

HONORING ADRIENNE HALL

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, today I rise with my fellow Co-Chair of the Women's Caucus, Congresswoman CATHY McMORRIS ROGERS, to join with the members of the Kennedy School Women's Leadership Board in their salute to our friend, Adrienne Hall. As we applaud the heights to which women have ascended, whether that is Speaker of the House or President of Harvard, we would like to highlight the many advocates who labored for our benefit. As our generation tallies its contribution to the advancement of women and girls in America and around the world, we proudly recognize the role played by Adrienne Hall. Adrienne has been tireless in her devotion to advancing the status of women.

Adrienne is also a trailblazer of entrepreneurship. Not only in her professional career, but also in her service to the community has she been a fountain of creativity. She currently chairs the board of the Women Presidents' Organization, but her fingerprints are found on many of the most respected and effective women's organizations in the world, including the role she played as a founding member of the Committee of 200 and her involvement and leadership in the International Women's Forum and the Leading Women Entrepreneurs of the World.

Adrienne has also been a seminal part of the Women's Leadership Board at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. This organization supports Harvard's efforts to attract, train and nurture women to become effective leaders around the world. It is fitting that Harvard has established the Adrienne Hall Women's Mentorship Fund to honor Adrienne in perpetuity and to continue the mentorship and leadership she has embodied. The Mentorship Fund will ensure that her tenacity in pursuit of equal opportunity and justice continues for women in generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSEKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSEKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and heartfelt gratitude that I take this time to honor the brave men and women of our law enforcement services. It is with the deepest admiration that I pay tribute to the men and women throughout Northwest Indiana and the entire country who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Each year, the Highland, Indiana Fraternal Order of Police, Donald R. Sheppard Lodge Number 122, and the Highland Police Department honor these individuals for their courage and their commitment to protecting their communities at all costs. Annually, two fallen officers of the Highland Police Department, Officer Donald R. Sheppard, killed in the line of duty in November 1971, and Officer Robert J. Markley, killed in the line of duty in March 1978, are remembered for their service to the Highland community and for their sacrifice.

This year, the Highland Fraternal Order of Police and the Highland Police Department will recognize these fallen heroes, as well as all of the law enforcement officers across the United States, who have given their lives for the protection of our great country. These fine men and women will be honored at a memorial service during Law Enforcement Memorial Week, on Saturday, May 12, 2007, at the Highland Town Hall/Police Department.

As a nation, we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the men and women of the law enforcement community. Currently, there are over 870,000 law enforcement officers in the United States. Each day, these selfless individuals start their shifts with one goal in mind: to serve and to protect the citizens of their communities. The one constant they face is the uncertainty of what each day will bring, knowing all too well that in any situation, there is the potential for danger. Still, these everyday heroes honor the commitment they have made to the people they serve.

Law enforcement officers throughout the nation have always exemplified dedication and loyalty, not only to those they serve, but to each other as well. Throughout the United States, many law enforcement organizations will hold memorials to honor their fallen brothers and sisters. In Indiana alone, more than 345 officers have been killed in the line of duty, while the total number of fallen officers in the United States is over 17,900.

These real life heroes are remembered for their courage and bravery as they gave their lives to protect their communities and our way of life. These men and women exemplify the valor and strength of our country and its citizens.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commanding and acknowledging the men and women of the law enforcement community, both in Northwest Indiana and throughout the United States. I also ask that you join me in honoring the memory of all fallen law enforcement officers throughout the United States, especially Officer Donald R. Sheppard and Officer Robert J. Markley, for making the ultimate sacrifice for their communities. These selfless individuals are worthy of the highest honor and respect.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LEE ROBERSON

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, today I rise in tribute to a special life that ended this week after 97 years of service to the Lord Jesus Christ. Dr. Lee Roberson, longtime pastor of the Highland Park Baptist Church and founder and Chancellor Emeritus of Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tennessee, persevered in faith for years to reach the world, teach and preach the Gospel and inspire generations to be bold in their work for the Lord here on earth. Dr. Roberson made significant contributions to all aspects of our society and leaves a great legacy of service to others for all in our nation to follow.

