

COMMEMORATING THE SERVICE
OF SANTA ANA CITY MANAGER
DAVID REAM

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the service of David Ream, city manager for the great city of Santa Ana and wish him the best in his upcoming retirement.

Having a tenure of 32 years with the city of Santa Ana, Dave has served as city manager for the past twelve years and has held several executive positions in departments including the redevelopment agency and community development.

Dave's leadership has been instrumental in the economic growth of Santa Ana and completion of several big projects including the Ronald Reagan Federal Court Building; the Discovery Science Center; a new police headquarters and City Hall expansion; and the redevelopment partnership with the Santa Ana Unified School District leading to the construction of 15 new schools in 15 years.

Dave has been a forward thinker, helping lead Santa Ana through prosperous and challenging times.

I sincerely thank Dave Ream for his 32 years of service and dedication to the city of Santa Ana and its residents. I hope you enjoy your retirement years to the fullest.

Best wishes!

A TRIBUTE TO THE YMCA OF
GLENDALE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 85th anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Glendale (YMCA).

The YMCA of Glendale, established in 1922, is a not-for-profit organization devoted to community service. It is managed by its vibrant staff and volunteers and overseen by the members, who work tirelessly to ensure that Glendale's changing needs are addressed. Today, the YMCA boasts over 5,000 active members who represent every sector of the community, and ensures everyone from children and teens, to adults and seniors benefit from the opportunities and services provided by the YMCA of Glendale. People of all ages have benefited extraordinarily from programs that facilitate a strong mind, physique, and character. Such programs include aquatics, educational classes, martial arts, and gymnastics.

The success and well-being of children is also a key focal point of the YMCA of Glendale. By promoting character development and establishing the four core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, children are more likely to overcome the negative temptations of youth such as gangs, drugs and crime.

The YMCA of Glendale is also a strong advocate of healthy living. As a part of its effort

to help people achieve their goals of a healthy lifestyle, the YMCA offers a vast selection of fitness programs such as swimming, strength training, and consultations with fitness experts among other activities. Numerous seniors enjoy a variety of classes and programs, which are designed to protect the joints and improve strength. In addition, hundreds of children have immeasurably benefited from these programs, and have not only developed their physical skills, but have also built self-confidence.

For 85 years, the YMCA of Glendale has proven its selfless dedication to the community by welcoming and supporting people of all ages, religious backgrounds, incomes, and abilities. This incredible organization has embraced the city of Glendale, and to this very day implements its ultimate goal of building strong kids, strong families, and a strong community.

I am proud to recognize the past and present members and supporters of the YMCA of Glendale for their immense contributions to the community, and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the YMCA of Glendale for 85 years of dedicated service.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2017) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2017—the Department of Homeland Security FY12 Appropriations Act.

As we come upon the 10-year anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the House should not be voting to reduce funding in homeland security, mass transit, and port security grants. These grant programs would receive a 50-percent cut in funding if this bill were passed. Investments in these critical areas are needed as we remain vigilant. Terrorist events around the world have shown that mass transit systems, like other modes of transportation, are often targets of attack. New York City has one of the largest subway systems in the world. Millions of people ride the system every day. A plot to attack the New York City subway system was thwarted in September 2009. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York City has worked hard to keep the passengers safe. Our Nation's first responders deserve more.

Finally, this bill proposes an appropriation of \$891.24 million in net discretionary spending for Infrastructure Protection and Information Security, which is a decrease of \$45.25 million below the President's FY 2012 budget request. Increasing funding to the Administration's request will help to prevent attacks against U.S. information networks. Our safety and our way of life depend upon our critical infrastructure as well as the strength of our economy. Our critical infrastructure—such as

the electricity grid, financial sector, and transportation networks that sustain our way of life—have suffered repeated cyber intrusions, and cyber crime has increased dramatically over the last decade. It has become clear that our Nation cannot fully defend against these threats unless certain parts of Cybersecurity efforts are updated. Congress needs to focus on improving cybersecurity for the American people, our Nation's critical infrastructure, and the Federal Government's own networks and computers.

As a New York City Member on the House Homeland Security Committee, I will work to ensure that our Nation is better prepared to prevent terrorist attacks. This appropriations bill is a statement of our values. We need to adequately invest in our response capacities to safeguard our citizens. At a time when our Nation is dealing with the emergency management of natural disasters that ravaged the Midwest and South and is working to prevent potential bio-terrorism attacks, this is not the time to make drastic cuts to our Homeland Security Appropriations.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill.

THE ALLEN-FAIRVIEW CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE: CELEBRATING 40
YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF
NORTH TEXAS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to join with the Allen-Fairview Chamber of Commerce in celebrating 40 years of service to the business community of North Texas.

Since the Chamber's founding, its stated purpose has been to "advance the general welfare and prosperity of the city [. . .] so that its citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper." I would venture to say that this goal has been met, time and again, in impressive fashion.

Allen was officially incorporated as a town in the State of Texas back in 1953. Since that day, it has grown from a small community of 400 to a bustling metropolitan suburb of nearly 90,000 citizens. The business climate of the city has matched the growth, transitioning from mom and pop shops to corporate headquarters and state of the art shopping centers—all while maintaining a strong sense of community.

In fact, Allen has been recognized by Money Magazine as one of the top 20 places in America to live and by Forbes as one of the top 25 places to relocate a business. These impressive designations not only attest to a friendly business environment, but to the great quality of life the city's residents enjoy.

It's leadership from folks in city government, economic development groups, and the organization we honor today—the Allen-Fairview Chamber of Commerce—that has built this city into a shining example of Hometown USA.

To the Allen-Fairview Chamber of Commerce, a business advocate at its best, congratulations on an outstanding 40 years, and best wishes for the years to come.

God bless you. God bless America. God bless Texas. I salute you.