

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT COMMON SENSE DEPRECIATION ACT

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 1999

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce legislation that will return common sense to the Internal Revenue Code by changing the depreciation period for computer equipment.

Currently, for tax purposes computer equipment must be depreciated over a five year period. Ironically, rapid technological advancements now being made in the computer industry guarantee that the average useful life of this equipment is 14–24 months. Highly competitive manufacturing businesses must continually replace computer equipment if they are to remain competitive. Although a business will often purchase a new system after 2 years, it must keep the outdated equipment on the books for 5 years.

This legislation will update the tax code to ensure that it acknowledges ongoing, rapid advancements being made in the computer industry. This measure will change the depreciation period from 5 years to 2 years, ensuring that businesses are not penalized for making investments that ensure their ability to compete. This change will serve to promote economic growth and job creation within these competitive industries.

I strongly encourage my colleagues to join Representative BEN CARDIN, me and other original cosponsors in support of this important legislation.

HONORING OUTSTANDING RUBEN DEHOYOS

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ruben deHoyos, one of Baytown, Texas' most prominent citizens. Ruben deHoyos will be honored by the Lee College Educational Access Committee on April 30, 1999.

Ruben deHoyos' achievements and accomplishments are well-known in Baytown. He has helped pave the way for Baytown's growing and vibrant community and he has been instrumental in promoting the importance of education within the Hispanic community.

Mr. Speaker, Ruben deHoyos is a native Baytonian. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy. After the war, he went to work for Humble Oil and Refining where he was one of the first five Mexican-Americans certified as a technician.

Ruben deHoyos is truly a leader—his list of involvement in civic and community activities and organizations is extensive. He was the first Hispanic elected as president of the 2,600

member Exxon Club. He has served as chairman of the Community Development Advisory Board and was a member of the Human Relations Council of Baytown and the Baytown Development Center. He is a founding member of the very organization that is honoring him—the Lee College Hispanic Access Educational Access Committee, which was created in 1986. Additionally, he has assisted with the development and implementation of a tutorial and parental involvement program at Horace Mann Junior School and Carver Elementary School, where he volunteered for eight years.

Currently Ruben deHoyos serves on the board of the Southwest Resource Credit Union, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA, Friends of Lee College, Baytown Welfare League, National Notary Association, the American Cancer Society, and the American Diabetes Society. He is also active in the Kiwanis Club of Baytown, HEAC, Exxon Club and the Exxon Annuitants Club. Finally, Ruben deHoyos ably serves on a selection committee that screens applicants who wish to attend our military academies.

Mr. Speaker, Ruben deHoyos is a true civic leader. He is so dedicated and so active in Baytown helping to better educate our children, tomorrow's leaders. On behalf of the citizens of Baytown, I thank him for his hard work and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE MADIGAN

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 1999

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to pay tribute to Mike Madigan, who is returning to his roots in the public sector after spending 21 years with Pardee Construction Company. Mike has retired as the Senior Vice President, Development Coordination for Pardee and agreed to coordinate a massive redevelopment project for the City of San Diego in the East Village—a redevelopment project that includes San Diego's new home for our National Baseball League Champion Padres.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the pleasure of knowing Mike Madigan for many years and found that we have many similarities. I am a life-long Democrat, while Mike belongs to the other party. Mike served San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson for more than five years, while I served Senator Hubert Humphrey. Mike is a former Naval officer and graduate of San Diego State University. I taught at San Diego State for more than 20 years.

Mike and I also share a deep commitment and dedication to our community. Mike has demonstrated his sense of civic duty in numerous ways. As a testament to his leadership, Mike has chaired the following organizations: the California Water Commission, the San Francisco Bay Delta Advisory Committee, the Bay Delta Oversight Council, Children's Hos-

pital Health Center of San Diego, the San Diego Library Commission, the Board of Directors of the Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce, the San Diego Armed Services YMCA, the San Diego County Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the San Diego Unit of the American Cancer Society, the San Diego County Water Authority and the San Diego County Council for Equality.

I had the honor of working with Mike Madigan in a number of these capacities. Mike taught me much about land use planning, water policy, and the development of high quality and affordable housing. It was my honor to work with Mike during the development of Pardee's California Terraces project in my Congressional district.

