

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING MR. LES CROSS ON HIS NEARLY TWO DECADES OF SUCCESS AT THE HELM OF DJO AND HIS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Les Cross, the CEO and President of DJO Global, Inc., one of the leading global providers of high-quality, orthopedic devices with a broad range of products used for rehabilitation, pain management, and physical therapy. Under his leadership, DJO's impact on the San Diego region has grown tremendously. He is a true testament to the American entrepreneurial spirit.

During his time at DJO, Mr. Cross has implemented a business model that demonstrates creativity and innovation in product development and services. DJO is unique in that it offers healthcare professionals and patients a diverse range of orthopedic rehabilitation solutions to address the entire spectrum of preventative, pre-operative, post-operative, clinical and home rehabilitation care.

Most impressive are his philanthropic efforts. Les Cross has made the Community Outreach Program a priority at DJO. This program has provided exceptional support to

communities in and around the San Diego Area. Some of DJO's largest multi-year contributions to date have been to support the Vista Community Clinic, and the U.S.S. Midway Educational Programs, with employees raising thousands of dollars for Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and many other charitable organizations. Les Cross and DJO have also done extensive work to end the homeless cycle including recognizing North County Solutions for Change with a multi-year sponsorship, and The Monarch School, which provides accredited education to homeless and at-risk kids while caring for basic daily needs. Furthermore, since September 2001, DJO has provided multiple scholarships each year to San Diego children through the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation.

Les Cross has received many honors from the San Diego community including Ernst & Young Master Entrepreneur of the Year, and Boys & Girls Clubs Man of the Year. Most recently in 2010, the Boy Scouts of America and the City of Vista, CA named him Distinguished Citizen of the Year.

Not only has Les Cross played a significant role in the benefit of our community, but he has professionally developed a culture of urgency, accountability, high performance, continuous improvement and teamwork to drive growth and profits through DJO's people. I wish Mr. Cross well in his retirement and thank him for his many years of service to the San Diego area.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2219—THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2012

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer an amendment to H.R. 2219, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2012, which would transfer \$12,000,000 from the account entitled Other Procurement, Army to the account entitled Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide. This transfer would fund the Supply Our Soldiers Act of 2011, which passed the House in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2012.

While our soldiers do not have to pay for the letters they send home, their families often spend hundreds of dollars to send care packages and letters of their own. The program funded by this amendment would provide soldiers serving active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan with one postal voucher every other month to transfer to their loved ones to send letters and packages to these soldiers at no cost.

I fully support this postal benefits program and urge my colleagues to vote in favor of my amendment.

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