

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION THAT WILL ENSURE THAT FEDERAL MONEY GRANTED TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IS USED FOR ITS INTENDED PURPOSE

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce legislation that will ensure that federal money granted to state and local law enforcement is used for its intended purpose, and not in violation of our constitutional right to equal protection. As a member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, I am proud of the service we provide to the American people. Through the Department of Homeland Security, over \$35 billion in federal funds have been granted to local and state governments for counterterrorism programs that have kept our homeland safe since 9/11.

Unfortunately, not every dime of federally granted money has been used wisely. Troubling reports demonstrate that DHS grants have been used to fund biased training activities that are inaccurate, surveillance programs that target members of neighborhoods simply because of their religion, and other activities that are overbroad and compromise our security. Aside from being unconstitutional, these programs fail to narrowly target individuals that are actual security threats.

Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation that secures our homeland, while maintaining the integrity of federal grants. This legislation will require that DHS counterterrorism grants are used to fund training programs developed by the Department of Homeland Security, or training programs that are pre-approved by the Department's Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and its Privacy Office. Additionally, the bill will require that the Department's Inspector General regularly review DHS funded programs to ensure that they are not used to support civil rights violations, including racial, ethnic, and religious profiling.

Mr. Speaker, we all know the often quoted statement from Ben Franklin, one of the authors of the Constitution, that "anyone who trades liberty for security deserves neither liberty nor security." Today, we need both security and liberty, and can ill-afford to sacrifice either. These two concepts—security and liberty—are national interests that work hand-in-hand; when one is dismissed, the other is inherently discarded. This legislation is as much about the liberty of a few, as it is about the security of this whole nation.

I hope my colleagues join my effort to restore the integrity of taxpayers' dollars; let us provide the appropriate tools to law enforcement so that they may secure our homeland well; nevertheless, let us also protect the American people from unreasonable government treatment by enacting this legislation.

COMMEMORATING THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to both salute a former staffer who now works for a boss more powerful than any Member of Congress and to celebrate a feat of incredible longevity at his new workplace.

I was honored to employ Brian Sanderfoot, from Appleton, Wisconsin, for many years. He represented the highest values we in Congress want to provide: courtesy, commitment, and a dedication to public service.

A devout Catholic, Brian left Congress to pursue his true calling in the priesthood. After studying both at D.C.'s Catholic University and in Rome, Brian became Father Sanderfoot and entered a new phase of service.

Father Sanderfoot settled in the Archdiocese of Washington which is home to over 600,000 Catholics living in Washington, DC, and five Maryland counties. He now ministers at Maryland's St. Francis Xavier parish and is making a real difference in the lives of his congregation.

In a nation that commemorates the 25th or 50th anniversary of an event, Father Sanderfoot's parish has a special distinction. It recently celebrated its 350th anniversary, making it the oldest Catholic parish in America.

In anticipation of this milestone, Father Sanderfoot initiated two historical discovery projects. The first was a thorough survey of the cemetery at the parish's Newtowne Neck Church to map and index the graves. The second project was an archeological dig to discover the location of the original chapel.

St. Francis Xavier's parish has been a silent witness to a new country coming into being, its expansion across a continent, a civil war that pitted brother against brother, the strength of a people tested by the Great Depression and world wars, and the rise of a superpower. It has been the site of countless baptisms, weddings, funerals, masses, and homilies. For three and a half centuries, this parish has been the place where faith was nurtured, renewed, and embraced.

It is a privilege to consider Father Brian Sanderfoot a part of the extended Lewis family. I celebrate his new life and his lasting faith. Let us honor the durability of St. Francis Xavier's parish, which has been a steadfast source of identity and a pillar of stability for all Catholics in the area.

JEAN KIRSHNER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jean Kirshner, co-founder of the Belize Education Project, for receiving the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award.

The Belize Education Project is responsible for bringing thousands of books and supplies

to students and teachers in Belize, as well as delivering teacher training to Belize educators in Belize and here in Colorado.

Utilizing five focuses of the "lifting lives through literacy project", reading with students, teacher education, family literacy, school supplies and scholarships for both primary and high school students, the Belize Education Project has been able to reach several of their goals.

Since 2007, an education team has traveled annually to Belize to work with teachers, students and families. In addition, a group of educators from Belize are hosted in Colorado to learn from instruction in Colorado classrooms.

