

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL RIGHT-TO-CARRY RECIPROCITY ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 822) to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State:

Mr. KIND. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong support of the National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act, H.R. 822. Not only am I a proud cosponsor of this legislation but I am also a firm and committed supporter of Second Amendment rights. This legislation will ensure further protection of this vital right by allowing law abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons across state lines.

On November 1st of this year, Wisconsin became the 49th state to implement a concealed carry law. The first day the law went into effect, the Wisconsin State Department of Justice website had 400,000 hits and residents had downloaded 83,000 applications. It is clear that Wisconsinites were eager to take advantage of this new law. Given the strong interest this law has garnered in my state and in other states throughout the country, I believe that it is only logical to extend this right across state lines.

The bill allows law-abiding gun owners with valid state-issued concealed firearm permits or licenses to carry a concealed firearm in any other state that also allows concealed carry. In all actuality, with all but one state allowing concealed carry, this legislation doesn't break that much new ground. In fact, for the majority of states that have had concealed carry laws on the books for some time now; they have been recognizing permits from other states for years. As can be the case, the state by state approach has caused confusion. This legislation will eliminate any uncertainty by putting in place simple and concise federal policy.

This is a widely supported bill with 245 bipartisan House cosponsors. Given the strong support here in Congress and the increased interest in states throughout the country, it is my hope that the Senate will follow our lead and pass this legislation. It would be a great victory to have this become law this year.

DR. MANERT KENNEDY TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marine Corps Veteran Dr. Manert Kennedy. Dr. Kennedy was a professor at Adams State College and CU Boulder, where he

taught Genetics and Biology until retiring in 1995.

Dr. Kennedy is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. His career in education and in the military afforded him the opportunity to conduct research in over 48 different countries, including making 27 separate trips to Korea where he first visited while serving in the Marines in 1951.

Dr. Kennedy reflected upon his time in the military, including his participation in the battle of Chosin Reservoir, stating that it "defined [him] as the person [he is] today."

After his service, Dr. Kennedy attended Butler University where he played football, earned his bachelor's degree, and started a family.

Dr. Kennedy is a shining example of the honor and devotion that so many of our uniformed servicemen and women exemplify.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Dr. Manert Kennedy. His love for his country and sense of duty and responsibility is something we should all strive to replicate.

SUPPORT FOR THE ARTIFICIAL PANCREAS

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for advancement of the artificial pancreas, a transformative medical technology under consideration at the Food and Drug Administration that would help millions of Americans who suffer from diabetes.

In my home state of Ohio, approximately 900,000 people have diabetes—nearly 10 percent of the state's population. This unforgiving disease is not only the leading cause of kidney failure and adult-onset blindness, it also causes more than 80,000 amputations each year and increases the chance of suffering a heart attack.

The toll of diabetes is not limited to health. Americans spend \$174 billion each year in diabetes-related treatments, with a significant portion of that figure going toward addressing long-term complications. With millions of lives at stake and billions of dollars being spent, this is a disease that demands our attention and we must strive to find better treatments for it until a cure is found.

The artificial pancreas is one such technology that automatically adjusts blood sugar levels for people with type 1 diabetes. With this technology, people will see optimal blood sugar control and as a result, significant reductions in complications associated with type 1 diabetes. Furthermore, an independent study has projected that Medicare will save \$2 billion over 25 years once this technology is finally available to the diabetes community.

Currently, this technology is awaiting draft guidance from the Food and Drug Administration as to how clinical trials can proceed. The

FDA has a self-imposed deadline of December 1st to issue this draft guidance and it is my sincere hope that they will not only meet this goal, but will give full credence to clinical expert recommendations so as to assure that this life-saving technology can safely and quickly be put in the hands of the people who need it.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO COMBAT BULLYING IN SCHOOLS

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, a fundamental principle of our nation's education system is that all schools should provide students with a safe environment that allows them to learn without fear of harassment or discrimination. Unfortunately, we are not doing nearly a good enough job to provide this type of environment for our children, as far too many students go to school every day facing anti-LGBT bullying and discrimination. Allowing this sort of atmosphere to exist anywhere is unconscionable and wrong.

Over the last fifty years, the federal government has taken action to require that all schools receiving federal funds prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, and age. These laws are now in desperate need of updating, in order to expressly protect students from discrimination and harassment on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. This gap has left students and guardians with limited legal recourse in case of discrimination and harassment, and the federal government currently faces a dearth of information on how deep the problem runs. As a result, I am adding my name as a cosponsor to H.R. 998 and H.R. 1648 to help address these issues. While this law would place additional reporting requirements on cash-strapped school districts, I hope the federal government can work with states to share in this burden.

Studies have shown just how detrimental an impact this type of treatment can have on LGBT youth. Among the many potential consequences of anti-LGBT bullying are increased absenteeism, academic underachievement, and serious health consequences. The need for this legislative change has only been made more acute recently, as we have seen far too many tragic deaths arise from the terrors of bullying in schools. I refuse to stand by and let any more suicides occur among students who were not sufficiently protected from harassment at school.

While these bills address discriminatory activities occurring on school grounds, we must also encourage parents in every state to provide safe, healthy environments at home. This

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is particularly important as we continue to see a steep rise in cyber bullying, which can further isolate youth in desperate need of an open and honest environment. I look forward to working with my colleagues to modernize our federal laws to recognize this serious and growing problem as well.

A TRIBUTE TO JEFF MANTO AND
THE 21ST CENTURY LEARNING
CENTER IN BRISTOL BOROUGH

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jeffrey Paul Manto, former Major League Baseball player and longtime resident of Bristol, Pennsylvania. This Saturday, Jeff will be honored by the 21st Century Learning Center in Bristol Borough as "Person of the Year," for his community support and involvement with the center's After School Steering Committee.

