

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

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 of 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:

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the men and women in our armed forces and H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2011. H.R. 5136 makes sound investments in our armed forces—strengthening our national security and providing needed resources and support for our men and women in uniform and their families.

I am particularly pleased by the inclusion of twenty-eight provisions to ensure the Defense Department has the tools it needs to prevent and respond to sexual assault in the military. These important provisions will implement into law many of the recommendations of the Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services, and the inclusion of these provisions in this bill makes this the single most comprehensive legislative package in history to address sexual assault in the military.

Preventing sexual assault in the military is a persistent problem and an issue that I have worked on for many years. I firmly believe that the best way to effectively tackle a problem such as sexual assault in the military is to have accurate data, which is why I previously introduced legislation that would force the Department of Defense (DoD) to implement fully the Defense Incident-Based Reporting System (DIBRS). DIBRS collects statistics about crimes committed within the military services.

Despite the clear need for a well-functioning system for reporting such crimes, DIBRS has yet to be completed. In the FY10 National Defense Authorization Act, I offered an amendment that was successfully adopted that required that the Secretary report to Congress on the Department's progress to completing DIBRS. Since that time, the Defense Department reports that the Navy has resumed full-time reporting and is working towards full compliance. I applaud the Department for its efforts and look forward to an accurate accounting of the crimes that are occurring in the U.S. military and the effective policies that will be implemented in response to ensure the safety of our military personnel.

I have also introduced legislation, the Preventing Sexual Assaults in the Military Act, that would provide funding to process the backlog of DNA kits in the military, reduce the processing time, train medical personnel as SANEs, and ensure an adequate supply of

rape kits to theaters of operation, academies, and domestic or overseas bases. Similar provisions passed in the FY05 Defense Authorization legislation, and I am very pleased to see that this bill before us today requires DoD to specifically budget for the sexual assault prevention and response program—a program that addresses these shortfalls.

This bill before us today protects and supports our military service members, while strengthening the ability of the finest military in the world to respond to today's and future threats.

I urge my colleagues to support it.

RECOGNIZING RECIPIENTS OF THE 2010 SHELTER HOUSE VOLUNTEER AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 08, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shelter House, Inc., and particularly the contributions that its volunteers make in service to our community. Shelter House and its outstanding volunteers serve Northern Virginia by coming to the aid of some of those most in need of support and assistance. Volunteers are critical in helping Shelter House achieve its mission of breaking the cycle of homelessness by providing crisis intervention, temporary housing, training, counseling, and programs to promote self sufficiency.

Shelter House is a community-based, non-profit organization. It was formed in 1981 when several ecumenical groups came together to better serve low-income individuals and families. Shelter House operates three shelters, the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter and the Patrick Henry Family Shelter, which provide temporary housing for families in our community who find themselves homeless, and also Artemis House, Fairfax County's Domestic Violence Shelter. This year, Shelter House was named to the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington, as "One of the Best" area non profits.

In addition, Shelter House offers transitional housing services throughout Fairfax County. As part of the effort to stop the cycle of homelessness, the services provided by Shelter House continue even after individuals enter permanent housing.

Individuals, organizations, and businesses dedicate their time, money, and wherewithal to help Shelter House succeed in its efforts to end homelessness in Fairfax County. These relationships are critical assets to Shelter House and a leading cause for its successes. Shelter House has recognized the specific contributions from its partners and volunteers and named the following recipients of its 2010 Volunteer Awards:

Ending Homelessness Award: Great Falls Women's Club

Friend of Shelter House Kids Award at the Patrick Henry Family Shelter: Kate Seikaly

Friend of Shelter House Kids Award at the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter: Clifton Community Women's Club

Friend of Shelter House Kids Award at Artemis House: Rhonda Gary

Community Partner Award at the Patrick Henry Family Shelter: Northern Virginia Urban League

Community Partner Award at the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter: National Charity League, Inc., Cherry Blossom Chapter

