

and other distinguished veterans; military historians, authors and journalists; and prominent business leaders.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in recognizing the vision and dedication of those individuals and organizations that have worked together to create The American War-time Museum. This museum will educate, inspire, and most importantly, honor all who have served our great nation in uniform.

And as we celebrate Memorial Day this weekend, I also ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our sincerest appreciation to every man and woman who has answered the highest call of duty by serving our country in the United States military. Their sacrifice, honor, and selfless dedication to the defense and protection of our country is deserving of the utmost respect and gratitude of every American.

IN HONOR OF MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM ROBERT AND BETTY CAMPBELL

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Robert "Bob" and Betty Grigsby Campbell of Franklin, Tennessee. They are long standing residents of the community which I represent and have raised five children in the area. Their children have added twelve grandchildren to the family tree and it is one of their grandchildren that have notified me of this special year of celebrations, the occasion of their 80th birthdays and their 60th wedding anniversary.

Bob grew up in Nashville, TN as the eldest son of a printer and secretary. He attended Vanderbilt University before owning his own business. Betty grew up in the Grigsby family home in Elkton, TN. Her family farmed the home place that was surrounded by cotton fields. Her father was an engineer and her mother was actively involved in the Methodist church and community.

Bob and Betty met on a blind date. They wed in a double wedding ceremony with Betty's sister, Dorothy (Mrs. John Brevard), who also resides in Franklin, TN. Bob and Betty settled in Nashville, TN and their children Bobby, Cindy, Nicky, Cathi and Chuck were born and have fond memories of camping and taking family vacations to Florida in the back of many station wagons. As their children moved on, Betty worked caring for children at their church and Bob continued to develop his small business.

During their retirement they have enjoyed traveling with their friends both throughout the country and internationally. They continue to be active members of the Baptist Church, while Bob maintains his small business restoring antique furniture. They regularly see their grandchildren who are spread from California to Louisiana to Washington, DC. Their grandchildren tell me they are looking forward to enjoying many more holidays with their "MaBet and Papa" in Franklin.

It is clear that the world in which Bob and Betty were born in 1930 was quite a different world than what their grandchildren experience today. But they have taught their children and

grandchildren traditions that stand the test of time. Bob and Betty have been role models for their family in Southern hospitality and grace. They have taught the generations that true character is shown by commitment to each other, responsible engagement in community, dedication to God and strong family ties. These values last throughout time, throughout the economic turmoil and throughout the latest fad. I have no doubt that the Campbell family will continue to carry on these traditions for the rest of their lives due to the strong foundation provided by Bob and Betty.

I want to congratulate Bob and Betty on their banner year and wish them and their Campbell Clan good health, safe travels and much more shared laughter.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LEE HALE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lee Hale, the recipient of the NASSP/Virco National Assistant Principal of the Year Award for the state of Florida. Mr. Hale is a dedicated educator whose professionalism and innovative ideas have helped many students in my district succeed, and it is a great privilege to recognize him on this day.

Mr. Hale began his career in education after graduating from Samford University with a degree in Business Administration. After subbing at various schools in Okaloosa County, he was hired to teach at Choctawhatchee High School. Mr. Hale taught Alternative Education and Business and Technology courses for ten years all the while pursuing a Master's degree in Education, Global Leadership and Administration from Jones International University. While teaching during the day and advancing his own education through online courses, Mr. Hale made himself available to help struggling students recover credits by coordinating the Choctaw Academy. Mr. Hale's hard work did not go unnoticed, and in 2007, he became an Assistant Principal of Choctawhatchee. Most recently, Mr. Hale is pursuing a Doctor of Education, Curriculum and Instruction from the University of West Florida.

Lee Hale is well-deserving of Florida's Assistant Principal of the Year award, and it is apparent throughout his community leadership positions and continuing professional development activities. Mr. Hale leads Sunday School and coaches youth baseball and still makes time to attend workshops, such as the Florida Educational Technology Convention, so that his students are well prepared for the future.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress it is an honor to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of this outstanding educator. My wife Vicki and I congratulate Mr. Hale on his award and thank him for his 15 plus years of teaching service.

