

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

STEVE EBNER TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Steve Ebner. Since 2006, Mr. Ebner has served as Fire Chief at the Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Department and on August 1, he will step down from this position.

Beginning his career as a volunteer in Maryland, Mr. Ebner worked for nearly 42 years in the fire service industry. His experience gained him teaching positions at both the University of Maryland and San Juan College Fire Science Programs. In 2006, after many distinguished years of service, the Fort Lewis Fire Department appointed Mr. Ebner to the fire chief position.

During his time at Fort Lewis Mesa, Mr. Ebner was essential to the development and expansion of the fire department. With improved training sessions and enhanced services, Mr. Ebner advanced the department's ability to perform. His leadership and commitment to the community were also recognized this past spring when eight department members shaved their heads in support of Mr. Ebner's battle with chemotherapy.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Chief Steve Ebner. I rise today to thank him for his work on behalf of the state of Colorado, and I wish him the best in his fight against cancer.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday July 17 and Wednesday July 18, 2012, I was not present for recorded votes and was with my constituents in my district preparing for and attending tornado recovery related events with the First Lady of the United States.

If I were present, I would have voted in the following way:

Tuesday July 17

H.R. 6018—To authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes—voted “yes.”

S. 2009—Insular Areas Act of 2011—voted “yes.”

Wednesday July 18

H.R. 5872—Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012—voted “yes.”

McCullum Amendment to H.R. 5856—Reduces Military Retirement Funds (for military bands) by \$187,770,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account—voted “no.”

Kingston/McCollum Amendment to H.R. 5856—Reduces the amount of Defense Department funding for professional sports spon-

sorships by \$72,300,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account—voted “yes.”

Quigley Amendment to H.R. 5856—Reduces the Navy Shipbuilding and Conversion account by \$988 million (funding for one DDG-51 Destroyer) and applies the savings to the spending reduction account—voted “no.”

Cohen Amendment (#1) to H.R. 5856—Reduces the Navy Cruiser Modernization account by \$506,660,000 and increases the Defense Health Program (for cancer research) account by \$470 million—voted “no.”

Pompeo Amendment to H.R. 5856—Strikes the \$250 million Rapid Innovation Fund from the bill and applies the savings to the spending reduction account—voted “no.”

Markey Amendment (#1) to H.R. 5856—Reduces the funding for ground based missile defense by \$75 million and applies the savings to the spending reduction account—voted “no.”

Amash Amendment to H.R. 5856—Allows outsourcing of Defense-related work and strikes the requirement that such outsourcing be done on a competitive and cost-beneficial basis—voted “no.”

Cohen Amendment (#2) to H.R. 5856—Reduces the Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund by \$175 million and applies the savings to the spending reduction account—voted “no.”

Cicilline Amendment to H.R. 5856—Strikes the \$375 million in funding for the Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund and applies the savings to the spending reduction account—voted “no.”

Woolsey Amendment (#1) to H.R. 5856—Reduces total defense funding by \$181 million—the same amount that the FY13 Transportation/HUD bill cut the Federal Transit Administration—voted “no.”

Markey Amendment (#2) to H.R. 5856—Prohibits the use of funds to operate or maintain more than 300 land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs)—voted “no.”

Woolsey Amendment (#2) to H.R. 5856—Reduces funding in the bill by \$293,900,000—the same amount as was cut in the proposed FY13 Labor/HHS appropriations bill for Title X Family Planning (zeroing out the account)—voted “no.”

Woolsey Amendment (#3) to H.R. 5856—Reduces funding in the bill by \$1,700,000,000—the same amount as the Republican budget cut the Social Services Block Grant program (zeroing out the account)—voted “no.”

Lee Amendment to H.R. 5856—Reduces funding for the Overseas Contingency Operation (OCO) by \$21 billion, excluding: the Defense Health Program; Defense Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities; the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund; and the Office of the IG—voted “no.”

King (IA) Amendment to H.R. 5856—Prohibits the use of funds to be used to implement, administer, or enforce the requirements in the Davis-Bacon Act—voted “no.”

RECOGNIZING THE FLINN FAMILY AS THE 2012 SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Flinn family for being selected as the Santa Rosa County, Florida Outstanding Farm Family for 2012.

Shannon Flinn first began farming with his father in his native Illinois. From a young age, he has always been actively involved in all aspects of farming and personifies the spirit of American ingenuity that has helped make our Nation prosperous. His hands-on experience helped develop a natural aptitude for finding unique solutions to complex problems. In 1972, Shannon moved to Santa Rosa County, Florida, and in 1989, he and his wife, Audra, were married. Audra plays an instrumental role in their success, especially during the planting and harvesting seasons.

The Flinn family embodies the industrious nature and household unity that characterizes our Nation's family farmers. Today, along with their three children, the Flinns farm peanuts, cotton, corn, and soybeans on 500 acres of land in Northwest Florida. Sheldon, 16 years of age, is known as an excellent operator and is skilled at using essential farm equipment to plow, plant, and harvest the crops. Aaron, still relatively young at the age of 11, is a helpful worker who has already developed the patience required to think through problems that routinely arise on the farm. Megan, their oldest child, currently attends nursing school, but still finds time to help out on the farm when she is able.

The Flinn family is also very active in their local church and Cobbtown Christian Academy, where Sheldon and Aaron attend school. Shannon also serves on both the Santa Rosa County Farm Bureau Board and the Jay Peanut Farmers Cooperative Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, our great Nation was built by farmers and their families. The Santa Rosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year Award is a reflection of the Flinns' tireless work and their dedication to family, faith and farming. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Flinn family for this great accomplishment. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

H.R. 4367

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 4367, a bill which would remove the current requirement under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act that ATM machines

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