

SEAL program in a 1997 letter to Boehm where it says, "John F. Kennedy was right. The U.S. Navy SEALs will bear your mark as long as they and the freedom they fight for continues to exist," wrote Admiral Taylor.

In addition to his distinguished military service, Lieutenant Commander Boehm was equally admired for his longstanding support of military veterans within his Punta Gorda community.

Regrettably, Lieutenant Commander Boehm passed away on December 30, 2008, at his Punta Gorda home at the age of 84. It is my hope that we can somehow honor his outstanding legacy and service to our country through the passage of H.R. 2470 and by designating the Port Charlotte Postal Facility on Cochran Boulevard in his honor.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 2470.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I rise today in support of H.R. 2470, legislation to have the United States Post Office Building located at Port Charlotte, Florida, designated as the Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office.

Mr. Speaker, there are many accomplishments that Lieutenant Commander Boehm made as he served this country in many ways, as the gentleman from Massachusetts has pointed out. But for me personally, as somebody who grew up in a neighborhood full of United States SEAL team members, the San Diego area and specifically the Coronado area, I would just like to say that Commander Boehm is going to go down in history as a man who transformed what was the UDT, basically the Underwater Demolition Team, transformed that concept into what we know today as the SEALs.

I think today that we need to take this action not just for the commander, but for the men that serve every day as SEAL team members out there that you will not hear about. But their deeds are great and many. But we don't hear about them, mostly because so many of them are covert.

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I have to say that from everything, from saving the victims of piracy to defending our camps around the world, the SEALs have proven their value to this country. Commander Boehm made this possible, and I think that is why it's so appropriate that we join today in naming this post office. Today the Navy SEALs are known around the world, but when the commander started, nobody even hardly knew what a UDT member was. And largely because of Commander Boehm, we can thank the entire service that we know now today as the SEALs.

I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in honoring Commander Boehm by recognizing his many life achievements, his valor, his contribution to the armed services of the

United States and, particularly, through his participation in the creation of that group the world knows as the United States Navy SEALs.

I reserve my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, we have no further speakers on this. I continue to reserve our time.

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, at this time I will yield back the remainder of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. I thank the gentleman from California for his words in support of this measure.

I also want to thank Congressman ROONEY for being the lead sponsor here, the gentleman from Florida.

In closing, I again urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Lieutenant Commander Roy Boehm for his good work through the passage of H.R. 2470.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I think it is appropriate that my first bill to be considered on the House floor is to honor a distinguished veteran who passed away in December of last year. Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Roy Boehm was a true American hero and long-time resident of Punta Gorda, FL which I am honored to represent.

Mr. Boehm was a retired Navy Lt. Commander and was the first officer in charge of SEAL Team 2, one of the original Navy SEAL teams. Many would say that he was the first SEAL.

H.R. 2470 names the post office located at 19190 Cochran Blvd. in Port Charlotte after Lieutenant Commander Boehm. LCDR Boehm enlisted in the Navy in 1941 and fought during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. In 1942, he participated in the Battle of Cape Esperance and Guadalcanal during WWII. He also was involved in action in Kerama Reto and Okinawa.

During his service, LCDR Boehm obtained qualifications in deep sea diving, deep submergence rescue chamber operator for submarine rescue, experimental diving, and salvage diving. He graduated from both Airborne and Ranger Training.

In 1961, under orders from President Kennedy LCDR Boehm developed and launched the Navy's elite Sea, Air, and Land forces unit known as the SEALs. LCDR Roy Boehm set the standard for the Navy SEALs of today and he is missed.

Mr. LYNCH. I yield back the balance of our time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2470.

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. BILBRAY. 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.

