

War resigned during the civil war because of problems with contracting. The country cannot afford to continue down this path. This needs to change, and the IMPROVE Acquisition Act is a step in the right direction.

At the beginning of the 111th Congress we passed the Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009, which helped to make improvements to the acquisition process. With the passage of H.R. 5013, we will take another step toward fiscal responsibility. It is time that we start making decisions that will help to guarantee that our children inherit a better country. By being fiscally responsible and passing H.R. 5013, we take a step forward in preserving the future for our children while making necessary reforms to the Department of Defense.

HONORING ROBIN ROGERS-DALE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Robin Rogers-Dale upon being named as a 2010 Common Threads honoree. Mrs. Rogers-Dale will be honored by California State University, Fresno at the 2010 Common Threads Award luncheon to be held on Friday, April 16, 2010.

Growing up as the fifth generation on the family farm, Mrs. Rogers-Dale learned about agriculture, work ethic, family values, family traditions and how to drive a tractor. Her love of the land and outdoors was instilled by her father and her passion for volunteer service came from her mother. Mrs. Rogers-Dale graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Upon completing her degree, she moved to Sanger, California, to volunteer with the local chapter of the California Women for Agriculture. She assisted the group by hanging Medfly traps during a Medfly outbreak in the region. Her volunteer work led to a full-time job with the Fresno County Department of Agriculture. Mrs. Rogers-Dale has been working for the county for twenty-seven years. Today, she is an Ag Standards Specialist, and works with producers and packing houses to ensure compliance with agriculture chemical application regulations and certifications.

Mrs. Rogers-Dale has been an active member of the Fresno-Kings Counties Cattle-Women for the past twenty years, where she has served in various leadership positions over the years, including scholarship chair, President, 1998–2000, Board of Directors and Secretary, 1985–present. She was instrumental in developing a scholarship fundraiser program with that organization. Mrs. Rogers-Dale has been involved with California CattleWomen since 1994 and has served as the central director and state nominating chair. She is a volunteer judge at the Big Fresno Fair and is a regular participant in the Fresno County Farm and Nutrition Day and Kings County Farm Day. Mrs. Rogers-Dale also assists with the Westside Ag Tourney, Ducks Unlimited and the Clovis Rodeo Blood Drive.

Mrs. Rogers-Dale is a generous member of the First Baptist Church of Reedley, the California Rangeland Trust, Sanger 4–H, Hanford Future Farmers of America, Sanger Community Church and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

For her volunteerism and generosity Mrs. Rogers-Dale was named “Cowbelle of the Year” in 1998. She and her husband, Ken, live in Reedley, California with their eight-year-old son.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Robin Rogers-Dale upon her achievements. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Rogers-Dale many years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 243, H. Res. 1307—Honoring the National Science Foundation for 60 years of service to the Nation, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

RECOGNIZING “TEAM KRISTA” IN THE RACE FOR HOPE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF KRISTA THOMPSON OF MASON NECK, VA.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Krista Thompson of Mason Neck, Virginia.

Krista Thompson was an honor roll student at South County Secondary School in Fairfax County, Virginia. She was a member of the symphonic orchestra, lettered in swimming, and participated in tennis and field hockey. During the summer, Krista was a lifeguard at Pohick Bay Regional Park and enjoyed family trips to Maine with her parents, Steve and Kathie, and her brothers, Jason and Jeffrey. Krista was a teenager with a strong support system and a drive to succeed.

While all who knew Krista were aware of her many talents and qualities, most did not know that Krista was suffering from a very serious disease. Although Krista had been diagnosed with brain cancer at age thirteen, she did not make the disease a part of her identity. During the four years that she lived with cancer, Krista never failed to be a full participant in all that life offered. Even during the last week of her too short life, she went hiking, volunteered at the elementary school where her mother taught, and spent time with her family. Krista lost her battle with brain cancer on October 28, 2008, but her memory lives on in the hearts of her friends and family.

