

HONORING PATHFINDER VILLAGE

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today in honor of Pathfinder Village, an independent residential community located in my congressional district that has greatly enhanced the lives of individuals with Down syndrome.

On this date, 30 years ago, Pathfinder Village opened its doors, consisting of 7 houses and 1 school, with the purpose of providing a full and productive life for individuals with Down syndrome. This purpose was inspired by the dream and life's work of Pathfinder Village's founder, Marian Mullet.

From its humble beginnings on a 23-acre cornfield, Pathfinder Village has become a vibrant community of 19 buildings located on 187 acres. Today, Pathfinder Village serves as the home of 87 residents, who, because of Pathfinder Village, have the resources and opportunity to achieve their absolute potential and pursue their dreams.

Due to the hard work and dedication of its staff, Pathfinder Village has been tremendously successful in fulfilling the purpose and promise of its founding.

Madam Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pathfinder Village and its staff for its 30 years of service to our community, and for inspiring countless numbers of individuals with Down syndrome by staying true to its motto "... that each life may find meaning."

HONORING LAURA ALLEN

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Laura Allen, a dedicated and invaluable member of my office for the past two years. While working in my office, Laura has proven herself to be a wonderful colleague and a thoughtful, dedicated staff member. I could not be more grateful for or appreciative of her hard work.

While in my office, Laura served as a primary liaison between my congressional office and the residents of the 3rd District of Colorado. She was responsible for effectively communicating my positions to my constituents, while conveying their opinions to myself and my staff. For almost two years, she has been the reliable, considerate and friendly "face" of my office, greeting visitors, managing interns, facilitating meetings and handling stressful situations with ease and poise.

Laura was also responsible for legislative work concerning drug policy, specifically methamphetamines. While handling this portfolio, she conducted legislative research, composed and introduced legislation, and participated in regular conference calls with a coalition of stakeholders. Her work was diligent and thoughtful.

In addition to her professional responsibilities, Laura was a pleasure to work with. Her positive attitude and sense of humor will serve her well into the future.

Laura Allen will always have a special place in my heart. My entire staff joins me in wishing her the best of luck as she begins her studies at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and with all her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO NICK LACINA

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nick Lacina of Marshalltown, Iowa, who will be serving as the honorary chair of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Marshall County, Iowa, which will take place on Saturday, July 31 until Sunday, August 1, 2010.

Nick is currently undergoing three years of treatment for leukemia. Nick continues to pursue his dreams by studying to become a civil engineer at Iowa State University. It is expected that Nick will make a full recovery once the treatments are complete. He has shown great strength throughout the period of his treatment.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in recognizing Nick Lacina and all of the volunteers and supporters of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Marshall County, Iowa. I consider it an honor to represent Nick in Congress and wish him a healthy recovery.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4899, the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2010. As long as our troops are in harm's way, it's important that they have the tools and resources they need to do their jobs safely and effectively. In the meantime, we need to be sure that we continue to have the right policy.

I am pleased that President Obama has been asking the right questions about what our exit strategy will be. While I supported the War Supplemental, I have a number of concerns with how this effort is proceeding. We know that our success depends on having a credible, responsible Afghan government. Unfortunately, Afghan President Hamid Karzai has not demonstrated that he is willing or able to seriously tackle corruption in his government.

Furthermore, nearly nine years after combat in Afghanistan first began we continue to see only limited progress in training Afghan security forces and developing the capability for Afghans to take full responsibility for the safety and security of their people.

Of course, even if we have our policy right, we still need full cooperation from Pakistan, particularly in preventing Afghanistan's western provinces from becoming a safe haven for al Qaeda and allowing the Taliban to operate with impunity.

We must, however, carefully consider the consequences of simply cutting and running, which would likely result in the Taliban taking over the country and providing a sanctuary to al Qaeda, which continues to threaten terrorist attacks on America and other countries.

I will work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to hold both the Afghanistan and Pakistan governments' feet to the fire and closely review the effectiveness of our efforts to stand up competent and capable Afghan security forces. I support the War Supplemental because we have to give our troops the resources they need to carry out their mission and because abandoning the Afghan people now would only strengthen those who seek to do us harm. It also endangers the many Afghans who have worked with coalition forces to help stabilize their country.

Throughout this difficult war, our troops have performed bravely and I am deeply honored by the sacrifices they and their families make. Wisconsin families have provided more than their fair share of troops to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Recently, the 32nd "Red Arrow" Brigade returned to Wisconsin after being deployed for one year in Iraq. I was privileged to take part in a ceremony to welcome them back and thank them for their exemplary service. Their experience shows that with appropriate training, our troops can adapt to any situation in order to achieve their mission. We must work to ensure that we can bring our troops back home in a responsible way that protects America's security.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, on July 28, 2010, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 480, 481, and 482.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes on rollcall 480, yes on rollcall 481, and yes on rollcall 482.

RECOGNIZING THE BAY DEFENSE ALLIANCE

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of the Bay Defense Alliance of Bay County, Florida, whose members have selflessly dedicated both time and service on behalf of the citizens of North Florida in support of the United States Armed Forces. More specifically, the Bay Defense Alliance has been critical throughout the years in protecting the futures of both the Naval Support Activity—Panama City and Tyndall Air Force Base both located in the Congressional District that I represent.