Mr. Manto was born at Lower Bucks Hospital in Bristol, Pennsylvania on August 23, 1964. Jeff was the third of four children of Michael and Antoinette "Toni" Manto. His father was a Magisterial District Judge in Bristol Borough and his mother was a homemaker. Mike and Toni encouraged all of their children to excel in every arena in which they participated. This encouragement was the guiding force that helped Jeff develop his baseball acumen, which was the predominant sport played on the streets in his closely knit neighborhood, called the "Avenues." At Bristol High School, Jeff was a star athlete. He was the first student-athlete in Bucks County to pass for 1,000 yards in football and score 1,000 points in basketball in the same year. Often overlooked, Jeff also struck out nearly 100 hitters during the baseball season that year.

In 1982, Jeff Manto was selected to All League and All-County first teams in football, basketball and baseball. He was subsequently spotted by a scout and drafted by the New York Yankees, but instead chose to accept a baseball scholarship to Temple University after considering other colleges with equal or better offers to play either football or basketball. His passion was the game of baseball. At Temple, Jeff set the single season record for homeruns and still holds the all-time batting average of .441.

After three years playing Temple baseball, Jeff was drafted in 1985 by the California Angels. By 1990, Manto was a dominant player in the game. He made his Major League debut with the Cleveland Indians and later that year hit his first professional major league homerun, in front of dozens of family members and friends, at Yankee Stadium. By the end of his professional baseball career, Jeff played in three World Series on three different teams: the Philadelphia Phillies, the Cleveland Indians, and the New York Yankees.

Jeff retired from playing professional baseball in 2000 and is known today as one of the game's greatest all-around utility players, recognized for his power hitting and homerun swings. Often referred to as "Mickey Manto," Jeff is the only player from the area with his bat on display at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

On December 7, 1991, Jeff married Denise Louise Sabol of my hometown of Levittown. Jeff and Denise have three children, Gabrielle, Andrea, and Jeffrey Jr. Beyond his career in baseball, Jeff continues to be involved in various community activities in our area, including scouting, coaching, and helping out at the Learning Center in Bristol. Accordingly, for his outstanding athletic, civic, and charitable contributions, Jeff Manto is being honored today.

At the Bristol Borough 21st Century Community Learning Center, children have the opportunity to enrich their lives. Programs and services provided at the Learning Center, which are free and available to Borough residents in grades 6 through 12, include access to tutoring, academic, and cultural enrichment activities. Some of those activities include SAT Prep help, Hip Hop studies, sports, and community service projects. These programs provide opportunities for students to grow socially and emotionally and help them stay away from high-risk activities. Over 200 students attended programs and services in 2010-2011, and an independent report authored by the Bucks County Intermediate Unit that documents students' achievement gains substantiates the level of satisfaction with the Learning Center expressed by teachers and parents.

Thank you once again to Jeff Manto and the Bristol Borough 21st Century Community Learning Center for all that you do for our community. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and devotion to bettering Bucks County. It is my pleasure to speak on your behalf today, and I am truly honored to serve you in Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to record my vote on the House floor for the McCarthy of New York Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 822 on Wednesday, November 16, 2011. I was in a meeting with U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, and others discussing how to move forward with the St. Croix River Crossing Project, a transportation project of critical importance to western Wisconsin. Had I been present, I would have voted against the McCarthy Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 822 (Roll No. 844).

CONGRATULATING CECILIO LAMAR
FOWLER, RECIPIENT OF THE 2011
MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Cecilio Lamar Fowler upon receiving the 2011 Milken Educator Award. Predicated on the maxim "The future belongs to the educated," the Milken Educator Awards have recognized over the last 25 years more than 2,500 teachers, principals, and specialists

who have made outstanding contributions to the education of K-12 students.

Fowler is a teacher of mathematics and geometry at Evans High School in Orlando, Florida. A native of Winter Park, Fowler graduated from Winter Park High School and the University of Florida. In only his second year at Evans High, Fowler has demonstrated a commitment to educating and mentoring, requesting the most challenging students be assigned to his classroom.

Fowler emphasizes the importance of education in student lives and believes nothing provides his students with greater opportunity in life than a good education. He has been praised by Evans High School Principal David Christiansen for reaching students previously considered "unreachable."

Fowler was awarded the Milken Educator Award for the dramatic improvement his students made on state and local tests and for the efficiency and industriousness of his model classroom, where Fowler encourages peer collaboration and works to help his students achieve confidence-building accomplishments, no matter how small. Fowler is the only 2011 Milken Educator Award recipient in Florida.

On behalf of the citizens of Florida's 8th Congressional District, I congratulate Mr. Fowler for his hard work, dedication, and leadership. He is most deserving of the 2011 Milken Educator Award. I hope his investment in Florida's students and Florida's future inspires others to follow in his footsteps.

CONGRATULATING THE ACADEMY
OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Academy of Model Aeronautics located in Muncie, Indiana, for their receipt of the prestigious National Aeronautic Association's Brewer Trophy for youth education. The Brewer Trophy is the nation's highest award for aerospace education and is awarded annually to individuals or organizations who make significant contributions to aerospace education in the United States.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics has a 75-year history of aviation education, and they have impacted millions of young people across the country. They have taught tens of thousands of teachers, community leaders, and students how to build and fly miniature aircraft. In addition to their educational programs, the Academy of Model Aeronautics has given nearly \$800,000 in scholarships to college-bound seniors pursuing careers almost exclusively in engineering, technical, and professional disciplines. The Academy is also strongly invested in science, technology, engineering, and math education programs.

I commend the Academy of Model Aeronautics for their receipt of the prestigious Brewery Trophy and thank them for their numerous contributions to the Muncie community, the State of Indiana, and the nation.