RECOGNIZING HILLEL FOUNDATION

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 493) recognizing the significant contributions of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life to college campus communities in the United States and around the world.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 493

Whereas Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life was founded at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1923 and has become the world's largest Jewish campus organization, serving Jewish college students on over 500 campuses across the globe;

Whereas Hillel has been an important partner to universities by providing resources, programs, and other forms of support to the entire campus community;

Whereas Hillel has been at the forefront of breaking down discriminatory barriers to students of all backgrounds on college campuses for 85 years;

Whereas Hillel has contributed to the Nation's preeminence in science, industry, and the humanities by helping generations of students attain the dream of higher education;

Whereas Hillel has contributed to United States history by providing armed service personnel with counseling prior to World War II, welcoming GIs back to campus following the war, and sponsoring European refugees on campuses during and after the war, including the late Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Tom Lantos;

Whereas Hillel has educated students about American values and has helped them to provide leadership for social justice causes, including the civil rights movement, the campaign to free Soviet Jewry, the effort to stop the genocide in Darfur, and the promotion of AIDS Awareness and interfaith understanding;

Whereas Hillel has been at the forefront of educating campuses about Israel, an ally of the United States;

Whereas Hillel has helped to provide students with the tools to combat anti-Semitism on campus; and

Whereas Hillel continues to contribute enormously to civil society by providing service-learning opportunities for thousands of students in the United States and abroad: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports Hillel's mission of service to Jewish college students and partnership with the campus community; and

(2) congratulates the students, lay leaders, and professionals of the Hillel movement on reaching its milestone 85th birthday.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from the Northern Mariana Islands (Mr. SABLAN) and the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from the Northern Mariana Islands.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 493 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from the Northern Mariana Islands?

There was no objection.

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the significant contributions that Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life has made towards colleges and universities around the United States.

Hillel began as an organization 85 years ago at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Benjamin Frankel developed the organization as an opportunity for Jewish students to affirm their heritage during a time of anti-Semitism. The advent of World War II, and the horror of the Holocaust, only further justified the need for Hillel as a campus organization.

During the war, Hillel counseled soldiers, welcomed GIs back to campus, and sponsored European refugees. One of these refugees was the late chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Tom Lantos.

Today Hillel is the largest Jewish campus organization in the world. Hillel's mission is to enrich the lives of Jewish undergraduate and graduate students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world. The organization helps students grow spiritually, intellectually, and socially throughout their college years. Hillel prepares thousands of young adults to enter the world upholding the important ideals of the Jewish faith.

In addition to serving the Jewish community, Hillel serves as a beacon for social justice causes that extend far beyond the Jewish community. The organization champions civil rights, ending the genocide in Darfur, AIDS awareness, and interfaith dialogue and understanding. Hillel is also an important campus advocate for Israel, educating college students about their country's important relationship with Israel. Through these outreach and advocacy efforts, Hillel communicates to our Nation and the world the highest values of the Jewish community.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage everyone to take a moment and appreciate the contributions made by Hillel. I urge my colleagues to pass this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 493, which would recognize the significant contributions of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life to college campus communities in the United States around the world.

Hillel is a Jewish Campus Life organization that has provided support and education to Jewish and non-Jewish students around the world. It was originally named after a sage who moved from Babylonia to Palestine in the first century. His wisdom is the founda-

tion upon which this organization was built.

It was founded in 1923 at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. It provided support to Jewish students throughout the Depression, World War II, and the Holocaust. In 1988 Hillel was reorganized, adopted a new mission statement, and became the organization we recognize today.

For 85 years, Hillel has supported Jewish expression and helped to break discriminatory barriers. Its mission is to enrich the lives of Jewish undergraduate and graduate students so that they may enrich the Jewish people around the world. It provides resources to college students, including grants, educational peer-organized trips and Jewish content. It also educates non-Jewish students to help break down religious and cultural barriers. Hillel is open to any interested college student.

Today, Hillel foundations are found in Israel, South America, and the former Soviet Republics. Affiliated organizations are found in Australia, Canada and Great Britain. Hillel students around the world connect Jewish people and understand Jewish life. Over 600 Hillel professionals are at work around the world engaging Jewish students.

By engaging Jewish students and promoting understanding of non-Jewish students, Hillel has been in the forefront of combating anti-Semitism. In light of recent occurrences at the Holocaust Museum, we are reminded of how important organizations such as Hillel are. Organizations that encourage today's young people to understand each other and to fight discrimination are invaluable to future generations.

