

THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF
HOUSE RESOLUTION 121

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SOMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Korean American Voters' Council for their continued commitment to the advancement of the Korean American community and to remind my colleagues about House Resolution 121, the "comfort women" resolution which was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on July 30, 2007.

The Korean American Voters' Council was a strong advocate and key initiator in educating members of Congress on the "comfort women" issue three years ago when House Resolution 121 was passed. The Korean American Voters' Council is a grassroots non-profit organization built up of volunteers who work on constituency development, civic participation, voting rights advocacy, and community education within Korean American communities across the country.

Friday, July 30, 2010, will mark the third anniversary of the passing of House Resolution 121. House Resolution 121 calls upon the Government of Japan to make an official and unequivocal apology, taking responsibility for the Japanese Imperial Armed Force's role in enslaving over 200,000 girls and women of Asia as "comfort women" before and during World War II.

House Resolution 121 was sponsored by my distinguished colleague, Representative MICHAEL M. HONDA, and it was my privilege to serve as a co-sponsor of this bill and to hold the first hearing ever held in the U.S. Congress on this sensitive subject. The hearing was held before the House Foreign Affairs' Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment on February 15, 2007 and paid tribute to those who suffered while acknowledging the past contributions of those Members of Congress like former Chairman Henry Hyde of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and also the late Congressman Lane Evans who also championed this cause.

It has been three years since passage and the resolution clearly expressed a need for a formal acknowledgement and apology by the Government of Japan, through the Prime Minister to the victims of this atrocity. The Government of Japan has had multiple changes in the Prime Minister position and not one has formally acknowledged and apologized for this human rights violation. The victims are running out of time for this apology, as most of them are elderly, and the time is now for the Government of Japan to formally apologize for their past mistake.

I strongly urge the Government of Japan to formally acknowledge and apologize in order to begin the reconciliation process and to create better relationships in the future. Japan cannot move forward by erasing the past and it is of the utmost importance that Japan follows through on House Resolution 121.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO
REVEREND EARLINE MCGREGOR

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, on August 13 a birthday dinner will be held for Reverend Earline McGregor of Kendleton, Texas, to celebrate his eighty-fifth birthday and thank him for his years of community service. It is my pleasure to join the people of Kendleton in wishing Reverend McGregor a happy birthday and thanking him for all he has done for his community, his state, and his country.

Earline McGregor was born on August 26, 1926 in Brenham, Texas. He spent over a year in the army in World War II. After receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, Earline McGregor decided to continue to serve his country by joining the Air Force. After twenty years of distinguished service in the Air Force, he retired with an honorable discharge in 1971.

Since leaving the military, Reverend McGregor has worked as a Metro Bus Driver in Austin and also owned his own landscaping business. Today, Reverend McGregor serves his community by working as an associate minister and Sunday school teacher at Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Kendleton, Fort Bend County, Texas under the leadership of Pastor Pleas Mayfield Sr.

Madam Speaker the parishioners of Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church, and the entire Kendleton community, are fortunate to have the services of someone as dedicated to public service as Reverend McGregor. It is therefore a pleasure to once again join the people of Kendleton in wishing a very happy birthday to Reverend Earline McGregor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Monday July 26th, I was unable to cast my votes on H.R. 1320, H. Res. 1504, and H.R. 3101 and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote. Last night I was conducting a town hall meeting at the Mahomet Village Hall in Mahomet, Illinois and was unable to travel to Washington, DC in time for the votes.

Had I been present on rollcall No. 467 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 1320, To amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency and accountability of Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present on rollcall No. 468 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 1504, Recognizing and honoring the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present on rollcall No. 469 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 3101,

Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING FIRE CHIEF POSEY W. DILLON AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM DANIEL ALTICE

HON. THOMAS S.P. PERRIELLO

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor two brave firefighters from Rocky Mount, Virginia, who passed away on July 26, 2010.

Earlier this week, Fire Chief Posey W. Dillon and volunteer firefighter William Daniel (Danny) Altice were tragically killed in a fatal traffic accident while responding to a house fire in Rocky Mount, Virginia. While we mourn this heartbreaking event, we are reminded of the risk our first responders assume every day to protect us all. Throughout Franklin County and the 5th District, we are in mourning over the passing of these two courageous men, who committed themselves to the service of others.

Fire Chief Dillon was a man of remarkable faith, who strove to serve his community throughout his life. From 1980 to 2000, he served on the Rocky Mount Town Council, including 8 years as Vice Mayor. In 2006, he was reappointed to the Town Council and re-assumed his position as Vice Mayor two years later. Additionally, he spent 33 years with the Rocky Mount Volunteer Fire Department. During this time, he rose up through the ranks, becoming Chief in 1990, a position he would hold for 20 years. His vision and leadership throughout his 30 years of civic involvement helped shape the town of Rocky Mount and his legacy will continue long after his passing.

Danny Altice began as a volunteer firefighter at the age of 20 and served the Rocky Mount community for over 47 years. During his distinguished career, he spent seven years as Fire Chief from 1977 to 1984, and was awarded the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Service Recognition Award by the Rocky Mount Volunteer Fire Department. He helped teach younger members of the department how to handle difficult situations and could always be counted on for his leadership through challenging circumstances. In becoming a firefighter, he followed in the footsteps of his father, who was a founding member of the Rocky Mount volunteer force. His legacy will be carried on by his brother, who serves as a firefighter in Rocky Mount, as well as his son, who serves in Boones Mill.

My heart and prayers go out to the families of our fallen heroes and to the entire Rocky Mount community, which has lost two of its finest. In remembrance of their sacrifice, I have requested that two flags be flown over the United States Capitol and then presented to their loved ones. On behalf of Virginia's 5th District, I honor the passing of these heroes, and ask that their legacies be remembered for years to come.

INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS
AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 725, the Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2010, and specifically the tribal law and order provisions now included.

The federal government has a unique trust relationship with the 564 sovereign tribal nations in the United States, and it is part of this trust responsibility for the federal government to provide law enforcement in Indian Country. The United States is not meeting its obligation. There are not enough law enforcement officers patrolling reservations, and the statistics illustrate the consequences. American Indians and Alaska Natives suffer from the highest crime rates in the nation. Federal law enforcement failed to prosecute more than half of the violent crimes in Indian Country, including sexual assault cases. This is especially troubling because the U.S. Justice Department found that one in three Native women will be raped in her lifetime.

That is why I urge my colleagues to support this bill and the tribal law and order provisions within it. This legislation improves law enforcement on tribal land by encouraging the prosecution of more crime, by increasing penalties for reservation offenders and by establishing protocols to address sexual violence. It encourages coordination between federal agencies, law enforcement officials and tribal communities for investigation and prosecution purposes. Under this act, tribal courts would be able to sentence offenders up to three years; currently, they can only sentence for up to one year. These changes are desperately needed.

This bill is a positive step towards meeting our trust responsibility and protecting Indian Country. As a member of the Congressional Native American Caucus, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 725.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 26, 2010, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 467 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1320, as amended), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 468 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1504, as amended), and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 469 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3101, as amended).

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 5817, THE
FOSTERING SUCCESS IN EDU-
CATION ACT

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I am proud to sponsor the Fostering Success in Education Act. This legislation is the House companion to Senator FRANKEN and Senator MURRAY's bill and lays out a clear road map to assisting young people in the child welfare system.

This legislation continues the efforts of the P.L. 110-351, Fostering Connections Act by improving educational assistance for those most in need—children and youth in the child welfare system. I hope that the Fostering Success in Education Act will enjoy the same bipartisan support and consideration to help these young people who have no one else.

Today, more than half a million children are living in foster care. As a member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, I have constantly heard from young people who struggle as they are constantly moved from home to home, and school to school when they are in foster care. Those in the child welfare system have not chosen this life; they did not ask to be victims of neglect and abuse. For a variety of reasons beyond their control, foster care children are uprooted from all that they know and rely on us for help.

We all remember our years in elementary, middle, and high school. We recall our friends, classmates, teachers, extracurricular activities, favorite classes, and hardest subjects. For foster care youth, it's a whirlwind of memories. Names, faces, classes, teachers, grades, and subjects are a blur. Imagine being the new kid, over and over and over again without the support you need. Imagine maneuvering the bureaucracy and politics of different schools and school districts on your own as a 12-year-old, as a 16-year-old, as a 6-year-old. This bill ensures that youth in foster care have school stability, immediate access to tools and resources, and the necessary support for academic success.

Madam Speaker, I believe that each and every young person has a right to a childhood; each has a right to a basic education. I believe that in addition to consistency, friendships, and healthy relationships, education is the key to opportunity, stability, and success. It is a cornerstone of our nation's values of democracy, hope, and infinite possibility.

The Fostering Success in Education Act takes us one step further in the right direction and responds to these all-too-real issues. Madam Speaker, I hope all of my colleagues will support this worthy and important legislative effort.

HONORING BILL LEGERE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bill Legere on being

named the Maine Hospital Association's Caregiver of the Year and to recognize his many accomplishments as a medical professional.

After studying health care at the University of Southern Maine, Bill went on to work at Central Maine Medical Center. As a nurse practitioner in the ER at CMMC, he provides medical care and comfort to patients and their families.

When he suddenly and tragically lost his 9-year-old daughter, Grace, two years ago, Bill's response was not to give in to grief. Instead, Bill and his wife launched the Foundation for Hope and Grace, a charity in Grace's memory that provides grants to families looking to adopt and financial help to organizations that help orphans and other children in need.

Bill's ability to set people at ease, his willingness to stay late to support his colleagues and his empathy and selflessness in all aspects of his life meant that this year he was nominated by co-workers for the Caregiver of the Year award. He was selected from among 19 Maine doctors and nurses by the award committee, who was impressed by his outstanding work and humanistic approach to medical care.

An accomplished, compassionate, and deeply humble man, Bill Legere exemplifies the type of caregiver that every hospital and community would be lucky to have. His co-workers related stories of Bill taking the time to reassure a frightened child and being an ally for patients who might otherwise be intimidated by the medical process.

Bill has left a lasting mark on CMMC, its workers, its patients, and their loved ones. On behalf of the people of Maine, it is with pride that I congratulate Bill for his excellent work. I wish him, his wife Teresa, and his daughters Sarah and Deanna the best, especially as Sarah and Deanna become big sisters to their new sisters from Uganda.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Bill Legere for his continued commitment to providing medical care and support to the people of Maine.

NEXT GENERATION PUBLIC
SAFETY DEVICE ACT OF 2010

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the bipartisan Next Generation Public Safety Device Act of 2010 with my Energy and Commerce colleague Representative JOHN SHIMKUS, Co-Chair of the E-911 Caucus. Our legislation is intended to spur development of 21st Century public safety communication devices that will provide the highest-speed transmission of data, voice, and video services over the Internet.

Almost a decade after 9/11, America's first responders still do not have the communication tools they need to support their mission.

Currently, the public safety device market is a monopoly. There are two reasons for lack of competition: first, this particular market is relatively small, and second, the device requirements are unique. As a result, first responders and local governments can pay up to \$5,000 per radio. The money spent on these devices