

A PROCLAMATION HONORING EMMY HENSEL FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Emmy Hensel showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and Whereas, Emmy Hensel was a supportive team player; and Whereas, Emmy Hensel always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Emmy Hensel on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO PORTUGAL FOR ACCEPTING TWO DETAINEES RELEASED FROM GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution expressing appreciation to the nation of Portugal for accepting two detainees from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. These two Syrian men had been cleared by the federal government for release but were unable to be sent to their home country, in compliance with international human rights law.

The United States has been working with other countries to effect a safe and efficient process for resettling detainees cleared of wrongdoing and scheduled for release. This is a complicated and difficult process but has resulted in approximately 15 resettled detainees since President Obama took office. Two of those went to Portugal. Dozens more have been cleared for release but have not yet been transferred to a third-party nation.

In December 2008, Portuguese Foreign Minister Luis Amado announced in a public letter to European officials that Portugal was ready to assist the United States in resettling released detainees. In doing so, Portugal became the first nation to publicly state its willingness to take Guantanamo detainees who were not its own nationals. In August 2009, Portugal accepted the two Syrian released detainees and provided homes for them to live freely.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate Portugal—our friend and ally—assisting us in the effort to resolve the complex problem of resettling detainees cleared for release. The fact of the matter is that the Bush administration's reckless approach to establishing an extrajudicial system at Guantanamo has left us grappling with how to humanely and effectively resettle detainees who pose no threat to our national security. To

that end we owe the people of Portugal sincere thanks for taking on the responsibility of ensuring the rights and well-being of these two resettled detainees, who have been cleared of any wrongdoing. Portugal and the United States have set a positive example for the safe, efficient, and humane process of resettling former detainees.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING CARLY CLARK FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Carly Clark showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and Whereas, Carly Clark was a supportive team player; and Whereas, Carly Clark always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Carly Clark on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, during the vote on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2918, Fiscal Year 2010 Legislative Branch Appropriations, (Rollcall 734), I mistakenly voted “yea” but I meant to vote “nay.”

A PROCLAMATION HONORING KRISTEN SMITH FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Kristen Smith showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and Whereas, Kristen Smith was a supportive team player; and Whereas, Kristen Smith always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Kristen Smith on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

HONORING SFC SHAWN PATRICK MCCLOSKEY

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fallen American patriot.

Thousands of my constituents in Georgia's 3rd Congressional District lined the streets of Peachtree City, GA, this week, waving American flags, to honor the late SFC Shawn Patrick McCloskey. The sergeant, returning home to his final resting place, died while serving in the U.S. Army in Afghanistan.

Sergeant McCloskey, 33, suffered fatal injuries after he was hit by a roadside bomb Sept. 15 while on patrol in Ghur Ghuri. SFC Bradley Bohle of Maryland and SSG Joshua Mills of Texas also died in the attack.

Before joining the service, Sergeant McCloskey worked for a construction company in Fayette County. Like many of his fellow soldiers, he was a regular American, going to work every day and providing for his family when he decided to join the military in 2002. At a time of great anguish for our Nation, he heard the call to duty and he answered it.

After Special Forces training, Sergeant McCloskey became a Green Beret and performed intelligence work in Colombia. When he died, he was serving his third tour in the Global War on Terror. His meritorious service won him many medals and awards, including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the National Defense Service Medal.

Our Nation mourns the loss of each soldier sacrificed on the battlefield. But there is no tribute we can give that eases the pain of the Gold Star families. Sergeant McCloskey is survived by his wife Jessica and two children, Katie and Collin, and also his parents Patrick and Kathryn McCloskey of Fayetteville.

Today, we remember and grieve this great American hero, SFC Shawn McCloskey. He died so that we, his fellow Americans, could continue to live in freedom.

We thank the McCloskey family for their gift to us. May God bless them during their hour of greatest need.

TRIBUTE TO THE MARLBOROUGH REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (MRCC)

**HON. JAMES P MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce, MRCC, for their devotion to their community for 85 years. The MRCC is a not-for-profit organization that provides resources for businesses to help them develop and grow. Their continuing efforts have helped make Marlborough a better place to live, work and raise a family.

