

Today, the students, families and staff at St. Mary's are recognized throughout the area for their exemplary record of service to their community. St. Mary's has been recognized for its work on behalf of the American Lung Association, the local Crisis Pregnancy Center and Catholic Charities.

I would like to congratulate Principal Cathy Robertson, Father Alan Hunter, and the students, teachers and staff of St. Mary's School, past and present, as they celebrate this important birthday and wish them another 100 years of success.

#### CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 3, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4061, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act, which addresses the recommendations of the Cyberspace Policy Review to improve cybersecurity in the Federal, private, and public sectors.

I would like to acknowledge Speaker PELOSI and Chairman GORDON for their leadership in bringing this important resolution to the floor. I would also like to thank my colleague Congressman LIPINSKI, who authored this legislation that will result in the development and implementation of a strategic plan guiding the overall direction of Federal cybersecurity and information assurance research and development.

As a former member of the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Threats, Cybersecurity and Science and Technology, I have been concerned about these issues. The rapid development of information technology has led to increased connectivity and productivity that has greatly benefited the U.S. economy. However, with these great advances comes the disadvantage of increased vulnerability of our information technology infrastructure. Reports of cyber crime, hacking, and viruses has steadily risen, heightening concerns over the adequacy of our cybersecurity measures and the need for further research and development.

My district, the 37th district of California, is heavily dependent on technology and computing networks, so I am pleased that H.R. 4061 is a bill that will improve cybersecurity in the Federal, private, and public sectors. This legislation achieves this goal by developing a skilled cybersecurity workforce, coordinating and prioritizing the Federal R&D portfolio, improving the transfer of cybersecurity technologies to the marketplace, promoting cybersecurity education and awareness for the general public, and coordinating U.S. representation in the development of international cybersecurity technical standards. My district, the 37th district of California, is heavily dependent on technology and computing networks, so I am pleased that . . .

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I support this legislation because with our increasing reliance on the internet, we need to make sure

our cyber systems are secure. I am pleased that Congress is taking action to promote these improvements and adequately fund the areas of government responsible for our cybersecurity.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4061.

#### HONORING THE ZEPHYRHILLS HIGH SCHOOL JROTC

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 22, 2010*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Zephyrhills High School JROTC for their dedication to service on behalf of our nation's heroes and veterans.

On February 11th, a signing ceremony will take place by the National Armed Forces Community covenant in honor of the Zephyrhills High School JROTC.

Although this presentation has taken place in over 700 communities across our great country, this presentation is significant because it is the first presentation being made to a High School JROTC. As such, this historic ceremony represents an unprecedented commitment to improving the quality of life for our soldiers and their families by the Zephyrhills High School JROTC.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Zephyrhills High School JROTC. On behalf of a grateful nation, this Congress, and the local community of veterans and active service members, I thank the members of Zephyrhills JROTC for their dedication to this country.

#### RECOGNIZING NORTHSIDE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 22, 2010*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the success of Northside College Preparatory Academy, recently named number one high school in Illinois based upon its students scoring in the highest average percentile on the Prairie State Achievement Examination.

Led by principal Barry P. Rodgers and assistant principal Dr. Margaret E. Murphy, Northside Prep has worked tirelessly since 1999 to help foster student values. The school teaches students that vital leadership skills, critical problem solving skills, a passion to learn, and the ability to balance all these attributes are tantamount to a successful adult life.

In addition, Northside Prep helps its students further explore their individual interests and heritages by offering an array of extra-curricular clubs that cater to various hobbies, nationalities, and human rights issues. Northside Prep has shown that focusing on developing a well rounded student, can and does improve the education they receive,

something evidenced by their recent success on the Reading, Science and Math achievement tests.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the important contributions that Northside College Preparatory has made in shaping and educating Chicago's youth, and in enriching the communities surrounding it.

#### HONORING STELL MANFREDI

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 22, 2010*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Stell Manfredi upon his retirement as the Madera County Administrative Officer. Mr. Manfredi was honored by the Madera County Board of Supervisors on Saturday, January 30, 2010.

Mr. Stell Manfredi was born in 1945 in Madera, California. He attended St. Joachim's Catholic Grammar School and graduated from Madera High School in 1963. Upon his high school graduation, he attended Fresno City College and California State University, Fresno, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Economics. In 1969, Mr. Manfredi joined the United States Naval Reserve and served in DaNang, Vietnam.

After returning to Madera in 1971, Mr. Manfredi began working for the Madera County Administrative Office. The first three years he served as an Administrative Analyst I and was promoted to Administrative Analyst II. In 1980, he became the Assistant County Administrative Officer, and in 1991 he was named the County Administrative Officer.

In the thirty-eight years of working for the County Administrative Office, Mr. Manfredi has worked on many county projects; including the jail construction, juvenile boot camp, Madera Ranchos water system, juvenile hall, Oakhurst sewer system, the Madera County Government Center and parking facility, the Oakhurst fire and sheriff facility and the central garage facility. The county has grown in population, employees and budget. In 1971, when Mr. Manfredi began with the county, there were 42,600 residents, 375 employees and a sixteen million dollar budget. Today, there are over 151,000 residents, 1,700 employees and a two hundred million dollar budget. Mr. Manfredi has participated in almost two thousand Board of Supervisor meetings, worked under the direction of twenty-one members of the Board of Supervisors and has worked with over one hundred and thirty appointed and elected county department heads. He is currently the second longest serving County Administrative Officer in the State of California, he is the third County Administrative Officer for Madera county. Mr. Manfredi also acted as the Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission from 1971 until 2000.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Stell Manfredi upon his retirement from Madera County. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Manfredi many years of continued success.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF  
IOWA HAWKEYE FOOTBALL TEAM

**HON. DAVID LOEBSACK**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 22, 2010*

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, today, I am introducing a Resolution to honor the University of Iowa Hawkeye football team for the great success they had on the football field during the 2009 season. The team began the season by winning its first nine football games, which set a new team record for consecutive wins to start a football season. The Hawkeyes finished the regular season with 10 wins and two losses, leaving them ranked seventh in both the final Associated Press and USA Today rankings, tied for second in the Big Ten Conference, and were invited to play in the 2010 FedEx Orange Bowl against the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. The game was very well competed by both schools, but with stellar defense and an exciting offensive performance, the University of Iowa Hawkeye football team won the game 24–14.

