

HONORING THE LIFE AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF YOGI BHAJAN

SPEECH OF

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 34, honoring the life and contributions of Yogi Bhanjan. Yogi Bhanjan was an extraordinary man of compassion, wisdom and kindness whose teachings have provided immeasurable benefits spiritually, culturally and politically to millions here in the United States and around the world. A master of Kundalini yoga, his love of humanity was so strong that he violated the tradition of secrecy surrounding this practice to bring the healing power of yoga to the troubled American youth of the 1960's by providing a healthy alternative to the drug culture.

Yogi Bhanjan worked tirelessly throughout his life to spread the message that "it is our birthright to be happy, healthy, and holy." He established a Sikh Ministry in the West and motivated thousands to embrace the Sikh way of life. He founded 3HO Superhealth, a drug rehabilitation program based on yogic wisdom and modern technology, a program that has now expanded worldwide. His books, the organizations he founded, and the thousands of teachers he trained will serve as his legacy.

One overriding message of Yogi Bhanjan's teaching is that we are all one people—Sikhs, Christians, Jews, Buddhists—and in my opinion his life stands as a shining example of how an unconditional love of humanity can contribute greatly to the health and well-being of us all.

Mr. Speaker, Yogi Bhanjan requested before his death that his passing be a time of celebration of his going home. I am proud to join my colleagues here in celebrating the life and contributions of Yogi Bhanjan, and celebrate his going home.

RECOGNIZING JULIA HOLT AS
WINNER OF THE 2005 SAFETY
EDUCATION HERO AWARD

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Julia Holt on being awarded the 2005 Safety Education Hero Award. The public safety education she provides to children has proven to be life-saving. She is a true hero in our community and is helping train our young people to be heroes, too.

As Public Education Officer with the Dickson Fire Department, Ms. Holt teaches fire safety lessons at six elementary schools to kids ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade. Although she has only served in that capacity for three years, Ms. Holt was named Tennessee's Fire Educator of the Year in 2004.

In February, 2004, Ms. Holt's Fire safety lessons were put to the test when seven-year-old Dustin Stephens got too close to a living room wall heater and his clothes ignited. Fortunately, Dustin's brothers Ryan and Justin were able to use what Ryan had learned the

week before in Ms. Holt's class. The firefighters responding to their call said Justin's life was saved because of the boys' quick action and their exceptional training.

Ms. Holt is an extraordinary public servant, and she has proven her commitment to ensuring that all children have proper training to respond to emergencies like the one Dustin and his brothers faced. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me today in thanking Ms. Holt for all she does in our community and congratulating her on receiving this distinguished award.

ENDING TAX BREAKS FOR
DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2005

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today we are introducing a bill to end government subsidies for private clubs that discriminate against Americans based on sex, race, or color. The Ending Tax Breaks for Discrimination Act of 2005 makes it illegal to deduct expenses at clubs with discriminatory membership policies. We think it's wrong for corporations to write off big expenditures for entertainment, meetings and advertising at clubs that keep women out on America's dollar. Men play and women pay.

I am joined by my distinguished colleague, Representative BRAD SHERMAN from California. In the early '90s Mr. SHERMAN, as a member of the California tax board, implemented legislation similar to this Act. Since then, other states have followed. The time for the federal government to take a stand and end government-subsidized discrimination is long overdue.

Right now, conventions and meetings are considered legitimate business deductions for corporate income tax purposes, including those held at private clubs that discriminate. Half the price of a business lunch is deductible. But if you're a woman, you subsidize one half of a man's lunch with your taxes, even though you can't join the club.

Augusta and other clubs on par with it are already way out of bounds by discriminating. For taxpayers to have to foot the bill for business conducted under these discriminatory conditions is obscene. This is something that comes into focus every Masters Week, but people need to know they are subsidizing discrimination every day of the year.

Members of these clubs profit—either indirectly through career opportunities and board appointments, or directly through tax deductions. Women can't get these same financial gains—just because they're women. Men get the membership, the deal, the deduction, and women get the bill. Ending Tax Breaks for Discrimination Act of 2005 would put a stop to that. It ends deductions for advertising, travel, accommodation and meals associated with these clubs, and it requires discriminatory clubs to print right on their receipts, "not tax deductible".

This bill is not an attack on deductions for big business. Legitimate tax deductions should continue, but when these deductions support clubs that bar Americans from becoming equal partners, equal players, and equal earners—just because of their sex or race—they are

NOT legitimate. The time for discrimination is over.

