

HONORING JONATHAN K. PENEY

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Jonathan K. Peney, a citizen-soldier who gave his life June 1, 2010, during combat operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

As a member of the U.S. Army Rangers, Jonathan distinguished himself. After graduating from high school, Peney enlisted in November 2005 from his hometown of Marietta, Georgia. For more than two years, he served as a combat medic in 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. He was an expert in advanced medical treatment and selflessly dedicated to the care of others—even at the risk of his own life.

Sergeant Peney was born in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on July 1, 1987, but called Georgia home. He is survived by his wife Kristin E. Peney of Savannah, Georgia, and his mother Sue L. Peney of LaGrange, Georgia.

Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and admiration that I honor Sergeant Peney's sacrifice on behalf of our nation today. He is a hero to his countrymen, his family, and his fellow soldiers. He reminds us that America is blessed to have so many young men and women willing to stand up and fight to preserve our precious freedoms. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Peney family and all our military families whose selfless dedication to this nation is an inspiration to us all.

HONORING NEWSWEEK RANKING OF THE SCHOOL FOR THE TALENTED AND GIFTED AND THE SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING AT YVONNE A. EWELL TOWNVIEW CENTER

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the School for the Talented and Gifted and the School for Science and Engineering at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center for receiving the extraordinary honor of being ranked as the number one and number four public schools in the nation by Newsweek.

Each year, Newsweek ranks the top public high schools out of a possible 27,000 schools. This year, only the top 6 percent of schools made the final list, placing these two schools in the top four out of the 1,600 schools listed. For 2010 the Magnet School for the Talented and Gifted ranked number one, with the Magnet School for Engineering and Science ranking number four. I am delighted that these two schools have achieved such a distinction, placing them among the elite public institutions in this country.

Located in my district of Dallas, Texas, Townview Magnet is one of the most diverse

schools in the state, with minorities representing over half of the student population. Given the diverse nature of the City of Dallas itself, and the increased globalization of most industries, the students attending these two schools will have the opportunity not only to impact the future of the Dallas area, but on a worldwide scale as well. With this quality of education, Americans will be able to compete for success in this growing global economy.

This marks the fourth time in five years that the School for the Talented and Gifted has been ranked number one in the nation by Newsweek.

This honor shows the values of a good educational environment, as many of the students attending these two schools will have opportunities to be the future leaders of this country. This honor will serve as an inspiration to the faculty, staff and students of Townview Magnet School to maintain a high level of work. I extend my appreciation for the hard work of everyone involved in achieving this honor, and lend my support to the future success of Townview.

Madam Speaker, again, I congratulate the students, teachers, principals and parents of Townview Magnet School for the Talented and Gifted and the Magnet School for Science and Engineering on honor.

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS AND CREDIT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5297) to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, and for other purposes:

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010. First I want to thank President Barack Obama for his foresight and recognizing the crucial function small businesses serve in our economy. I also want to thank Speaker NANCY PELOSI and the Chairman of the House Financial Service Committee, Mr. BARNEY FRANK, for their leadership on this issue. This piece of legislation embodies a certain commitment to increase access to capital investments by a vital sector of the economy.

As a major source of employment, increasing lending to small businesses is essential to achieve full economic recovery. Data shows that small businesses created about two out of every three new jobs across the country and I am pleased that small businesses in the Territories are eligible for the Federal programs created under H.R. 5297.

Under Title I of H.R. 5297, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to establish a \$30 billion Small Business Lending Fund (fund) to make capital investments in eligible banks. Eligibility is limited to community banks with total

assets equal or less than \$10 billion and according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) call report data for banks in American Samoa, ANZ Amerika Samoa Bank (AS Bank), with \$132.884 million in total assets is a potential candidate.

Based on criteria specified in the legislation, the AS Bank is eligible to receive up to 5 percent of its risk-weighted assets, or about \$5 million. Instead of the 7 percent London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), AS Bank will pay a lesser rate of 5 percent, to be reduced further to 1 percent if AS Bank increases its small business lending by 10 percent or more.

In addition, under Title II of H.R. 5297, the American Samoa Government (ASG) is eligible to apply for a grant of no less than \$18 million to create a capital access program for small businesses in the Territory. As part of the grant application, ASG is to submit a proposal to the U.S. Treasury for approval that includes designs of a loan program and also designate a local agency to administer the program.

Mr. Speaker, as our economy continues to slump under the strains of unemployment and the loss of revenue, this piece of legislation will provide much-needed capital investments to increase lines of credit available to small businesses across the country.

I am pleased that the Federal programs will inject critical capital into the economy for small businesses to capitalize on. This legislation will go a long way to open up the flow of credit for small businesses that will help create more jobs not only across the country but also in the territories.

I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 5297.

HONORING KIM ULMER**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kim Ulmer of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Kim is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in Support Services.

Kim has been an administrative assistant for 20 years, working with the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce for five years. In a responsible, efficient way, she has helped her organization become recognized as one of the best in its industry in this nation. She is always looking for ways to improve the process, makes sure projects get done, and works to see that everyone in the office succeeds. This fun-loving team player is known as the "resident counselor" who draws others to her as a listening ear. She creates a welcoming atmosphere for both co-workers and volunteers. Kim also inspires co-workers as she oversees care for a stepson who was severely injured in an accident. She is married, has three children, two stepchildren, and four grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Kim Ulmer. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

COMMENDING THE ARMY SIGNAL CORPS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Army Signal Corps and join them in the celebration of their 150th anniversary. Major Albert James Myer, who saw the need to create a separate military signal service, created the Signal Corps on June 21, 1860.

