

CONGRATULATIONS TO COMMANDER PETE RIEHM, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to pay tribute to Commander Pete Riehm on the occasion of his retirement as Commanding Officer of the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Mobile, Alabama.

For the past three years, Commander Riehm has commanded this facility, with its complement of 200 Navy Reserve personnel and 250 Marine reservists, with an incomparable level of leadership and professionalism.

A graduate of the University of Houston, Commander Riehm received his master's degree in military arts and sciences from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Following his commissioning in 1985, Commander Riehm was assigned to the USS DAHLGREN (DDG 43) as Missiles Officer and Damage Control Assistant. Following that assignment, he was transferred in 1989 to a new assignment as an officer recruiter in College Station, Texas. In 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, he was stationed in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as the staff liaison to the Royal Saudi Naval Forces.

In 1996, he was transferred to Naples, Italy, and was attached to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) Naval Forces Southern Europe Command. Between 1997 and 1998, he served four months; temporary active duty as naval liaison officer to the Stabilization Force stationed in Sarajevo, Bosnia, and was attached to the staff of the fleet commander during the Kosovo campaign. Just prior to receiving his command in Mobile, Commander Riehm completed more military education courses in Newport, Rhode Island, and then served as Damage Control Assistant on board the USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) during its pre-commissioning, transfer, and shakedown cruises.

Commander Riehm has been recognized for his outstanding performance and career with several awards and decorations, including two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals.

Along with his tremendous involvement in the activities and mission of the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Commander Riehm is also actively involved in his community. A resident of Mobile, Alabama, he has been involved with numerous local organizations, including the Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission, the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, Operation Home Front, the Navy League, and the Alabama Chapter of the Military Officers Association. He also serves as a member of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee, and was part of a group of Navy personnel which worked with Mobile's Forest Hill Elementary School as part of the Partners in Education program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Commander Pete Riehm for his tremendous contributions to the citizens

of the First Congressional District of Alabama, the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Mobile, and the entire United States Navy. The experience and enthusiasm he has brought to his job and the professionalism he has displayed throughout his career are unquestioned and unparalleled.

He has indeed been a genuine asset both to his office and to the United States military, and I am proud and honored to call him my friend. I wish him and his family—his son, Justin, and his daughters, Jessica and Jennifer—much happiness and success as they enter this new phase of their lives.

IN HONOR OF SPECIALIST JAMES O. KINLOW

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Specialist James O. Kinlow who died while serving our country in the war in Iraq.

Specialist Kinlow's family resides in Thomson, Georgia and his family resides in Lincolnton, Georgia. This brave soldier was assigned to A company, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry regiment, Army National Guard, Valdosta, Georgia.

His life was taken by an improvised explosive device that detonated near his vehicle on July 24, 2005.

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to Mr. Kinlow's family and friends. His service and commitment to freedom will never be forgotten.

HONORING FORMER PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 59TH BIRTHDAY

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SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise in recognition of the fifty-ninth birthday of former President William Jefferson Clinton, a man whose Presidency was marked by great strides in both global tranquility and economic prosperity.

As a young man, President Clinton was an excellent musician and a scholar, attending Georgetown University, Yale University, and, in 1968, winning a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University.

President Clinton diligently served the citizens of Arkansas as both Attorney General and Governor before he went on to serve the country as a whole as the forty-second President of the United States of America.

The Presidency of Bill Clinton was a period of unprecedented peace and prosperity, marked by America's lowest unemployment rate in modern times, the lowest inflation rate in 30 years, and the highest home ownership rates in our country's history. President Clinton proposed the first balanced budget in decades and left the country with a budget surplus.

President Clinton was a strong leader who improved America's international standing and showed compassion towards people around the world. President Clinton rallied the members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to put an end to ethnic cleansing in the Balkans and played a major role in the effort to end violence in Northern Ireland. His service to the people of the world continues years after his Presidency, including his recent efforts with former President George H. W. Bush in spearheading the United States effort to provide private aid to victims of the devastating tsunami that struck southeast Asia.

