

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

AVIATION SECURITY STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1447, the Aviation Security Stakeholder Participation Act of 2011, which amongst other things amends title 49 of the United States Code to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee (ASAC).

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) established the ASAC in 1989 following the bombing of Pan American World Airways Flight 103. When the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was established, the sponsorship of the ASAC transferred to TSA. Despite significant contributions to TSA policymaking, particularly with respect to air cargo security, and strong support from aviation security stakeholders who participated in the ASAC, TSA allowed the ASAC's charter to expire.

H.R. 1447 provides for the establishment of an ASAC to assist and make recommendations to the TSA Assistant Secretary on aviation security matters, including the development and implementation of policies, programs, rulemaking, and security directives pertaining to aviation security. Within the Advisory Committee are three subcommittees: (1) an air cargo security working group, (2) a general aviation working group, and (3) an airport perimeter security working group.

U.S. and industry stakeholders have expressed frustration about the level of dialogue with TSA about the threat of potential attacks. The lack of communication between TSA and stakeholders makes our aviation industry vulnerable to threats such as Yemen insurgents shipping explosive devices on our passenger and cargo airplanes. H.R. 1447 provides us with the tools to reopen these lines of communication between air carriers to aircraft manufacturers from aviation technology security industries to labor organizations.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Committee on Homeland Security, I fought for and strongly supported legislation that protects our homeland and our people. I will continue to support legislation that enables us to stay ahead of any potential threat. That is why I support H.R. 1447, the Aviation Security Stakeholder Participation Act of 2011, and urge my colleagues to do likewise.

HONORING MR. LEONARD ATTMAN

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 28, 2012*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Mr. Leonard Attman and Mrs. Phyllis Attman for their lifelong commitment to making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. We recognize their generosity as the Board Room of Sinai Hospital in Baltimore is named in their honor.

In Baltimore, the Attman name is synonymous with "charity." Over the years, Mr. and Mrs. Attman have worked hard to make a difference in the community through countless philanthropic efforts. In the past, they have made generous donations to support medical research, including groundbreaking studies on breast cancer and brain tumors. Their efforts have brought much-needed support to fields that are often overlooked or are in greater need of further understanding.

In addition to serving as a board member at Sinai and Northwest Hospitals, Mr. Attman's involvement in professional, civic and philanthropic organizations includes membership on the boards of Shosana S. Cardin High School and Beth Tfiloh Brotherhood, as well as the Board of Directors of the Reginald F. Lewis Museum and the Signal 13 Foundation for the Baltimore City Police Department. He actively participates in the activities of many other organizations including the Advisory Board for the Shock Trauma Unit at the University of Maryland Medical Systems.

A longtime business leader, Mr. Attman has more than four decades of experience in residential and commercial real estate development. Mr. Attman was also the founder and serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Future Care, which manages nine nursing home facilities serving more than 1,300 patients and providing employment to more than 1,500 workers.

In all of their business endeavors, the Attmans have always focused on family first. Mr. Attman humbly considers his employees not as subordinates, but as "coworkers." He has worked to do whatever possible to avoid layoffs during the unsteady economic times in recent years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Mr. Leonard and Mrs. Phyllis Attman. Their compassion and dedication to the Baltimore community and Sinai Hospital is an inspiration to us all. It is with great pride that I congratulate them on their exemplary service to their community and our country and wish them many more years of success.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAN BOLLINGER, SR.

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 28, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Dan Bollinger, Sr. as he retires after over thirty years of illustrious service as an executive of regional development organizations in Georgia. A celebration will be held in his honor on Thursday, June 28, 2012 at the Camilla Depot in Camilla, Georgia at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Bollinger, a native of Missouri, was raised in a small town of 600 people. He graduated from the University of Missouri—Columbia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He also pursued a higher level of education in the field of Community and Economic Development.

A strong leader with an exceptional work ethic, Mr. Bollinger is currently the Executive Director of Southwest Georgia Regional Commission, a planning agency that serves 14 Georgia counties including Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, and Worth. The SWGRC is responsible for assisting local governments with comprehensive planning in land and economic development. Mr. Bollinger has held the position of Executive Director since 1994.

In the past, Mr. Bollinger has also served as president of the National Association of Development Organizations and of the Georgia Association of Regional Development Centers as well as serving as Executive Director of the Missouri Bootheel Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission for 11 years. Additionally, he was vice president of the Bank of Chaffee in Missouri.

Mr. Bollinger also served our country for four years in the United States Air Force. He volunteered as president of the Chaffee, Missouri Chamber of Commerce for two terms. Additionally, he umpired baseball and fast pitch softball and refereed basketball for 25 years on the amateur level. Since moving to Georgia, he has become an avid tennis player and golfer.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." As a leader, Mr. Bollinger recognized the importance of serving others.

It cannot be disputed that Dan Bollinger, Sr. has achieved numerous successes in his life. However, none of this would have been possible without the enduring love and support of his loving wife, Lynn, and wonderful children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. Bollinger for his outstanding professional achievements and his dedicated service to Southwest Georgia.

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