I ask my colleagues to support this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, does the gentlewoman from Washington have any further speakers?

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. I have no additional requests for time. I urge my colleagues to support the legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentlewoman from Washington also for her fine statement and support of H. Res. 493.

I have no further speakers. I encourage our Members to support H. Res. 493.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 493, recognizing the significant contributions of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life on college campus communities in the United States and around the world. I would like to thank my colleague Congressman KLEIN for introducing this important resolution and for all of his work to celebrate Jewish life and fight anti-Semitism.

This past weekend, Hillel marked its 85th anniversary. Every day, for the past 85 years, Hillel has worked to fulfill its mission of enriching the lives of Jewish undergraduate and graduate students, helping them to become leaders in their communities.

Founded at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1923 by Rabbi Benjamin

Frankel, Hillel has grown to over 500 campuses around the world. Today, Hillel of Illinois is active on 17 campuses across the state, including three in my district alone, providing opportunities for Jewish students to explore their Jewish identity and create vibrant Jewish life on campuses.

Hillel plays a critical role in encouraging students to be leaders in their communities, championing causes including human rights and social justice. Hillel students have been active on issues ranging from civil rights to freeing Soviet Jewry; from halting genocide in Darfur to promoting the U.S.-Israel relationship. Hillel provides students with the opportunity to engage in their communities and around the world.

Today, 85 years after its founding, Hillel is the largest Jewish campus organization in the world. The organization has supported the broader Jewish community during times of trouble and tragedy and has celebrated the community's triumphs. For the past eight decades, Hillel has helped Jewish students connect with their history, culture, and identity at a crucial moment of self-discovery in their own lives.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution to recognize Hillel on its 85th anniversary.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to urge the passage of H. Res. 493, which recognizes the significant contributions of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life to college campus communities in the United States and around the world. The Hillel program was founded at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1923 and has become the world's largest Jewish campus organization, serving Jewish college students on over 500 campuses worldwide. Since its inception, Hillel has been an important partner to universities by providing resources, programs, and other forms of support to the entire campus community. For over 80 years, Hillel has been at the forefront of breaking down discriminatory barriers to students of all backgrounds on college campuses. Hillel has sought to promote racial tolerance and equality, and for its accomplishments in this arena, Hillel should be recognized.

Moreover, Hillel has been at the forefront in contributing to the Nation's achievements in science, industry, and the humanities by helping generations of students attain the dream of higher education. This incredible and multi-faceted program has made its mark on United States history by providing armed service personnel with counseling prior to World War II, welcoming GIs back to campus following the war, and sponsoring European refugees on campuses during and after the war, including the late Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Tom Lantos.

In the realm of social justice issues, Hillel has educated students and has helped them to provide leadership for the civil rights movement, the campaign to free Soviet Jewry, the effort to stop the genocide in Darfur. As a Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, I have worked tirelessly to pass legislation that will halt the genocide in Darfur. The crimes being committed against the people of Sudan are unimaginable, and we must not for a moment forget that they are ongoing. This is an issue I hold near to me, and I commend Hillel

for taking on this important and necessary reform.

Hillel has continued to promote AIDS Awareness and interfaith understanding, and has been at the forefront of educating campuses about Israel, an ally of the United States. Such wide reaching tenets of social reform are to be commended, applauded and recognized. H. Res. 493 achieves all three.

In further promulgation of tolerance and respect, Hillel has helped to provide students with the tools to combat anti-Semitism on campus; and Hillel continues to contribute enormously to civil society by providing service-learning opportunities for thousands of students in the United States and abroad.

I stand here today, as a supporter of Hillel's mission of service and education to Jewish college students and beyond, and as a partner with college campus communities, and I congratulate the students, lay leaders, and professionals who are part of the Hillel movement on reaching its milestone 85th birthday.