It was an honor to serve in the White House under President Clinton, as he helped extend health insurance to millions of uninsured children, placed 100,000 new police officers on the street, passing the North American Free Trade Agreement, reformed welfare, raised the minimum wage, and balanced the federal budget.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlelady from New York for introducing this resolution, and I join my colleagues in wishing a happy and healthy 59th birthday to our 42nd President and my friend, William Jefferson Clinton.

HONORING JOEY ANDERSON FOR HIS RECENT HEROISM

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joey Anderson of Pea Ridge, Tennessee, for his life-saving actions during a recent trip to Dale Hollow Lake.

On June 17th, two Kentucky youths were visiting the Pleasant Grove Swimming Area. While in the water, one teenager slipped on an unseen ledge and fell into the lake. Her friend went underwater to retrieve her, but he did not resurface.

Joey Anderson quickly responded. In an act showing unwavering courage, he rushed to pull the two drowning victims from underneath the water. After bringing the two youths to the shore, Mr. Anderson administered CPR and revived them. Soon after, emergency workers arrived on the scene and transferred the victims to an area hospital. The youths arrived in serious condition but made a full recovery, thanks to Mr. Anderson's heroic actions.

Joey Anderson's quick thinking and swift action saved the lives of two young people on that day. Middle Tennessee is fortunate to have upstanding citizens like Mr. Anderson. I commend him for his heroism and tremendous service to the community.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO COMMEMORATION OF WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS

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SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.J. Res. 59, expressing the support of Congress for the establishment of a day to honor the women suffragists who

fought for and won voting rights for women in the United States.

On July 19, 1848, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton convened the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York. From that time onward the leaders of the women's suffrage movement exhibited boundless courage and perseverance in their quest for equal representation.

Their journey was neither quick nor painless, and leading suffragists experienced public scorn and official persecution during nearly a century of campaigning. The women's rights movement relied on different methods of protest ranging from picketing and marches to hunger strikes. One suffragist, Alice Paul, led a famous protest in which she and several other women chained themselves to the White House fence.

These and similar acts of civil disobedience often landed the suffragists in jail. In 1872, when Susan B. Anthony and a group of women voted in the presidential election in Rochester, New York, she was arrested and fined. However, no amount threats or abuse could deter her or the other suffragists. At the close of her trial and with the whole nation watching, Susan B. Anthony made a fiery speech, stating "Resistance to Tyranny Is Obedience to God."

Even in the face of persecution, this unrelenting commitment to justice, democracy, and the ideals set forth in the Constitution of the United States ultimately won the day. On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution granted women in the United States the right to vote.

The women who led the fight for equal voting rights for women deserve our recognition not only for their tireless pursuit of justice in the face of persecution, but also for their tremendous contribution to the creation of a more perfect Union.

The success of the suffragists proved that even a prejudice rooted in centuries of custom and reinforced by all of the laws of the day cannot stand indefinitely against reasoned appeals to the ideals upon which our great nation was founded.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with my colleagues in support of setting a day to commemorate the contributions of these courageous Americans.

**THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
BY THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE
COMMISSION**

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Mr. ENGLISH. I rise to provide clarifying remarks about the reporting requirements by the International Trade Commission, related to China's exchange rate regime. The intention is that Congress be provided with a report that will better inform us in the exercise of our policy-making responsibilities on these issues.

Section 8 calls for a study from the U.S. International Trade Commission within 12 months, regarding the trade and economic relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China. We want the ITC to look closely at the effect of China's economic policies on our trade with China, as well

as other factors that affect U.S.-China trade, with a focus on key U.S. industries that compete with Chinese producers or service providers.

Among other things, we would like the ITC to examine the relationship of China's foreign exchange rate regime to its financial, trade, foreign investment, and industrial policies. We believe these policies are all interrelated and would like an explanation of how they operate and how they are related to one another. The ITC should discuss not only the regime of a fixed peg to the U.S. dollar that China has maintained in recent years, but China's recently announced revaluation and peg to a basket of currencies, as well as any further modifications in their foreign exchange rate regime.