The Signal Corps has a long and storied history of providing our Army with the most advanced technology to ensure victory on the battlefield. The list of technological achievements are unmatched by any other military in the world. The Signal Corps first aided our efforts in the Spanish-American war where they ensured our victory by providing vital signaling, telephone and telegraph communications, combat photography, and balloons for intelligence gathering. Innovations by the Signal Corps early in the twentieth century lead to the creation of the Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System, the first wireless communications system in the Western Hemisphere, the first Army radar system, and the tactical FM radio.

Their dedication to stay on the forefront of communications technology by unceasingly developing advanced systems provided the U.S. with an unparalleled advantage during World War II. The Signal Corps also assisted the Air Force in launching the first communications satellite, paving the way for world-wide communications, and they continued to play a pertinent role to U.S. efforts during Vietnam where they deployed a tropospheric-scatter radio as well as the SYCOM satellite communications service. This drastically improved the speed and viability of communications in combat zones.

Today we honor the Army Signal Corps by recognizing their irreplaceable contributions to the United States Army. The results of their innovative developments are evident in the premier fighting force that protects us and our freedoms. In fact, it is the innovations by the Signal Corps that provided a foundation for subsequent communication technologies have been built. The importance of this transcends the military into the private sector by reducing both the time and cost of global communications.

The Army Signal Corps, who are headquartered in my district at Fort Gordon, trains more military service members than any other training center in the U.S. Army. I am honored to recognize their service to the American people. They have not only improved the lives of service members, but also the citizens our servicemen and women are sworn to protect. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Army Signal Corps for their irreplaceable role to the United States Army over the last 150 years.

HONORING BOB BURKE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor my friend Bob Burke of Forestville, California, who passed away suddenly on June 10, 2010, at his home. Bob was both a true conservationist as a champion of the local environment of Sonoma County's Russian River Area and a true humanitarian as the creator of Bob Burke's Kids, which offers support and outings to children with serious health problems.

Born in 1947, Bob remained in his hometown of Forestville where his parents had started a successful business, Burke's Canoe Trips, a resort on the Russian River. He and his sister Linda later became co-owners and co-operators of the resort, a popular fixture for tourists and locals in the community.

The Burkes understood the key role of the Russian River not only for the recreation business but also for the health of the whole ecosystem. They worked especially closely with Russian Riverkeeper on fishing and flow issues.

Bob was best known for his community volunteering and charitable work, especially Bob Burke's Kids, an organization he established in 1974 after meeting a young girl with cancer who lamented her lack of playmates and opportunities for fun. Bob knew he could do something to make life better for children with serious illnesses and for their families.

Bob Burke's Kids grew from an initial Russian River fishing trip for a small group to a year-round program of activities and outings from barbecues and outdoor games to bowling nights and Halloween parties serving hundreds of families. The organization thrived as much on Bob's love as on the money it raised from a supportive community and local organizations.

Bob also personally knew the families and frequently visited the children when they were in the hospital. "He gave so much love," his sister Linda says. "He was the best brother anyone could ever have."

Don McEnhill, Executive Director for Russian Riverkeeper says of him: "Bob Burke always had a funny story or a joke to tell to cheer me up after a contentious hearing or meeting, but it was the kids who faced cancer or other ailments that he always saved his best cheer for and devoted his life to. Bob spent his entire life on the Russian River and clearly understood the recreational value of the Russian River to families who could not afford to go on vacation. Bob always supported our efforts to keep the River clean and healthy so it was available as the community pool for the less fortunate. His passing has left a hole in our community and the Russian River, and we will all miss him."

Madam Speaker, I have attended some of Bob Burke's Kids events and seen the warmth and passion that animated the charitable fundraisers as much as the family outings. Losing Bob has indeed left a hole in our community, one that we can fill by remembering Bob's legacy and carrying on his work.

HONORING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON ITS 140TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1422, "Honoring the Department of Justice on the occasion of its 140th anniversary," as introduced by our distinguished colleague from Wisconsin, Representative SENSENBRENNER.

Since its establishment in 1870, the Department of Justice has taken the lead in enforcing Federal laws, furnishing counsel in Federal cases, and providing interpretations of the laws under which other executive agencies act. The DOJ's mission has grown as well, meeting challenges that could hardly have been envisioned in 1870. It now has seven separate, specialized divisions, covering Antitrust, Civil, Civil Rights, Criminal matters, Environment and Natural Resources, National Security, and Tax, as well as agencies including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Prisons, the United States Marshals Service, the U.S. Central Bureau-International Criminal Police Organization, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Office of Justice Programs.

DOJ's work is as important now as it ever has been. It is one of the leading agencies involved in the protection of our national security; its work has led to the disruption of multiple terrorist organizations in the last decade alone.

The Department plays a key role in the protection of our citizens' intellectual property, helping protect their interest in work they pour their energies into. Since 2004, the Department of Justice has led the 2 largest multinational law enforcement efforts ever directed at online piracy, involving simultaneous efforts in 12 countries, more than 200 searches and arrests in more than 30 States, more than \$100,000,000 in seized pirated works, and a total of 112 felony convictions to date.

DOJ's Antitrust Division is responsible for protecting consumer interests from anti-competitive practices in all sectors of the economy. As industries move further and further towards consolidation—in printing, in broadcasting, in the airline industry, and throughout our economy—DOJ has the responsibility to make sure that actions taken in the name of efficiency don't lead to the dangers of monopoly.

Through its Office of Justice Programs, DOJ has partnered with state and local law enforcement agencies to provide guidance and funding for important initiatives. Violent Crime Impact Teams have arrested more than 14,100 gang members, drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and other violent criminals, including more than 2,800 identified as the 'worst of the worst' criminals. Operation FALCON (Federal and Local Cops Organized Nationally) is a series of nationwide fugitive apprehension operations coordinated by the Department of Justice, and has resulted in the collective capture of more than 55,896 dangerous fugitive felons since its inception in 2005.