

NINETY-SECOND COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

SPEECH OF

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2007

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today we solemnly commemorate the 92nd anniversary of the Armenian Genocide where, over the course of eight years, from 1915 to 1923, the Ottoman Empire launched a systematic campaign to exterminate its Armenian community. During that time, more than 1.5 million Armenians suffered through mass killings, deportations, forced slavery and torture.

Once the genocide ended, many survivors rose above their anguish and terrible experiences to rebuild their lives. Armenian communities began to flourish as numerous immigrants found a new home here in the United States, as well as in my home state of California. Even though their communities discovered solace and success in America, the scars of genocide remain deeply embedded in their history and in our conscience.

If we are to pro actively engage the international community, we must realize the significance of commemorating the Armenian Genocide. Equipped with information and education, we can ensure that the legacy of the genocide endures and that atrocities such as those that befell the Armenian people never happen again.

Together we can educate, commemorate, remember, and stand united in promoting a clear message that the United States does not condone, nor does it tolerate acts of genocide.

Today we mourn the victims, pay tribute to the survivors, and stand together with all who are committed to promoting awareness about the atrocities of genocide. Today we remember to never forget.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SPEECH OF

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2007

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Congresswoman JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD. I was saddened to learn of her passing after her courageous battle with cancer, and my thoughts and prayers are with her husband, James McDonald, Jr., their five children and five grandchildren—as well as the people of the 37th district of California.

Congresswoman MILLENDER-MCDONALD served this Congress honorably for over five terms, during which time she was a tireless advocate for underserved communities in the U.S. and around the globe. Among her many accomplishments, Congresswoman MILLENDER-MCDONALD secured critical funding for counseling services for our servicemen and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan,

and was instrumental in the passage of important AIDS-prevention programs in Africa. The Congresswoman was also a staunch advocate for the rights of women, minorities, children, and the elderly.

Congresswoman MILLENDER-MCDONALD will also be remembered as a preeminent leader and trailblazer. She was the first-ever African-American or woman to chair the Committee on House Administration where she worked hard to ensure that all Americans would be guaranteed their rights at the voting booth. As the Democratic Chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, Congresswoman MILLENDER-MCDONALD convened groundbreaking meetings with then-UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to discuss global poverty programs, as well as the New York Stock Exchange to find ways to empower women in the workplace.

Madam Speaker, Congresswoman MILLENDER-MCDONALD led an exemplary life of public service that included her most recent position as the "Mayor of Capitol Hill". The House community lost a true friend. May God rest her soul.

HONORING THE OREGON-DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to express my congratulations to the Oregon-Davis boys' basketball team for winning the Indiana 1-A boys' basketball state championship on March 24, 2007. The Bobcats' victory comes just 3 weeks after the Lady-Bobcats captured the 1-A girls' State crown with a 54-46 victory in the title game. This is the first time in Indiana High School Basketball history that both the boys' and girls' State basketball titles were won by the same school in the same year.

The Bobcats' 63-52 victory over the Barr-Reeve Vikings was the crowning achievement to an almost perfect season. Oregon-Davis finished with a record of 27-1 and held the top ranking in Division 1-A for most of the season. The Bobcats' win was led by the individual performances of seniors Justin Egger and Nathan Ferch who scored 19 and 18 points, respectively, the victory was a team effort. The boys made 20 of 25 free throws throughout the game, tying the Indiana record for most free throws in a State championship.

The Bobcats' varsity roster consisted of 11 young men, including seniors Justin Egger, Nathan Ferch, Brandon Johnston, Joseph Baughman, Austen Cornell, and Adam Pflugshaupt; juniors Daniel Henigsmith, Ryne Sweeney, Andy Lawrence, and Josh Taylor; sophomore Mike Wood; and freshmen Travis Collings and Nick Hofferth. Following the game, Adam Pflugshaupt was awarded with the prestigious Arthur L. Tester "Award for Mental Attitude" for his excellence in leadership, scholarship, and athletic ability.

The boys were supported throughout the season by the dedicated coaching staffed by Head Coach Travis Hannah; assisted by coaches Ryan Reese, Jim Ash, and Shaun Johnston; and managed by Brandon Surma.

School administrators such as Superintendent William Rentschler, Principal Greg Biles, and Athletic Director Will Hostrawser must also be recognized for their crucial role in the team's success.

Finally, recognition must be given to the school community of Oregon-Davis and its surrounding areas for the enthusiastic support of the team both during the season and in the State finals. Despite Oregon-Davis's enrollment of only 246, the athletic department sold over 1,800 tickets to Bobcat fans who then traveled to Indianapolis to support the team in the State finals. This show of support no doubt was instrumental in the team's victory.

