

Ms. HIRONO. I thank my colleague from Louisiana for your warm, what we call, "Aloha" welcome to your State. Expect thousands and thousands of rabid Rainbow Warrior fans to descend upon your State to spend money but mainly to cheer on our undefeated team, the Warriors.

I would like to add also, Mr. Speaker, that my colleague NEIL ABERCROMBIE, who is even as we speak on a plane coming back to Washington, DC, is, of course, very much in support of this resolution. As I mentioned, all four Members of our congressional delegation have one degree or another from the University of Hawai'i. In NEIL's case, it is a Ph.D., and he also had taught at the University of Hawai'i.

I'm looking forward to also working with Mr. MILLER on reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, which has helped the University of Hawai'i so much over the years, and it's an honor for me to be on the Higher Education Committee, because the University of Hawai'i, unlike many other States, is the institution of higher learning in Hawaii. It is the public institution of higher learning in Hawaii, which is why literally hundreds of thousands of us have matriculated at the university, and we have a lot to be thankful for for the kind of quality education that the University of Hawai'i has offered to us and continues to do so for the 50,000 or so students who are on campuses all across the State.

And as we are moving forward to celebrate our 100th anniversary, we even now prepare to move forward to create further campuses on Oahu and the neighbor islands to afford more educational opportunities, particularly in the rural areas of our State for students in those areas.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, thank you very much, and my colleague from Louisiana, once again, "Mahalo nui loa," to each one of you in support of this resolution.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE: Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 264, honoring the University of Hawaii for 100 years of educating and serving the people of the state of Hawaii. I'd like to thank Congresswoman HIRONO and Chairman MILLER for their support of this legislation. I'd like to recognize President David McClain and the administration and faculty of UH for all their hard work and dedication. UH holds a distinguished record of achievement in academics, community service and athletics. As a proud alumni and former faculty member of the University of Hawaii, I know personally the impact of the school on those who work and learn there. Yet, that is not the full extent of the University's reach; it touches in some capacity nearly every person in the state.

In 1907, the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in Honolulu was established by the Hawaii Territorial Legislature with 10 students and 13 faculty members. Today, the University of Hawaii system is spread across the state with 10 campuses, 3 degree-granting universities: Manoa, the flagship campus, Hilo, and West Oahu; and 7 community colleges: Hawaii, Honolulu, Kapiolani, Kauai, Leeward,

Maui, and Windward. The system includes the John A. Burns School of Medicine, the William S. Richardson School of Law, the Shidler College of Business, the College of Pharmacy, and the Congressionally-established East-West Center. There are currently over 50,000 students and 624 academic programs. Across the system, UH's students and faculty have won countless awards, and been recognized for agriculture, anthropology, computer programming, diversity, education and curriculum research, international business, medical research, oceanographic science, public service, and myriad other fields of study.

The University values aloha, the Hawaiian concept that embraces respect for the history, traditions and culture of Hawaii's indigenous people. It reflects compassion for all people and commitment to the well-being of these islands. To practice this value UH employs nearly 15,000 Hawaii residents who serve the University and the State of Hawaii by educating its citizens, contributing to the economy, supporting workforce development and engaging the community in addressing societal issues and the challenges faced by underserved populations.

The University has also produced more than 250,000 alumni, now residing in all 50 states and more than 80 countries around the world, who are proud to call the University of Hawaii their alma mater. The educational programs at the University have shaped these individuals into global citizens who contribute to the well-being of a world-wide society, with a commitment to integrity, diversity, and service wherever they may be. Alumni who live abroad and on the U.S. mainland take the aloha spirit with them across the nation and world to enrich the lives of others. Among these alumni are all four current and two former members of the Hawaii congressional delegation; former Surgeon General of the United States Kenneth Moritsugu; Time Warner Chairman and CEO Richard Parsons; Miss America 2001 Angela Perez Baraquito Grey; 53 members of the Hawaii State Legislature; numerous professional athletes; and many other academic, art, athletic, business and political leaders.

