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Dear Patriot,

Greetings to our constituents, fellow Floridians, and all Americans, it is time for our weekly recap. I pray you all had a wonderful 224th Anniversary of the signing of our United States Constitution this past Saturday, commemorating September 17th, 1787.

I must begin by saying congratulations to the Florida Gators for AGAIN defeating my Alma Mater, the Tennessee Volunteers, 33-23 --just gotta love SEC football, a Southern tradition.

This weekend, I had the opportunity to experience a little bit of history. One of our staff members in the Capitol Hill office, JoBeth Banas, got married. Her wedding took place in North Charleston South Carolina, so the West family took a road trip.

The wedding was held outside at the beautiful Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, right along the Ashley River, first established in 1676.

I sat there and reminisced about the great movie, "The Patriot," which was set in the vicinity of that area, with the Santee River just to the north. I thought about how I was at a place which existed before our nation was born and wondered what it was like during the time of our early days struggling for liberty and freedom, and establishing a Constitution for those first 13 states.

We drove back on Sunday, and as we were going down I-95 through Jacksonville, there it was...a little red car with an Obama 2012 bumper sticker...and another bumper sticker that said, "Paying Taxes is Patriotic."

Well, I just could not wait to get back home to South Florida and pen some thoughts.

It seems that this driver is really misinformed. We live in an America where 47% of wage-earning households pay no federal income taxes. Yet, the top 1% of wage earners in America pay 38%, the top 5% of wage earners pay nearly 58%, and the top 25% of wage earners pay 86% of the federal taxes in America. So my question to that driver is...who are the patriots?

I find it unconscionable that the President of the United States is now going to name a tax policy after Warren Buffet. Mr. Buffet has done

Weekly Video Address



"We need action, not rhetoric."

News Highlights



Rep. West Brings Attention to South Florida Drug Problem

Service and Sacrifice

nothing more than game the system and is using his capital gains as a basis for his personal taxation. He unfairly compares that to the personal income tax rate of one of his secretaries.

What if we were to simplify the progressive strata personal income tax code to a broad-based flat tax of 15% with deductions for child tax credit and mortgage interest tax deduction? We can maintain the current rate of capital gains, or even lower the rate to 10%. Then we can zero out dividends tax and estate taxes, forever.

On a similar note, I am waiting for the President to announce the "Immelt Corporate Tax Rate" -- heck, that would make sense. I figure since Mr. Immelt, CEO of GE and also an Obama Czar who got away with GE paying no corporate taxes and making a huge profit -- would serve as another stellar example for the "brilliant" President Obama. My recommendation would be to lower the 35% federal corporate tax rate to 21% and eliminate those loopholes and subsidies, which obviously Mr. Immelt's tax staff is very adept at using.

Ok, pay attention liberals, raising taxes at a time of a fragile economic period is not going to raise revenues. It is counter-productive. Furthermore, if you want to rehabilitate a drug addict, you do not give them more drugs. So if we want to reform the federal government, let us not give it more taxpayer revenue.

Anyway, the President owes the American people -- well, the 53% of them who pay taxes -- a whopping \$535 million for that Solyndra faux pas, and they are not forgetting that, Sir!

Unfortunately, the facts do not support this President or his failed policy proposals... but then again facts, and truth, are just unnecessary obstacles for liberal progressives.

I ask the President a simple question, "Do the billionaires and millionaires of whom you speak include the entertainment and sports elites, your friends who attend those posh concerts and dinners, and the folks you hung out with at Martha's Vineyard, or is it just the hard-working job creators you do not like?" Something tells me this is somewhat of a rhetorical question.

In conclusion, this week, there is a very important vote that may take place at the United Nations. The vote is to unilaterally declare a Palestinian state in the Middle East. This cannot happen until all parties recognize the modern-day State of Israel and denounce all Islamic terrorist organizations immediately threatening Israel. I stand firm in my commitment to Israel, and will support the cessation of funding to the United Nations and the Palestinian Authority if this breach of the peace process is pursued.

I would much rather the United Nations consider statehood for the world's largest ethnic group without a homeland, the Kurdish people, who are allies of America and Israel.

Steadfast and Loyal,

Allen



West Palm Beach resident Fern Sericolo-Panzer and her three sons, all active duty!

Mario M. Sericolo, age 32, is a Sgt. (E-6) in the Army. Mario was born in Cleveland, Ohio but calls Wellington his hometown. He has been in the Army for 13 years, currently stationed at Ft. Lewis in Washington and is a Combat Engineer. He served 3 deployments to Iraq, the last being in 2007 in Masoul near the Turkish border, where he was significantly injured. He is married and has a 2 year old son.

Santino C. Sericolo, age 27, is a 1 Lt. serving with the 303rd Military Intel. Battalion and is currently deployed at Camp Joyce in the Konar Province of Afghanistan, from Ft. Hood, Tx. He was born in Albany, New York but calls Wellington his hometown. After graduating from FAU, Santino joined the Army and graduated from OCS (Officer Candidate School) at Ft. Benning, Ga. in 2009.