I congratulate Jean Kishner for her leadership, and all the individuals of the Belize Education Project for making our world a better place to live.

THE LITTLE ROCK DIFFERENCE

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Little Rock Air Force Base (LRAFB) and the LRAFB Community Council, both of which are located in central Arkansas, which I represent.

This week, the Community Council was presented with the Abilene Trophy, which recognizes the community that provides the "finest support" to an Air Mobility Command unit.

This is the second time the LRAFB Community Council has received this award, and it's truly a testament to their dedication to military families, to their community, and to their nation.

LRAFB has always enjoyed the support of the surrounding community. In fact, LRAFB was founded in 1952 when community leaders raised \$1 million to buy property from more than 150 private landowners and donated the property to the U.S. Air Force to create LRAFB.

In 2011, when LRAFB was hit by a tornado, the community responded by adopting affected families. Two weeks later, LRAFB was similarly responsive, assisting local families affected by flooding.

This supportive and cooperative relationship goes beyond just "neighbors helping neighbors." Last year, LRAFB's Joint Education Center became a first-of-its-kind partnership between the City of Jacksonville and LRAFB, and, to fund this project, the residents of Jacksonville voted to tax themselves to raise \$5 million to put toward the overall project.

The relationship between LRAFB and the community is unique, and, together, they are one team and responsive to the needs of each other. They serve as examples of excellence. This is how LRAFB and the Community Council differentiate themselves from other communities with air bases and what led to the creation of "The Little Rock Difference."

"The Little Rock Difference" initiative was unveiled this week by the Community Council. It establishes the characteristics of the relationship between LRAFB and the local community, and it is based on the LRAFB mantra "Rock & Role."

"Rock" is for "The Rock," which is the nickname of LRAFB and how the community affectionately refers to LRAFB. "Role" is for the

guiding principles of “ROLE”—“Responsive,” “One Team,” “Leading,” and “Excellence”—which the LRAFB community and the local community embody.

I congratulate the LRAFB leadership and the members of the Community Council for their dedication in creating and implementing “The Little Rock Difference” and for their ongoing efforts fostering strong and positive relations between the people of Arkansas and the men and women who protect our country.

I am proud to be a part of such a fine group of men and women dedicated to their nation and to their community, and I congratulate them on their success.

HONORING PROSPECT HILL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a historic landmark in Jefferson County, Prospect Hill. Prospect Hill served as the catalyst for freed-slaves to immigrate to a colony known as “Mississippi in Africa”. Prospect Hill represents a small, but important part of American history. This landmark, rich in history, contributed extensively to the dispersal of African Americans to Africa.

Prospect Hill was originally founded by Revolutionary War veteran, Issac Rose; in his will he provided funds that would allow freed-slaves to immigrate to the region of Liberia known as “Mississippi in Africa”. Although this sparked turmoil in Jefferson County, this action eventually led to the successful immigration of free-slaves to Liberia in the 1830’s.

Prospect Hill has long served as a portion of the past that reflects on the abundant history of the South. Its memory recalls the presence of hope and determination that was incessant during the 19th century. As a prominent landmark, Prospect Hill conserves a crucial piece of American history.

In 2011, Prospect Hill was included on Mississippi’s list of the Ten Most Endangered Historic Places. As a result, The Archaeological Conservancy acquired Prospect Hill to conduct research for educational purposes and preservation efforts. Today Prospect Hill continues to undergo renovation by The Archaeological Conservancy, in an attempt to restore an important element of American history.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Prospect Hill as an important Historical Site in Jefferson County, Mississippi.

COMMENDING MONTFORD POINT MARINES AND SON OF CIVIL WAR VETERAN

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two American trailblazers from North Carolina’s First Congressional District: Montford Marine veterans Johnny Thompskins and the recently deceased Joe Cobbs. I would also like to recognize the son of a Civil War veteran, Luke Martin, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, Thompskins, Cobbs, and Martin will be honored by the Christian Community Charity Workers (CCCW) Inc., on June 24 at the Flame Banquet Center in New Bern, North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, recruiting for the “Montford Marines” began on June 1, 1942, following public pressure on President Franklin D. Roosevelt by Black leaders to issue Executive Order 8802, which barred government agencies and federal contractors from employment discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color or national origin. The order also required all of the U.S. Armed Services, including the United States Marine Corps, to recruit and enlist African Americans. Despite an era thick with racial discrimination, Black recruits lined up by the thousands to defend the freedoms of people abroad, while still being denied basic unalienable rights at home.