In his presence, you felt as though you were with Moses himself. Steadfast and deliberate, Dr. Lee Roberson made a mark on this world

and lifted up the Kingdom of God. Rarely will you meet a man who made a greater impact on the world around him than Dr. Roberson. We stand on his shoulders at the foot of his Savior's cross thanking God for his life and knowing that heaven will be even more glorious when we meet him there. We celebrate his 97 years of life.

U.S. TROOP READINESS, VETERANS' HEALTH AND IRAQ ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the conference report to H.R. 1591, the "U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health and Iraq Accountability Act."

For far too long this administration, with no oversight from the previous Republican-led Congresses, has committed our precious resources to this war without a sufficient plan to win the peace. It sent our soldiers to war without adequate armor and equipment. It wasted billions of taxpayers' dollars in sole-source contracts and lost suitcases of cash.

This war also has severely hampered our readiness should a military operation become necessary somewhere else in the world. Top Army officials have acknowledged that the demands placed on the military mostly because of the war in Iraq have caused critical shortages in the number of available ground troops and equipment. With the President's surge of troops in Iraq, we are at a crisis point.

The mismanagement of this war must not continue. The false promises must end. The administration's free pass must be revoked.

H.R. 1591 provides critical funding for American soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan while establishing a necessary timeline for the redeployment of U.S. forces from Iraq. It also directs the president to certify that the Iraqi government is making progress in meeting certain benchmarks. While the timeline is not as strong as the one previously passed by this body, I believe that we are moving in the right direction.

The bill includes \$2.1 billion more in funding than the president requested for military health care and \$1.8 billion more than the President's request for veterans' health care. The Walter Reed scandal showed the potential for far more widespread problems across the military health care system if we do not act now to take better care of our war veterans. More troops are returning home injured than our government predicted or was prepared for, and the system runs the risk of being stretched thin. Taking care of the men and women who have battled with the stars and stripes on their shoulders is more than a feel-good issue, it is a moral issue.

When Americans enlist in the Armed Forces, they are assuming the responsibility of defending our country. They do so with the belief that their country will assume the responsibility of taking care of their injuries as attentively and humanely as possible. Today, we are taking steps to ensure that what happened at Walter Reed will not happen anywhere else.

I also want to commend the conferees for including \$50 million for Ground Zero workers

and responders who risked their lives and are now suffering devastating health effects because of their brave service following the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

JOINING THE CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS ON INDIA AND INDIAN AFFAIRS

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, Indian Americans have contributed greatly to the vibrancy, creative thought, and diversity of our Nation. The large and growing population of Indian Americans in Minnesota has enriched our neighborhoods and communities and continues to play an important role in improving the lives of all Americans. It is with these advances in mind that we celebrate the growth of relations between the United States and India and look forward to promoting a closer friendship amongst our two countries.

I'm proud to join the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Affairs and look forward to working with my fellow Members of Congress through the promotion of our shared values and concerns. I stand with India and Indian Americans in promoting peace, prosperity, and happiness for all the world's people.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF LANCE CORPORAL DANIEL R. SCHERRY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory and honor of Lance Corporal Daniel R. Scherry. He served our country courageously until his death on April 16, 2007. His brief but passionate career is an inspiration to the community and the brave Marines who continue to fight.

Daniel, born in Cleveland, was a graduate of Rocky River High School. He was an invaluable member of the varsity football team, where his determination and leadership helped the Pirates transform into a dominant football team. Daniel's presence extended off the playing field as he continued to mentor the students of his alma mater before he was deployed to Iraq.

After his graduation in 2005, Daniel continued to be an active member of the community and enrolled himself as a student at the Tri-C Fire Academy. He received hands-on training and underwent intensive classes that fueled his desire to serve our country. In April 2006, Daniel fulfilled his dream and enlisted in the Marine Corps.

In September, Daniel was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 2 of the 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force in Camp Lejeune, NC. Daniel served as an infantry mortar man and his diligence and hard work did not go unnoticed. Within his first year of duty, Daniel was quickly promoted twice to the level of Lance Corporal.

