

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position for the record on a vote cast during consideration of H.R. 658, The FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011.

On rollcall vote No. 212, cast March 31st, 2011, I voted "aye." It was my intention to vote "no" on Amendment No. 18 offered by Congressman GINGREY of Georgia.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MODEEN
BROWN IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Modeen Brown in honor of Women's History Month. I thank you for giving us all an opportunity to celebrate the life of this truly remarkable leader.

Mrs. Modeen Brown rose from the cotton patches of Georgia to the Governor's Mansion in Colorado. As an African American woman, Modeen is a shining example of how minority women can succeed through a commitment to excellence in education. Prior to 1980, Women's History Month did not exist. Ms. Brown, like many other women, validated the necessity of celebrating women. Raised in a time when few African Americans—let alone women—attended college, Modeen was determined to change that standard. A devoted mother of five, she had always instilled in her children the importance of education.

Modeen was born on a Georgia farm and raised by her loving aunt upon the death of her mother. Inspired by her aunt's strength and selflessness, Modeen developed a strong work ethic. She passed this essential trait on to her children, evident in the fact that all of them have obtained bachelor degrees or higher. Three of Mrs. Brown's children have graduated from the University of Florida and her oldest daughter, Angela, has served as a teacher for children with special needs for the past thirty years. Her daughter, Carolyn, is currently a major in the Sheriff's department of Bradenton, FL. Shariel, her third child, once played for the Florida Gators and now works for ESPN. Mrs. Brown's only son, Ernest, is a physician and her youngest daughter, Nyra, is an actress. Mrs. Brown is a proud grandparent of seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mrs. Brown's high expectations and strong work ethic have been clearly passed down, apparent from her 13-year old granddaughter who is a straight A student attending a specialized school and Ernest's daughter, Charisse, who recently graduated from Harvard with a PhD in biochemistry.

Modeen's strong dedication and hard work was not restricted to education. In her professional life, she coordinated the fundraising for former Lt. Governor of Colorado George Brown, who later became her husband. Mr. Brown, who passed away in 2006, was the first African American to hold statewide office in Colorado.

Mrs. Brown is a prime example of the fact that women can accomplish great things. Her daughter, Carolyn, and her granddaughter, Shariel, are a testament to women succeeding in nontraditional career paths and her granddaughter, Charisse, has proved that education is the great equalizer among races and classes. Modeen's support of her late husband excludes what it means to lead by serving. Mrs. Modeen Brown has truly made a difference in the lives of many, and I am privileged to recognize her as a hard worker and brilliant leader in honor of Women's History Month.

CONGRATULATING JIM
SHACKLEFORD ON THE OCCA-
SION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM
TECO COAL

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jim Shackleford, the president of TECO Coal, in honor of his retirement after contributing more than 27 years to the TECO Energy subsidiary and thousands of families in the Appalachian coal fields.

Jim Shackleford is both an astute businessman and a dedicated humanitarian. Under his watch, TECO Coal sales increased from an annual one million tons of coal for one utility, to annual sales of nine million tons of coal to third-party international and domestic customers. Mr. Shackleford's vision for TECO Coal amounted to hundreds of high-paying jobs across all six TECO Coal operations for families in central Appalachia.

With a heart of compassion, Mr. Shackleford structured TECO Coal as a good steward of the communities in which it operates. He awarded thousands of dollars of donations to various community organizations, emergency response groups and schools. He established the TECO Coal Children's Fund to provide clothing and toys to about one thousand underprivileged youth each year. In addition, many families have food on the table, thanks to TECO's support of local food banks.

Jim Shackleford's impeccable leadership skills have been coveted by organizations across southern and eastern Kentucky. He is a member of the Kentucky Coal Association board of directors and is a former chairman. He served as the former chairman of the board of the Whitley County Forward in the Fifth, was an advisory board member for Baptist Regional Medical Center and served on the Corbin Little League Board of Directors.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jim Shackleford. I congratulate him on his retirement and wish him all the best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CON-
GRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY
COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUT-
STANDING SERVICE TO THE
COMMUNITY—BRIANNA
BURNSTAD

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the third district's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

President George H.W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

I decided to volunteer with Upward Basketball at Christ United Methodist Church. Upward Basketball is a Christian affiliated basketball league for elementary aged children of any faith. The program focuses on providing a fun experience for all of the players and is a league that guarantees equal playing time for each player. While volunteering I had a variety of tasks to accomplish. I helped prepare the gym for both practices and games. This included preparing the basketball hoops, setting out bleachers and benches, and providing the coaches with any materials needed. After practices, I read devotionals to some of the children that included bible stories and topics such as teamwork and good sportsmanship. I believe I made a difference in my community because I was able to help create a fun, energetic and

safe environment for children within the community. I was also able to set a positive example for the children through my actions and emphasize the importance of service and kindness.

—*Brianna Burnstad.*

**HONORING JENNIFER STIMPSON
FOR HER WORK WITH THE DAL-
LAS "CEASE THE GREASE" PRO-
GRAM**

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the residents of the Thirtieth Congressional District of Texas, I want to congratulate my friend, Jennifer Stimpson for her work with the Dallas, "Cease the Grease" program. Jennifer who is science faculty with The Hockaday School, is helping citizens understand the benefits of recycling used cooking oil.

