

are remedied and the effect they have on individuals, employers and Federal agencies.

Second, the bill authorizes a study of the effect of the basic pilot on small entities. The bill requires that the GAO will examine the experiences of small entities (small businesses, nonprofits and municipalities) with using Basic Pilot by investigating direct and indirect impacts on basic pilot participants. It will also provide specific data on businesses with fewer than 50 employees as well as on small entities operating in states that have mandated use of the basic pilot program.

This legislation ensures that DHS provides timely and appropriate payments to SSA, so that E-verify does not interfere with SSA's ability to serve seniors, people with disabilities, and survivors.

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I urge approval of this, and I would yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ZOE LOFGREN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6633.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed, as follows:

H.R. 5170, H.R. 5983, H.R. 5531, H.R. 6193, H.R. 4806, H.R. 3815, H.R. 6576, and H.R. 6073.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY COMPONENT PRIVACY OFFICER ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 5170, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5170, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### HOMELAND SECURITY NETWORK DEFENSE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on

suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 5983, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5983, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### NEXT GENERATION RADIATION SCREENING ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 5531, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5531, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify criteria for certification relating to Advanced Spectroscopic Portal monitors, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### IMPROVING PUBLIC ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 6193, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. HARMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6193, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REDUCING OVER-CLASSIFICATION ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 4806, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. HARMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4806, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### HOMELAND SECURITY OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3815, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. HARMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3815, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REDUCING INFORMATION CONTROL DESIGNATIONS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 6576, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6576, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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#### OPTIONAL ELECTRONIC PAY STUBS FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 6073.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6073.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE NEVADA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to

the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 358) commending the members of the Nevada Army National Guard and Air National Guard for their service to the State of Nevada and the United States, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 358

Whereas since May 2003, more than 1,600 members of the Nevada Army and Air National Guard have been mobilized and deployed to or in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom;

Whereas since May 2003, more than 1,500 residents of Nevada have been mobilized and deployed to or in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom as members of the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve;

Whereas those deployments have been marked by the dedicated, unselfish, and professional service and commitment of the members of the reserve components so deployed, as well as by their personal sacrifices;

Whereas members of the 1st Battalion, 221st Cavalry, based in Las Vegas, Nevada, deployed to Fort Irwin, California, from July 2004 to July 2006, and to Iraq from May 2006 to July 2007;

Whereas members of the 321st Signal Company, based in Reno, Nevada, deployed to Kuwait and Iraq from November 2003 to March 2005;

Whereas members of the 777th Engineer Company, based in Henderson, Nevada, deployed to Kuwait from March 2003 to May 2004;

Whereas members of the 1864th Transportation Company, based in Henderson, Nevada, deployed to Kuwait and Iraq from November 2004 to November 2005;

Whereas members of D Company, 113th Aviation, based in Stead, Nevada, deployed to Afghanistan from March 2005 to June 2006;

Whereas members of Detachment 45, Operational Support Airlift, based in Stead, Nevada, deployed to Kuwait from February 2005 to October 2005;

Whereas members of the 593rd Transportation Company, based in Stead, Nevada, deployed to Iraq from July 2006 to October 2007;

Whereas members of the 140th Military Police Detachment, based in Henderson, Nevada, deployed to Iraq from February 2008 to April 2008;

Whereas members of the 152nd Airlift Wing and 152nd Intelligence Squadron based in Reno, Nevada, deployed to Iraq from September 2005 to September 2006, and again from February 2007 to March 2008;

Whereas members of the 192nd Airlift Squadron and 152nd Maintenance Squadron, based in Reno, Nevada, deployed to Puerto Rico from July 2005 to October 2005;

Whereas members of the 232nd Operations Squadron, based in Las Vegas, Nevada, are currently deployed in ongoing operations in Afghanistan and Iraq; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress commends the members of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Air Force Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve from the State of Nevada for their dedicated, unselfish, and professional service, commitment, and sacrifices to the State of Nevada and the United States.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from In-

diana (Mr. ELLSWORTH) and the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. DRAKE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the resolution under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I consume.

I rise in support of House Concurrent Resolution 358 which commends the members of the Nevada Reserve components for their service to the State of Nevada and the United States of America.

More than 1,600 brave members of Nevada's Army and Army Air National Guard have been deployed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom since May of 2003. In addition, more than 1,500 Nevada residents have been mobilized as members of the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve. The courageous servicemen and women of Nevada come closest to embodying the motto of their great State, "All for our country."

These heroes risk their lives and make tremendous personal sacrifices to protect our Nation and our freedom. Many have served extended tours of duty in active combat zones or provided invaluable support to our forces abroad. Beyond their military role, these men and women assume a myriad of responsibilities on behalf of our communities. From fighting wildfires to civic support, from drug enforcement, to search and rescue, it is their dedication and professionalism which we honor today.

