

Madam Speaker, direct foreign investments in the U.S. put more Americans to work and strengthen our manufacturing base. Especially in these tough economic times, I am proud of the strong role that Honda plays in the U.S. and Ohio. I applaud everyone at the company on its distinguished record of manufacturing quality, corporate citizenship, and job creation over the last 30 years.

HONORING THE 68TH ANNIVERSARY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize February 19, 2010 as a day of remembrance, on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of Executive Order 9066.

February 19th will forever be a reminder of the injustice and racial prejudice of World War II internment. This day marks the anniversary of a momentary erosion of America's core principles—a time when over 120,000 Americans were denied their civil rights and imprisoned against their will. At the same time, this anniversary represents our nation's incredible ability to reaffirm our commitment to protecting the freedoms of all Americans.

Following the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, our government succumbed to apprehension and hysteria by targeting many of its own citizens who had nothing to do with the attacks. Executive Order 9066, which was neither justified nor necessary, was issued as a way to assuage growing fears that Japanese-American citizens constituted a threat to national security. This unfortunate decision was shaped by panic and prejudice, and demonstrated that courageous political leadership in this most trying of times was lacking. By commemorating and remembering the failure of our government to uphold the Constitutional rights guaranteed to every American, future generations will hopefully avoid repeating these past mistakes.

Over 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry were sent to internment camps and wrongly imprisoned. And though our country's participation in World War II may have ended in triumph, the mistreatment of Japanese, Italian, and German Americans cannot be excused.

In the decades following Executive Order 9066, we have taken several substantial steps to study, remedy, and learn from the negative legacy of the internment while preserving the heritage of those affected. The directive was officially repealed in 1976, and a commission was formed to study the impact of relocation on Japanese Americans. In 2008, we celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act, which was a major step forward in righting the wrongs perpetrated during this difficult period in our nation's history. It is for these reasons that I rise today to call on all Americans to reaffirm our commitment to inalienable, constitutionally-provided rights. This dark period in our history must always be remembered critically, while also appreciated, as a symbol of our ability to acknowledge and rectify mistakes. As I look back to this time in our nation's history and see how far we have come in the intervening years, I see great hope for our future.

HONORING COREY ANDERSON FOR WINNING THE HONORING OUR FUTURE LEADERS COMPETITION

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a student in my district, Corey Anderson, from Sayville High School.

Corey will receive the Honoring Our Future Leaders Award on February 27, 2010. To win this award, Corey wrote a personal rendition of the "I Have a Dream" speech delivered by Martin Luther King, Jr.

I am proud to honor Corey for outstanding academic and personal achievements and congratulate Corey upon the receipt of this prestigious award.

COMMENDING THE U.S. NAVY FOR ITS WORK IN HAITI

SPEECH OF

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 1048 which honors the work of the men and women of the USNS *Comfort* and the United States Navy in the immediate response to those affected by the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010.

The Navy's support is ongoing and to date, the *Comfort* has treated more than 900 Haitians and has performed more than 750 life saving surgeries. Together with her sister ship, the USNS *Mercy*, these vessels serve as ambassadors of good-will during periods of desperation all around the world. Their mission is always a benevolent one and their commitment to areas of strife and devastation highlight the best qualities of what it means to be an American—that we stand by always ready to assist and will never forsake those who are in need.

The earthquake that hit Haiti was the most devastating it has seen in 200 years. Words cannot adequately describe the destruction that took the lives of more than 200,000 people, leveled the capital city, and left thousands of survivors with an uncertain future coupled with worries about hunger, disease, and injuries. Into that morass of suffering we stepped in as a nation to assist the good Haitian people with the USNS *Comfort* and the Navy as part of the vanguard.

The USNS *Comfort* has a storied history. Among its most notable deployments were:

—In 2007 when it embarked on a four month humanitarian assistance mission throughout Latin America and the Caribbean that treated more than 98,000 people in 12 countries. This type of mission highlights the diplomatic role our military plays as it works in concert with the State Department in being ambassadors of good-will.

—In 2005 when *Comfort* responded on our own shores after the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, providing treatment to thousands in the Gulf Coast region. Despite regional devastation, the USNS *Comfort* was

able to provide critical emergency hospital services for residents and first-responders before regular service was restored.

