

FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION

Authorizes 29 small flood damage reduction projects.

HURRICANE AND STORM DAMAGE REDUCTION
AND SHORE PROTECTION

Authorizes the project Mississippi Coastal Improvements Program, Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties, Mississippi.

Authorizes the project West Onslow Beach and New River Inlet (Topsail Beach), Pender County, North Carolina.

Authorizes ten smaller projects for shoreline and streambank protection.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION AND
PROTECTION

Authorizes the project for Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island Ecosystem Restoration Project, Chesapeake Bay.

Authorizes 31 smaller projects for aquatic ecosystem restoration and increases the per-project limit for small aquatic ecosystem restoration projects and small project modifications for improvement of the environment to \$10 million.

Authorizes the Corps of Engineers to upgrade the initial electrical barrier and implement additional barriers in and around the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to enhance efforts in keeping the Asian Carp from entering the Great Lakes.

Directs the Secretary to study the potential for hydrologic separation of the Mississippi River basin system and the Great Lakes basin at the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. Directs the Corps to develop a comprehensive plan for restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, in coordination with other Federal agencies and consistent with the Chesapeake Bay Agreement.

Directs the Corps to develop a comprehensive plan for carrying out ecosystem restoration projects within the coastal waters of the Northeastern United States.

STUDY AUTHORITY

Authorizes the Secretary to undertake more than 160 studies for potential future water resource projects, including potential projects for navigation, flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage reduction, environmental restoration, and water supply.

WATERSHED PLANNING

Increases the opportunities for the Corps to facilitate watershed planning and carry out watershed and river basin assessments.

Authorizes the Corps of Engineers to undertake a comprehensive water supply and allocation study for the State of Georgia.

CONGRATULATING ROGERS-LOWELL
CHAMBER FOR RECEIVING
FIVE-STAR U.S. ACCREDITATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce for receiving a five-star accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. There are 66 chambers in the country to hold this honor and it is the only chamber in Arkansas to earn this recognition, the U.S. Chamber's highest accreditation.

The chamber goes through accreditation every five years. This measures achievement and shows how to reach and maintain industry standards. Accreditation also provides a path to building effective chambers and helps

chambers effectively fight for business. The chamber received a perfect score on five of the nine sections of the review.

The Rogers-Lowell chamber received this award five years ago and is a great example for the state and the country. This honor truly reflects the chamber's enthusiasm and dedication to working on behalf of the Arkansas business community.

This is an honor in which few receive. I am very proud of the Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber for this accomplishment. I am confident the good work will continue and I look forward to celebrating and recognizing its future successes.

HONORING THE WILLIAM LADD
CHAPTER OF VETERANS FOR
PEACE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the William Ladd Chapter of Veterans for Peace for their 25 years of commitment to the cause of world peace.

Veterans for Peace was founded in 1985 and is comprised of veterans from all across the country. It includes men and women veterans of all eras and duty stations spanning the Spanish Civil War, World War II, the Korean, Vietnam, Gulf and current Iraq wars as well as other conflicts.

The founding and success of the Maine chapter of Veterans for Peace is a story of humanitarianism and cooperation based on collective experience. Twenty five years ago, several Maine Vietnam veterans drew up the organizational documents for what today has become a leading voice for peace in the Nation.

For 25 years, Maine Veterans for Peace have used their unique perspective as veterans to work toward increasing public awareness of the costs of war. They are a constant reminder that non-violent means of problem solving are not just possible, but necessary. They have tirelessly worked to restrain the government from intervening, overtly and covertly, in the internal affairs of other nations, to end the arms race and to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons, to seek justice for veterans and victims of war and to abolish war as an instrument of national policy. To achieve these goals, members of Veterans for Peace use non-violent means and maintain an organization that is both democratic and open.

With their 25th anniversary, the William Ladd Chapter of Maine Veterans for Peace has great cause for celebration. Their successful work and meaningful contributions to the State, the Nation and the world are immeasurable.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the William Ladd Chapter of Veterans for Peace for their outstanding work to change and bring peace to the world.

CONDEMNING TERRORIST
ATTACKS IN KAMPALA, UGANDA

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1538, condemning the July 11 terrorist attacks in Uganda, which claimed over 70 lives, including an American citizen, and Delawarean, Nate Henn.

Nate was in Uganda working as a volunteer for Invisible Children, a group dedicated to ending the practice of child soldiers in war. Nate left University of Delaware in 2008 and had been working with Invisible Children ever since. The tribes he worked with nicknamed him "Oteka," which means "The Strong One" and from all the accounts of his work that I have read, he was more than deserving of that name.

This coordinated terrorist attack was both brutal and targeted, taking place in areas of Kampala where many Ugandans and others gathered to watch the World Cup games. This resolution rightfully calls on the administration to work with the international community to address the security threat emanating from Somali, particularly the al Shabaab terrorist network, which claimed responsibility for these vicious attacks. I am hopeful that we can work together with the international community to eliminate extremism and promote stability and peace in Somalia, and throughout the region.

As a cosponsor of H. Res. 1538, I strongly support this measure and urge my colleagues to join me in condemning the July 11 terrorist attacks and honoring the victims, particularly Nate Henn.

PASSAGE OF NATIONAL CRIMINAL
JUSTICE COMMISSION

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, the House's endorsement of the National Criminal Justice Commission is a major victory as the bill moves towards final passage. My constituents believe a thorough examination of America's criminal system is needed, and I agree.

