Stiles is a Salem County native, who uses her title to promote mental health awareness. She is an avid volunteer through her community and is a fantastic advocate for the important subject of mental health.

Miss Vineland 2019, Marissa Marchese, who resides in Vineland, New Jersey, created a platform called "Homeless Has a Face" that allows her to educate individuals on the harsh realities of being displaced and share the stories of those who are not fortunate enough to have a roof over their heads.

Lastly, but certainly not least, Jaslene Candelaria, at the young age of 11, created a platform that collects stuffed animals, blankets, and inspirational cards for cancer patients of all

ages. Her goal is to bring joy and smiles to patients, and she visits various hospitals throughout her community to make sure to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I thank them all for their selfless and benevolent work throughout their communities. Our future is in wonderful hands with them. They are our heroes, and may God bless them.

CONGRATULATING LAKELAND LINDER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

(Mr. SPANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lakeland Linder International Airport on receiving their second Department of Transportation grant, this time totaling \$8½ million.

Lakeland Linder has over 125,000 aircraft operations annually and is becoming a central hub for major companies like Amazon.

The airport is also home to the NOAA Hurricane Hunters, the Central Florida Aerospace Academy, and Polk State College's Aerospace programs.

This grant provides the funding to make needed improvements to the aging runway and infrastructure that will further attract new businesses and jobs.

Well done to Airport Director Eugene Conrad and his team for their vision and hard work. He contributes significantly to District 15 and our economic growth, and we thank him.

SOMETHING HAS GOT TO GIVE

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, in our conversation about gun violence, one side sees the need for background checks. The other side prefers to "enforce the laws we already have." Yet we do not have universal background checks, so we cannot enforce it. Meanwhile, our children are exposed.

This year there have been 45 school shootings in 46 weeks, 370 mass shootings by the end of October. That is more than one per day. Something has got to give.

Senator MCCONNELL said he will hold a vote on our background check bill only if President Trump says he will sign it.

So let me address the President directly from the heart: Sir, I have two granddaughters. Aubrey is eight; Ella is just one-month old. When Aubrey attends terrifying active shooter drills, what would you have me tell her? How about when she notices that we have laws barring certain people from owning guns, but that much of the time we don't bother to check who is who? Or when she realizes that her leaders could have put basic lifesaving safeguards in place, and they chose not to,

what shall I say to her? What would you tell her?

President Trump, my granddaughters, your grandchildren need your leadership, and so does America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

HONORING LOUIS BRINNER

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, on November 22, Louis Brinner, a World War II veteran from Mississippi, will celebrate his 100th birthday.

Mr. Brinner served in the United States Army as a private first-class with the 645th MP Company. After enlisting at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, on May 8, 1941, he fought alongside Allied troops in Italy, which were successful in liberating Italian cities such as Rome and Naples in the Rome-Arno campaign.

For his service, Mr. Brinner earned decorations, including the American Defense Service Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Brinner was discharged from the Army on October 16, 1945, after more than 4 years of honorable service to the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Mr. Brinner for his dedicated service to our country and to wish Mr. Brinner the happiest of birthdays.

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HONORING FAHARI JEFFERS

(Ms. WATERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, my friend Fahari Jeffers' legacy as a civil rights and labor rights leader in American history had its beginning in the Black Power movement. She joined the San Diego chapter of the U.S. organization in 1967 and served as a teacher in the weekend School of Afro-American Culture for Children.

A dedicated civil rights advocate and cultural rights powerhouse, she became involved in labor union organizing, having convened the major African People's gatherings in the 1970s and worked with the NIA cultural organization in San Diego.

Fahari was proud of her roots in the Black Power movement. Her early work prepared her for the work that Cesar Chavez recruited and trained her and her husband, Ken Msemaji, to do in founding and building the United Domestic Workers of America. Today, over 200,000 California homecare workers and nearly 2 million nationally work under union contracts. Her model of collective bargaining rights law is now patterned across the Nation. On Sunday, March 18, 2018, Fahari Jeffers