In 2005, in a show of solidarity, Susan Hamon formed a team to participate in the Race for Hope. The team, then known as “Krista’s Red Sox,” raised money for the National Brain Tumor Society and Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure. For the sixth year, “Team Krista” will be participating in the Race for Hope. This year, “Team Krista” has raised nearly forty thousand dollars. Perhaps more impressive and a true tribute to the affection that so many feel for Krista and her family, the team has more supporters than all but one other team; 286 people have joined the 2010 “Team Krista.”

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join the members of “Team Krista” in their support for a cure for brain cancer. I would like to extend my best wishes to Krista’s friends and family. Her memory inspires others diagnosed with brain cancer to preserve their priorities and cherish personal relationships in the face of adversity.

HONORING DAVID CLARK

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, David Clark, who has announced his retirement after serving at the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for over 34 years.

Mr. Clark joined the faculty of IFSI in 1976, rising to deputy director in 1998 where he has served ever since. Throughout his time at IFSI he has trained tens of thousands of firefighters throughout Illinois and the nation and has conducted groundbreaking research in firefighter life safety issues. His dedication, expertise, and passion have impacted so many firefighters throughout his time at IFSI, and his impact on the field of firefighting will be sorely missed.

A member of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force since 2000, a volunteer firefighter for 20 years, and a member of the United States Army, David Clark has served his community, state, and nation selflessly, and I rise to thank him for that service and wish him the best in his retirement.

HERMAN MILHOLLAND

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the great work of one of my fellow Texans, Herman Milholland.

Herman Milholland is a truly special victim advocate who has served at the local, state and national levels. Since 1984 he has devoted his career to improving rights and services for victims of crime. In California, he directed a staff of over 125 people located in 43 offices—including law enforcement, prosecutors, courts and hospitals—in providing direct victim advocacy, support and services to victims and survivors throughout the Los Angeles District Attorney’s office. Since 2000, he has served as Director of the Texas Crime Victim Compensation Program, Director of the State-wide Automated Victim Notification Program, and since 2002, as Director/Chief of the Crime Victim Services Division of the Office of the Texas Attorney General.

Mr. Milholland is recognized as a strong leader in our nation’s crime assistance field. Whether his efforts are focused on an individual victim in need of help or on a national initiative, he is a dedicated and committed advocate for crime victims.

In the crime victim assistance field, there is a great need for basic skills development in

organizational development and management. Because Herman Milholland has “walked the walk” as a program developer, manager and administrator, he has been able to provide greatly needed guidance to programs and individuals across the nation who seek to improve the overall management of victim assistance agencies.

Mr. Milholland has also created a crucial “niche” in the victim assistance field by focusing on the future of the field. He has devoted the past few years to developing important and greatly needed resources that address succession planning, mentoring, and guidelines for managing the new workforce-issues that, cumulatively, will strengthen individuals, organizations and the field as a whole.

His colleagues can attest to his ongoing willingness to volunteer for many activities at the local, state and national levels that seek to improve overall crime victim assistance. He is often called upon to serve on countless committees and boards, and to serve as a volunteer facilitator for many projects that require a leader with outstanding organization and communications skills. He always rises to the occasion.

Mr. Milholland is “retiring” in the fall of 2010. I highlight “retiring,” because I know that his life-long devotion to crime victim assistance will not cease when his official career ends.

On April 14, 2010, I was proud to honor Herman Milholland at the Congressional Victims’ Caucus Awards ceremony, where he was presented with the Ed Stout Memorial Award for Outstanding Victim Advocacy. The award honors a professional whose efforts directly benefit crime victims and survivors. Herman Milholland is more than deserving of this award. I commend him for his outstanding contributions to the field of victim advocacy.

HONORING THE NATIONAL
SCIENCE FOUNDATION

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1307, which honors the National Science Foundation for 60 years of service to the United States. This important measure recognizes the National Science Foundation for its continued leadership in promoting groundbreaking research and educational opportunities in the fields of science, engineering, and mathematics—fields that are critical to the United States ability to compete in an increasingly technical global economy.