Our Nation has approximately 5 percent of the world's population, but roughly 25 percent of the world's prison population. About 1 of every 45 adults is currently behind bars, which is five times the world's average incarceration rate. These rates indicate inconsistencies and flaws within our judicial system. This must change.

African Americans are far more likely to be incarcerated for drug offenses than other groups. We represent only 12 percent of the U.S. population, but 74 percent of America's drug offenders who have been sentenced to prison. This must change.

If we fail to implement effective reform, our Nation will continue to spend more on prisons while depleting already financially stressed State budgets. As significantly, we will not make our communities safer or reduce high recidivism rates.

I look forward to the day we receive the Commission's report. Then we can begin the crucial task of reforming and improving America's ailing criminal justice system.

RECOGNIZING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 20th Anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which I deem to be one of the greatest civil rights laws ever passed by our Congress.

Since the establishment of the Americans with Disabilities Act, more than 50 million Americans are able to more wholly enjoy their lives, thanks to the ongoing elimination of barriers on employment, public services, transportation, telecommunications and public accommodations.

Prior to the passage of this Act, our disabled American citizens—wounded warrior veterans, men, women and children—faced better rates of poverty, lower graduation rates, significantly lower unemployment rates and were too often denied their right to fully participate in society.

This Act made vital changes, prohibiting discriminating against qualified individuals with disabilities in the workplace; requiring state and local government entities to accommodate qualified individuals with disabilities; providing better access to many modes of public transportation; and requiring places of public accommodation to make their goods and services easily accessible to the disabled.

While many great changes have been instituted since the passage of this act, there is still a lot of work to be done. In a nation as great as ours, it is a stunning reality that our disabled grandparents and parents, sons and daughters, and the wounded warriors who have so bravely served around the globe to preserve democracy and promote freedom, continue to struggle with inequalities that do not have to exist.

I'm putting the Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program to work in our area to provide an employment opportunity for a wounded or disabled veteran living in southern West Virginia. There are 170,783 veterans in West Virginia—51,500 in our Congressional District alone—and that number is growing exponentially every day. These brave men and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan face a 21 percent unemployment rate; add to that fact, the vulnerable position as a wounded or disabled soldier, and we know the challenges to secure a good paying job grow tremendously.

It is our duty as leaders to support each and every one of our disabled Americans. While I salute this historic piece of legislation, I continue to work on a bipartisan basis, to help identify and address the remaining barriers against the disabled, which truly undermine America's goals and the ideals upon which our great country was founded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on July 27, 2010 I was delayed during the vote on the adoption of H. Con. Res. 301, the Pakistan War Powers Resolution.

However, if I had been present, I would have voted "yes" on H. Con. Res. 301.

HONORING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Centennial Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. For the past 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America have worked tirelessly to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

William Boyce founded the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910 using, as a model, the British system of Scouting created by General Robert Baden-Powell in 1907. In 1916, the organization was granted a Congressional Charter, and as the organization grew, it served more and more young men, teaching them to live by the Scout Law. Since its inception, over 110 million Americans have been members of the Boy Scouts of America.

I am proud to say that my life has been strengthened through scouting. As a young man, I was a member of Troop 201 in Mobile, Alabama. It was while earning my merit badges in Citizenship in the home, community, and the Nation that my interest in our great political process was ignited. From my experience as an Eagle Scout, I know the time, effort, and thorough dedication the Boy Scouts instilled in me, to be a better person, and to serve God and the greater good of our country.

For a full century, boys and men have gathered and declared: "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." And for a full century, we have constantly remained Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent. Our future leaders are cultivated through a combination of educational and fun activities, instilling lifelong values. Through various programs, the Boy Scouts of America strive to create a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society, and they have succeeded now for 100 years.

The distinguished products of scouting can be found among my colleagues. Of the 111th Congress, 211 members have participated

with the Boy Scouts of America, either as a youth member, an Eagle Scout, an adult volunteer, or some combination of the three. Personally, I take great store in what I learned as a Boy Scout and Eagle Scout. The experience has been a great influence on both my personal life and my work in Congress. I am especially honored to have received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, and I also am honored to have been a part of Alvin Townley's book, "Legacy of Honor: The Values and Influence of America's Eagle Scouts."

Madam Speaker, we should all be inspired by the Boy Scouts of America and we should all be motivated to incorporate their goals into our daily lives. As the Boy Scout slogan says, we should all "do a good turn daily." For the past 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America have lived this ideal, and our country is a better place due to their actions. On this day, I extend my sincerest congratulations to the Boy Scouts and join them in celebrating their Centennial Anniversary, and I pray that God will grant them one hundred more!

RECOGNIZING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2010

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today in honor of the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. On July 26, 1990, thousands gathered on the South Lawn of the White House as former President George H.W. Bush signed into law legislation that would provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities. This moment changed the lives of so many Americans, and I rise today to recognize the overwhelming importance of this law.

Over the past 20 years, this law has allowed Americans with disabilities to have access to educational opportunities, employment, transportation, buildings, and community affairs that once presented insurmountable obstacles.

In June of 2008, it was my honor to advance the cause of this legislation even further by voting in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act, legislation which provides Americans with disabilities an even broader scope of freedom and protection. And today, it is my honor yet again to support a House Resolution recognizing and honoring this 20th anniversary of the original Act.

Mr. Speaker, this law has improved the lives of millions of Americans with disabilities. But while we celebrate the freedom and opportunities provided by the ADA, we must also recognize that there is more work to be done. We should help all Americans, regardless of their physical or mental abilities. I am committed to continuing this work, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure all people can reach their full potential.