

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

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HONORING STAFF SERGEANT ORY MARIONEUX, SR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BILL CASSIDY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Staff Sergeant Ory Marioneaux, Sr., U.S. Army, on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on October 28, 1919, Ory Marioneaux has lived in Baton Rouge nearly all his 90 years. He graduated from McKinley High School in 1940 and rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army, fighting for our country in the European Theatre of World War II in 1942.

After his honorable discharge from military service, Ory returned to Baton Rouge and was reunited with his wife, Mary Agnes Honore, with whom he raised eight children, twenty-two grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Ory worked in service to the people of Baton Rouge throughout his career, both as a private contractor and public employee. Ory worked as a maintenance supervisor for the Housing Authority, a construction supervisor for the city of Baton Rouge, and a teacher of the World War II defense program at Southern University.

Ory Marioneaux has led a life of service to his country and devotion to his family that should serve as an example to us all. I join his family in wishing him, on behalf of a grateful country, a happy 90th birthday.

BAY PINES HOSPITAL AND EMPLOYEES NAMED BEST IN THE VA

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, the Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital at Bay Pines, Florida, which I have the great honor to represent, will be honored Friday with the prestigious Robert W. Carey Trophy Award for Performance Excellence.

The hospital and its hundreds of dedicated employees and volunteers are being recognized with this, the Department's highest recognition across all its departments, including the Veterans Health Administration, the Veterans Benefits Administration, and the National Cemetery Administration.

Bay Pines was recognized by the VA last year as "A Top Quality Achiever" for organizational excellence in seven key areas: leadership; strategic planning; customer and market focus; measurement, analysis, and knowledge management; human resources; process management; and results.

With this award, Bay Pines is not just one of the best hospitals and VA organizations, it is the very best anywhere in the nation. This just confirms what veterans in the Tampa Bay area already know.

Hospital Director Wallace Hopkins and the entire team at Bay Pines work hard to provide veterans with the highest quality care they deserve and have earned from a grateful nation. And Bay Pines does not rest on its laurels. The hospital and its staff continue to find ways to improve the delivery of care and services.

The hospital has opened a new and larger Emergency Room that doubles the capacity for emergency care services including emergency mental healthcare. Bay Pines has under construction a Radiation Oncology Center to provide veterans with state of the art cancer treatment. The design is being completed and the ground will be broken soon on a new Mental Health Center of Excellence that will bring together under one roof and improve the delivery of specialized inpatient, outpatient, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder programs. And planning is underway for a new and larger Eye Care Clinic and Ambulatory Surgery Center.

The 2009 Carey Trophy Award is a great honor for all Bay Pines employees and is a signal that their dedication and hard work is recognized and appreciated. And it is appreciated the most by those who are the recipients of their professional and compassionate care—our nation's veterans and their families.

Madam Speaker, it is my hope that my colleagues will join me in saying well done to Wallace Hopkins and all the employees and volunteers at Bay Pines who work so hard and take such pride in honoring America's heroes everyday with the best health care services available anywhere in our great nation.

HONORING DENNIS DEYOUNG AS A "GREAT PERFORMER OF ILLINOIS"

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dennis DeYoung on his recognition as a Great Performer of Illinois. Great Performers of Illinois is an annual celebration of the very best art and culture in the State of Illinois. As both his talents and his humanitarian contributions to the State of Illinois attest, Mr. DeYoung is indeed worthy of recognition.

A musician from his youngest years, Mr. DeYoung found his audience when he formed the band that would later become Styx with a group of friends while growing up in Chicago. Over the course of Styx's storied career, Mr. DeYoung served as lead vocalist, songwriter, keyboardist, producer, and in many other capacities. The band's musical run has included a string of multi-platinum albums, worldwide fame, and top 10 hits in three different decades. That Styx remains one of the biggest-selling performers in the history of recorded music is a testament to Mr. DeYoung's remarkable talent and restless creativity. His numerous hits include such utterly original, distinctive, and memorable songs as "Lady," "Come Sail Away," "Babe," and "Mr. Roboto."

Mr. DeYoung's music is only part of his contribution to society. He is a tireless advocate and supporter of the fight against childhood cancer. In keeping with this mission, he performed a benefit concert in Chicago on October 24th, with proceeds going to the cause of childhood cancer research.

I ask you to join me in honoring Dennis DeYoung for his remarkable achievements in both music and society, and his recognition as a Great Performer of Illinois.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR LESLIE G. WILSON—SCOTTSDALE HEALTHCARE'S "SALUTE TO MILITARY" HONOREE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a member of the Armed Forces from my home state of Arizona. Each month, Scottsdale Healthcare honors service members who perform diligent service to this country. For October, they recognized Major Leslie G. Wilson.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to such an outstanding service member for her bravery and service to our country.

During her military career, Major Wilson has been deployed three times as a military nurse officer. Most recently, Wilson was deployed in

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Iraq where she saved lives, cared for the wounded and served her country with great distinction.

Beyond her tours of duty, Wilson is devoted to educating and training our military personnel. She teaches life-saving skills to military personnel so they will be able to provide the best possible care when deployed and under wartime conditions.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this outstanding Air Force Nurse Corps leader for serving our country and protecting the lives of fellow service men and women in combat.