Take the members of 1st Battalion, 221st Cavalry, operating out of Las Vegas, who added a distinguished new chapter to their unit's rich history—dating back to the early days of the Nevada Territory—with their service in Iraq from May 2006 to July 2007. Or consider the invaluable support of the men and women of the 321st Signal Company, based in Reno, who operated and maintained crucial digital communications equipment during their deployment to Kuwait and Iraq from December of 2003 to March of 2005. We honor them.

Consider the 777th Engineer Company, deployed to Kuwait from May of 2003 to 2004, and the 1864th Transportation Company, deployed to Kuwait from July 2004 to November 2005. We pay tribute to D Company, 113th Aviation, who brought their experience of desert conditions in the Sierra Nevada to their trials in Afghanistan from January of 2005 to June of 2006, and to Detachment 45, Operational Support Airlift, deployed to Kuwait from February to October 2005.

We thank the members of the 593rd Transportation Company out of Stead, Nevada, who braved IEDs and ambushes in Iraq from July 2006 to October 2007. They were joined in Iraq by the men and women of the 140th Military Police Detachment, based in Henderson, Nevada, who deployed from February to April, 2008. Much needed support was provided by the 152nd Airlift Wing and 152nd Intelligence Squadron, deployed to Iraq from September of 2005 to 2006, and again from February 2007 to March 2008. And, finally, the members of the 232nd Operations Squadron, based in Las Vegas, Nevada, who are currently deployed as part of ongoing operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

These brave men and women have answered the call of their country, their State, and their community with honor, bravery, and great skill. Their sacrifices, through extended and repeated deployments far from families and loved ones, deserve our highest respect and our deepest gratitude.

I therefore trust you shall join me in support of this resolution, a small token of our heartfelt thanks.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. DRAKE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 358, as amended, which recognizes the National Guard and Reserve members from Nevada for their extraordinary service, not only to their State but also to this country.

I want to thank my fellow Republican, Mr. HELLER of Nevada, for introducing this resolution. All of America should be proud of what the citizen soldiers of Nevada have accomplished while mobilized and deployed for or in support of the war on terror. Since 2003, more than 3,100 people from the Nevada National Guard and Reserves have performed above and beyond the call of duty in both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. They have served in combatant support roles putting their lives on hold while serving the country they swore to protect. They temporarily left their families and jobs behind to support the needs of the country, and they should be recognized and thanked for their sacrifice.

I would also like to thank the families of these brave men and women, for they become military families when this country needs them the most. They provide essential support to those National Guard and Reserve men and women. For that, we are forever grateful.

Since the earliest days of this great Nation, we have required a strong military, a military that is ready and willing to protect the Nation's interests. The Nevada Army National Guard and Reserves are essential to that strong military. They have always acted gallantly when called upon in any situation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support House Concurrent Resolution

358 and pay respects to the brave men and women of the State of Nevada.

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

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to my good friend and colleague, a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, who I know is very proud of Nevada's Reserve components, the gentlelady from Nevada (Ms. BERKLEY).

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague, Congressman ELLSWORTH, for giving me a few moments of his time in order to sing the praises of Nevada's National Guard. I particularly want to thank my colleague from Nevada, DEAN HELLER, for having the good sense and good taste to introduce this resolution honoring our National Guard. I am very grateful to him for that.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution and in deep gratitude to the members of the Nevada National Guard who have made so many sacrifices to serve our country and my home State of Nevada.

Since 9/11, more than 1,850 of our soldiers have mobilized to support the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. That's 64 percent of our Nevada Guardsmen deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. As we speak, 263 Nevada National Guard members are serving on active duty in support of a number of operations around the world, with 136 of them currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

These brave men and women have had to endure years of separation in long and difficult tours of duty overseas. Their service takes an enormous toll on them and their families, and this resolution is just a small token of our appreciation. Some of them have made the ultimate sacrifice, and for that we will forever be in their debt and the debt of their loved ones.

I want to highlight the actions of just one of these brave soldiers. Specialist Douglas Pierce of the 221st Cavalry was recently presented the Army Commendation Medal with Valor for his actions in Iraq on June 3, 2007. Specialist Pierce was providing escort security when his convoy came under attack. After escorting the convoy out of danger, Pierce returned to the area under enemy fire to provide medical aid to wounded soldiers. He didn't have to go back into the area, but because of his brave action, one of the soldiers he assisted is alive today and recovering at Walter Reed Hospital.