Again, I offer my congratulations to the Bobcats' boys basketball team, as well as to all Oregon-Davis students, staff, and supporters for the team's outstanding achievements in the 2006-2007 basketball season.

HONORING THE PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, today I rise before you to offer a word of congratulations to the Plymouth High School boys' basketball team. The Pilgrims were crowned Division 3A Indiana state basketball champions on March 24, 2007, at Indianapolis's Consecration Fieldhouse. Plymouth captured the state title with a 72-61 victory over Evansville's Benjamin Bosse High School.

The boys worked tirelessly throughout the season and compiled an overall record of 25-2. This season's efforts bested the team's 2005 finish of State runner-up. This is only the second time in the school's history that the boys' basketball team has captured the State title, and this season's triumph marks the 25th anniversary of the school's 1982 championship season.

This year's team was led by seniors Jason Renz, Jared Wendel, Chad Clinton, Jacob Palmer, and Bryon Faulstich. Other members of the team include juniors P.J. Gretter, Randy Davis, Nick Neidlinger, Sam Faulstich, Ryan Welch, and Blaine Schafer, and sophomore Jeremy Renz. Randy Davis and Jared Wendel gave impressive individual performances in the championship game, scoring 28 and 20 points, respectively. Individual honors were also bestowed upon Jason Renz as he was awarded the prestigious Arthur L. Trester Mental Attitude Award for his distinguished leadership, scholarship, and athletic ability.

This team's achievements would not have been possible without the support of a wide variety of coaches and school officials. Head Coach Jack Edison—in his 34th season of coaching at Plymouth—and his assistant staff of John Scott, Michael Edison, Joel Grindle, Zach Scott, Tony Plothow, and Tom Isenbarger provided the players with guidance both on and off the court. Administrators such as Superintendent Dr. John Hill, Principle Richard Tobias, and Athletic Director Roy Bengtson must also be recognized for their efforts in support of the team's continued success. Last, but certainly not least, all the Plymouth fans, and in particular the always energetic student body, should be recognized for their enthusiasm and pride in the team.

The 2006–2007, Plymouth boys' basketball team has secured a place in the storied history of Indiana high school basketball. I offer my congratulations to the members of the team, the coaching staff, the school, and the greater Plymouth community on their accomplishments throughout the season.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the *Extensions of Remarks* section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 30

- 2 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism
Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Halliburton and United States business ties to Iran.
SR-253
- 2:30 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Federal government's role in empowering Americans to make informed financial decisions.
SD-342

MAY 1

- 9:30 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Howard Charles Weizmann, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.
SD-342
- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine improving air service to small and rural communities.
SR-253
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine No Child Left Behind Reauthorization, focusing on measuring progress and supporting effective interventions.
SD-106
- Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine process patents.
SD-226

- 2 p.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine conservation policy recommendations for the farm bill.
SR-328A

- 2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Energy Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 129, to study and promote the use of energy-efficient computer servers in the United States, S. 838, to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, H.R. 85, to provide for the establishment of centers to encourage demonstration and commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies, and H.R. 1126, to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988.
SD-366

- Armed Services
SeaPower Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense transportation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program.
SR-222

- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Electronic On-Board Recorders (EOBR's) and truck driver fatigue reduction.
SR-253

- Intelligence
To hold hearings to examine the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (Public Law 95-511).
SD-106

MAY 2

- 9:15 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine United States trade relations with China.
SR-253

- 10 a.m.
Judiciary
Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine strengthening the security of international travel documents, focusing on interrupting terrorist travel.
SD-226

- 10:30 a.m.
Aging
To hold hearings to examine the Nursing Home Reform Act (Public Law 100-203), focusing on what has been accomplished and what challenges still remain.
SD-628

- 2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 27, to authorize the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement.
SD-366

- 3 p.m.
Appropriations
Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for

the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on the federally-funded entities.
SD-192

MAY 3

- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the United States Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program.
SD-106

- 10 a.m.
Appropriations
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate and the Library of Congress.
SD-124

- Appropriations
Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
SD-138

- 2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.
SR-253

- Energy and Natural Resources
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 390, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, S. 647, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, S. 1139, to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, H.R. 276, to designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and the surrounding public land as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes, H.R. 356, to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States, S. 205, to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska, and H.R. 865, to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska.
SD-366

- Intelligence
Closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters.
SH-219

- 9:30 p.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine S. 310, a bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity.
SR-485

MAY 9

- 9:30 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine farm bill policy proposals relating to farm and energy issues and rural development.
SR-328A