—In 2003, when *Comfort* deployed to war and served as an afloat trauma center for two months during the initial stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

—In 2001, immediately in the aftermath of the 9-11 attacks, when *Comfort* deployed in support of Operation Noble Eagle and provided meals, housing, medical and psychological services to volunteer and relief workers at New York's ground zero.

This is just a sampling of the ship and crew's operational history since *Comfort* was delivered to the Navy in 1987. Untold thousands have benefited from these missions.

Madam Speaker, while many know of *Comfort* and *Mercy's* life-saving work, few realize that these ships almost did not come into the Navy's fleet. USNS *Comfort* and USNS *Mercy* began their lives as oil-tankers a decade before being delivered to the Navy as hospital ships. In fact, they were destined for the scrap yard, if not for the intervention of Congress and specifically the Appropriations Committee. It was a Congressional Initiative that was the catalyst for the birth of the *Mercy* Class Hospital Ships. My colleagues and I on the Appropriations Committee saw a need for this life-saving capability when others sought to scrap these ships. We saw the value in these *Mercy* Class Hospital Ships, to provide a unique capability of being some of the largest U.S. trauma centers with the distinction of having world-wide mobility. Even in the face of airfield closures, destroyed infrastructure, and interrupted communications, as long as the sea is navigable, the USNS *Comfort* and USNS *Mercy* can get there. Once on the scene, a fully crewed ship brings 1,000 medical professionals, a hospital with a full spectrum of surgical and medical services including four X-rays, a CAT scan unit, a dental suite, two oxygen-producing plants, and 5,000 units of blood. The ships have 12 operating rooms and a total bed capacity of up to 1,000. In short, they are fully functional floating hospitals able to give first-rate care where otherwise there would be no treatment options.

Madam Speaker, As we take the time today to honor the men and women who proudly serve this country aboard the USNS *Comfort*, let us also remember the broad scope of compassionate contributions that our servicemen and women are providing around the world in both non-hostile and hostile environments. Often times we forget that our military performs many humanitarian functions that other agencies and nations depend upon, be it logistical support or whole-scale nation-building. Their efforts and their sacrifice go beyond expressions of remorse and tangibly demonstrate our level of commitment to peace and prosperity for all.

RECOGNIZING DON ANDERSON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Boone, Iowa Police Department's Assistant Chief, Mr. Don Anderson, who, with over three decades of law enforcement service to his community, will officially retire on March 1, 2010.

Assistant Chief Anderson graduated from Boone High School in 1973 and shortly thereafter joined the United States Army. Following six years of service as a military policeman with the Army, he returned to Boone and joined the police force in July of 1979. After serving six years as a desk officer and taking criminal justice classes at the Des Moines Area Community College Boone Campus, Mr. Anderson became a patrolman. In 1993 he was promoted to captain, and by 2002 Mr. Anderson had ascended to Assistant Chief of the Boone Police Department.

In addition to keeping the streets of Boone well protected, Assistant Chief Anderson has been a key figure in various local outreach projects, including the "Shop with a Cop" and "Safety Pup Officer" programs, which have helped educate the community about law and safety related issues.

With his retirement from the Police Department, Assistant Chief Anderson plans on spending more time with his wife, Maria, as well as his children and grandchildren. In true devotion to his community, even in retirement, Assistant Chief Anderson plans to work part-time for the Boone County Attorney's Office.

Madam Speaker, it is individuals like Don Anderson who exemplify the dedication and willingness to serve that keep our nation running safe and strong. I sincerely appreciate the work Assistant Chief Anderson has done and I am proud to serve him, his family and his fellow law enforcement colleagues in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE HEROISM OF THE SEVEN AND/DEPLOYED TO HAITI

SPEECH OF

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my support for H. Res. 1059, honoring the bravery and heroism of our local urban search and rescue teams for their lifesaving efforts in Haiti.

The earthquake of January 12, 2010 was a horrific event that wreaked untold devastation and tremendous loss of life on Port-au-Prince and its surrounding areas. In a matter of minutes, 200,000 people lost their lives. It was a sobering reminder of how fragile life is. The response, worldwide, to this awful tragedy has been a comforting reminder of our resilience and willingness to lend aid and hope to those in need.

