

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BRENDON THIRY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brendon Thiry of Lee's Summit, Missouri. Brendon is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1255, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brendon has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Brendon has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brendon Thiry for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO DR. NANCY WILSON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Dr. Nancy Wilson, the director of the Buena Vista Marshalltown Center in Marshalltown, Iowa and to express my appreciation for her dedication and commitment to young adults in Iowa.

For the past 25 years, Dr. Wilson has contributed her time and talents to enriching the lives of her students and guiding the direction of the Marshalltown Center. When Dr. Wilson began, the center only had 10 students but has grown to over 200 students today.

Dr. Wilson's leadership in continuing education in the community of Marshalltown will be missed, but she leaves behind lasting contributions that will continue to help students advance their education and receive a college degree. I consider it an honor to represent Dr. Nancy Wilson in the United States Congress, and I wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3036) to amend

the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes:

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 3036, the No Child Left Inside Act. Last week, I inadvertently voted against this legislation, of which I am original cosponsor. I regret that error, and want to make clear that I support this reauthorization of the National Environmental Education Act—both the continuation of important programs at the Environmental Protection Agency, and newly authorized programs at the Department of Education.

Environmental education is important to our children's future, has a positive impact on their educational achievement, and also helps promote healthier lifestyles. H.R. 3036 assists state and local efforts to improve and expand upon these important goals by creating new grant programs and increasing professional development in order to ensure that environmental education is a subject area that becomes more widely and effectively practiced.

Again, I strongly support the No Child Left Inside Act, and intended to vote "yes" on its final passage.

COMMODITY MARKETS TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. speaker, I rise to thank Chairmen PETERSON and ETHERIDGE for their hard work on H.R. 6604.

Protecting consumers and ensuring that our markets work fairly are among our most vital duties as Members of Congress. For eight years, the Bush Administration has been asleep at the switch. With record foreclosures and major American companies seeking multi-billion dollar government bailouts, we are seeing the effects of this Administration's policies. It is long past time that Wall Street oversight reflects the 21st century economy.

As someone who has worked both on Wall Street and now in Congress, I know how important it is to have referees on the field to call the game. I also know how minor changes in the financial markets can have major impacts. In the current environment, it would be particularly unwise to add any further instability to the markets.

A fair and regulated system is critical to the function of our financial markets. I commend the intentions of this legislation but believe that its enactment will have unintended consequences.

I am concerned that this bill will prevent pension funds and other institutional investors from engaging in the futures market. Such a prohibition could prevent my constituents' pensions from being invested in a diverse and

safer manner. Without changes to this legislation, CalPERS, which manages the pensions of 1.5 million Californians, could be severely restricted in its ability to maximize return on investment.

As an alternative to this legislation, I have introduced H.R. 6976, the Preventing Manipulation in Commodity Markets Act of 2008. This bill is virtually identical to H.R. 6604. However, it permits pension funds to continue to invest in the futures market.

I am firmly committed to preventing manipulation of the commodity markets. H.R. 6976 enables the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to target manipulation without preventing honest investors from participating in the markets.

TRIBUTE TO JASON THORSON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of a Mason City, Iowa resident, Jason Thorson, in rescuing a young woman from Willow Creek.

On August 5, just after 9:30 p.m., Jason Thorson and a group of friends were walking to a convenience store when they noticed a young woman standing on the bridge, just staring at the water. When he came out of the store, it was apparent that the woman jumped off the bridge, through some weeds and into the water. The young woman was not breathing and he held her head out of the water until the Mason City Police Department and the Fire Department ambulance arrived. Although Thorson had never met the woman, he said, "I just wanted to help her out. It was like a godsend that I was here and able to help."

The diligent effort of this young man is a testament to the bravery and compassion of Iowans; willing to do whatever is necessary for a neighbor in need. I commend Jason Thorson for his heroism and cooperation. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him health and happiness in the future.

HONORING RYAN DONALDSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Donaldson of Liberty, Missouri. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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