TRIBUTE TO WOODSIDE HIGH
SCHOOL WOLVERINES

HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, along with my colleague, Representative JO ANN DAVIS, I rise with great pride to call attention to a group of young students who have distinguished themselves, their school, their community, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Woodside High School Wolverines boy's basketball team had a remarkable season and we believe the Wolverines deserve formal recognition for their accomplishments. On March 12, 2005, Woodside won its second consecutive Group AAA Boy's Basketball State Championship at the Virginia Commonwealth University Siegel Center in Richmond. The Wolverines completed the 2005 season with a truly impressive record of 30–2.

Established in 1996, Woodside High School is a magnet school specializing in the performing arts. Students must meet rigorous academic requirements, take responsibility for academic progress, behavior and attendance, and they are expected to participate in school and community activities. The Woodside drive for excellence has now been extended into the field of athletics.

With their 2004 and 2005 championship seasons, Woodside has established a new tradition of championship basketball in Newport News. This year the Wolverines were Peninsula District Season and Tournament Champions, and the Eastern Region Champion. Two-time Coach of the Year, John Richardson, has compiled a 59–5 record over the last two years. The Virginia High School Coaches Association also awarded Player of the Year honors to Woodside senior guard, Calvin Baker.

My colleague JO ANN DAVIS and I would like to extend our enthusiastic congratulations to the Woodside High School players and their families, Coach Richardson and the rest of his coaching staff, Woodside High alumni, and the entire Woodside High community for their remarkable accomplishment.

HONORING JIN LEE

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Jin Lee for his recent appointment to the Northeastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees. Jin Lee has been an outstanding citizen of the Fifth Congressional District, and he will be a tremendous asset to Northeastern Illinois University as a member of its Board of Trustees.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Lee's distinguished career included management positions with Ace Young Company, Daewoo International America Corporation, and Lorenzo Import-Export Company. He was also

the Executive Director of the Chicago Korean American Chamber of Commerce and remains a prominent member of the City of Chicago's Human Relations Task Force. In addition, he served on the Asian American Advisory Councils for both the Illinois Secretary of State and the Illinois State Treasurer. Since 1997, Jin Lee has also served as the director of business planning and development for the Albany Park Community Center.

Hard work and determination were the hallmarks of Mr. Lee's early life. When he was 14 years old and without a working knowledge of English, he moved with his family to the United States from South Korea. He quickly mastered the language and subsequently earned a Bachelors degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Mr. Lee's reputation for hard work and determination are widely recognized and respected. He has received numerous honors and awards including Loyola University Chicago's Leadership Certificate, the Illinois Secretary of State's Certificate of Application, and membership in the Asian American Hall of Fame.

As he begins his 4-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees for Northeastern Illinois University, I am confident that Jin Lee will continue to serve the people of the Chicago area with steadfast dedication, just as he has proven in years past.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois and indeed the entire city of Chicago, I thank Jin Lee for his many outstanding contributions to our community. I wish him continued success as he begins a new challenge and extend my heartfelt congratulations on his appointment to the Northeastern Illinois University Board of Trustees. I am proud to represent Mr. Lee and Northeastern Illinois University in the Fifth Congressional district and am confident both he and the university will find their partnership to be mutually productive and rewarding over the next four years and beyond.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF BISHOP SAMUEL EDWARD
IGLEHART

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bishop Samuel Edward Iglehart for his unparalleled dedication to his community, church, and family.

It is rare to find many people who have gone through life so humbly helping others. However Bishop Samuel Edward Iglehart is one of them. Ordained at the age of 31, Bishop Iglehart has gained a great familiarity with the people of his church and community. Whether it is a fellow officer of the church or a small child in need of assistance, serving humanity is always a top priority for Bishop Iglehart. This priority can be seen in the everyday mission of his church, the Childless Memorial Church of God in Christ. Future goals and milestones Bishop Iglehart plans to implement for the Memorial Church consist of providing a daycare and Christian Academy for children, a learning center for adults, and a Christian book store.

Memorial Church has not been the only medium for Bishop Iglehart to serve the community. He is a life-time member of the NAACP and a strong supporter of the United Negro College Fund. For his active community involvement, Bishop Iglehart was inducted into the "Who's Who Society of Outstanding Church Leaders" in May of 1989.

Besides his commitment to the community Bishop Iglehart dearly loves and is dedicated to his family. His wife Glorious Cosey Iglehart and their six children have a very special bond that can stand the test of time.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be given the time to pay reverence to the lifetime of service of Bishop Samuel Edward Iglehart and his lifetime of service.

A TRIBUTE TO THE ESPINAL
FAMILY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the Espinal Family who are being honored at the Brooklyn Caribe Lions Club dinner dance as "Outstanding Family of the Year."

Jose and Agueda Espinal are the parents of this family, and together, they have raised thirteen children in the community of Sunset Park, Brooklyn, New York. Jose and Agueda immigrated from the Dominican Republic in 1977. They hoped to provide a better life and education for their family. Their children are Carmen, Pablo, Pedro, Maria, Julio, Esteban, Andres, Ceferino, Carlos, Bienvenido, Rafael, Mary Carmen and Juan Martin.

All the members of the Espinal Family have established very successful community based businesses. The majority of the children and grandchildren are professionals with degrees in business administration. They are also well known for their generosity to churches, civic and community organizations, which serve the less fortunate and infirm. This distinguished family is an inspiration and a role model to everyone in the community.

May this award inspire and encourage them to continue the important work that they have already begun. The wonderful example of dedication to their fellow community members and commitment to the important value of family has surely made them worthy of this honor.

Mr. Speaker, by raising thirteen successful children and still finding time and money to assist others, the Espinal Family has been a shining example to the community. As such, they are more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and the award of Outstanding Family of the Year. Thus, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

FIFTH ANNUAL MOVERS AND
SHAKERS AWARDS OF THE VOL-
UNTEER CENTER OF JOHNSON
COUNTY

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note an important event in the Third Congressional District of Kansas. On April 18, 2005, the Volunteer Center of Johnson County in Overland Park, Kansas, will honor outstanding youth volunteers. Seventy-one young people have been nominated by school personnel and nonprofit organizations for their dedication and service to the community. Youth volunteerism continues to grow and be a strong force in Johnson County. These 71 youths exemplify the true meaning of volunteerism and giving back to their community. It is my honor to recognize each student volunteer, their school, their age, number of hours volunteered, and their hometown by listing them in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Molly Allison-Gallimore, Home School, 15, 500+, Spring Hill, KS.

Kirsten Amble, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, 17, 150, Shawnee, KS.

Brett Beyer, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, 18, 350, Lake Quivira, KS.

Cheryl Bornheimer, Shawnee Mission West High School, 18, 100, Shawnee Mission, KS.

Brea Buchanan, Olathe East High School, 16, 217, Olathe, KS.

Jessie Bullock, Notre Dame de Sion, 16, 130, Stilwell, KS.

Meghan Burrow, Shawnee Mission South High School, 18, Gold, Overland Park, KS.

Clayton Calder, Olathe South High School, 18, 284, Olathe, KS.

Jenna Christensen, Shawnee Mission North High School, 16, 70, Overland Park, KS.

Jill Christensen, Shawnee Mission North High School, 14, Bronze, Overland Park, KS.

Brittany Clark, Mill Valley High School, 17, 200, Shawnee, KS.

Michael Cobb, Blue Valley High School, 18, 240, Stilwell, KS.

Michelle Cook, Shawnee Mission West High School, 17, 120, Lenexa, KS.

Christopher Connell, Shawnee Mission West High School, 15, Silver, Lenexa, KS.

David Dolginow, Pembroke Hill, 18, 100, Shawnee Mission, KS.

Marissa Dorau, Shawnee Mission West High School, 18, 90, Shawnee Mission, KS.

Morgan Fasbinder, Blue Valley Northwest High School, 17, 50, Overland Park, KS.

Kate Garrett, Shawnee Mission West High School, 16, Gold, Lenexa, KS.

Kevin Garrett, Westridge Middle School, 13, Bronze, Lenexa, KS.

James Geary, Blue Valley Middle School, 12, 63, Overland Park, KS.

Lindsey Gerber, Oregon Trail Junior High, 14, 250, Olathe, KS.

Josh Gordon, Blue Valley North High School, 17, 110, Leawood, KS.

Maggie Gremminger, Mill Valley High School, 17, 165, Shawnee, KS.

Luke Hays, Oxford Middle School, 12, 81, Overland Park, KS.

Kristen Heath, Mill Valley High School, 17, 110, Shawnee, KS.

Samantha Hewitt, Shawnee Mission West High School, 17, 350, Lenexa, KS.

Bethany Hileman, Oxford Middle School, 12, 68, Overland Park, KS.

Mallory Howlett, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, 18, 300, Shawnee, KS.

Ellen Jorgenson, Shawnee Mission North High School, 17, 150, Shawnee, KS.