The ITC should also describe the range of expert opinion concerning China's foreign exchange rate regime and U.S. and Chinese trade patterns and the U.S. economy in general. We expect the ITC to focus on the area of its expertise, i.e. trade issues, and leave questions related to appropriate currency policy to those institutions better suited to answer such questions, such as the U.S. Department of Treasury.

However, we want the Commission to provide additional analyses, to the extent feasible, that may help us better understand the nature of the relationship between the currency regime and U.S. China trade flows, particularly if the ITC thinks such analysis might help other institutions provide better analysis of broader policy questions. The ITC should certainly consult with the Department of the Treasury, the President's Council on Economic Advisors, and the Congressional Budget Office, all of which have performed economic analyses on currency matters.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 358

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 358, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School, in Little Rock, AK. At a time when racial intolerance and ignorance were openly embraced as a way of life, nine courageous African-American youth took a stand, and in doing so, ushered in the civil rights era.

On September 23, 1957, this brave group of students entered the halls of Little Rock Central High School with one goal in mind: to obtain an education. This objective, universal to all parents and children worldwide, was far from easily accomplished. Central High School, a product of the Jim Crowe sentiment, had never seen an African-American student in any of its classrooms. These nine individuals would be the first.

The students stood face-to-face with mobs of irate citizens, all staunchly opposed to integration, and armed National Guardsmen who were ordered by the governor to prevent their entrance. The student body too was unwelcoming, spiteful of the racial invasion into their school. Despite such unconcealed prejudice and cruelty, these nine students persevered and served as an inspiration to us all.

One member of this group would later become the first African-American graduate of Little Rock Central High School.

The story of the students who would later be referred to as the "Little Rock Nine," gave Americans hope that we could overcome the racial oppression, struggle and strife that had become endemic in our culture.

All around the Nation, organizations such as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference led by Dr. Martin Luther King, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee led by student activists, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, worked together to create large-scale changes through seemingly small proactive actions.

It would be a disservice for this body to not take a moment to individually recognize each member of this remarkable group. Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, Jefferson Thomas, Dr. Terrence Roberts, Carlotta Walls Lanier, Minnijean Brown Trickey, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed-Wair and Melba Pattillo Beals have each equally contributed to the movement that has helped us all be where we are today.

Mr. Speaker, the story of the Little Rock Nine remains one of the most powerful illustrations of triumph over adversity within our modern history. It is our duty as leaders to ensure that the past is not only remembered but also distinguished and honored as it so rightly deserves. On the 50th anniversary of this milestone in the battle to gain equality both under law and in life, we are given the opportunity to bring national recognition to these modern day heroes. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

**MR. TONY RAYMONDO LIFETIME
OF SERVICE**

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. I want to recognize and congratulate one of the most distinguished constituents in the 39th Congressional District, Mr. Tony Raymondo. I commend him for his invaluable contribution to his family, and to his company—Granitize Products, Inc. In fact, I also want to commend Mr. Tony Raymondo for his involvement with the community. As Granitize prepares to celebrate its 75th birthday in 2005, we want to honor Mr. Tony Raymondo for his excellent contribution and outstanding service to Granitize Products, Inc.

Mr. Tony Raymondo has been a great patriarch to his family members. Raymondo has been a devoted husband to his wife Betty, and a supportive father of two sons, and one daughter, Marty, Tony, and Lisa. Mr. Raymondo has been a role model to his children by displaying hard work and dedication to his family and to his company. His family has blossomed to include fifteen grandchildren in his immediate family. Though committed to his work, he has always put family first. This commitment has helped to create a strong immediate and extended family.

Furthermore, Mr. Raymondo has made the most of his leisure time by refining his many passions. For instance, Mr. Raymondo has a vast knowledge of making and producing his