As a reflection of the state of Hawaii, UH is a rainbow of ethnicities, cultures, nationalities, languages and ideas. The University maintains that society is best served by representing populations equitably throughout UH, and that diverse perspectives help root out prejudice and injustice. This dedication is captured succinctly in the motto of the University, "Ma luna ae o na lahui a pau ke ola o ke kanaka," or "Above all nations is humanity." The value of diversity is also shown through the student body: UH is one of the most diverse universities in the nation, with no dominant ethnic group and over 2,500 international students.

A further source of pride for the University of Hawaii is the Warriors and Wahine. The athletes, coaches, and support staff are some of the most accomplished and dedicated members of the UH ohana, or family. There are no professional sports teams in Hawaii and the student-athletes of the University carry much expectation and affection from the state. The UH women's volleyball team is among the most esteemed programs in the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), winning three NCAA national championships and one Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW, the predecessor to the NCAA for women's sports) national championship,

and are consistently in the hunt for a national championship year after year. The Wahine have produced 23 All-Americans, and three National Players of the Year. The Warrior football team is also an immense source of pride to the state. This year the Warriors were the only NCAA Division I school to go undefeated during the regular season and will be playing on New Year's Day in the Sugar Bowl. The current and former starting quarterbacks; Heisman Trophy finalist Colt Brennan and Timmy Chang, hold numerous NCAA records. The entire state will be cheering on the Warriors and, win or lose, will show aloha to this team. The women's volleyball and football team are two of the 21 programs at the University, all of which bring pride and joy to the people of Hawaii.

On this 100th anniversary of the University of Hawaii, I am honored to be able to extend my aloha and mahalo to UH for all it has afforded me personally, and to the state of Hawaii, which is truly enriched because of the efforts of the University.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the remainder of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 264.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROBSTOWN, TEXAS

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 785) recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Robstown, Texas.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 785

Whereas in 2007, the city of Robstown, Texas, celebrates its centennial as the "Biggest Little Town in Texas";

Whereas before Robstown became a city in Nueces County, Robstown was a major thoroughfare north of the National Mexican Railway, making it vital for trade and commerce between Mexico and the United States;

Whereas rancher and businessman Robert Driscoll conveyed territories encircling the boundaries of Robstown, inspiring Robstown's name;

Whereas Robstown enters the 21st century as the crossroads of international trade, being the location where the Texas Mexican Railway connects the Port of Laredo with the Port of Corpus Christi and Interstate 69 will intersect Texas State Highway 44;

Whereas Robstown is the home of a new fairgrounds and entertainment venue; the future home of an inland port, which will be the first such port in the United States; and the future home of an Army storage facility;

Whereas Robstown is one of the leading cotton producing areas in the United States, at one time operating the most cotton gins in the United States and later naming the mascot of the Robstown high school the "Cotton Picker";

Whereas, a steadfast community in Nueces County, the residents of Robstown have included legendary National Football League Hall of Famer Gene Upshaw; Federal Judge Hilda Tagle; and numerous county, State, and Federally elected officials;

Whereas Robstown has scheduled "Century of Celebration" festivities throughout 2007, beginning on January 1 and including a formal celebration on June 1 and the Cottonfest festival in October; and

Whereas Robstown's contributions to the history of the United States include being the site of the first game of Texas Hold 'em poker: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives recognizes the 100th anniversary of Robstown, Texas, and commends all of the residents of Robstown and all other individuals who call Robstown home.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) and the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I'm pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H. Res. 785, which recognizes the 100th anniversary of Robstown, Texas.

H. Res. 785, which was introduced by Representative SOLOMON P. ORTIZ on October 30, 2007, was reported from the oversight committee on November 8, 2007, by a voice vote. This measure has been cosponsored by 53 Members.

Known as the "Biggest Little Town in Texas," Robstown is known for its international trade, oil and involvement in the agriculture and cotton industries.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague for the recognition of the 100th anniversary of this historic town, and I urge the swift passage of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Missouri, and I join with him in urging the passage of this important commemorative piece of legislation recognizing, as the gentleman said, the "Biggest Little Town in Texas," on its 100th anniversary.