HONORING DR. LYNN WOLAVER

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2010

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Dr. Lynn Wolaver, who was inducted into the Ohio Senior Hall of Fame on May 24, 2010.

Dr. Wolaver's contributions to his country and the community are invaluable. A former member of U.S. Army and World War II veteran, he flew in C-47 aircraft in the European Theater of Operations. Following his military service, Lynn devoted himself to public service, holding positions as a member of the Fairborn City Planning Board, City Council, Deputy Mayor and Mayor of Fairborn. He has been an active member of the Fairborn Chamber of Commerce, Fairborn Rotary Club and the American Region. He currently serves on numerous local boards and committees, applying his knowledge and expertise for the betterment of the region.

Along with his natural penchant for service to his country and civic engagement, Dr. Wolaver has an extensive academic background. He studied at the University of Illinois, The Ohio State Extension at Wright Field and at the University of Michigan, where he received his doctoral degree. Dr. Wolaver spent nearly 40 years as an employee at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Springfield, OH, holding various positions, including Dean for Research Emeritus at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. During his time at Wright-Patt, Dr. Wolaver taught and conducted research in the areas of navigation, astrodynamics, bio-engineering and systems analysis, and he has authored over 60 technical papers on these topics. His academic achievements have earned him induction into prestigious honorary societies, and various honors and awards, including the Fairborn Chamber of Commerce's Ed Duncan Distinguished Citizen Award, Fairborn Chamber of Commerce President's Award and University of Illinois Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Finally, as a husband, father of two and grandfather, Dr. Wolaver has demonstrated the importance of balancing various obligations and activities with the needs of family.

Thus, with great pride, I congratulate Dr. Lynn Wolaver for his lifetime of remarkable achievements and his unparalleled contribution to our community.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5136) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Chair, I am pleased to offer an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 that addresses the plight of Iraqis who have worked for the United States in Iraq and whose lives have been placed in grave danger for their service.

Under the Status of Forces Agreement signed in November 2008, there is not ONE mention of Iraqis who have worked with the United States, which I find to be most unsettling.

And while the December 2011 date for withdrawal of our troops seems far away, there is another benchmark of August 2010, when nearly 50,000 troops will be withdrawn from Iraq, which will limit our ability to protect U.S.-affiliated Iraqis at risk.

These U.S.-affiliated Iraqis have risked their lives to work alongside our troops, diplomats, and aid workers to help build a more stable and Democratic Iraq committed to peaceful pluralism among both factions and sects. They are considered to be “collaborators” or “traitors” by Al Qaeda in Iraq and other insurgent groups and many have paid the ultimate sacrifice for their work at the hands of these terrorists.

I am increasingly concerned that the Obama administration has turned its focus away from this crisis. As we drawdown U.S. troops in Iraq, the thousands of Iraqis who work for our government and live on our bases will no longer have the security of our military once we are gone. The United States cannot turn its back at this critical juncture.

An organization that I have had the privilege to work with over the past several years, The List Project to Resettle Iraqi Allies has done a remarkable job on this front in advocating for and providing pro bono representation to these courageous Iraqis at risk.

The List Project's founder and executive director Kirk Johnson recently published a report entitled “Tragedy on the Horizon: A History of Just and Unjust Withdrawal.” It is a report that I would encourage all of my colleagues to read.

In particular, the report discusses the withdrawal of British troops from southern Iraq two years ago and states, “militias conducted a systematic manhunt for Iraqi employees of the U.K. In a single incident, 17 interpreters were publically executed, and reports surfaced of others dragged to their deaths behind cars through the streets of Basrah. To imagine this as an isolated experience ignores this history of withdrawal, a bloody and predictable churn of violence upon those who ‘collaborated’ with the departing power.”

Time is of the essence. We must put in place a plan to ensure that those Iraqis allies who have helped our country are protected. We have a moral obligation to do this, and we still have time to avert a crisis—but not a lot of time.