Mr. SABLAN. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from the Northern Mariana Islands (Mr. SABLAN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 493.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF FATHERS

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 428) recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 428

Whereas fathers factor significantly in the lives of children;

Whereas fathers play an important role in teaching their children life lessons and preparing them to succeed in school and in life;

Whereas children with involved fathers are more likely to do well in school, have a better sense of well-being, and have fewer behavioral problems;

Whereas supportive fathers promote the positive physical, social, emotional, moral, and mental development of children;

Whereas promoting responsible fatherhood can help increase the chances that children will grow up with two caring parents;

Whereas, when fathers are actively involved in the upbringing of children, the children demonstrate greater self-control and a greater ability to take initiative;

Whereas responsible fatherhood can help reduce child poverty;

Whereas responsible fatherhood strengthens families and communities; and

Whereas Father's Day is the third Sunday in June: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the millions of fathers who serve as a wonderful, caring parent for their children;

(2) calls on fathers across the United States to use Father's Day to reconnect and rededicate themselves to their children's lives, to spend Father's Day with their children, and to express their love and support for their children;

(3) urges men to understand the level of responsibility fathering a child requires, especially in the encouragement of the mental, moral, social, academic, emotional, physical, and spiritual development of children; and

(4) encourages active involvement of fathers in the rearing and development of their children, including the devotion of time, energy, and resources.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from the Northern Mariana Islands (Mr. SABLAN) and the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from the Northern Mariana Islands.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 428 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from the Northern Mariana Islands?

There was no objection.

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 428, which recognizes the immeasurable contributions fathers make in the healthy development of children. On June 21, our Nation will celebrate Father's Day. Many times fathers know just what to say at the most delicate times in our lives. They encourage their children to do their best and show them their dreams are possible. Fortunately, involved fathers can help prepare children to succeed in school, enhance children's emotional development, and reduce childhood poverty. By playing a significant role in the lives of children, active fathers provide additional support for children to succeed.

Fathers create great memories with their children. By going to ball games, ballet recitals, school events, and other similar activities, fathers can generate lasting memories for their kids. Fathers, as role models and mentors, help youth reach their potential.

Unfortunately, many children grow up without fathers. Actually, 25 million children, one out of three, grow up in homes in which their biological fathers do not live. These children are significantly more likely to live in poverty, drop out of school, and engage in risky behavior.

It's imperative that our Nation support parents in their efforts to raise their children. Parenting is an essential part of a child's development, and both mothers and fathers should be best equipped to raise their children.

Today, home visiting programs are great ways to inform parents about the resources they have available. These programs work closely with parents to help fathers and mothers support their children's development.

H. Res. 428 commends the millions of fathers who serve as a wonderful, caring parent for their children. As Father's Day approaches on June 21, this legislation asks fathers to take time out to reconnect with their children. Father's Day can be used to express love and support for their children.

I also want to note that my wife, Andrea, and my daughter, Patricia, are here in the House gallery today. My son, Jesse, will be here soon as well. Celebrating Father's Day with the three of them here in Washington will make the holiday especially meaningful for me this year, and I am grateful to have this time to spend with my children.

Let us celebrate Father's Day and recognize our Nation's great fathers who, every day, are making important contributions in the lives of their children.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I express my support of House Resolution 428, wish fathers across this country a very happy Father's Day, and acknowledge the importance of fathers in the United States.

I want to thank Representative MCINTYRE for bringing this resolution forward.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 428, which recognizes the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting reasonable and responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day.

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Here is a quote: "One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters."

George Herbert, the English clergyman and poet, made this statement hundreds of years ago, but it still rings true today. The presence of a father is one of the most important factors in a child's life. In fact, research has consistently shown that the presence of two committed, involved parents directly contributes to better academic performance, reduced substance abuse, less crime and delinquency, fewer emotional and other behavioral problems, less risk of abuse or neglect, and a lower risk of teen suicide.

Research conducted by the National Fatherhood Initiative shows that 24 million children do not live with their biological fathers, that nearly 20 million live in single-parent households and that about 40 percent of children in father-absent homes have not seen their fathers at all in the past year; 26 percent of absent fathers live in different States than their children, and