Jennifer, a scientist by profession, has taken her passion to the classroom, incorporating within her lectures the "how-to's" of converting used cooking oil into bio-fuel. Jennifer Stimpson's passion is what will ultimately get more young people involved in the sciences. I am so proud when I hear of leaders like Jennifer who are thinking outside of the box. We need more individuals like Jennifer who are finding new creative ways to inspire many more future generations to pursue rewarding careers in science and engineering.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of science and engineering. As a country we have been falling behind other nations in Math and Science education for several years now. The number of scientific papers published by Americans is declining. Americans are receiving fewer Nobel Prizes in the sciences. There is evidence that the foundation of our innovation-based economy is experiencing dangerous deterioration. For America, this is unacceptable.

Jennifer, I congratulate you and wish you much continued success. Our nation is a better place because we have individuals such as you. I ask all of my colleagues to join in celebrating Jennifer Stimpson on her many accomplishments and dedication to educating our nation's future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably delayed and my vote was not recorded on rollcall No. 213. Had I been present I would have voted "no" for the following reasons:

1. The underlying bill, H.R. 1255 is unconstitutional because it violates Article 1, Section 7, Clause 2 of the Constitution which states "Every bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, be-

fore it become a law, be presented to the President of the United States."

2. The underlying bill will "deem" H.R. 1 as signed into law, which waives the constitutional requirement of having legislation pass both the House and the Senate and signed by the President before it becomes a law.

3. H.R. 1 is a reckless bill that destroys jobs, slashes critical funding for education, homeland security, and public health.

4. This violates section 426(a) of the Congressional Budget Act by imposing an unfunded mandate.

**FAA REAUTHORIZATION AND
REFORM ACT OF 2011**

SPEECH OF

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 658) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes:

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of the amendment offered by my colleague, Representative MILLER of Michigan. It is important that the FAA work with other federal agencies, including the National Guard, to integrate Unmanned Aerial Systems into the National Airspace System.

My district is the home of the 174th Attack Wing of the Air National Guard that uses Hancock Field in Syracuse. They use Unmanned Air Vehicles, UAVs, that currently must be transported to and from Fort Drum in order to perform their mission.

It is important that the FAA integrate these UAVs into the National Airspace System as quickly and safely as possible. In addition to performing a critical mission for national security, the 174th is responsible for 1300 jobs in the Syracuse area. Finding a way to get the federal agencies to work together to allow UAVs to operate out of Hancock Field is important to the economy of this region.

I strongly support this amendment and encourage the Chairman of the Transportation Committee to protect and strengthen this provision in conference.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR
WEAPONS ABOLITION AND ECO-
NOMIC AND ENERGY CONVER-
SION ACT OF 2011**

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Nuclear Weapons Abolition and

Economic and Energy Conversion Act of 2011, a version of which I have introduced since 1994, after working with the District of Columbia residents who were responsible for the Nuclear Disarmament and Economic Conversion ballot initiative passed by DC voters in 1993. This version of the bill now requires the United States to negotiate an international agreement to disable and dismantle its nuclear weapons by 2020 and provides for strict control of fissile material and radioactive waste and for use of nuclear free energy resources. The bill continues to provide that the funds used for nuclear weapons programs be redirected towards human and infrastructure needs, such as housing, health care, Social Security and the environment. The bill is particularly timely as Congress continues to make cuts to important human and infrastructure programs and as the world confronts nuclear catastrophe in Japan. This year, I introduce the bill to recognize the Alliance of Nuclear Accountability's DC Days 2011, beginning on Monday, and in memory of William Thomas, who died in 2009 after demonstrating in front of the White House in an anti-nuclear vigil for nearly 28 years. His efforts were the longest uninterrupted anti-war protest in U.S. history. William Thomas made the cause of peace the centerpiece of his meaningful life and was an example for us all.

Following years of dangerous increases in U.S. nuclear capacity during the George W. Bush administration, President Barack Obama has begun to rebuild U.S. credibility with his goal of taking the necessary steps to achieve a world without nuclear weapons. The President's strong push for the New START treaty last year, when Republicans seemed adamant on stalling it, resulted in ratification by the Senate. The treaty requires the two major nuclear powers, Russia and the United States, continue to reduce nuclear weapons by mutually reducing their nuclear warheads by half and their number of intercontinental ballistic missiles and missile launchers, and, within sixty days of the treaty's entry into force, on February 5, 2011, submit to on-site inspections of strategic nuclear weapons facilities by the weapons experts of the other country.

Despite the progress embodied by the New START treaty, the events of the last few weeks remind us of the urgent need to rid the world of nuclear weapons. The tragic nuclear catastrophe in Japan, a result of a massive earthquake and tsunami, demonstrates another, perhaps even more likely, nuclear peril. Radiation has been detected around the world since the Fukushima nuclear plant meltdown. It is painfully ironic that the one country that has been attacked with nuclear weapons is now struggling to control its own nuclear capability after the plant meltdown. The U.S. has an obligation to lead in ridding the world of nuclear weapons.

Today, our country has a long list of urgent domestic needs that have been put on the back burner even though millions of Americans have lost their homes and jobs. As the only nation that has used nuclear weapons in war, and that still possesses the largest nuclear weapons arsenal, I urge support for my bill to help the United States lead the world in redirecting funds that would otherwise go to nuclear weapons to instead be available for urgent domestic needs.