

HONORING THEODORA J. KALIKOW
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
AT FARMINGTON'S SUSTAINABLE
CAMPUS COALITION

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Theodora J. Kalikow and the University of Maine at Farmington's Sustainable Campus Coalition.

Earlier this month President Theodora J. Kalikow announced that the University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) had finalized its roadmap to achieve the goal of carbon neutrality by 2035. The "Climate Action Plan", as it is called, was developed through UMF's own Sustainable Campus Coalition, a collaborative group of driven students, faculty, staff and community members. The plan identifies a number of strategies to reduce carbon emissions, including implementing energy efficient behavior and policies, ensuring future campus structures conform to LEED standards and investing in the use of renewable energy.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the UMF campus uses approximately 20 percent fewer British thermal units (BTU) per square foot than the national average for colleges of similar size and climate. Despite an 11 percent increase in campus building space, the university managed to reduce campus wide energy costs by 5 percent of the 2005 levels. A new geothermal heating and cooling system is projected to save \$60,000 and 325 metric tons of carbon emissions per year. These astounding feats are made even more impressive by the fact that the university community led the planning process, with little to no cost to the university system.

The leadership of UMF President Theodora Kalikow in guiding the campus towards energy solutions that reduce greenhouse gases and long-term energy costs is an inspiration to institutions everywhere. I applaud the efforts of the Sustainable Campus Coalition, which reminds us that biggest force of change in a community is the drive of its members. Although the nation has a long way to go in moving towards a clean energy future, the people of UMF have shown that progress is possible and that it is happening now.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Theodora J. Kalikow and the University of Maine at Farmington's Sustainable Campus Coalition for their efforts in making a clean energy campus a reality.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JACK
HOMER HITTSON, JR.

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow veteran and treasured citizen of Garland, Jack Hittson, who passed away last year, at the age of eighty-three.

Jack, a fifth generation Texan, was born June 19, 1925 in Palo Pinto, Texas. He graduated from Strawn High School at the age of

sixteen and enrolled at the University of Texas at Arlington. Before completing his studies, Jack enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a pilot. Jack returned to college following World War II and graduated from Baylor College of Dentistry at the age of twenty-three.

Jack first practiced in Panama where he met and married his wife, Elizabeth Weltzin. Shortly thereafter, they moved to the Alaskan Territories where Jack began work with the Alaskan Health Service. Jack went on to attend the University of Tennessee at Memphis to specialize in orthodontics.

Following graduation, Jack was re-commissioned during the Korean War and stationed in Orleans, France. He returned to Garland after completion of his commission and started one of the first orthodontic practices in North Texas.

Jack was actively involved in the community where he volunteered his time and resources to the benefit of the YMCA, Boy Scouts, Masons, Garland Dental Club, Texas Dental Association, and the Texas Democrats.

Jack will be missed by his wife and the greater Garland community.

Madam Speaker, I commend Jack Hittson for his service to the North Texas community and his country.

CONGRATULATING NANCY
GOODMAN BRINKER

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 708, a bill to congratulate Ms. Nancy Goodman Brinker for receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Nancy Brinker, a resident of my Congressional District in South Florida, has had a remarkable impact on the fight against breast cancer. As founder of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a foundation named for her sister who unfortunately lost her battle with breast cancer 30 years ago, Nancy has helped raise over \$1 billion dollars in support of research, education campaigns and support services for patients and their loved ones.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Race for the Cure have helped create a global movement to empower and support those touched by this disease. Now the largest grass roots breast cancer movement in the world, Susan G. Komen for the Cure offers a place for patients, their friends and family, and those who have lost loved ones to breast cancer to share their stories, raise awareness and donate their time and resources toward finally putting an end to this disease.

I was honored to participate in the Race for the Cure held in West Palm Beach, FL where I walked in honor of my sister, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. At this event, I was delighted to meet Nancy in person, and thank her for her tireless efforts in fighting this terrible disease.

