

generation capacity between 2012 and 2016—approximately 8.5 percent of the total 2011 capacity. The 9 gigawatt retirement in 2012 will be the largest single year reduction in coal fired capacity in history—but EIA projects that figure will be exceeded by a 10 gigawatt retirement of coal capacity in 2015. EIA estimates that more than 55 coal generating units will be taken off line in 2012 alone.

Losing coal generation capacity is bad for the future reliability of our electrical grid as well as for the cost of electricity in the long term. Natural gas prices are low today. In the event natural gas prices were to increase—something that certainly has happened before—a lack of coal generation capacity would cause utility rates to skyrocket. My state has an abundance of natural gas as well as coal, and I want to see both of these fuels succeed and maintain their roles as the two largest generators of electricity in our country.

Regulating coal out of our nation's energy portfolio is not a responsible long term course. It has been said that the United States is the Saudi Arabia of coal. Our country has 260 billion short tons of recoverable coal—enough to meet existing production levels for 222 years.

Low cost energy aids in job growth not only in the energy sector, but in manufacturing, transportation, and across our economy. The best way to provide low cost energy for businesses and for individuals for years to come is to avoid over regulating any single energy source, and instead allow both coal and natural gas to be produced and utilized as the free market dictates.

Our current regulatory environment chooses winners and losers in the energy markets—and there is no question that this administration has chosen coal to be the biggest loser.

The Stop the War on Coal Act takes responsible steps that allow both for environmental protection and economic protection. I encourage my colleagues to support the legislation this week.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LANCE
CORPORAL CLARK CAVALIER

HON. BILL CASSIDY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Louisiana's most heroic sons, Lance Corporal Clark Cavalier, 2nd Battalion 8th Marines, from the city of Plaquemine in Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District.

While out on patrol in Afghanistan on April 24, 2011, Lance Corporal Cavalier nearly died in an IED explosion. Almost mortally wounded, and losing both of his legs, he is now on the road to recovery. Clark is known as a grunt, the boots on the ground who take the fight to the enemy every day. In honor of his courage and his selfless sacrifice, I hereby submit that the text of the poem "The Couragejun Cajun!", penned by Albert Caswell, be placed in the RECORD.

THE COURAGEJUN CAJUN!

The Couragejun Cajun!
What is courage all about?
In times of war,
there are but all those who our peace is so
insure no doubt!
Who so go where angels so fear to tread!

Who cheat death and when almost mortally wounded,
while living by a thread through the darkness of death come out!
Teaching us all what courage is all about!
Who Dat?
Dat's Lance Corporal Clark Cavalier!
From Dat Bayou State, Dat's an American Hero so very clear!
From that great State of Louisiana, where men come from without fear!
Dat's, A United States Marine!
One of the greatest things,
Dat D'his country Dat ever seen!
Dressed,
all so heroically all in Dat D'hose Shades of Dat Green!
Who upon a battlefield of honor,
Dat Did so convene!
For he's a grunt,
ever on the hunt for an enemy to confront!
While, out on patrol he almost lost his life so!
When, and IED took his two strong legs,
and death but lie just moments away!
But could not take his heart that day!
As this young hero from the south,
So rose up and so showed us what Dat courage is Dat courage is Dat all about!
As this Couragejun Cajun's courage would so Dat shout!
And What Dat Honor and Duty, and Courage are all about!
Dat's Da Truth no Dat Doubt!
And his New Orleans Saints well he just can't live without!
Yea, one day he wants to smoke a gar with Drew,
and shoot the Breese and talk about!
But, right now he got mountains to so climb no doubt!
All out on that road to recovery!
As Dat's a place where we will discover we!
What Dat Couragejun Cajun is all about you must believe!
Because, not even a GATOR could slow this man down!
And every day is Fat Tuesday in this man's heart, SO HOW!
BECAUSE THIS DADDY, DON'T CRAWL!
And there's nothing going to slow him down, not Dat ALL!
As he so Dat Teaches,
And so DAT Beseeches Us all in what's his heart so sounds!
Because, arms and legs we all need,
But it's Dat with his great heart Dat Clark gains Dat speed!
and we can live without!
but, without Dat Couragejun Heart,
we will surely perish as no doubt!
And Dat'd What Lance Corporal Cavalier is all about!
And one day when Dat Da Saints Come Marching In,
up in Heaven he will be up front with Dat all them no doubt!
For Heroes come in all shapes and sizes,
but it's really what's Dat Dere In Der Heart's which so comprises!
Who they are!
As why down on the Bayou,
why you as a hero Clark are so seen!
And yes Clark,
Marine, with your Couragejun Cajun heart you so shine like a star!
For you have people to so touch,
and so many hearts to so heal as such!
All in what Dat your fine Couragejun Cajun heart,
has to so Dat reveal!
Oooh . . . Rah . . . Dat Jar Head!

IN HONOR OF THE VILLAGE OF
BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio. Since 1903, the Village of Brooklyn Heights has been an exemplary community within Northeast Ohio.

Originally a part of Brooklyn Township, which was established in 1818, Brooklyn Heights' residents seceded from the township to form their own village. On February 28, 1903, the Village of Brooklyn Heights was officially established.

What was once an area of predominately farmland is now full of residential homes and interstate highways. Despite only comprising 1.8 square miles of land, Brooklyn Heights is a desirable area for industry and for raising a family.

Today, the Village of Brooklyn Heights is home to approximately 1,600 residents who are led by Mayor Michael Procuk. There are six members on the Village Council: John Black, Bruce Cichocki, Michael D'Amico, Leslie Foote, Tom Lahiff, Jennifer Presot and Henry Stankiewicz.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the Village of Brooklyn Heights and all of its residents.

RECOGNIZING THE GIRL SCOUTS
COUNCIL OF TROPICAL FLORIDA

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Girl Scouts Council of Tropical Florida, an organization dedicated to empowering girls so that they can become exemplary leaders of our community by building courage, confidence, and character.

On August 1, 1963 the Girl Scout Council of Dade County merged with the Florida Keys Girl Scout Council to develop into the Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida, now enriching the lives of more than 20,000 girls and 3,600 adults from Miami-Dade and Monroe counties.

Girl Scouts Council of Florida has prepared numerous activities throughout South Florida to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, a movement that started in Georgia with only 18 girls and that has grown to more than 3.2 million members nationwide.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Board of Directors: Irela Bague, Wanda Hewitt, Lillian A. Walby, Alice N. Bravo, Georgia McLean, Nancy Pastroff, Maria D. Tejera, Lilly Monzon Aguirre, Carolann Baldyga, Guillermo "Bill" Cruz, Elvira Dopico, Melissa A. Dunn, Frank Fernandez, Lourdes Fernandez, Maria I. Gonzalez, Johnette Hardiman, Althea Harris, Jenny Arias May, Joyce Ann Hanks Moorehead, Grace O'Donnell, Jack Plunkett, Jr., Lisa D. Sparks, Margarita Villoch, Margarita Weidener, Peggy Wingard, and Mary Young; the Council Nominating Committee: