

"Yea," H. Res. 453, rule providing consideration of H.R. 2446—Afghanistan Freedom and Security Act of 2007.

Amendments to H.R. 2446: "Yea," Lantos; "Yea," Ackerman; "Yea," Costa; "Yea," Franks; "Yea," Jackson-Lee: technical assistance; "Yea," Jackson-Lee: women legislators; "Yea," Kirk; "Yea," Kucinich; "Yea," Terry; "Yea," Van Hollen.

"Yea," H.R. 2446, Afghanistan Freedom and Security Support Act of 2007 (final passage).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 5, I was unavoidably detained and was not present for a rollcall vote on that day. Had I been present I would have voted: "Yea" on rollcall 426 for passage of H. Res. 397, condemning violence in Estonia and attacks on Estonia's embassies in 2007, and expressing solidarity with the Government and the people of Estonia.

SENATOR PAUL SIMON STUDY ABROAD FOUNDATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1469, the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007, legislation which establishes an educational foundation to increase the number of students studying overseas in developing countries and non-traditional areas.

The Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation would provide a national competition for student fellowships and also provide funds directly to colleges and universities to support their study abroad programs, enabling over one million American students to study abroad annually.

This program was first envisioned by my friend and mentor, the late Senator Paul Simon. Senator Simon had a bold vision for American renewal driven in part by international education. His vision included an understanding of diverse cultures, direct exposure to foreign languages, and increased interaction with the peoples of other nations as achieved through study abroad.

As with his other initiatives, Senator Simon worked diligently to bring his vision of international education to life. H.R. 1469 continues this legacy of education and understanding by completing that vision.

Senator Paul Simon had a life-long commitment and passion for education. As the founder and Director of the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University, Senator Simon taught classes in journalism, political science, and history. As a scholar, he authored several books investigating the history and politics of Illinois. As a Senator, he was passionate about expanding educational opportunities to

America's youth. I am proud to have worked for Senator Simon years ago, and I am proud that we are continuing his legacy here today.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation provides excellent educational opportunities to America's students, strengthens our international relations, and promotes good will throughout the world. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting these laudable goals by voting in favor of H.R. 1469, the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007.

VETERAN'S DAY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Ms. LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, this poem is in tribute to Veteran's Day.

I think of your valor,
In being willing to take a stand for liberty,
I am speechless,
In light of your bravery,
I know your type,
Is not charmed, by show-offs, in the ranks,
Nonetheless
Please, lower your guard for a moment,
And hear a grateful nation's thanks,
It's not the battles you fight, it's signing the
line, saying you will.

HONORING DANIEL O. BERNSTINE

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Oregon's great higher education leaders. Daniel O. Bernstine, president of Portland State University, which is located in my district, will soon leave Oregon to become the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Law School Admissions Council.

During his ten years as president of Oregon's largest and most diverse university, Portland State University has achieved many milestones. While many refer to Dan as a builder, a fundraiser, and an inspiring leader, I know Dan to be a student-oriented university president and someone who has always worked to provide greater opportunities for people through access to higher education.

As a president who walks his talk, Dan has opened the doors of higher education to literally thousands of students. Over the past ten years, enrollment at PSU grew from 14,000 students to over 24,000 students.

Another of President Bernstine's legacies at Portland State will be the growth in faculty research. During his tenure, the University has established several national research centers, including the Center for Electron Microscopy and Nanofabrication, the Oregon Transportation Research and Education Center, and the Center for Lakes and Reservoirs. As a result of Dan's dedication to enhancing the research programs that relate directly to the economic needs of the Portland metropolitan region, Portland State's faculty research funding has grown from \$17 million in 1997 to over \$40 million this year. I think it is safe to say that Dan Bernstine has helped generate one of the largest business enterprises, through university research, in the Portland area.

Finally, I want to speak to the partnerships that President Bernstine has fostered. Chief among them is his work to connect Portland State University to the area's community colleges. He has been so successful in building connections with the community colleges that I modeled legislation (H.R. 596) after the work that was done to provide students with co-enrollment in Portland State and their local community college. Again, this is another example of the incredible commitment Dan Bernstine has to ensuring student success in higher education.

Daniel O. Bernstine came to Portland, Oregon in 1997 having served as Dean of the Law School at the University of Wisconsin. I first met Dan informally—before he had formally started at Portland State. I was having dinner in Portland and overheard a conversation—Dan was excitedly describing the various wonders and attributes of Portland State and the region to his dinner guest. I later found out that he was convincing, successfully, one of his staff from the University of Wisconsin to join him at Portland State. Even before he had started his first day, he was already a tireless advocate for Portland State and the region. Since that time he has been a visionary leader for Portland State and an active member of the community. One of his most significant volunteer efforts involved chairing the Urban League where he stabilized the organization and brought fiscal accountability to the operations.

Dan Bernstine will be missed—for his work at Portland State, for his enduring leadership in the community, and for his passion for opening the doors of higher education to the community. I hope our friendship and our yearly banter over the Stanford/Berkeley games will continue when he moves to Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Dan Bernstine for his contributions and in wishing him well in his new leadership opportunity.

CONGRATULATING THE PLATTSBURGH STATE WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM UPON WINNING THE 2007 DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. McHUGH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the State University of New York at Plattsburgh (Plattsburgh State) Lady Cardinals upon winning the 2007 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey National Championship, their first national championship and the third won by Plattsburgh State in a team sport.

On March 17, 2007, Plattsburgh State, which is located in my Congressional District, won the Division III National Championship when it defeated the Middlebury College Lady Panthers by a score of 2 to 1 at the Ronald B. Stafford Ice Arena in Plattsburgh, New York. In that game, Lindsay Brown and Shay Bywater scored goals for Plattsburgh State, Assistant Captain Danielle Blanchard and Lindsay Littman both added two assists, and goaltender Bree Doyle made 28 saves. Blanchard, Bywater, and Doyle and were all

named to the NCAA All-Tournament Team and Blanchard, Assistant Captain Julie Devereux, and Doyle earned All-American accolades.

Of note, Doyle, a two-time All American from Ogdensburg, New York, ended her collegiate career with the Lady Cardinals with a 50–4–3 record in 58 games and as the program's all-time leader in winning percentage (.904), goals against average (1.26), and save percentage (.936). She also is the Lady Cardinals' single season-leader in victories (23), games played (27), minutes played (1604.16), saves (520), and save percentage (.937), all of which she set during her junior year.

The Lady Cardinals team also included coaches Kevin Houle and Erin O'Brien as well as the following players: Danielle Beattie, Laurie Bowler, Ainsley Brien, Elise Campbell, Amber Ellis, Tiarra Garrow, Sandra Grant, Gina Kozar, Assistant Captain Keltie Jones, Tara Kahn, Kayla McDougall, Sam Menton, Lesley Ann Mitchell, Stephanie Moberg, Captain Jessica Moreau, Claire O'Connor, Sarah Samson, Sharis Smith, and Valen Timmons.

The Lady Cardinals completed the 2007 season as the first NCAA all-Divisions undefeated women's team with a record of 27–0–2 and just the fourth undefeated NCAA hockey team in history. They were ranked No. 1 in the U.S. College Hockey Online poll for the last 13 weeks, unanimous on 12 occasions, and set or tied NCAA Division III records for winning percentage (.966), home wins (18), and overall victories. Moreover, their coach, Kevin Houle, who has a 96–16–6 (.839) record in his four seasons at the helm, won the 2007 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year. Houle was also named the NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year in 2006.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to have the opportunity to congratulate the Plattsburgh State Lady Cardinals ice hockey team for their accomplishments. Accordingly, I now ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the entire Lady Cardinals hockey team for their remarkable season.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HEATHER WILDER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Heather Wilder a recent recipient of the 12th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Award from Nevada in 2007.