The California Terraces project had to overcome a number of obstacles before it could become reality. Mike had to fully utilize all of his skills and expertise to make this project happen. In the face of opposition on environmental grounds, Mike negotiated with environmental activists, planners and regulatory agencies to preserve needed open space while developing a profitable, yet affordable housing product. Through his efforts, Pardee Construction became a partner with local school districts and as a result, the San Ysidro School District will construct its first elementary school in decades. Mike also helped Pardee establish and support a childcare program operated by the Borderview YMCA. I know that Mike has the same deep concern and affection for Southern San Diego County—and it shows in his pride of the diversity of the homeowners that have selected California Terraces as their new neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, Mike Madigan has been a true civic leader in San Diego. As an adviser to Mayor Wilson, as a library or water policy "wonk", as chairman of numerous non-profit organizations, and a representative of Pardee Construction, Mike has been one of the most influential San Diegans of his generation. I know that the City of San Diego will benefit from his skills and knowledge as he helps redevelop the East Village and our new ballpark. I hope that my colleagues will join me in extending our best wishes on his new endeavors.

ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL ARTS COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS HONORED

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 1999

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local school systems working with dedicated parents and teachers. I rise today to congratulate and honor 59 outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented students participated in the Annual Congressional Arts Competition, "An Artistic Discovery," sponsored by Schering-

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Plough Corporation. They were recently honored at a reception and exhibit. Their works are exceptional.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to list each of the students, their high schools, and their contest entries, for the official RECORD.

Student	High School	Name of Entry
Gillian Cochran	Bayley-Ellard	"Untitled"
Alisa Rabinovich	Bayley-Ellard	"Untitled"
Brian Bell	Boonton	"Untitled"
Chris Holmes	Boonton	"Untitled"
Larissa Schaffnit	Boonton	"Untitled"
Susan Tieski	Boonton	"Untitled"
Mark Bunker	Chatham	"Composition #1"
Marc Mucciolo	Chatham	"Untitled"
Alissa Nelbert	Chatham	"Untitled"
Danielle Servedio	Chatham	"Untitled"
Steven Bernaz	Delbarton	"Untitled"
Andrew Bruck	Delbarton	"Untitled"
John Harriman	Delbarton	"Untitled"
Anders Johnson	Delbarton	"Untitled"
Michael Cicchetti	Dover	"Still Life"
Victoria Cotero	Dover	"Horns"
Anne Peters	Dover	"Still Life"
Allyson Wood	Dover	"Still Life"
Vanessa Batters	Kinnelon	"Untitled"
Julie Jun	Livingston	"Untitled"
Meredith Klein	Livingston	"... And Then I Woke Up"
Drew Kyser	Madison	"Untitled"
Juyoun (Young) Lee	Madison	"Untitled"
Diana Saidac	Madison	"Untitled"
Allison Epstein	Montville	"Jamie"
Eric Hubert	Montville	"Christmas"
Susan Sook-Kyung Lee	Montville	"Self Portrait"
Jeremy Levy	Montville	"Mayan Still Life"
Julie Ashworth	Morris Catholic	"Me"
Tina Anne Messina	Morris Catholic	"Dusk"
Denise J. Murphy	Morris Catholic	"Winter's Chill"
Dat Tran	Morris Catholic	"Love on the Lake"
Tonya Autolitano	Morris Hills	"Bouquet"
Lisa Genovese	Morris Hills	"Untitled"
Tha-Anh Heani	Morris Hills	"Untitled"
Felicia Kazin	Morris Hills	"Untitled"
Brandon Dicks	Morris Knolls	"Inking of Stec"
Heather MacArthur	Morris Knolls	"Mikey"
Danielle Maupai	Morris Knolls	"Baby With Pink Hat"
Larissa Stec	Morris Knolls	"Achieving Balance"
Danielle Cerny	Morristown	"Untitled"
Laura Healy	Morristown	"Mr. Fumero"
JoAnn Johnson	Morristown	"Self Portrait"
Laura Konzelman	Mount Olive	"Untitled"
Meredith Richard	Mount Olive	"Untitled"
Andres Rivera	Mount Olive	"Untitled"
Patrick Slattery	Mount Olive	"A Dance"
Sean Bono	Randolph	"Chris"
Gregory Leveto	Randolph	"That Thing"
Francesca Oliveira	Randolph	"The Wright Stairs"
Heather Troast	Randolph	"Untitled"
Stephanie Bryan	Ridge	"Untitled"
Michael Pascarella	Ridge	"Untitled"
Jiri Seger	Ridge	"Untitled"
Mike Yang	Ridge	"Untitled"
Rachel Glaser	West Essex	"Untitled"
Joseph Morelli	West Essex	"Untitled"
Lindsay Trella	West Essex	"Untitled"
Joanna Choi	West Essex	"Untitled"

As you know, Mr. Speaker, each year the winner of the competition will have the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. to meet Congressional Leaders and to mount his or her artwork in a special corridor of the U.S. Capitol along with winners from across the country. This year, first place went to Andres Rivera of Ridge High School. Second place went to Lisa Genovese of Morris Hills High School, who was also selected by Schering-Plough employees and attendees of the show to receive the People's Choice Award. Stephanie Bryan of Ridge High School was awarded third place. In addition, seven other submissions received honorable mention by the judges, Young Lee, Sean Bono, Meredith Klein, Mike Yang, Larissa Stec, Julie Jun, and Larissa Schaffnit.

Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

A TRIBUTE TO JOE ROBERTS

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 1999

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, last week saw the passing of a man who symbolized all that is good and productive about local government in the United States, Joseph Roberts of Cresson, Pennsylvania.

Joe was a Cambria County Commissioner for 32 years, and when he retired, he was the longest continuous county commissioner in Pennsylvania history.

Joe cared about people. Individuals responded to Joe because they knew instantly in talking with him how much he cared about each individual, and how much he wanted to help.

Typical of Joe's work was the leadership and constant oversight he provided in creating the county's long-term nursing care facility. Joe didn't develop the idea and turn it over to others, or appear to cut the ribbon and move on to something else, no, Joe was at the home constantly, visiting with people, making them feel better, overseeing the care for people who were his neighbors.

Joe was always looking for ways that the County could do more to help people, and help the community. Thousands of families in Cambria County are enjoying better lives today because of the work he did in bringing jobs to the community, expanding the airport and helping with road facilities, and providing a full range of county services.

And Joe did it all quietly. His reward wasn't in seeing his name in the news media, or in getting some award. Joe's legacy was in helping people, and seeing government be a force for good and for helping people and the community.

Everyone in government service could benefit from measuring themselves against the record and actions of Joe Roberts. Few of us will ever succeed to his standards, but we all should try.

TRIBUTE TO EITAN TEITLER

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 1999

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Eitan Teitler, program chairman of the annual Festival of Hope and Peace, which celebrates Israel's independence.

The Talmud states that "He who does charity and justice is as if he had filled the whole world with kindness." In the spirit of such words, innovative volunteers such as Eitan actively participate in delivering tremendous support, selflessly dedicating their time and energy to enriching our community. I can think of no better tribute to Eitan.

After being raised in Israel and completing his formal education, Eitan began his career through distinguished service in the Israeli army followed by 5 years of higher education in the Hebrew University School of Medicine.

Currently, Eitan serves on the board of B'nai B'rith/Shalom Lodge. He also serves as a

board member of the Council of Israeli Organizations.

In addition to his service to the community, Eitan has worked in the construction business in Israel, Nigeria, Cameroon, and now in Los Angeles. Eitan has been happily married for 28 years to Erella, and is the father of three children who live on a kibbutz in Israel. His son, Nir, is now serving in the Israeli army.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Eitan Teitler for his ongoing service to the Jewish community and the community at large.

TRIBUTE TO SAM GILMAN

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 1999

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend of mine, Sam Gilman of Moline, IL. On April 29, 1999, the Quad Cities Israel Bonds Council will award Sam with the Jerusalem Medal for dedicated service to his community and Israel. I have learned so much from Sam about public service over the years, and take great joy in seeing him recognized for his outstanding achievements.

Sam understands what it means to give of yourself to help others. After graduating from college, he served his country for 4 years in the U.S. Army during World War II. Following law school at Harvard University, Sam returned to the Quad Cities to practice law, and later became a director of the Pinnacle Banc Group. He has also helped build enduring institutions that serve the entire community, including founding WQAD and WQPT and serving as Chairman of the Board of Franciscan Medical Center.

Sam has been instrumental in developing a strong Jewish community and support for Israel in Western Illinois. His leadership as a director and past president of the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities, as founder of the Quad Cities Yom HaShoah Committee, and past director of the Tri-City Jewish Center strengthened those groups and laid a foundation for an active community for years to come.

I have also been a witness to Sam's love for Israel and his dedication to helping Jews in need around the world. In 1986, we traveled together in a group to Israel, and I learned to appreciate the deep affection he has for all that the land and its people represent. Two years later, on a journey to the former Soviet Union, I joined Sam as we met with refuseniks and worked to help Soviet Jews fighting for their freedom under an oppressive regime. Sam's work and that of countless others in the Jewish community is directly responsible for securing the right of Jews to emigrate from the former Soviet Union and for helping Israel to resettle this mass exodus of people in a land where they can be free.

Finally, I have been fortunate to benefit from Sam's wise counsel and support for almost twenty years. He has been a true mentor to me since I first sought to represent Western Illinois in Congress, and as treasurer of my campaign committee, has played a critical role in every race I have run. Most of all, I am proud to call Sam a friend, and look forward to many more years of sharing his advice.