I am also proud that this Congress is giving back to those like Specialist Pierce who have served our country so bravely. We recently updated the GI Bill for the 21st century, increasing education benefits for those who have served since 9/11, including reservists and members of our National Guard. We have once again restored our promise to our veterans by guaranteeing a 4-year education for those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and providing members of the National Guard

with the tools they need to succeed in the workplace. And, at long last, we have finally given the same benefits to our National Guardsmen as we have long provided the rest of our Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, the debt we owe to our soldiers can never be fully repaid, but I hope this Congress, and I'm confident that this Congress, will continue to support them as much as we possibly can.

I urge support for this resolution. Before I yield back, I want to thank my colleague from Nevada once again, Mr. HELLER, for introducing this resolution. I appreciate it, and I know the Guardsmen and their families do as well.

Mrs. DRAKE. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. HELLER).

Mr. HELLER of Nevada. I want to express my appreciation to the gentlewoman from Virginia for yielding time and thank her for her kind remarks and also to my colleagues from Indiana and, of course, from southern Nevada (Ms. BERKLEY) for the remarks that she made. Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to honor and thank the members of the Nevada Army National Guard, Air National Guard and the members of the Nevada Reserve for their service to the State of Nevada and the United States. Members of the Nevada National Guard and Reserve serve our State and country with honor and distinction. Whether they are saving lives during natural disasters or protecting our country abroad, Nevadans and our Nation owe our Guardsmen and Reservists a debt of gratitude for their service. America must remain committed to our men and women overseas, and I pray for the safe return of every servicemember of the United States.

Today I consider it a privilege to offer this resolution along with the Nevada House Delegation, Ms. BERKLEY and Mr. PORTER, in order to honor some of Nevada's finest citizens.

As we all know, the people who make the greatest sacrifices for our country are the brave men and women of our Armed Forces. Very often this means servicemembers are deployed for extended periods of time away from family, children, and friends, sometimes in hostile conditions. In addition, when members of the National Guard deploy, their families are not the only ones that are affected. Since our servicemembers live and work in their hometowns throughout Nevada, employers and communities are also affected by these deployments. I would like to recognize and thank those employers who have displayed patriotism by saving positions for returning servicemembers and supporting the servicemembers' families during this time.

The Nevada National Guard is regarded as a technically and tactically proficient fighting force fully capable of seamlessly serving alongside active duty personnel. Nevada's Guardsmen

and Reservists have bravely served both domestically and abroad in support of the global war on terrorism.

The Nevada National Guard has experienced both triumphant and disappointing moments during the past few years. Most of the Nevada National Guard's wartime deployments have been in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The Nevada National Guard has had the pleasure of welcoming hundreds of our airmen and soldiers home from worldwide deployments but also has had the sorrowful task of mourning the loss of three Army Guard combat casualties, the first casualties for the Nevada National Guard since World War II.

At this time, I want to extend my deepest condolences to family members of Chief Warrant Officer John Flynn, Sergeant Patrick Stewart, and Specialist Anthony Cometa who lost their lives in defense of our country. Generations of Nevadans will enjoy greater peace and security because of the sacrifices of John, Patrick, and Anthony.

Despite trying times, I am proud of the accomplishments of the Nevada Guard during the past 5 years. The Nevada National Guard pledges to fulfill its commitment to the citizens of the Silver State and the Nation in the same conscientious and professional manner they have maintained for nearly 150 years.

I support all our men and women in uniform. From the Middle East to Fallon Naval Air Force Station and Nellis Air Force Base, our troops are doing an excellent job of protecting Americans from new threats. Recognizing the sacrifices our troops have made in the past and continue to make today is critical for every citizen.

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Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 358 and honor the bravery of America's best servicemembers.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, at this time, I have no further requests for time and am prepared to my close after my colleague has yielded back. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. DRAKE. Mr. Speaker, I have no additional speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ELLSWORTH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 358, as amended.

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

The title was amended so as to read: "Concurrent resolution Commending the members of the Nevada Army and Air National Guard and the Nevada Reserve members of the Armed Forces for

their dedicated, unselfish, and professional service, commitment, and sacrifices to the State of Nevada and the United States during more than five years of deployments to and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.”.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING EDWARD DAY COHOTA, JOSEPH L. PIERCE, AND OTHER VETERANS OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER DESCENT WHO FOUGHT IN THE UNITED STATES CIVIL WAR

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 415) honoring Edward Day Cohota, Joseph L. Pierce, and other veterans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who fought in the United States Civil War, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 415

Whereas soldiers of Asian and Pacific Islander descent fought bravely and honorably during the United States Civil War;

Whereas Edward Day Cohota was among the soldiers of Asian descent who fought in the Civil War;

Whereas as a small child, Mr. Cohota stowed away in the ship Cohota, leaving Shanghai, China, in 1845;

Whereas Mr. Cohota enlisted in the 23rd Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry;

Whereas during the Civil War, Mr. Cohota fought valiantly in the fog-bound Battle of Drury's Bluff;

Whereas Mr. Cohota proved his courage at Cold Harbor;