Heather Wilder is currently in the seventh grade at Ernest Becker Middle School. Heather is being recognized for writing a series of 10 booklets to help foster children cope with fear, anxiety, and uncertainty that often affect foster children. These informative booklets are based on Heather's own experiences in the foster services. She wrote the "ABCs" of foster care, and then with a grant from the City of Las Vegas, she was able to print these booklets which were distributed to orphanages, counseling centers, mental health hospitals and the Department of Child and Family Services.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Heather Wilder and her achievements in pro-

viding hope and understanding in foster care situations. I wish Heather continued success in her efforts.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LAWRENCE T. GERATY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Dr. Geraty is one of these individuals. On June 7, 2007, he will be honored as the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce's Citizen of the Year at a celebration dinner.

Dr. Larry Geraty has led an impressive and interesting life. As a child he traveled with his missionary family who lived and worked in China, Burma, Hong Kong, Lebanon, England, Germany, France, Israel, California, Maryland, Michigan and Massachusetts. After his young travels, he obtained his bachelors degree from Pacific Union College and went on to the Theological Seminary at Andrews University. Larry served as a pastor before being invited to join the Andrews Theological Seminary faculty. He studied Hebrew Bible and biblical archaeology at Harvard where he earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree. Dr. Geraty then returned to Andrews Theological Seminary as Professor of Archaeology and History of Antiquity where he taught for 13 years. He also led a series of major archaeological expeditions to the Middle East.

In his distinguished academic career, Dr. Geraty has received many honors including a Fulbright Fellowship and serving as advisor on archaeology to former Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan. Dr. Geraty has served as a leader on several societies such as the Vice President of the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman, Jordan. He has lectured all over the world and is a contributing author to several publications.

In 1985, Dr. Geraty became President of the Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, where he earned the reputation as a progressive academic administrator. For over 14 years, Dr. Geraty has served as President and Professor of Archeology at La Sierra University in Riverside, California. During his time in Riverside, Dr. Geraty has become a staple of the community through his leadership and generosity. He served on several boards including the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, United Way of the Inland Valleys, Mayors Higher Education/Business Council, Raincross Club, Monday Morning Group, World Affairs Council of Inland Southern California, Riverside Arts Council and the Riverside Youth Action Executive Policy Board.

In 2000, Dr. Geraty received the P.E. MacAllister Award for Excellence in Field Archeology from the American Schools of Oriental research, and in 2001, he received the Charles Elliott Weniger Award for Excellence at Pacific Union College.

In light of all Dr. Geraty has done for the community of Riverside, including serving as the 2006–2007 Chairman of the Board, the Riverside Chambers of Commerce has named Dr. Geraty their Citizen of the Year. Dr. Geraty's tireless passion for community service, education and faith has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. He has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he receives this prestigious award.

IN RECOGNITION OF BARBARA ROMNEY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask for the House's attention today to recognize the outstanding work of a constituent of mine, Mrs. Barbara Romney, who was recently named an Outstanding History Educator by The History Channel for her commitment to history and her students.

Mrs. Romney teaches Social Studies at Central High School in Phenix City, Alabama. She is known for teaching history in a way that helps students connect and engage with current national and local issues. Throughout her career, Mrs. Romney has helped shape her students into successful and contributing members of the Phenix City community.

I congratulate Mrs. Romney for receiving this award, for her commitment to excellence in teaching, and for her dedication to helping better the lives of her students.

TRIBUTE TO MARSHAL MIZE

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Marshal Mize from my hometown of Chattanooga, Tennessee, as he retires from the Board of Directors of the Enterprise Center. Mr. Mize has been an outstanding leader in our business and civic communities. Now that he will be devoting more time to his family, I want to take a moment to recognize his tremendous accomplishments and thank him for all he has done in Chattanooga.

Marshal is a graduate of Georgia Southern University and served his country honorably, achieving the rank of Captain in the U.S. Air Force. After his military service, he went to work for the Ford Motor Company, eventually starting his own dealership in Chattanooga where he received countless awards for his leadership in sales and customer service. Mr. Mize is currently the president, chief manager and owner of Chandler LLC, a diversified company with interest in land, commercial real estate, businesses and airplanes.

Marshal has served in numerous civic endeavors. His term as President of the Chattanooga Rotary Club and member of the