SOLAR TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3585) to guide and provide for United States research, development, and demonstration of solar energy technologies, and for other purposes:

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of the Solar Technology Roadmap Act because I believe that a strong commitment to solar technology is essential if we're going to lead our country into a robust clean energy economy.

I want to commend my colleague from New York, Mr. HINCHEY, for his leadership and for partnering with me to ensure that there's a diverse regional balance in the Solar Technology Roadmap.

I'd especially like to thank Chairman GORDON for incorporating the Israel Amendment into his Manager's Amendment. This language requires the Solar Roadmap Committee to work with the Departments of Interior and Defense, the National Park Service, and the General Services Administration on the potential for solar demonstration projects on federal lands. We must be using all the resources we have to tap into renewable energy.

We have significant resources in the National Parks and on military bases around the country. Just last month, I was hiking in the Grand Canyon and realized the enormous potential for renewable energy on the roofs of visitors centers alone. This past spring I was at Fort Drum touring the expansive land available there for a robust solar installation that will contribute to an independent energy supply for the base. Our National Parks and federal lands should be landmarks for innovation, efficiency and renewable energy.

Currently, National Parks' renewable energy generation rates are only 1.5 percent of their total average need. The Park Service needs to install 5.8 MW of renewable energy sources between now and 2013 to meet current federal mandates. Just 50 of our 391 National Parks use 80 percent of the total energy consumed by the National Park Service. Solar demonstration projects in these high-use parks could tremendously reduce the energy consumption of the entire National Park system.

The DOD is the single largest energy user in the United States. Any marginal increases in efficiency or the use of renewable sources

could have significant impacts on civilian supply. According to DOD reports, the military consumes 1.2 percent of the energy required in the entire country. By 2013, the military must acquire 7.5 percent of its electricity from renewables. Energy is not just an economic and environmental issue, but this shows that it's a national security issue as well.

Again, I thank the gentleman for yielding and look forward to continuing to work with him to reform U.S. energy policy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately on October 26, 2009, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Res. 368 and H. Res. 562 and wish the RECORD to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 814 on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 368, Congratulating the University of Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championships, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 815 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 562, Congratulating Syracuse University for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Mens Lacrosse Tournament, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 27, 2009, I was unfortunately unable to be present for recorded votes while at home recovering from a collapsed lung.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote No. 814 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 368, as amended), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 815 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 562), "no" on rollcall vote No. 816 (on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2996), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 817 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2489, as amended), and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 818 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 854).

RECOGNIZING THE "SWEATS FOR VETS" INITIATIVE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the "Sweats for Vets" initiative taking place in Virginia's 10th District, which I am honored to represent in Congress.

When I visited Walter Reed Army Medical Center during August recess, I learned about

an effort being undertaken by groups of veterans and other organizations across the United States to provide "pieces of home" to our wounded warriors in veterans' hospitals. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1177, based in Leesburg, Virginia, is one of these groups. Their "Sweats for Vets" program has provided sweatpants, sweatshirts, and books to patients at the Martinsburg Veterans Hospital, as part of the hospital's support program. This gesture helps make a hospital more comfortable for our wounded soldiers.

The town of Purcellville, also located in the 10th District, has joined with VFW Post 1177 and American Legion Post 293 in collecting sweat sets for patients in local veterans' hospitals. The "Sweats for Vets" initiative has become a tremendous morale booster. I would like to recognize the Purcellville mayor, Bob Lazaro, for leading the initiative in the town. By undertaking this project, he is leading an important effort to help our wounded warriors and improve their stay in the hospital.

I salute the efforts of both VFW Post 1177 and the town of Purcellville, to help bring comfort to those service personnel recovering in veterans' hospitals.

HONORING HENRY GAWRONSKI

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Henry Gawronski, a lifelong resident of Bucks County and dedicated public servant. For 44 years, Henry has served his country and his community, whether through his time in the Navy, his positions on the school board, or as a Township Supervisor.

Henry graduated from Central Bucks High School in 1955, and shortly thereafter enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He retired from the Navy twenty years later in July of 1975 and devoted his time to his auto body business on a fulltime basis. He has five children and was deeply involved in the school board, serving as Treasurer, Vice-President, and President of the Palisades School Board during his six years of service beginning in 1980.

In 1983, Henry became one of the founding members of the Palisades Republican Club. He felt that the formation of the this club would help unite the Republicans in his rural area and encourage local, county, and state candidates to attend so community members could see, hear, and question what they had to say in person.

Henry became a Township Supervisor in January of 1988. During his eighteen year tenure, he has served as Vice-Chairman and Chairman. In 1989, he spearheaded the project to build an addition to the Nockamixon Township Building, and managed to fund it through donations of money and labor—at no cost to the township. Six years ago, he made his dream of a huge party for the township a reality by forming and helping coordinate an annual Nockamixon Township Community Day. Generous donations allow residents and guests to be treated to free entertainment, food, and door prizes.

Henry has devoted the better portion of his life to public service—20 years in the Navy, 6