Lance Corporal Daniel Scherry is survived, but greatly missed by his parents, siblings, and extended family.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring serviceman Lance Corporal Daniel Scherry. He is an American hero and his sacrifice will always be remembered by the lives he touched.

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. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2007

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, my presence on this floor today is marked by a sad and heavy melancholy over the loss of a friend and dearest colleague. We have lost a good friend, indeed a great friend, in Congresswoman JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD. I wish to extend with deepest sincerity my sympathy and condolences to her family and to her constituents of Long Beach, Compton, and Los Angeles.

It is a common tradition in our society to look past the loss of the physical being in order to best preserve and cherish the personal being. However, the difficulty in this emerges when we constantly find ourselves reveling in the presence of that person as an everyday part of our lives. Congresswoman MILLENDER-MCDONALD will be so sorely missed. She was and is still a part of our everyday lives. It is hard to fathom the idea that we will never hear her voice again—for her eloquence and passion in speaking, and her unforgettable laughter, will ring in our ears. The strength and tenacity that propelled her through her life's work will continue to inspire us. As we continue our work in her memory, I encourage all of us to remember her as we walk through the hallowed Halls of Congress. If we stop and listen, we will hear her footsteps echo in these great marble corridors.

JUANITA's accomplishments and achievements in life were many. But as we mourn the loss of her physical-self, we would do well to remember her compassionate-self, her temperate-self, which encompassed an unfailing dedication to public service. I most humbly thank Congresswoman MILLENDER-MCDONALD for her being an exemplary public servant. I praise her for her stalwart fight against cancer. At last, I am comforted by the fact that her truly unconquerable soul is yet unvanquished.

RECOGNIZING APRIL 25, 2007, AS DENIM DAY IN LOS ANGELES

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join with Peace Over Violence, the Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign in Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles City Council in recog-

nizing April 25, 2007, as Denim Day in Los Angeles.

Denim Day was established to show solidarity with rape victims everywhere. In an outrageous court decision in 1997, an Italian judge argued that because a woman was wearing tight jeans that her attacker forced her to remove herself, then the crime was not rape. Appalled by the verdict women in the Italian Parliament protested, by wearing denim to work. Their willingness to stand up for the rights of victims of sexual assault and rape empowered communities around the world to do the same.

For 9 consecutive years, sexual assault awareness advocates throughout Los Angeles have come together through Denim Day activities to call attention to the terrible crimes of rape and other sexual assaults and to say to the world that there is never an excuse. Domestic violence, rape, and sexual assault affect women, children, and men of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds. While one person, organization, agency or community cannot eliminate sexual assault alone, together we can educate our communities to prevent these attacks.

I will continue to fight for the rights of victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, and express my strong support for all programs aimed at the elimination of all violence against women. I am honored to recognize April 25, 2007, as Denim Day in Los Angeles and encourage everyone to wear jeans in support of the victims and the fight against domestic violence and sexual assault.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FARM RESERVOIR ACT

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Mr. EVERETT. Madam Speaker, I am introducing legislation today, along with my colleagues Representatives ROBERT ADERHOLT, JO BONNER, MIKE ROGERS, and JIM MARSHALL, to assist American farmers in dealing with drought conditions and enable them to increase their farm productivity. The need for on-the-farm drought management has become increasingly evident as farmers and the government struggle to keep ahead of the effects of Mother Nature. The drought conditions for the 2005 and 2006 crop years underscored the devastating toll natural disasters have on our Nation's farmers and ranchers. The current approach of providing ad hoc disaster assistance is inadequate and does not give farmers the certainty they need. The Farm Reservoir Act would provide cost-share assistance to agricultural producers for the construction of small reservoirs on their farms.

By combining sound planning with the right resources, agricultural producers can reduce the impact droughts have on their operations. Small on-farm storage reservoirs are an economical way to save water for summer use. The collection and storage of surface water during the off-season, when rainfall and stream levels are typically high, can make irrigation possible in areas where direct pumping from streams, lakes, or wells during the growing season is not feasible. Because these reservoirs are small, the engineering and construction cost per acre-foot are less than big