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TRIBUTE TO THE PEACE CORPS 47TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 47th anniversary of the Peace Corps.

Since 1961, when the Peace Corps was created by President John Kennedy in Executive Order 10924 and subsequently authorized by the Congress, 139 host countries have invited 190,000 Peace Corps volunteers into their territories and homes to serve those in need and build mutual understanding, cooperation and respect. Peace Corps volunteers have contributed to improving health, education and basic essential services for an inestimable number of persons in dire need.

I am proud to say that this year, nine Peace Corps Volunteers from the seventh district of Arizona have applied and been chosen to carry on this vital legacy, serving abroad over six continents on this ever-smaller planet.

Of course, the Peace Corps is a uniquely precious legacy of our martyred President, John F. Kennedy. The idea of the Peace Corps is forever linked in American hearts to the spirit of those one-thousand days that were inaugurated with the words, "my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."

This message still rings out strong and true in this new century. Love of country still has a powerful and appropriate role in motivating our young people to take up service, and the people of this Nation take proper pride in the noble mission carried out by these young women and men.

I also choose to believe that in this new century, we can also take a broader view of the challenges facing the global community of nations, in the face of global warming and environmental degradation, global health pandemics, and denial to billions of the rights enumerated in the Universal Declaration Human Rights. I choose to believe that we have today a greater capacity to think deeply and act vigorously in response to a new call to service: Ask what you can do for your neighbor, and for your planet.

I offer my deepest respect, gratitude and praise for those many courageous women and men who have answered this clarion call to service, and a special note of recognition to my colleagues, Mr. FARR and Mr. HONDA and their service to this Nation and to humanity.

HONORING THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 47th Anniversary of the Peace Corps and in doing so, join many others around the Nation in celebrating National Peace Corps Week. Their mission is to help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women while helping to promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served, as well as, a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

Since the establishment of the Peace Corps by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, more than 190,000 U.S. citizens have served their country in the cause of peace by living and working in 139 developing countries. As of September 30, 2007, 8,079 Peace Corps Volunteers are currently at 68 posts serving 74 countries.

I am proud to say that two of those volunteers currently serving their country are from my district in West Virginia. Daniel J. Beck will finish up his 2 year's of service in Guinea this June, while Amelia Dulee-Kinsolving will return from Peru in September.

Peace Corps volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS, youth and the environment.

The 190,000 citizens, who have volunteered to serve their country since 1961, came from all walks of life and represent the best of what the United States has to offer. The work they have done over the past 47 years has played an important role in developing nations and continues to provide opportunities for people of different backgrounds to come together to serve the cause of peace.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE A NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM CONDUCTIVE TO BICYCLING: "THE NATIONAL BIKE BILL"

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution which recognizes that a national transportation system conducive to bicycling produces enriched health, reduced traffic congestion and air pollution, greenhouse gas emission reductions, economic vitality, and an overall improved quality of life which is valuable for the Nation.

Communities across the Nation are seeking to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, save energy and enhance neighborhood safety. The Federal Government can assist in those efforts by promoting increased bicycle safety, supporting policies that establish national target levels for bicycle use, increase intermodal travel, provide incentives to State and local government, provide flexibility in Federal transportation law, and encourage

partnerships with employers and executive agencies. These changes will benefit all Americans whether they ride their own bikes or benefit from those neighbors who do.

I have witnessed these positive impacts in my hometown of Portland, Oregon, as bike ridership has skyrocketed as modest investments in facilities have improved access and made biking safer. I have no doubt that communities nationwide can reap the benefits of bicycling if the Federal Government provides the right incentives and works with State and local officials on a balanced transportation system.

Ever since I started the Congressional Bike Caucus over 10 years ago, I have seen broad and bipartisan support for bicycling grow with over 170 members from both sides of the aisle standing up for the role bicycles play in our transportation system. I now call on my colleagues to support this legislation that gives bicycling its proper role for our Nation's mobility and health.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, due to events in my district I missed votes held on February 26 and 27. Had I been present the record would reflect the following votes: Tuesday, February 26, H. Res. 974—A resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 3521—"yea"; Wednesday, February 27, H.R. 5351—A bill to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy—"yea"; H.R. 5264—A bill to extend certain trade preference programs—"yea".

CONGRATULATING MURPHEY CANDLER LITTLE LEAGUE

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Murphey Candler Little League on the celebration of its 50th anniversary. The league has enjoyed enormous success and growth since it was founded, as "Brookhaven Baseball," way back in 1958. But most significantly, Murphey Candler has played a prominent role in the lives of generations of young athletes who learned to love our national pastime on their storied fields.

Currently, over 850 kids play on 71 different teams in 6 separate leagues. Bringing together the entire community, hundreds of parents and family members participate as board members, coaches, managers, scorekeepers, and most importantly, passionate fans. This association of players and parents, rallied around our beloved baseball and a desire to build a fun and positive environment in which to learn, has provided the means for 50 years worth of improvement, growth, and fun.

Instilling the values of determination, teamwork, and fair play, the members and supporters of Murphey Candler Little League have

created an enduring source of recreation and community for countless families. I join my colleagues in the United States Congress in offering a sincere congratulation on their 50th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on February 27, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my votes for rollcall Nos. 78–84.

Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 78—"yes"—Providing for the consideration of H.R. 5351, Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act. Rollcall No. 79—"yes"—On Approving the Journal. Rollcall No. 80—"yes"—Providing for the consideration of H.R. 5351, Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act. Rollcall No. 82—"yes"—Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008. Rollcall No. 83—"no"—Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008. Rollcall No. 80—"yes"—Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008.

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL MINER'S DAY RESOLUTION

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, an old mining song contains the powerful, but truthful verse:

A miner's life is like a sailor, aboard a ship
to cross the waves,
Every day his life's in danger, still he ventures,
being brave,
Unlike you or me, a miner goes to work
every day, knowing that he is placing
his life in grave danger.

A miner goes underground and works with thousands of tons of dirt and rock above him. He works every day knowing that he is surrounded by dangerous, potentially fatal gases. He works in conditions that many of us would never want to have to endure, that many of us cannot even imagine.

I come from a coal mining State, where hardworking, God-fearing miners and their families have helped to forge a proud history and a culture guided by American values.

Every minute a miner is at work, he knows that he is a spark or a slip of a tool away from eternity. He knows that with a spark or slip of a tool, he will not return home that night and never see his family again.

Every minute a miner is at work, he faces gas explosions, equipment failure, roof falls, and fires. Still, as the song says, he "ventures being brave." He must.

Fatality rates in our Nation's coal fields once resembled the casualty lists from the battlefields when our Nation was at war.

December 1907 is remembered in the coal fields as "bloody December." On December 1, a gas explosion killed all 34 men in a mine in Fayette City, Pennsylvania. Five days later, 362 miners perished in the Monongah disaster in West Virginia—the worst industrial accident in American history. Ten days later, an explosion in Yolande, Alabama, killed 57 men. On December 19, Jacobs Creek, Pennsylvania, an explosion killed 239 miners.

Laws, safety inspections, and better, safer equipment, thank God, have helped to reduce the casualty rates among our Nation's miners. But the tragedies in 2006 at Sago and Aracoma in West Virginia reminded Americans that mining is a dangerous profession. That, "every day his life's in danger, still he ventures, being brave."

While facing these enormous dangers, these hard-working, patriotic Americans have continued to produce the raw materials that fueled the Industrial Revolution, the energy that heated our homes, and the resources that ensured our security. Today, miners continue to produce for the betterment of all Americans.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to join my colleague from West Virginia, ALAN MOLLOHAN, in offering this resolution that supports the goals and ideals of a National Miner's Day to celebrate and honor the contributions that miners have made to America throughout our history.

It is a simple, yet very important way a grateful Nation can acknowledge these men and women who have done so much for us, and will continue to do even more throughout our future.

HONORING THE BALTIMORE CITY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, today, I congratulate an exceptional high school choir in my district, the Baltimore City College High School Concert Choir of Baltimore, Maryland, which has been chosen to perform at New York City's legendary Carnegie Hall on March 10, 2008.

Baltimore City College High School Concert Choir was selected out of dozens of high school choirs across the country for this performance. The concert will feature 200 students from four states, and is the capstone of Carnegie Hall's yearlong National High School Choral Festival. The concert will be conducted by Dr. Craig Jessop, esteemed Music Director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, who has been working with the choirs and their conductors throughout the year. Apart from their world-renowned performances, Carnegie Hall brings innovative music education programs to students across the nation. I am delighted that these young constituents have been given this opportunity.

Led by Linda R. Hall, the Baltimore City College High School Concert Choir performs repertoire drawn from all periods and musical genres and has performed on television, radio, and stages all along the Eastern seaboard and in Canada. The choir has shared the stage with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra,

the Morgan State University Choir, and the Baltimore Choral Arts, and has participated in numerous competitions and adjudications at which they have consistently received superior ratings and numerous awards. The choir has also traveled abroad, performing in Italy, France, and Spain. Choir members adhere to the standards of commitment, consistency, conditioning, cooperation, communication, character, and confidence.

I am honored to have one of the four schools in the nation chosen for the Carnegie Hall National High School Choral Festival residing in the 7th Congressional District of Maryland, which I represent. They should be proud not only of their musical achievement, but their embodiment of the quality musical education the State of Maryland provides. I commend these students and their leaders for their success, and wish them the best of luck on March 10 when they perform at Carnegie Hall.

HONORING CHIEF I. D. SMITH FOR 16 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE SEAGOVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize an outstanding citizen and public servant, Chief I. D. Smith, in honor of his retirement from 16 years of service with the Seagoville Police Department.

In 1971, Chief Smith began his law enforcement career as an officer with the West Tawakoni Police Department. Before coming to Seagoville, Chief Smith gained experience serving as a Deputy Chief, Captain, Investigator, and finally Chief for five different police departments.

Chief Smith will be remembered for bringing the police department into the 21st century by improving hiring standards and overseeing the implementation of contemporary law enforcement methods and technology. In addition, he achieved the always difficult, but highly admired, task of providing quality service and protection on a lean budget.

In addition to faithfully serving his community, Chief Smith is a husband to Shirley and proud father and grandfather.

I've been told that Chief Smith plans to spend a lot of time playing golf and fishing in retirement. I hope that he hits all the greens in regulation and that his livewell is always full.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to recognize Chief I. D. Smith for his courage in protecting and serving the citizens of Seagoville.

GREAT LAKES DAY

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise to welcome all of the advocates that have come to Washington today for Great Lakes Day. Their goal is to advocate on behalf