The accomplishments of the Bay Defense Alliance can be seen in countless projects throughout our region. They have been responsible for having more than \$4.5 million in grants awarded to our local bases; they have

improved community awareness of defense and training issues; and they have facilitated direct interaction between members of the community and senior military service leaders. The accomplishments of the Bay Defense Alliance have helped ensure that the military facilities in North Florida remain a cornerstone of the local communities for many years to come. The most recent triumph has been the addition of a squadron of F-22s to Tyndall Air Force Base. Without their constant dedication, vigilance and support, the Air Force surely would not have looked so favorably on our region.

Madam Speaker, when anyone needs an example of true patriotism, they need look no further than to this organization of Floridians who achieved remarkable success while in humble service to their fellow citizens. On behalf of the Congress, I applaud the accomplishments of the Bay Defense Alliance and thank its members for their continued support for the United States Armed Forces and the citizens of North Florida.

RECOGNIZING MR. DENNY FLYNN'S INDUCTION INTO THE PRORODEO HALL OF FAME

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Denny Flynn, a rodeo legend from Charleston, Arkansas who was recently inducted into the ProRodeo Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs, Colorado, for lifetime achievement.

Flynn, a three-time National Finals Rodeo bull riding champion, began his professional career in 1974 after getting his start riding horses and bulls when he was a teenager.

He qualified for the National Finals Rodeo 10 times and set a record for most bull riding average titles won at the NFR.

Hall of Fame inductees are selected by a committee of former contestants, Professional Rodeo Cowboys association officials and rodeo experts. His induction is undoubtedly an added honor to his professional career.

I congratulate Mr. Flynn for his induction and wish him continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on July 28, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 476. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 476: "yes"—Providing for consideration of H.R. 5822, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE SUPPLE-
MENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support, H.R. 5874. The purpose of H.R. 5874 is simple: it would allow the USPTO to access more of the fees that it will collect in FY2010.

This year, the United States Patent and Trademark Office, also known as the USPTO, is expected to collect more in user fees than they are permitted to retain. As everyone in the patent community is aware, I, with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, have worked to ensure that the USPTO has the resources it needs. Part of that equation is for the USPTO to retain the user fees that they collect from patent and trademark applicants.

While not perfect, H.R. 5874 significantly moves the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the right direction by enabling the USPTO to continue the progress they have made already in reducing the backlog and shortening pendency.

I would have liked to see the President requested buffer of \$150 million also included in this legislation because that is the only way to ensure that ALL user fees collected in FY2010 will be retained; however, H.R. 5874 is a big step forward and is undeniably better than the current situation.

I thank the Appropriators for working with us on this Presidential request and for honoring the spirit of the gentlemen's agreement.

I urge my colleagues to join IPO, AIPLA, ABA IP Section, ACT, the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association, the National Association of Manufacturers, the National Treasury Employees Union, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, among others, and support this important legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KAGEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, due to an illness in my family I was not able to be present for votes on July 13th through July 15th.

Had I been present for rollcall 434 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 4514 Colonel Charles Young Home Study Act.

Had I been present for rollcall 435 on motion to suspend the rules and pass as amended, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 4438 San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2010.

Had I been present for rollcall 436 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 4773 Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act.

Had I been present for rollcall 438 on agreeing to the resolution, I would have voted in favor of providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1722) to improve teleworking in executive agencies by developing a telework pro-

gram that allows employees to telework at least 20 percent of the hours worked in every 2 administrative workweeks, and for other purposes.

Had I been present for rollcall 439 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, I would have voted in favor of amending the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extend continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of costal changes.

Had I been present for rollcall 441 on passage, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 1722 Telework Improvements Act.

Had I been present for rollcall 442 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, I would have voted in favor of S. 1508 Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act.

Had I been present for rollcall 443 on agreeing to the resolution, I would have voted in favor of providing for consideration of H.R. 5114 Flood Insurance Reform Priorities Act.

Had I been present for rollcall 444 on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 5114 Murphy of New York Amendment No. 11.

Had I been present for rollcall 447 on passage, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 1722 the Telework Improvements Act.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE PIL- GRIM MONUMENT IN PROVINCE- TOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the centennial of the dedication of the Pilgrim Monument in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

One hundred years ago, on the fifth of August, 1910, United States President William H. Taft and Eben Draper, then-Governor of Massachusetts, joined scores of visitors as they congregated around the base of the 252-foot tower in celebration of the newly constructed memorial honoring the 102 brave passengers of the Mayflower and its historic journey.

It was there on the tip of Cape Cod in 1620, among harsh gusts of a November wind, that forty-one men drafted the first democratic covenant of the New World—the Mayflower Compact. It was their dreams of self-governance that instilled in us the strongest of our political and ethical morals; and it was their perseverance that would soon bring them to establish Plymouth Plantation.

Today, one hundred years later, the steady climb up a winding staircase will lead you to a panoramic vista with strained glimpses of a Boston sky-line far in the distance. Although the immediate view beneath High Pole Hill has been much altered in the century since, the fog rolling across Cape Cod bay, the tranquil waters momentarily broken by the distant breach of a humpback whale, and the sting of the salt breeze, are reminiscent of our Pilgrims' experiences of this wonderful new land.