Luciano A. Sericolo, age 29, is a Corporal in the Marine Corp. He was born in Albany, New York, but also calls Wellington his hometown. Lou is with the 4th Anglico Unit (Air Navel Gunfire) and has earned his "Gold Wings" as a jumper. He has been in the Marine Corp. for over 5 years and plans on re-enlisting. In 2007 he served locally with the Funeral Honor Guard Unit at our new local National Cemetery, standing guard for his fallen Marine brothers at their funerals and burials. He just returned from advanced training in California.

Mom says:

"My sons are 4th generation



Legislative Lowdown

Week Review:

- **Resolution of Disapproval on the Debt-Limit Increase:** This week, the House approved a resolution to disapprove of a scheduled \$500 billion increase in the statutory debt limit by a vote of 232-186, I VOTED YES. The Budget Control Act (BCA) authorizes Congress to consider a resolution of disapproval of the debt limit increase and provides expedited procedures for its consideration. If the resolution of disapproval is not approved in both chambers, or is vetoed by the President and the veto is not overridden, the debt limit would increase by \$500 billion, for a total initial debt limit increase of \$900 billion (the first tranche provided by the BCA), which coincides with \$917 billion in initial spending reductions. If a resolution of disapproval against the increase becomes law, \$400 billion (the amount the debt ceiling has already increased) would be subject to pro rata sequestration with exceptions for Medicare, defense, veterans, and Social Security. On September 7, 2011, the Senate voted 45-52 to reject a motion to proceed to a Senate resolution of disapproval, S.J. Res 25, which had been introduced by Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY).

- **School Choice:** This week, the House approved H.R. 2218, the Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act, by a vote of 365-54, I VOTED YES. The bill would do the following: provide financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of charter schools; expand the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the nation; evaluate the impact of such schools on student achievement, families, and communities, and share best practices between charter schools and other public schools; encourage States to provide support to charter schools for facilities financing in an amount more nearly commensurate to the amount the States have typically provided for traditional public schools; improve student services to increase opportunities for students with disabilities, English language learners, and other traditionally underserved students to attend charter schools and meet challenging state academic achievement standards; and support efforts to strengthen the charter school authorizing process to improve performance management, including transparency, monitoring, and evaluation of such schools. According to the Congressional Budget Office, implementing H.R. 2218 would cost about \$1 billion over the 2012-2016 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

- **NLRB's Boeing Ruling:** This week, the House approved H.R. 2587, the Protecting Jobs From Government Interference Act, as part of House Republican's regulatory relief and job creation agenda by a vote of 238-186, I VOTED YES. The bill would prohibit the National Labor

military. Their father served in the Army, as did their grandfather (WWII), and Great-grand father (WWI). As their mother, no one could be more proud of her three sons. These are men who have chosen to dedicate themselves to their country. It is not easy, there is always concern involved. I stay busy with volunteer groups. I am a member of Patriot Guard Riders, Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, A Band of Mothers, and am currently the founding member of Blue Star Mothers Florida, Chapter 9 'The Palm Beaches.' If there are any mothers interested in joining our newly forming Blue Star Chapter they should not hesitate to contact me at LFD3900@aol.com. I currently an honored to do the 'Blue to Gold' ceremony at the funerals for the mothers who have suffered a loss. Warriors Breed Warriors and I am very blessed."

Small Business Spotlight



KMC Marine

Owners: Phil, Tom, & Rob Kniskern (3 brothers)

Years in Business: 23

Number of Employees: 7 full-time employees

Service: Boat sales and service, including yacht brokerage. Offer both new and pre-owned boats, featuring a new line of center console boats,

Relations Board (NLRB) from dictating where an employer can and cannot locate jobs in the United States. The bill would eliminate the extreme, punitive remedy that the NLRB is currently seeking in the South Carolina Boeing case (NLRB filed a complaint against Boeing for creating work in SC and demanded the work be transferred elsewhere in a blatant government overreach). The bill would not change what is and is not a violation under the National Labor Relations Act and the NLRB will still have numerous remedies to hold employers accountable for unlawful labor practices. At a time when more than 14 million Americans are unemployed, House Republicans believe that private companies should have the flexibility to develop their businesses in the state that offers the best opportunities for growth, job creation, and stability.

The coming week:

- **Continuing Resolution:** The House is expected to consider H. J. Res. 79, a continuing resolution (CR) to provide short-term appropriated funding for discretionary government operations through November 18, 2011. Under the current CR (H.R. 1473), appropriations are set to expire after September 30, 2011, the end of the fiscal year. The CR continues government operations and services and allows time for Congress to complete the Fiscal Year 2012 Appropriations bills that provide annual funding for the federal government. H. J. Res. 79 would provide \$1.043 trillion in appropriated funding for government operations. This is the same funding level required under budget caps contained in the Budget Control Act and represents a 1.4 percent cut from Fiscal Year 2011. Compared to Fiscal Year 2010 spending levels (\$1.089 trillion), this CR represents a cut of \$46 billion. The bill also includes a total of \$3.65 billion in disaster relief funding. Within this disaster funding, \$1 billion is designated for Fiscal Year 2011 and will be available immediately upon enactment of the bill, offset by a \$1 billion cut to the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program. In addition, the CR includes \$2.65 billion for the FEMA Disaster Relief Fund for continued recovery efforts in Fiscal Year 2012.