Whereas Mr. Cohota served in the United States Army for 30 years;

Whereas Joseph L. Pierce was also among the soldiers of Asian descent who fought in the Civil War;

Whereas Mr. Pierce enlisted in the 14th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, in 1862;

Whereas Mr. Pierce fought at Antietam and in the Battle of Gettysburg; and

Whereas many of the soldiers of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who fought in the Civil War, including Edward Day Cohota and Joseph L. Pierce, were denied rightful recognition of their service: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes and expresses its appreciation for the courageous and loyal contributions made by soldiers of Asian and Pacific Islander descent during the United States Civil War; and

(2) recognizes and honors the 2 most documented of those soldiers, Edward Day Cohota and Joseph L. Pierce, for their distinguished and dedicated service to preserving and maintaining the Union.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ELLSWORTH) and the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. DRAKE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the resolution under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in strong support of House Resolution 415, which honors Edward Day Cohota, Joseph L. Pierce, and other veterans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who fought in the United States Civil War.

Despite generations of exclusion and discrimination, Asian Pacific Americans have served in our American forces with loyalty and dedication since the time of our Civil War. Unfortunately, many of their stories too often do not receive the attention, recognition, or credit they fittingly deserve. The stories of Mr. Cohota, Mr. Pierce, and other veterans of Asian Pacific Islander descent who fought in our Civil War are a few of such stories.

Edward Day Cohota, the best-documented Asian veteran of the Civil War, was found as a small child stowed away in a merchant ship bound for Massachusetts from the port of Shanghai, China, in 1854. The captain of the ship, Sergeant S. Day, discovered the half-starved child two days from port and adopted him as his own. Named after the merchant ship, Cohota, Edward Day Cohota spent the next several days sailing with Sergeant Day and Mrs. Day until Sergeant Day and his family retired to Gloucester, Massachusetts, in 1857.

When the Civil War broke out, Cohota joined the 23rd Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and fought bravely in the Battle of Drury's Bluff near Richmond and at the Battle of Cold Harbor. Mr. Cohota went on to proudly serve in the United States Army for 30 years.

In 1935, he died in Hot Springs, South Dakota, still a foreigner in the only homeland he had ever really known, as he had been denied American citizenship after the passing of the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1882.

Joseph Pierce is another Asian Pacific Islander who served in uniform during the American Civil War. At age 21, Pierce enlisted in the 14th Connecticut Infantry in August 1862. Connecticut ship captain Amos Peck found Pierce adrift in the South China Seas and brought him home where he was raised with the rest of the Peck family and the family's children. The 14th Connecticut Infantry unit participated in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, and he also fought with them at the Battle at Chancellorsville in May 1863. The 14th was also at the Battle of Gettysburg where they helped repel Pickett's Charge that fateful day.

Since the Civil War through today's current conflict in Iraq and Afghani-

stan, Asian and Pacific Islanders continue to honorably and bravely serve our Nation in uniform.

We in Congress recognize and express our sincerest appreciation for the courageous and loyal contributions made by soldiers of Asian and Pacific Islander descent during the Civil War. We honor their distinguished and dedicated service in preserving and maintaining the Union and are proud of the rich diversity of our heritage.

I thank my colleague from California (Mr. HONDA) for bringing forward this bill, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. DRAKE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I might consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 415, which recognizes the service of two remarkable Asian Civil War veterans and also pays respect to all participants of this war with Asian and Pacific Islander heritage.

Arriving in America as a stowaway aboard a ship from China, Edward Day Cohota enlisted in the 23rd Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, in the early years of the Civil War. He fought in the Battle of Drury's Bluff in Virginia on May 16, 1864. His wartime service continued at the Battle of Cold Harbor in Virginia on June 3, 1864. After the war, Mr. Cohota continued to serve for a total of 30 years active duty in the United States Army.

Joseph L. Pierce enlisted in the 14th Regiment, Connecticut Voluntary Infantry, in 1862 and fought on America's bloodiest day, September 17, 1862, in the Battle of Antietam. After managing to avoid being one of the 23,000 casualties of that battle, he continued to distinguish himself on the battlefields at Gettysburg where his unit helped to repulse Pickett's charge.

These two soldiers are but two of the Asian and Pacific Islanders who served their adopted Nation so well in the Civil War.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank my colleague, Mr. HONDA of California, for introducing this resolution. I would like to encourage my colleagues to give their appreciation to these volunteers whose service has not been fully recognized. Therefore, I urge a "yes" vote on House Resolution 415.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to my friend and colleague, the Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, the gentleman from California (Mr. HONDA).

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I want to thank my colleagues from Indiana and from Virginia for their wonderful support and recognition.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 415, a resolution I introduced which recognizes and honors Asian Pacific Islander American soldiers who fought during the United States Civil War.