I would like to thank Chairman GORDON for sponsoring this resolution and for his leadership in bringing it to the floor.

Since its inception by Congress in 1950, the National Science Foundation has used grants to support the fields of science, engineering, and mathematics. In doing so, it has strengthened our economy and improved quality of life for Americans. Each year the National Science Foundation supports a network of over 200,000 individual scientists, engineers, students, and educators at over 2,000 colleges and universities, schools, nonprofits, science centers and museums, and small businesses.

As a former member of the Science and Technology Committee, I understand the importance of science in advancing and protecting our nation. More importantly, as the chairwoman of the Homeland Security Committee’s Subcommittee on Emergency Communication, Preparedness, and Response, I commend the National Science Foundation for its National Hazards Reduction Program, Approaches to Combat Terrorism Program, and other research activities that have predicted and reduced the risk of both natural and man-made disasters.

In or near my congressional district are multiple major critical infrastructure sites, including the Port of Long Beach, the Alameda Corridor, and the Gerald Desmond Bridge. This critical infrastructure is a vital part of the good movement throughout the nation. However, due to the high volume of cargo that travels through them daily, these infrastructure sites also represent real national security risks. Thus, I am particularly attuned to the importance of the National Science Foundation’s efforts to engineer secure infrastructure and design programs that help identify and reduce national security threats.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that the National Science Foundation is a driving force and a pioneer in the field science, engineering, and mathematics. I applaud the National Science Foundation for continuing to lead the nation by example in building a new generation of leaders in these fields, strengthening our economy, and protecting our citizens.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1307.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, today I missed rollcall vote number 243 on H. Res. 1307, rollcall vote number 244 on H. Res. 1213, and rollcall vote number 245 on H. Res. 1132. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on each of these rollcall votes.

CELEBRATING JEWISH AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, this May, I am honored to join my friends in the Jewish community in celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month, and to recognize the contributions made to our country by Jewish Americans.

With a culture that places a strong value on education and community, Jewish Americans have enriched our society and contributed to the economic and cultural vitality of our Nation, especially in California’s 15th District. My community in Silicon Valley, particularly the high tech industry, has benefited greatly from the contributions and innovation of Jewish Americans.

Jewish Americans are leading entrepreneurs in renewable energy development and high-

tech research in my district, and they are also leaders in engaging our youth. For the past 2 years, I have worked with Chabad of San Jose to provide funding for their Prevention, Resource, Information and Drug Education (PRIDE) Project, which provides at-risk youth with the tools necessary to prevent them from getting involved with drugs and alcohol. Organizations like Chabad of San Jose, and many other non-profits led by Jewish Americans, are working to make our district a better, safer, and healthier place.

Jewish immigrants came to our country, hoping to fulfill their dreams by participating in the American promise of socioeconomic mobility, democracy, and cultural acceptance. The stories of their successes in our country are greatly inspiring.

I am privileged to represent a civically engaged community of Jewish Americans, a community I have always been close to. My district’s Jewish American community stands as a shining example of what makes Silicon Valley a global leader, and it is an honor to have the opportunity to celebrate the contributions they have made to our country.

SUPPORT OF THE R&D TAX
CREDIT IN H.R. 4213

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. HOLDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the inclusion of the Research & Development tax credit in H.R. 4213, the American Workers, State, and Business Relief Act of 2010. The R&D tax credit is extremely important in providing funding to manufacturers and businesses for my district, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the entire country. The tax credit allows businesses, large and small, to develop new products and technology and in the process it creates millions of jobs. It has been renewed every year since its inception in 1986 and the current administration has proposed that the tax credit be made permanent.

In the current economic climate, it is more important than ever for businesses to explore every avenue of tax savings, especially ones that reward innovativeness and creativity in our manufacturers. H.R. 4213 has already passed the House and the Senate. Before it is reconciled and enacted into law, I again offer my support for the inclusion of the R&D tax credit.