

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

“JUSTICE IS SERVED: THE DEATH OF OSAMA BIN LADEN”

**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 6, 2011*

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate President Obama, his national security team and the members of our armed forces for the recent operation that led to the capture and killing of Al Qaeda's leader, Osama Bin Laden. The operation was conducted in an extremely professional manner and I am pleased that, nearly a decade after the tragedy of September 11, justice has finally been served.

While the fight against terrorism will continue and our military forces remain in harm's way, for a moment, Americans can proudly mark the demise of this symbol of hatred who died with the blood of thousands on his hands. This is a tremendous victory for America and a promise kept to the families of the 9–11 victims. I congratulate everyone involved in this important, historic mission.

THE PROVIDING GAS PRICE RELIEF THROUGH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2011

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 6, 2011*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker with gas prices exceeding \$4 per gallon in much of the country, American families need real action, not meaningless gestures, to help deal with skyrocketing transportation costs. As gas prices continue to rise, people are increasingly turning to mass transit, yet high fuel prices coupled with cuts in local funding have forced nearly 60% of transit agencies nationwide to reduce service or raise fares in recent years. The Republican Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 would make matters worse by making significant cuts in transit funding which will result in more fare hikes, more service cuts, and more pain for American commuters and families.

In response, I am introducing the Providing Gas Price Relief Through Public Transportation Act of 2011 today. This legislation will provide support to struggling and increasingly overwhelmed transit agencies to allow them to maintain service and keep fares low. It ensures that people will have an affordable alternative to driving, and it helps those who need it most.

The bill authorizes \$1.7 billion over two years of additional capital and operating funds for transit agencies to reduce fares and expand transit services. It would increase the Federal share for clean fuel and alternative

fuel transit bus, ferry, or locomotive-related equipment and facilities from 90 percent to 100 percent. The bill would extend transit benefits to all Federal employees. And the bill would establish a two-year vanpool pilot program. Similar legislation was passed by the House in 2008 by a vote of 322–98.

I am pleased to have Representatives HIRONO, FILNER, LARSEN, NADLER, BISHOP, BOSWELL, CUMMINGS, RICHARDSON, QUIGLEY, and LIPINSKI join me as original cosponsors of the bill. I am also pleased to have the support of a number of transit stakeholders including the American Public Transportation Association (AFTP), Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Transportation for America, Association for Commuter Transportation, VPSI, Inc., and AVEGO.

I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this important legislation.

IN HONOR OF STEPHEN SCOTT FEREBEE, JR.

**HON. LARRY KISSELL**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 6, 2011*

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Stephen Ferebee, Jr., a veteran and patriot, a leader in architecture, a champion for education and a remarkable contributor to the betterment of North Carolina.

On June 6, 1944, as a paratrooper with the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Stephen jumped into France on D-Day. He was wounded near Carentan, France, and evacuated to England where Stephen met Mary, his wife of 61 years. Although Stephen would leave active service, he remained in the active Reserves. Rising to the rank of Major General, from December of 1969 through December of 1976, Stephen commanded the 108th Division with units across North and South Carolina. Stephen retired from the active Army Reserve in 1976, yet his selfless service continued. An ambassador for the community, Stephen served in a multitude of prestigious and vitally important roles in support of the community.

These positions included: President, Charlotte East Rotary, 1997–1998; Vice President, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, 1975–76; Board Member, United Community Services, Charlotte, 1977–1982; Board Member, Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte, 1998–2001; Board Member, Opera Carolina, 1988–1991; President, North Carolina State University Alumni Association, 1980–1981, Board of Directors, 1975–1977; Member, Chancellor's Search Committee, North Carolina State University, 1981–1982; President, North Carolina Design Foundation, North Carolina State University, 1966–1968 and 1977–1978; Chair, Special Committee of the North Carolina Chapter, AIA, for the establishment of a new College of Architecture at the University of North Carolina

at Charlotte, 1965–1969; Chair, Advisory Council, College of Architecture, UNC Charlotte, 1965–1969; Member, Dean's Search Committee, College of Architecture, UNC Charlotte, 1975–1976; Member, NAAB Special Committee to review and revise Architectural Accreditation Criteria and Procedures, 1982–1983; Member, Advisory Committee to NC Department of Community Colleges to assist in establishment of architectural technology curricula in North Carolina Community Colleges and Technical Institutes, 1965–1967.

Stephen's personal impact within the architectural profession represents a remarkable and unmatched legacy of selfless service. Stephen's contributions to the advancement of community, education, and architecture have impacted countless others. Stephen was a man who inspired others by leading through example and his life was a commendable example for future generations of architects, community leaders, and educators.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and work of Stephen Scott Ferebee, Jr.

HONORING U.S. ARMY SERGEANT PAUL J. ATIM'S SERVICE IN AFGHANISTAN

**HON. REID J. RIBBLE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 6, 2011*

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life and sacrifice of Sergeant Paul J. Atim. A resident of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Sergeant Atim died while serving our country in the Helmand province of Afghanistan. Sergeant Atim died of wounds suffered April 16, in Nimroz province, Afghanistan when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. Paul Atim died protecting the freedoms we take for granted every day. His heroic sacrifice will not soon be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Atim embodied the best qualities of a true American soldier. He emigrated from Uganda to America in search of a better life. He attended university, and worked hard to provide a good life for his son. He is remembered by friends and family as a man with a courageous and strong spirit who earned the unwavering respect of his peers. Through his exemplary service, Sergeant Paul Atim has made Northeast Wisconsin and his country proud.

It is my honor to commemorate him and I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring the life of Sergeant Paul Atim for the sacrifice he made for the United States.

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