The men and women of the Fairfax County, Virginia, New York City, Los Angeles, Miami, Miami-Dade and Virginia Beach urban search and rescue teams immediately left for Haiti, risking their own lives to save others. Day in and day out, these men and women serve their local communities, providing lifesaving care at home, but when there are people in great need, America's local urban search and rescue teams always rush to answer the call. During the initial days after the quake, these men and women brought relief to worried families and hope to an anxious nation with daily rescues from the rubble.

We should all be thankful for their efforts, and I am especially proud of Virginia Task Force 1 from Fairfax, which I represent. During its time in Haiti, Virginia Task Force 1 participated in the rescue of 16 people. While the untold loss of life was horrific, the efforts of all of our urban search and rescue teams made a difference.

I continue to offer my deepest sympathy to the people of Haiti as they cope with the aftermath of this terrible tragedy. I commend the heroic men and women of Virginia Task Force 1, and all our urban search and rescue teams, for so richly embodying the American spirit that says if you are in need, we will help. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3326.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

H.R. 3326

RDTE, AF

Louisiana Tech University, 700 W. California Ave, Ruston, LA 71272

Remote Language—Independent Suspect Identification \$2,560,000. Louisiana Tech University seeks funding for research in remote language-independent suspect identification. Our researchers have developed technologies that use mathematical models for identity verification. Aspects of this work have been commercialized in the private sector. The University has worked with the Air Force and industry partners in further development of the algorithms and software for military applications. These funds will support our faculty and partners identified by the Air Force in extending the development of these algorithms.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

H.R. 3326

RDTE, A

Pennington Biomedical Research Center, 6400 Perkins Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Military Nutrition Research: Four Tasks to Address Personnel Readiness \$800,000. Provide ongoing research to continue the Army's responsibility for military nutrition research across all branches of military service. The work focuses on the improvement of health and performance of the American Armed Forces.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

H.R. 3326

RDTE, N

C&C Technologies, Inc. 730 E Kaliste Saloom Rd., Lafayette, LA 70508

Semi-Submersible UUV for Sensor Enhancements \$1,400,000. The ideal vehicle for providing risk reduction for technology and operations is the unmanned semi-submersible vehicle. Rather than requiring costly and complex acoustic navigation and telemetry systems, semi-submersible unmanned vehicles

may be integrated with standard GPS and radio communication systems. This project also supports NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

H.R. 3326

RDTE, N

QinetiQ-North America, 40201 Highway 190 East, Slidell, LA 70461

Sonobuoy Wave Energy Module (SWEM) \$800,000. The Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) is currently seeking alternatives to batteries as long-term energy sources for long life environmental and anti-submarine warfare sonobuoys. SWEM technologies have near term application to NAVAIR's Sensor for Environmental Assessment buoy project as well as to a wide range of evolving sonobuoy types and classes. SWEM power modules enable longer term, continuous operation of systems without battery replacement.

MICHAEL G. RIPPE

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Michael G. Rippe and the renaming of the Metro Parkway Extension in Fort Myers to the Michael G. Rippe Parkway.

Mr. Rippe earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering Technology from the West Virginia Institute of Technology. He joined the Florida Department of Transportation in August 1989. From 2000–2004, he served as the Director of the Southwest Area Office. Throughout this time, Mr. Rippe was an integral part in keeping Florida's roads safe and efficient.

In 2004, Mr. Rippe was appointed Director of Transportation Development for Florida Department of Transportation, District One. His work contributed to the development of many roads and bridges in Southwest Florida. Mr. Rippe's contributions to the Department of Transportation have been a huge asset for my district and the entire state of Florida.

Throughout his career, Mr. Rippe had worked closely on many major highway and bridge projects. He assisted in resolving various design and construction issues with local government and private citizens. His work on U.S. 41 projects accelerated job schedules and saved millions of taxpayer dollars.

I would like to recognize Mr. Rippe for his numerous contributions to the citizens of Lee County, and I speak on behalf of all Floridians when I say that we are proud of his accomplishments. I strongly support renaming the Metro Extension Parkway in Lee County, Florida to the Michael G. Rippe Parkway.

Thanks to Mr. Rippe's commitment, the citizens and visitors of Southwest Florida will benefit from his lasting legacy of safe, modernized roads for many years to come. Madam Speaker, it is a true honor to represent dedicated public servants like Mr. Rippe in Congress.