Among the inaugural class of Black Montford Marines were Johnny Thompskins and the late Joe Cobbs. Thompskins, a man of small stature but enormous courage; and Cobbs, who developed a strong work ethic while working his family’s farmland, received basic training at the segregated Camp Montford Point in North Carolina because no Black recruit was allowed to enter the main base of nearby Camp Lejeune unless accompanied by a white Marine.

Nevertheless, these two men were unafraid by the onslaught of World War II. They understood that victory in war was only achievable with the talent of its Black citizens. As a result, these men served their country with distinction, charted uncharted territory, and set the bar for exemplary African American servicemen.

Mr. Speaker, on a similar note, at 94 years old, Luke Martin, Jr. is widely known around the state of North Carolina as one of a few living children of Civil War veterans. His father, Luke Martin, Sr. was a slave in Hertford County when he bravely joined the Union Army to fight for the freedoms of his loved ones.

Due to his father’s efforts to help gain civil rights for Blacks, Martin Jr. was able to become a distinguished mason who has earned enormous respect for building several structures across Craven County.

Today, Thompskins and Martin both reside in New Bern. Cobbs also lived there until his passing in May.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing these men, who will forever remain a cornerstone in American history.

HONORING MATTHEW LEVIN

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of my friend Matthew Levin, the Southeastern States Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Matt has shown outstanding leadership in the development and coordination of AIPAC’s political and grassroots objectives. It is an honor to commemorate his years of dedicated service in strengthening the United States’ relationship with our great ally Israel.

A native of South Florida, Matt graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in political science

from the University of South Florida in Tampa. He first joined the Washington, DC, office of AIPAC in 1987, where he served as a Field Organizer for pro-Israel communities throughout the United States. Matt traveled extensively throughout the Northeast, Midwest and Southwest to speak about the importance of the United States-Israel relationship and encourage citizen involvement in the American political process. From this wealth of experience, Matt has gained an extensive background in politics and foreign policy.

Matt’s impact in the Jewish community of South Florida and the United States extends beyond his work with AIPAC. For six years, Matt served in BBYO, one of the world’s leading Jewish organizations, where he demonstrated his passion for convening and connecting Jewish teenagers of all backgrounds, while motivating them to make a difference in the world. In 1981, Matt rose to become the Gold Coast Council President of BBYO.

It is an honor to congratulate Matt, his wife Danielle and their sons Jakob, Cooper and Noah, as they celebrate Matt’s outstanding work and leadership. Matt Levin has dedicated 25 years to strengthening the U.S.-Israel relationship, a commitment he and I both share. I applaud his efforts and look forward to working with him to strengthen our community at home and throughout the world in the years to come.

INTRODUCING THE WILD OLYMPICS WILDERNESS AND SCENIC RIVER ACT OF 2012

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker. Today I am proud to be introducing the Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic River Act of 2012, which will provide critical protection of key forested areas and rivers in the State of Washington. This bill, a result of more than two years of work by my staff and the staff of Washington Senator PATTY MURRAY, is a consensus effort that adds critical protection for sources of clean drinking water and preserves critical salmon and steelhead habitat. It creates more than 126,000 acres of new wilderness on the Olympic National Forest and designates 19 new Wild and Scenic Rivers and their tributaries in the National Forest, in Olympic National Park and on Washington Department of Natural Resources land.

I am particularly proud that the final version of this bill that is being introduced today has evolved through a long consultative process that included extensive local community input from Tribes, conservation groups, timber communities, business leaders, shellfish growers, farmers, local elected officials, hunters, anglers, mountain bikers, hikers, federal and state land managers and the general public. The result, in my judgment, is a common sense solution that offers permanent protection to some of the most spectacular of the Olympic Peninsula’s public lands—without having a significant impact on timber jobs or recreational access.

In our great state of Washington, Mr. Speaker, we cherish the ability of our citizens to have access to the natural beauty of our region, especially areas that remain pristine and