Nancy's work to honor the life of her sister by helping countless others is truly admirable, and deserving of this distinguished civilian award. I would like to thank my friend from Illinois, Congressman SCHOCK for introducing this resolution, and Chairman TOWNS for his

leadership in bringing this bill to the House floor today. I urge passage of the bill and I yield back the balance of my time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, on January 19, I missed three rollcall votes numbered 6, 7, and 8 due to being unavoidably detained.

Rollcall No. 6 was a vote on congratulating the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine for its 150 years of commitment to advancing science. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall No. 7 was a vote on congratulating the Penn State women's volleyball team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Championship. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall No. 8 was a vote on commending the University of Virginia men's soccer team for winning the 2009 Division I NCAA National Championship. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

RESPECT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE AND SEAT SENATOR SCOTT BROWN

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, prior to my service in this body I had the honor for eight years to serve as Michigan's Secretary of State. In that role I also served as Michigan's chief elections officer.

I am always awed by elections where the people of this nation choose those who they wish to have serve them in government.

Everyone of us who serves in this House is here because of the will of the people.

The people's collective voice must always be honored and respected.

Yesterday we saw another example of the voice of the people when the voters of Massachusetts went to the polls in large numbers to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Ted Kennedy.

The result of that election is clear. The people of Massachusetts have chosen Senator SCOTT BROWN to be their voice. There is no doubt of the outcome, there is no contest to the election and his opponents have conceded.

When Senator Kennedy was elected in 1962 to fill the unexpired term of his brother President Kennedy, he was seated the very next day, because the people had clearly chosen him to do so.

Senator BROWN and the people of Massachusetts deserve the same consideration.

With all of the important issues facing this nation it is vital that the people's duly elected representatives are able to exercise their important duties.

I respectfully urge the other body to seat Senator BROWN immediately so that the people of Massachusetts can be heard through their elected Senator.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MR.
DOUG W. YOUNG

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, it is with sadness that I recognize the loss of a wonderful public servant for Northern California, Mr. Doug Young. Doug was born on a small family farm in Sutter County and lived in Yolo County from 1971 until his death on January 3, 2010. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Diane Lee Young, for fifty-two years, and they have four grown children, five grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Doug received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Davis in 1958. After graduating, he worked as a loan processor and real estate appraiser at the Farm Credit Association until 1966. He performed similar tasks as a Regional Director of the United States Department of Agriculture's Farmers Home Administration Loan Program from 1969 until 1977. He later established Douglas W. Young and Associates, where he acted as a consultant for development in rural areas of California, with a special focus on helping low and middle-income families.

Doug also served his nation and community through his efforts to advance the values and principles he believed in. He was a member of the Yolo County Republican Central Committee and volunteered many hours for the cause he was committed to and the like-minded individuals who sought elected office to uphold his cherished principles. He will be missed greatly by his family, his friends, his colleagues, and the countless people he affected in a positive and enduring way. I was proud to call him a friend, and privileged to watch him serve others with great sincerity and passion.

ACCELERATION OF INCOME TAX BENEFITS FOR CHARITABLE CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I commend Chairman RANGEL and Ranking Member CAMP for bringing this timely legislation to the floor and support its swift enactment.

Simply put, H.R. 4462 will allow charitable cash contributions for Haitian earthquake relief made before March 1, 2010 to be deducted on the contributor's 2009 tax return. As the ongoing rescue and recovery effort in Haiti is still very much an issue of life and death, this targeted initiative will reward those who have already given while providing an extra incentive for those who are considering a contribution. Additionally, I applaud Secretary Napolitano's decision to grant Temporary Protected Status to Haitian nationals living in the United States, which will enable these individuals to stay in the U.S. for up to 18 months past their visa expiration.

