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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HIGH-TECH INDUSTRY EXPORT LAWS

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 3, 1999

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to stress the importance of assuring that our export control laws do not unnecessarily hinder the development of the U.S. high-technology industry.

Mr. Speaker, in districts like mine in Oregon, where constituents have suffered the consequences of economic shifts in the logging, fishing, and agricultural sectors, the high-tech industry presents itself as a growth sector and an anchor for future employment. I see the high tech industry as vital for economic development in my district and in the State of Oregon.

The rest of the country should be looking to this sector for employment growth as well. According to the Department of Commerce, between 1995 and 1997 the high tech sector has been responsible for 35% of economic growth in the United States. If things continue at that rate, this industry will almost double its employment numbers over the next six years.

If we saddle this industry with unreasonable unilateral export restrictions, that type of job growth, so badly needed in my district, will go to other nations.

While there are often legitimate national security reasons to restrict high-tech exports, much of our export laws do not keep pace with actual advances in technology.

Mr. Speaker, let me give you an example of how high-tech exports can be unreasonably restricted. The application and approval process to ship a computer—no bigger than the server in many Congressional offices—to Tier III nations can take as along as 30 days.

If we were the only country offering high-speed and powerful personal computers, this might not be a problem. But Mr. Speaker we are not the only nation that can build and sell these machines. By placing unilateral export controls we cede the sales of these computers to our foreign competitors. Let me raise another example of how our export control policy just doesn't make sense. Right now the U.S. government places restrictions on the export of encryption technology. While 128 bit encryption technology is widely available on the Internet and can be easily bought in countries like Canada and Germany, the United States prevents our companies from exporting 128 bit encryption.

This puts U.S. high tech firms at a severe competitive disadvantage. It is for this reason that I have become a co-sponsor of the SAFE act which will bring our trade policy in line with the current state of encryption technology. Our National Security does not depend on these types of unilateral economic sanctions. Our National Security relies on the development of U.S. based high technology companies—who currently supply the United States military with 75% of its high tech national security apparatus. If our U.S. based technology companies are weakened, Mr. Speaker, our own national security is weakened. I would like to thank all of the members of my party who have been working to bring these issues to the forefront. Through their support of bills like the SAFE act we can assure that U.S. trade policies allow U.S. technology firms to grow, while enhancing our own national security.

IN HONOR OF EILEEN THORNTON FOR HER DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS OF NEW JERSEY AND FOR RECEIVING THE "WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT" AWARD

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 3, 1999

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Eileen Thornton for her hard work and dedication to the women of New Jersey and for being presented with the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey "Woman of Achievement" award.

Ms. Thornton has long believed that women play a vital role in our government—that they make an important and significant difference in politics and government. In addition, she believes that women should support women for public office and various positions of governmental authority. Ms. Thornton's commitment to this philosophy has prompted her to be proactive on the national, state, and county levels as a long time supporter and promoter of women's roles in politics.

Ms. Thornton has provided years of service and leadership to the WPC–NJ. Serving as President of WPC–NJ for five of its twenty-seven years, Ms. Thornton has made numerous contributions to the women's political equality movement by participating in campaigns, fundraising activities, strategy and issue development, public relations and news publicity work. She has also organized women's vote drives, emphasizing the necessity for women to exercise their voting power.

In addition, Ms. Thornton has served as President of the National Women's Equity Action League and NJ WEAL, an advocacy organization for women's equality in education, sports, and economy. She is also active in the Business and Professional Women's Federation.

Ms. Thornton exemplifies leadership and dedication to women and the political process. For these tremendous contributions to New Jersey and her incredible example as a public servant, I am very happy to honor Ms. Thornton for her achievements. I salute and congratulate her on these extraordinary accomplishments and for winning the WPC–NJ "Woman of Achievement" award.

IN MEMORY OF DANIEL JOSEPH MCTIGHE

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 3, 1999

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of the late Daniel Joseph McTighe on the fifth anniversary of his death, which occurred in the Spring of 1994, on Friday, May 20. Mr. McTighe was a popular Thoroughbred groom who spent many triumphant moments in the winner's circle at Florida's Hialeah Race Course and in winner's circles along the Eastern Seaboard. An athletic equestrian, Mr. McTighe owned and rode the most temperamental of Thoroughbreds with empathetic strength and grace.

Known for his compassion and extraordinary wit, Danny McTighe, 35, was a vibrant employee of the Florida Thoroughbred industry in the late 1970's. Dedicated to his family, friends, church, and community of Bowie, Maryland, Mr. McTighe usually could be found working outdoors, busy with painting, gardening, carpentry, and photography. Habitually sunburned and lithe, he was quick to give of his talents whenever needed. When the old cemetery of his church was in dire need of repair, Mr. McTighe laughingly exhorted his friend, the kind priest, to take action, saying, "I'll help however I can! Our cemetery looks like the backdrop of a Halloween movie!"

Danny McTighe was immensely popular with children, and he encouraged them to live their dreams. He joked, "Show me a man who keeps his two feet on the ground, and I'll show you a man who can't get his pants off!" A blond with hazel eyes, Mr. McTighe also loved Florida, where he had planned to vacation with his beloved mother, Jane, the week he passed away.

Mr. McTighe was devoted to his brothers and sisters: Shaun, Rory, Katie, Brian, and Bridget. He revered his sisters-in-law, Gayle, Dixie, and Kay, and brother-in-law, Michael Hoyt. And he dearly loved his nieces and nephews: Molly, Kevin, Kim, Adam, and Connor. His eldest sister, Molly, and his father, Jack, preceded him in death, and his nephew, Kellan, was born after his death. Another nephew will be born into the loving McTighe family later this year.

Daniel Joseph McTighe lived the ethos of dedication to God, family, and country. The memory of his easy laughter and constant courage in physical adversity has left an indelible impression on those who knew him.

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