Certainly Robstown, Texas, located in north central Nueces County, which was established in 1906 by a real estate developer from Iowa, says a great deal about the development of Texas and of the Texas-Mexican railroad connection from the Port of Laredo to the Port of Corpus Christi and along State Highway 44. The sustainability of the small town both before, during and after the Industrial Revolution, throughout a period of development in Texas, took it from a State that was rural in every

sense to a State today that is both filled with high-tech and with world headquarters.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in urging quick support and ratification of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time to my friend from Texas (Mr. ORTIZ) as he would like to consume.

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, let me thank Chairman CLAY and my good friend Mr. ISSA for bringing this bill to the floor, and I want today to congratulate and honor the "Biggest Little Town in Texas."

Robstown has been "Celebrating a Century" this year as the city turns 100 years old. This centennial celebration and resolution are especially important to me because Robstown, a city of about 14,000 people, is my hometown.

I was born and reared and raised there, attended the public schools there, and had my first job as a printer's devil with the local newspaper, the Robstown RECORD.

Cotton and vegetable farming played an important role in the history and economy of Robstown, named after prominent local leader Robert Driscoll.

Robstown is a town where citizens are deeply committed to public service. We've sent sons and daughters to shape the history of local, State and Federal offices. They have all served in our military. They've distinguished themselves in military services.

We've had county commissioners, sheriffs, district attorneys, district judges, Federal judges, State representatives, and this proud Member of the Congress, who came out from this little town of 14,000 people.

Robstown also has a great athletic tradition. Gene Upshaw, of the National Football League and a great football star, came from this little town of Robstown.

Humberto "Lefty" Barrera, bantam-weight boxer on the historic 1960 Olympic team who later earned an engineering degree at night school, also called Robstown "my hometown."

Kathryn Grandstaff, from Robstown, she married Bing Crosby, who we all know.

Our students also excel in the classroom, including the Robstown High School Cotton Pickers band, and they have achieved much in the fields of athletics and academics.

All year long we have recognized the "Century of Celebration," which included a formal celebration on June 1.

One of the greatest traditions is the annual Cottonfest held in October. This year was the biggest ever event that we've had. We have live music, arts and crafts, a sports competition, cookoffs, contests, carnivals and historical exhibits that provide something for everyone in the community.

We also have so much to look forward to as our town continues to grow. Robstown enters the 21st century at

the crossroads of international trade due to its proximity to railroads, interstate highways, seaports and airports. It is the hub in that area.

Robstown will serve as a hub by connecting major railway companies, the Texan-Mexican railway, Kansas City Southern and Union Pacific, with direct links to Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Houston, San Antonio and Laredo.

Robstown is also home to the new county fairgrounds and an entertainment venue.

My hometown is the future home of an inland port, which will be the first such port in the United States, and the future home of an Army storage facility.

And no trip to Robstown would be complete without a good filling yourself up with south Texas' best barbecue at Joe Cotten's. Cotten's is an iconic restaurant where many of you have joined me for lunch in south Texas style. It is where Presidential candidates, athletes, business people, cowboys, riders, astronauts, generals, admirals and other celebrities and thousands of others, they even fly on their helicopters to eat at Joe Cotten's.

Robstown is the best of our communities in south Texas, friendly, family-oriented and proud of their history.

It was in Robstown where my mother taught me my most important lesson: to always serve the community that gave you so many opportunities growing up. To whom much is given, much is expected.

Please join me in honoring Robstown on the city's 100th anniversary, and I join my friends Chairman CLAY and Mr. ISSA today for bringing this bill to the floor.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I yield back.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join with the pride of Robstown, Texas (Mr. ORTIZ) and pass H. Res. 785.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 785.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TURRILL POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4009) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 West Nepepping Street in Lapeer, Michigan, as the "Turrill Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4009

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,