America is a generous and compassionate Nation that has always responded to our

neighbors in need. I'm proud to support this bipartisan legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JANET SIMPSON COYLE

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifelong teacher and public servant, Janet Coyle of Rowlett, Texas, who passed away last year at the age of ninety-nine.

Janet was born on April 7, 1910 in Brownwood, Texas to Charles and Janie Simpson. She taught elementary school in Garland, Richardson, and Rowlett for twenty-five years where she followed her personal motto, "There is something to love in every child."

Janet served as President of Classroom Teachers of Garland from 1959 to 1960. She later volunteered her time as the first woman on the Rowlett Planning and Zoning Commission. She was a charter member of the Rowlett Historical Society and was given the Chamber of Commerce Heritage Hall of Fame Award in 2007.

Janet was an active member of her church, First United Methodist of Rowlett, for seventy-seven years. She is preceded in death by her husband of fifty years, William "Bill" Coyle. She will be missed by her three daughters, Nancy Yarnes, Susan Kiby and husband, Larry, Beck Buttram and husband, Will; and son, Billy Coyle and wife, Missy.

Madam Speaker, I commend Janet Coyle for her lifelong devotion to education and public service in her community.

CONGRATULATING NANCY GOODMAN BRINKER

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 708, which congratulates Ambassador Nancy Goodman Brinker for receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

I was thrilled when I heard the news last year that President Barack Obama had given this highest civilian honor to Ambassador Brinker.

No one could be more deserving of this great honor. For nearly 30 years she has brought a deep passion to the fight against breast cancer. She has built an organization like no other to fight this terrible disease.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure is the largest and most progressive group of breast cancer activists in the world.

The Race for the Cure, which is now a global effort, has helped raise over a billion dollars for research, health services and educational efforts supporting millions of women in need. All of this because of Nancy, her passion and her vision.

It has been an honor and privilege to work with Nancy over the last year and I cannot

think of a more courageous, dedicated, and passionate woman to honor today.

I thank my colleagues and friends Congressman AARON SCHOCK and Congresswoman JAN SCHAKOWSKY for introducing this fitting and well deserved resolution.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES K. STRICKLAND

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. James K. Stickland, on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Support Officer at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

As the Senior Leader assigned coordination of VIP visits, he was successful in promoting the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and its accomplishments to all levels of government, from local mayors in the community up to and including State and U.S. Senators. Those visits had a positive impact on the Naval Sea Systems Command as a whole in that they enabled our governmental representatives to see first-hand the special circumstances and challenging work situations we encounter every day in the ship repair community.

As the Executive Support Officer, he directed a staff which encompasses security, public affairs, congressional affairs, command instructional design, drug free workplace program, internal review, and parking control. His work during this period was complicated by the merger of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Maintenance Center into the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. He not only welcomed new personnel into his organization with proper courtesy and care, his public affairs expertise was helpful in developing and executing a communication strategy for the workforce to accompany such a significant change. That integration was completed in phases, with each phase being executed seamlessly, in accordance with established schedules.

As Executive Support Officer, he developed a relationship of trust and open communication among all levels of the Shipyard, from labor organization representatives up to and including the Shipyard Commander. He brings to the table a well-deserved depth of experience. When emergent or new tasks come about, he continually delivers not only within his assigned responsibilities, but he goes out of his way to help other departments where he can. He has clearly demonstrated excellence through an aggressive pursuit of quality and has shown, not only to the Navy but also to the community, that people with inspiration and dedication can make a difference.

Mr. Strickland's aggressive actions in connection with identified security deficiencies at Norfolk Naval Shipyard resulted in improvements in processes which have crossed over and positively impacted the region as a whole. Similarly, his recent involvement regarding proposed reductions in fire and emergency services at NNSY, Naval Medical Command Portsmouth and Naval Station Norfolk resulted in no reduction in service or adverse impact to mission.

Mr. Stickland was awarded the Purple Heart for injury sustained during his service in the Navy, demonstrating his selfless sacrifice and