

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2010 AND 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 2410) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, to modernize the Foreign Service, and for other purposes.

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2410, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, and commend Chairman BERMAN for his leadership on this bill. Diplomacy and international development are cornerstones of U.S. national security, and H.R. 2410 will ensure that these key strategic tools are maximized in our efforts to protect America and rebuild our standing in the world.

H.R. 2410 provides robust authorization for rebuilding civilian capacity by authorizing 1,500 new Foreign Service Officers for the State Department and promotes training to ensure our diplomats have the skills to confront twenty-first century challenges. Additionally, the bill authorizes 700 new Foreign Service Officers for USAID, an important step to rebuild the capacity of our development agency to provide appropriate, effective aid to countries and communities in need around the world.

Improving the livelihoods of vulnerable and oppressed women around the world should be a key component of U.S. foreign policy, and I applaud the inclusion of the authorization of the "Office of Women's Issues" in the base bill. Irrefutable research has shown that incorporating the unique needs of women into development policy is integral to ensure our aid initiatives' effectiveness; by coordinating and advising on gender integration and international women's empowerment, this office will help to increase the efficiency of our foreign assistance. As evidenced by its opposition to this office's authorization, the extreme anti-choice wing of the Republican party continues to put ideology over fact and science. Let me be clear: this bill in no way changes existing statutory prohibitions on abortion. A vote against this bill inhibits our government's ability to advance women's empowerment initiatives aimed at stability, security, and equality around the world.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

CONDEMNING THE MURDER OF DR. GEORGE TILLER

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the resolution Condemning the Murder of Dr. George Tiller (H. Res. 505) and with deepest sympathy for the loved ones of Dr. Tiller.

On May 31, 2009, an assassination took place in Kansas. A physician was murdered in an act of terrorism in his church. This act of anti-abortion vigilantism inspires fear and terror. The murdered doctor had previously been shot and the clinic in which he worked had been previously bombed.

This resolution, of which I am an original co-sponsor, expresses our sympathy for the family and loved ones of Dr. George Tiller and declares that violence should never be recourse for a difference in beliefs. In honor of the memory of Dr. Tiller we must work harder than ever to promote tolerance and non-violence.

Abortion in this nation is a legal health care procedure. I support a woman's right to make her own health care decisions and the work of health care providers to meet women's health care needs. What America witnessed with Dr. Tiller's death was a Taliban-like tactic to prevent abortions by murdering a doctor. It is terrorism and I urge the administration to extend protection to women's clinics all across our country.

I support comprehensive sex education, evidence-based science, full access to family planning and reproductive health care for all women, and counseling to ensure women of all ages have the best information to make good choices about when they decide to have children. This is how we reduce abortions. This is how we empower individuals to prevent the need for abortions.

Safe, comprehensive reproductive and family planning services should be accessible to all Americans and providers, because it is essential for the health and well-being of women and families. I will continue to work with President Obama in the 111th Congress to keep women's health as a priority.

My condolences go out to Dr. Tiller's family and loved ones. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution and join me in condemning the murder of Dr. Tiller.

TO HONOR THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, CONNECTICUT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 350th anniversary of

the incorporation of the city of Norwich, Connecticut. Founded in 1659 and known as the "Rose of Connecticut," Norwich will be celebrating its 350th birthday and rich history throughout the month of June.

During the American Revolution, Norwich supported the cause for independence by supplying soldiers, ships, and munitions. One of the most infamous figures of the Revolution, Benedict Arnold, was born in Norwich. Other well-known Colonial era individuals include Samuel Huntington, Christopher Leffingwell, and Daniel Lathrop. Today, Norwich is a thriving city and a center of commerce and manufacturing, with a wide range of municipal services, a modern industrial park, and a positive outlook for residential and business growth.

As part of the celebration, the city will be presenting several events with participants from across the globe. The city green will host various reenactments of history with period uniforms and equipment as they demonstrate lifestyles of days past. There will be historic talks, as well as tours of historical and present-day landmarks, historic homes, factories, gardens, places of worship, and other areas of preservation. Norwich will offer "museum days" with free access to all of the city museums, and will also sponsor a time capsule to be opened on the 400th anniversary of the city.

The 350th Commemorative Quilt, to be known as a historical work of art, will be on display. Additionally, city citizens will perform in "Rose on the River," a compilation of short plays written by local playwrights. Special musical performances will add to the festivities. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will host a parade and festival to commemorate both Norwich's 350th and the NAACP's 100th anniversaries.

Madam Speaker, I am proud and pleased to honor the City of Norwich. Three hundred fifty years after incorporation, from its colonial origins through its modern evolution, Norwich represents the very best of Connecticut. I ask my colleagues to join with me and my constituents in honoring and celebrating Norwich's semiseptcentennial anniversary and welcome many more to come.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN BONE MARROW AWARENESS MONTH ACT

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, as I rise today in support of the African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month Act, I am reminded of two things—the thousands of lives that bone marrow donations save each year, and the distance we have to travel to increase the participation of minorities, especially African Americans, in the National Marrow Donor Program. The African

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American Bone Marrow Awareness Month Act, by urging all Americans to initiate, organize and participate in programs to increase the collective consciousness of African Americans to become bone marrow donors.

Since the inception of the National Marrow Donor Program registry, over 24,000 people have received bone marrow transplants. African Americans make up only eight percent, or 450,000 of the more than six million people currently registered in the National Marrow Donor Program. Worse, African Americans have received a little more than four percent—one out of every 24—of these transplants. While it is possible for an African American patient to get a match for a bone marrow donor from any racial or ethnic group, the most likely match for a transplant is from another African American. All it takes is a single drop of blood to help determine a match.