Community Partner Award at Artemis House: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.—Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter

Youth Volunteer Award: Lexi Hamilton

Unsung Hero Award: Anika Armstrong

Special Event Volunteer Award: Tanika Siler
Community Champion Award: Balfour Beatty Construction

We also must acknowledge the impact of all Shelter House volunteers who work to provide secure, structured environments and connect families with the supportive services they require. These volunteers help make Shelter House one of the most effective organizations in the battle to end homelessness by empowering families to reach their full potential.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude for the efforts of these volunteers and their colleagues at Shelter House. The selfless commitment of these individuals provides enumerable benefits to the Northern Virginia community as well as life-changing services to individuals in need.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE SINAI

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Temple Sinai in Cinnaminson, New Jersey for providing a place of religious education, worship, and community service. Temple Sinai has served as a loyal establishment for the South Jersey Jewish community for 25 great years.

The traditions of Temple Sinai, a family growing, learning, worshipping, and working together, are still upheld today. These valuable practices are due to the wonderful leadership by Rabbi Steven Fineblum, teachers, and most importantly, dedicated members to the synagogue.

In recognition to the many years of dedicated religious practice and service to the community, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Temple Sinai on its 25th anniversary.

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HONORING RAFAEL LORENZO
GALLEGOS

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant in the State of Colorado. Former State Representative Rafael Lorenzo Gallegos passed away on Monday, May 24, 2010. Colorado and the San Luis Valley have lost a tremendously respected leader.

Representative Gallegos led a remarkable life. He served in the United States Air Force Reserve in the 1950s while he completed his high school education. He then went on to Colorado State University in Pueblo and then to the National Weather Service. He was elected Mayor of Antonito, Colorado in 2002 and went on to represent the San Luis Valley in the Colorado legislature from 2005 to 2008.

While serving in the legislature, Representative Gallegos focused on issues important to southern Colorado. He was passionate about water and agriculture, and about taking care of our veterans. He also worked to bring economic development to the San Luis Valley. Always a friendly face, the former weather man was known throughout the Capitol for delivering the weather forecast every Friday on the House floor before members had to travel home to their districts for the weekend.

First and foremost, Rafael Gallegos was a servant to his constituents, an example to those of us who strive to serve the public. He once said, "I am there for the people. . . . Whatever I do and however I vote will be in this district's best interest." Representative Gallegos never forgot where he came from and he lived to serve others so that they could have a brighter future.

My condolences go out to his family during this difficult time. He will be missed but his legacy will live on through all of the lives that he touched in Southern Colorado.

HONORING WILBUR J. COHEN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I speak today to honor a remarkable American, Wilbur J. Cohen, on the 97th anniversary of his birth.

From the programs of the New Deal to the Great Society, Wilbur Cohen was a key player in nearly every significant effort that involved social legislation. Nicknamed "The Man Who Built Medicare," Mr. Cohen was responsible for improving the quality of life of millions of elderly Americans. As an acquaintance of Mr. Cohen once said, "he feels every person in the country who is home alone sick is his personal responsibility."

Mr. Cohen was born on June 10, 1913 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin—Madison in 1934, Mr. Cohen relocated to Washington, D.C. to pursue his dreams of public service. In short order, he became a key drafter of the Social Security Act. He then became the Director of

the Bureau of Research and Statistics, which managed program development and legislative coordination with Congress for the Social Security Board—renamed the Social Security Administration in 1946. Shortly after his election, President John F. Kennedy appointed Mr. Cohen as Assistant Secretary for Legislation of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. During President Kennedy's administration, Mr. Cohen was responsible for obtaining congressional approval of over sixty-five bills. In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Mr. Cohen Under Secretary and, in 1968, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. During the Johnson Administration, Mr. Cohen ensured the passage of the historic Medicare bill and the landmark education bill that granted federal aid to elementary and secondary schools. Not limiting his attention to welfare, Social Security, and Medicare, however, Mr. Cohen also dedicated his efforts to addressing the concerns of school dropouts, Indian health, consumer protection, and the budgetary needs of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, to name a few other issues of concern.