The MRCC has continued to reach their goal of creating a better community with their strong leadership and dedication to the town. Throughout the years, the MRCC has presented gifts for the town, awarded scholarships for graduating high school seniors, and

participated vigorously in public discussions about improvements to the city. Their successful events, such as the Heritage Festival and The Annual Steak and Lobster Cookout, have brought the community together. They bring great pride and joy to the town and get people involved.

The Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its founding at an event being held September 25, 2009. The theme of the event is based on Marlborough's history in the shoe industry. Throughout the night, videos, vintage pictures and newspapers will be on display. Also during the event, several local businesses will be acknowledged for their support since the 1920s.

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce for 85 years of service, and to wish them continued success.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING AUBREY BURNWORTH FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Aubrey Burnworth showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Aubrey Burnworth was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Aubrey Burnworth always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Aubrey Burnworth on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Wednesday, September 23, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "No" on rollcall vote No. 723, on agreeing to H. Res. 723; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 724, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 765; "No" on rollcall vote No. 725, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 2215; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 726, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3614; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 727, on motion to recommit with instructions H.R. 324; "No" on rollcall vote No. 728, on passage of H.R. 324; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 729, on passage of H. Res. 696; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 730, on motion to adjourn "No" on rollcall vote No. 731, on motion to suspend the rules

and agree to H.R. 3617; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 732, motion to adjourn; "No" on rollcall vote No. 733, on ordering the previous question; "Yes" on rollcall vote No. 734, on motion to Instruct Conferees for H.R. 2918.

SERVICES FOR ENDING LONG-TERM HOMELESSNESS ACT OF 2009

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Services for Ending Long-Term Homelessness Act of 2009. The reality is that more than a half million Americans do not have a place to call home each night, and half of them are without shelter. This bill will alleviate the wide-spread problem of chronic homelessness across the country.

According to the Department of Children and Families' most recent report, there are 85,907 persons homeless on any given day. At least 2 million people find themselves homeless at some point each year in our country. There isn't nearly enough shelter for these individuals. In 2007, my home state of Florida alone had 48,000 homeless people, with 14,900 of them families and 7,691 of them chronic cases.

Recently, I heard the story of a 25-year-old mother of three in my district, who was running out of options—staying at a hotel in Palm Beach County after fleeing domestic violence in Miami. As she was running out of money, this brave young woman and her young children soon would be homeless. But, they were one of the lucky ones. She was referred to The Lord's Place residence for homeless families, where she now lives with her children. As a leader in my district for chronic homelessness solutions, the Lord's Place is a perfect example of the types of establishments that would benefit immensely from this legislation. In this survivor's words: "I am here. I am working. I am breathing. And I am grateful."

Throughout our country, over 100,000 people have nowhere to call home for years on end. These are the long-term homeless, who all too often also confront mental illness, substance addiction, life-threatening illness or other serious health problems. The good news is: this bill presents us with an opportunity to put an end to this national crisis that hits home for all of us.

In 2003, the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health recommended the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan designed to create 150,000 units of permanent supportive housing for consumers and families who are chronically homeless. Affordable housing alone can't meet the needs for many people with severe mental illness. This bill will establish funding for supportive housing, affordable housing linked to accessible mental health, substance addiction, unemployment, and other support services as necessary. Permanent supportive housing is cost-effective, and is the soundest available investment of public and private resources to end long-term homelessness.

Current programs for funding services in permanent supportive housing, other than

those administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, were not designed to be closely coordinated with housing resources, nor were they designed to meet the multiple needs of people who are chronically homeless. This bill will establish a comprehensive grant program to provide supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and families that they so badly need. Support services will include mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, referrals for medical and dental care, health education, and services designed to help individuals make progress toward self-sufficiency and recovery. Permanent supportive housing can help the chronically homeless stay off the streets, out of hospitals and jails, and ultimately help them achieve the stability they need to lead healthy lives as productive members of their communities.

Madam Speaker, it is time we take a stand to put an end to long-term homelessness in America. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and to support a proven and cost-effective solution to ending chronic homelessness.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ANNE DREHER FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Anne Dreher showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Anne Dreher was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Anne Dreher always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Anne Dreher on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

HONORING WILLIAM McDANIEL

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize William McDaniel. William is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1040, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

William has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years William has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, William has earned the Ad Altare Dei emblem, recognizing his development and growth into a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. William has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. William built a delivery ramp for the Grace United