Madam Speaker, this legislation will encourage all people, but particularly African Americans, to organize a bone marrow registration drive in their community. The collective work under this legislation will promote donor awareness and increase the number of African Americans registered with the National Marrow Donor Program throughout our nation. I urge all Members of Congress to begin the need for awareness, importance and value of bone marrow awareness, and urge its quick adoption by Congress.

MARKING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF
MR. RUDOLF SMITH JUNE 12, 2009

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, on June 12, 2009 Nash County, North Carolina native and resident Mr. Rudolf Smith will be celebrating his 100th birthday. To mark this milestone, family and friends will be gathering for a party in his honor.

Mr. Smith was born on June 12, 1909, to sharecroppers, Mr. Willis Smith II and Mrs. Willie M. Smith on Joe Ellison's farm near Dortches in Nash County, North Carolina. He was kept home from school after the fourth grade because he was needed to work the crops.

Working six and a half days a week, Mr. Smith was barely tall enough to keep the plow in the field when he started farming.

Mr. Smith was married to Patty Alston in 1933. Together, they had six children.

Currently, he resides at Knight's Family Care Homes where he enjoys reminiscing about his past, walking, and eating anything he wants. He lives a healthy and fulfilled life.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in wishing Mr. Smith a very happy 100th birthday.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO
SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES IN
SOUTHERN AND EASTERN KEN-
TUCKY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I rise with my colleague and fellow Kentuckian, Congressman ED WHITFIELD, to raise awareness about an important issue impacting a number of small businesses in our region of the country.

Scenic Lake Cumberland has been the hub of economic development in our area of southern Kentucky for years. Some 4 million visitors stop by every year to take advantage of the lake's many attractions—world class bass fishing, relaxing atop a custom built houseboat, or boating with family and friends. These visitors pump over \$70 million into our local economy, benefiting a wide array of businesses in the surrounding counties. However, with our nation's economy floundering and the Commonwealth's unemployment rate of nearly 10 percent hovering above the national average, the houseboat and marina industries surrounding Lake Cumberland are hemorrhaging—and so too are our people whose livelihoods rely on the lake as a lifeline.

While the overall economy is part of the problem, business conditions at Lake Cumberland have suffered an even greater share in large part due to a long delayed and deferred federal rehabilitation and construction project at Wolf Creek Dam. An unfortunate consequence of construction at the dam has been the necessity to temporarily lower the pool of the lake from the traditional level of 720 feet to 680 feet. This significant drawdown has had a substantial adverse impact on the ten local concessionaries leasing marina space from the Corps of Engineers. Many marinas have had to incur tremendous expenses to accommodate the lower pool, such as relocation and investments in additional infrastructure, and these unanticipated expenses have significantly disrupted their cash flow. The legislation we've introduced today ensures that the federal government fulfills its obligation to those concessionaries with which it has entered into leasing agreements and provides some relief for these unforeseeable expenses that have the potential to set back the economy of an entire region. These measures include suspending burdensome rental payments until it is safe to restore the lake level, as well as reimbursing marina operators for expenses directly tied to this continued drawdown. Finally, the bill makes whole the surrounding communities that rely heavily on these rental payments.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been tasked and is hard at work with correcting structural issues with the dam to shore up the dam for future generations to enjoy, and Congress has diligently provided vital funds for the continuation of this project. I have no argument with this work or the funding. However, no relief has been made available to those who have tied their livelihoods to this lake and who, through no fault of their own, are enduring a government-induced hardship. The bill introduced today will correct this and provide some measure of relief to the

hardworking small business owners scattered along beautiful Lake Cumberland.

TRIBUTE TO LT COL KENNETH
BOW, USAR RET

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to LT COL Kenneth Bow, USAR RET, in recognition of his 70th birthday this Saturday, June 13, 2009.

Kenneth Bow retired from the U.S. Army Reserves in 1993 with the rank of LT COL. He joined the ROTC at Michigan State in 1958. After graduation as an Electrical Engineer, he began his active duty as a Second Lieutenant at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Later, from 1963 to 1965, he was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. After being honorably discharged, he immediately joined the 578th Research and Development Unit in the USAR in Midland, Michigan.

On active-duty training assignments over his army career, he served in many Mobilization Designee positions, mainly in the Ft. Belvoir Research Development and Engineer Center. His training projects were highly technical and engineering-oriented, such as standardization of controls across an electrical generator family and related self diagnosis; and the impact of chlorofluorocarbon, CFC, regulations on users. In addition, LT COL Bow co-chaired management of selected engineering and financial teams assembled to conceptualize the design of a state-of-the-art, \$100 million automated logistical center/warehouse at Sharpe Army Depot in California.

In his more than twenty-eight years serving the USAR, LT COL Bow was highly decorated with the following awards: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, USAR Achievement Medal with three Bronze Oak Leaves, National Defense Service Medal, and Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hour-Glass Device.

In 1965, Kenneth Bow joined the Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Michigan, rising to the highest research professional rank of Research Scientist at the time of his retirement in 2007.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize LT COL Kenneth Bow in celebration of his 70th birthday. I hope the year to come will bring him health, happiness, and special times with family and friends. Birthdays are a time to reminisce over good memories and make new ones. I hope that his is special.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on June 10, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my vote for rollcall No. 317.

Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 317—"yes"—Providing for consideration of H.R. 1886, the Pakistan Enduring