Portrayed by Time magazine as a man of "boundless energy, infectious enthusiasm, and a drive for action," Mr. Cohen's exemplary spirit and selfless dedication to public service have allowed countless people to live healthier and more fulfilling lives. This drive for a better America earned the support of lawmakers on both sides of the aisle for the expansion of social programs to those most in need. A true visionary and a lifelong believer in social justice, Mr. Cohen was an inspiration to all Americans for his tireless advocacy on behalf of the less fortunate. On May 17, 1987, Mr. Cohen passed away, and the United States lost a great pioneer of social legislation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and accomplishments of Mr. Wilbur J. Cohen.

RECOGNIZING 2010 LORDS AND
LADIES OF FAIRFAX

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a dedicated group of men and women in Northern Virginia. For the past twenty-six years, each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has selected two people from their district who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to our community. Since the program's inception in 1984, nearly 500 individuals have been recognized as a Lord or Lady Fairfax by their representative on the Board of Supervisors.

Individuals recognized as Lords and Ladies of Fairfax have made significant contributions in their communities. This year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized outstanding individuals who have made tremendous impacts through their support of our public schools, parks, youth sports leagues, arts community, public safety providers, and human service programs. It is nearly impossible to fully describe the diversity of accomplishments by the honorees. Their efforts contribute greatly to the quality of life for the residents of Fairfax County and should be commended.

The following individuals were recognized as Lord and Lady Fairfax honorees for 2010. Each of these individuals was selected as a result of his or her outstanding volunteer service, heroism, or other special achievements. These individuals have earned our praise and appreciation.

At Large: Lady Luella F. Brown and Lord Verdia L. Haywood

Braddock District: Lady Shirley DiBartolo and Lord Sam DiBartolo

Dranesville District: Lady Tanveer A. Mirza and Lord Cantor Michael A. Schochet

Hunter Mill District: Lady Carol Ann Bradley and Lord Patrick Kane

Lee District: Lady Suzette Kern and Lord Harry H. Zimmerman

Mason District: Lady Cindy Waters and Lord Mike Magill

Mt. Vernon District: Lady Glenda Booth and Lord Linwood Gorham

Providence District: Lady Sarah M. Lahr and Lord Ken A. Quincy

Springfield District: Lady Lynne M. Garvey-Hodge and Lord Tom Peterson

Sully District: Lady Deborah J. Robison and Lord Steven T. Ratliff

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude to these men and women who volunteer their time and energy on behalf of our community. The selfless commitment of these individuals provides enumerable benefits to Northern Virginia and serves to strengthen and enrich our communities.

HONORING RILEY WALTER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Riley Walter upon thirty years of business in the legal field. Mr. Riley will be honored at a reception on Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

Mr. Riley Walter attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly) and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1973 and a Master of Arts degree in 1974, both in Agriculture. While working towards his Masters degree, he worked as an assistant professor of agriculture business management at Cal Poly, Pomona. Upon completing the masters program, Mr. Walter attended Western State University in southern California and received a Juris Doctorate in 1980. During this time, he was also working toward becoming a tenured associate professor at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Later, Mr. Walter became certified as a Business Bankruptcy Specialist by the American Board of Bankruptcy Certification.

In 1980, Mr. Walter passed the bar and in May began practicing in a commercial law firm where he was working on reorganization, insolvency and bankruptcy law in Central California, from Bakersfield to Sacramento. His primary area of practice has become insolvency law, specifically Chapter 11 and specializing in large scale agricultural and agribusiness cases including creameries, processors, wineries, feed mills, farms, ranches and dairies. Mr. Walter also works on consensual restructuring, workouts, liquidations, receiverships, assignment for benefit of creditors