Through hard work and great success on the football field, the University of Iowa Hawkeye football team received numerous awards and won over many new fans. Through this Resolution, I hope to congratulate the 2009 University of Iowa Hawkeye football program for bringing honor to the team, the University of Iowa, the city of Iowa City, and the State of Iowa.

HONORING THE COLLINSVILLE  
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BOWLING  
TEAM

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 22, 2010*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Collinsville High School girls bowling team.

This outstanding and competitive group captured the Illinois High School Association's state championship in February by bowling a team total of 12,450 points, or an average of 207.5 per bowler. This is the first Collinsville High School championship since 1992 and the first girls state championship in the school's history. Special recognition went to Collinsville High School senior Frannie Steiner who bowled the top individual score at the state finals, finishing with a 229.7 average.

I join with the Members of this House in commending coach Sean Hay on his outstanding work with this team and congratulating the members of the Illinois state championship bowling team: Frannie Steiner, Katie Beauchamp, Lisa Graham, Brittany Warner, Sara Bell, Liz Huffman, Amber Burns and Elizabeth Beauchamp. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN SULLIVAN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 22, 2010*

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for one additional project funding request that I made and was included within the text of H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project: Ground Warfare Acoustical Combat Systems of Netted Sensors

Project Amount: \$5,000,000

Account: RDTE—Naval

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GWACS Defense, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Suite 191, 4500 South, 129th East Ave., Tulsa, OK 74134

Description of Request: Combat systems are required that can detect, locate, discriminate and give precision targeting data of hostile fire to blue forces in a netcentric environment. Additionally, multi sensor systems are required that can help IFF, create total battlespace situational awareness both in open and urban terrain, and provide precision targeting data for combined and integrated fire support. Funds will be used to accelerate the completion of a new technology that is critical and urgently needed for small arms detection and location for future procurement for force protection and situational awareness at all command levels in open and urban terrain operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" BE REPEALED IN 2010

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 22, 2010*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution that recognizes the Senate Armed Services Committee's hearing on Don't Ask, Don't Tell, and the testimony of Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the hearing, as an important first step towards equality in the Armed Forces. Furthermore, my resolution expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that this discriminatory law should be repealed in 2010.

There are an estimated 66,000 gay and lesbian service members currently on active-duty, serving in all capacities around the world to protect our nation and advance our interests. The misguided policy known as Don't Ask, Don't Tell is yet another enemy to fight at a time when we are strained in two wars. In 2009 alone, we lost 428 service members to Don't Ask, Don't Tell at the estimated cost of over \$12 million. We cannot allow the strength and unity of our military to suffer from a destructive force within. Don't Ask, Don't Tell is irreconcilable with the values that our great

nation was built on and the values that our Armed Forces embody.

The Senate Armed Services Committee's recent hearing on Don't Ask, Don't Tell was indeed historic, being the first Senate hearing on the issue in 17 years. My resolution recognizes the great significance of Defense Secretary Gates and Admiral Mullen's testimonies, which sent a clear signal across the nation and through the military ranks that discrimination is not a value of our Armed Forces. Furthermore, it urges the Pentagon working group to deliver an implementation plan to Congress as soon as possible while ensuring that the needs and concerns of all service members are taken into consideration, and strongly recommends that the Senate Armed Services Committee and House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Military Personnel include active-duty service members in their upcoming hearings regarding Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

While a majority of the American people support open service by gay and lesbian members of the Armed Forces, there are those who would like to see the policy kept in place. Don't Ask, Don't Tell should be repealed swiftly and replaced with a policy of non-discrimination and inclusion once and for all.

Madam Speaker, the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell is long overdue. It is my sincere hope that President Obama, the Department of Defense, the U.S. military, and Congress will do everything in their power to allow gay and lesbian Americans to serve openly as soon as possible. I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution and to join me in working to bring about the full and final repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell this year.

HONORING THE CHICAGO CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN VETERANS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 22, 2010*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chicago Chapter of the American Veterans for Equal Rights, AVER, an organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, on the occasion of the City of Chicago's annual Salute to LGBT veterans.

Founded in 1992, the Chicago Chapter of AVER provides support to LGBT veterans in the Chicago metropolitan area. Members of AVER have served in every war from World War II to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Each year, AVER members march in Chicago's Memorial Day Parade and in Chicago's Gay Pride Parade. By doing so, AVER members bear witness to the fact that gay and lesbian Americans have served throughout our history to defend the United States in time of war and to preserve our freedoms and democracy.

AVER fights not only for LGBT veterans but also for gay and lesbian soldiers currently serving in our Armed Forces, especially those who are in harms way in Iraq and Afghanistan. AVER members travel to Washington every year to lobby members of Congress for an end to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.