Turning our backs now would be fatal for our Iraqi allies and would set a negative precedent for other theaters of war in particular Afghanistan where we need to win the loyal collaboration and hearts and minds of the population.

This week marked a turning point, in that the number of troops in Afghanistan exceeded those in Iraq for the first time since 2003. Reports now suggest that Afghans working as in-

terpreters for the United States are increasingly facing the same lethal risks endured by our Iraqi employees.

We will be hard-pressed to find more help in Afghanistan if the United States is seen as quick to abandon its friends.

IN RECOGNITION OF SANDY BOWEN'S DECADES OF SERVICE TO NATIONAL SAFE PLACE AND AMERICA'S YOUNG PEOPLE

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2010

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a woman who spent her career tirelessly fighting to ensure young people in crisis have a place to get help, no matter where they are and no matter what they are going through.

National Safe Place is a national organization that oversees a network of shelters and resources that provide young people with immediate assistance, whenever they need it. Sandy Bowen has played an absolutely integral role in spreading the organization's mission across the Nation, transforming Safe Place from a single service located in one community into a nationally-renowned network that has touched the lives of almost a quarter of a million young people in 38 states. And we in Louisville couldn't be more proud that she calls our community home.

As Sandy reaches the end of her exceptional career of service at Safe Place, we should have known from the start that she was destined to live a life dedicated to helping others. Her first job, in fact, was operating a nursery school and a pre-school in her backyard where children could attend for just \$1 a week.

After working in the Jefferson County Public School system and for the 4-H Program, Sandy joined Safe Place. At the time, it was a local program operated in greater Louisville, established to give young people in crises a comfortable and safe place when they have nowhere else to turn.

Sandy came on board a few months after its founding. Since that time, it is no coincidence that National Safe Place has grown in leaps and bounds, expanding across the country, garnering recognition from Congress and 3 Presidents, and helping and educating tens of thousands of young people.

Safe Place has served 100,000 young people in Kentucky alone, and every citizen of our commonwealth can be particularly proud of its extraordinary work. Our home-grown organization has flourished thanks to Sandy Bowen's leadership, developing into a nationally-recognized symbol of hope and security for young people.

When she retires this year, Sandy Bowen will leave behind a legacy of service to our Nation, a record of commitment to helping those most in need, and a safe place for young people throughout our Nation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking Sandy Bowen for her career of service, and I wish her nothing but luck and continued success in the next chapter of her life.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

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Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the Polis/Langevin/Cohen amendment that has been included in the En Bloc amendment No. 4. Unfortunately—despite what proponents of this amendment are saying—I do not believe that this amendment does anything to alleviate the draconian problems of section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Even if this amendment passes, Americans will still not be able to increase the supply of fuels from alternative sources derived from resources available in the United States. Oil shale will remain trapped in rock, and we will not be able to use clean carbon captured coal-to-liquid for fuel.

The amendment intends to create an exception under section 526 for generally available fuel not predominately produced from a non-conventional petroleum source, and all federal agencies—including DoD—will still be able to purchase Canadian fuels with traces of oil sands that may create more of a carbon footprint than completely conventional fuel. However, I am concerned that “predominantly from a nonconventional source” is not defined in this amendment. This stipulation could expose gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel produced from crude oil—with significant components of oil sands—to the prohibition in section 526.

Mr. Chairman, even under the provisions of this amendment, DoD—as well as every other federal agency—won't be able to utilize any of the sources of fuel that may be totally derived from clean domestic alternatives we have readily available.

This is precisely why I offered an amendment to the Rules committee on this bill; to provide a waiver to the Secretary of Defense to be freed from the handcuffs of section 526. I support a full repeal of section 526 because the cost of refined product for DoD has increased by over 500 percent in the last ten years when volume only increased by 30 percent. I offered my amendment—that was rejected by House Democrats—as a middle ground to not stifle domestic energy innovation and to save taxpayer dollars.

Mr. Chairman, I fear that this amendment does nothing to rectify the underlying problem with section 526 that prevents the Federal Government from utilizing domestic resources to reduce fuel costs, so I must oppose this amendment and ask all my colleagues to do the same.