- **TRAIN Act:** The House is expected to consider H.R. 2401, the Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation (TRAIN) Act. The bill would require a cumulative economic analysis for specific EPA rules, and specifically delay the final date for both the maximum achievable control technology (MACT) standards and the cross-state air pollution rule (CSAPR) until the full impact of the Obama Administration's regulatory agenda has been studied. The EPA's new MACT and CSAPR rules for utility plants will affect electricity prices for nearly all American consumers. In total, 1,000 power plants are expected to be affected. As a result of these rules, annual electricity bills will increase in many parts of the country by as much as 12 to 24 percent.

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Photos of the Week



Planting Trees at John Lloyd State Park

Click [here](#) for all of the week's photos!



District/DC Highlights

- **Monday, 12 September**, flew back to Capitol Hill, and addressed approximately 40 black male Congressional staffers on the principles that guide my responsibility as a role model and mentor. Met with Dr. Larry Arnn, President of Hillsdale College (The Citadel of Conservative education). It was like speaking to a modern-day James Madison. Participated in the Congressional 10th Anniversary Remembrance of 9-11.

- **Tuesday, 13 September**, after a morning five-mile run, had breakfast at the Quarters of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Amos. The invitees were members of the CBC and the focus was on Congressional Gold Medal recognition for the Montford Point Marines... and recruitment of black Marine officers. Spoke to several groups: National Aerospace Association, Virginia Christian Alliance, and the America Association of Christian Schools, as well as a full House Armed Services Committee (HASC) meeting and a meeting with the Jewish Federation representatives from Palm Beach and Broward counties.

- **Wednesday, 14 September**, attended a HASC classified briefing on military strategy to counter Iran, met with representatives of Allegiant Airlines (along with Spirit, one of the fastest growing small airline companies) and their biggest issue, REGULATIONS! Hosted the weekly CBC luncheon, and they ate up the Chick-Fil-A chow. Participated in a Small Business Committee hearing on size standards, met with the United States Army Human Resources Command Special Forces assignment branch officers, met with county political and law enforcement leadership of Palm Beach and Broward on raising the Tier rating of our area as part of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program (our office was asked to take the lead), and conducted two meetings with local Insurance and financial advisors association members.

- **Thursday 15 September**, Participated in a classified HASC Military Personnel subcommittee hearing on United States Army force structure/end strength and a Small Business Subcommittee hearing on assisting small business contracting growth. Had an office call with a local IRS Agent, Taryn Guariglia of Coral Springs, who was a finalist for the 2011 Sannies Justice and Law Enforcement Medal for her work on the Scott Rothstein case.

- **Friday, 16 September**, Spoke to the eight members of the local Ft. Lauderdale Young CEOs Organization, toured the facility of Reagan Wireless and addressed the employees, and spoke at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Substance Abuse press briefing. We have to win this fight here in South Florida. Spoke at the unveiling of the Spirit of Freedom Gallery at the Huizenga Junior Achievement Center at Broward College's North campus.

-**Saturday, 17 September**, Happy 224th Constitution Day!

Attention Veterans!



Below are upcoming and current job opportunities:

[Hiring our Heroes Expo](#)

[Career Expo, Camp Pendleton \(for all Veterans\)](#)

[Hiring Engineers and Sales \(looking for Veterans\)](#)

September Town Halls



9/27

7 pm

Recreation Complex

Fitness Center North

4455 Sol Press Blvd.

Coconut Creek, FL 33073

Congressman West Visits 'Green' Company in Deerfield Beach



Congressman Allen West visited *Reagan Wireless* Friday, a local Deerfield Beach “green” company which has remained profitable and debt-free throughout the recession, without government subsidies or contracts.

As a cellular phone recycling company and distributor, Reagan Wireless is one of the first companies in its field to be awarded R2 (Responsible Recycling Practices) certification. The R2 standard encourages refurbishment and reuse of materials before disposal.

“This is a perfect example of how a small green business can flourish without government intervention,” West said. “Reagan Wireless is a shining light of entrepreneurial success in our district.”

All products received and sold by the company originate from the United States, but about 75% of the product is sold overseas.

“More than 80% of the cellular phones we receive get a second life in the market, in Latin America and beyond,” said Daniel Kaufman, CEO of Reagan Wireless. “We’re a true recycling company, in that the phones are not destroyed or ending up as landfill. Plus, we’re helping the trade deficit.”

Reagan Wireless employs about 70 full-time workers and employs almost 150 disabled workers on a part-time basis through local labor centers.

See more pictures from Rep. west's visit, [here](#)

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