

HONORING LAKEVIEW CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL LAW MAGNET STUDENTS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor the students of Lakeview Centennial High School's Law Magnet program and their teacher, Mr. David Lanman.

As a part of the SkillsUSA program, thirty-three students from Lakeview Centennial High School (LCHS) traveled to Corpus Christi, Texas, to represent their school and community at the 2010 Texas SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. The students won four of the five team events they entered and several of the students competed in and excelled at individual competitions, as well.

I am pleased to recognize Aaron Winton, Courtney Shaw, Hayle Shipley, Stephanie Inda, Kaitlyn Walker, Kyle Cunningham, Joshua Waller, Kalen Lewis, Omar Roman, Celeste Leal, Katherine Bosler, Katherine Willis, Jade Flowers, Maria Barnett, Kaytlyn Plake, Kalina Edwards, Shone George, Kevin Garcia, Maria Villanueva, Alyssa Villafranco, Nicholas Barber, Aristephanes Angulo, Anthony Tarango, Samuel Johnson, Lincoln Mondy, Gabriella Filzow-Perez, Abigail Holcom, Diamond Hunt, Jazmin Morgan, Nicholas Foster, Adam Colclasure, Victor Foreman and Justin Mathers.

In addition, the students of the Chapter Business Team will advance to the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City where they will represent LCHS for the fourth year in a row. I congratulate Thomas Byham, Jade Crutch, Francely Martinez, Katherine Willis, Ashley Walker, Rebecca Ojini and Brittney Brockman on this outstanding accomplishment and wish them the best of luck as they represent their school and their community.

Lakeview students learn leadership skills and prepare for their future and their careers. These students, with the support and guidance of their teacher, Mr. Lanman, are making an impact at their school, in their community, and beyond. I am honored to recognize them today and to represent them in the United States House of Representatives.

REMEMBERING JERRY HILDEBRAND

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, our Nation recently lost one of the great champions of the unemployment insurance system.

Jerry Hildebrand was the Chief of Legislation for Unemployment Insurance at the Department of Labor, and he was intricately involved in every major UI reform over the past several decades.

Most recently, Jerry had been instrumental in ensuring the delivery of extended unemployment benefits and in helping States navigate reforms to their unemployment systems with the help of UI Modernization Grants.

His advice about the possible impact of policy before enactment and his skillful work on implementation after the passage of legislation will be sorely missed.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jerry's family, as well as to his colleagues at the Department of Labor. Jerry Hildebrand made our government work for the people, and that contribution will surely live on.

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ROCKET AND MISSILE DEFENSE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Israel Rocket and Missile Defense Cooperation and Support Act, legislation that recognizes the significance of our partnership with Israel, the mutually beneficial and historic nature of the relationship and our ongoing commitment to ensure its security for the State of Israel.

For decades, support for Israel in Congress has been bi-partisan. In fact, it is one of the few issues where Republicans and Democrats have consistently agreed. Leaders of both parties recognize the importance of a strong and steadfast U.S.-Israel relationship and work together to strengthen it.

Israel remains one of our most trusted and reliable allies. Terrorist organizations that vow to destroy Israel also vow to destroy the United States. As we continue to combat extremism worldwide and the violence it incites, a strong U.S.-Israeli strategic partnership is essential.

Since coming to Congress, I have consistently and fervently supported America's commitment to the safety and support of Israel. In part, my commitment to Israel is based on the experiences of my mother, who fled Austria to escape the Nazis and emigrated alone at age 16 to the United States. My mother's stories have given me a deep understanding of the importance of Israel as a safe haven for Jews and as a strong voice on behalf of the Jewish people.

The bill before us will better enable Israel to be a safe haven for Jews. It will formalize the United States' commitment to provide support for the deployment of Israel's "Iron Dome" missile defense system. This system will help protect Israeli citizens from the short-range rocket attacks of the Hamas and Hezbollah terrorist attacks.

I thank my colleagues for their support of Israel and for enhancing Israel's ability to defend itself. Our action today reaffirms our commitment to our closest of allies, Israel.

MY FIRST STEPS: A TRIBUTE TO SPC DAVID MAYER, AN AMERICAN HERO, THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a hometown hero . . . SPC David

Mayer from Placentia, California. As you know, our men and women of honor who wear the uniform . . . must come back home and start all over again. As each has their own personal mountains to climb. In our daily lives, we take for granted the little things, like having two legs and being able to walk. And the littlest things can sometimes become the greatest of all mountains to climb. Like a soldier who comes back home from war, and must start all over again. And take . . . those first steps. This poem is dedicated to such an American Hero from California, who was ready to give his life for all of us. As he did give his two strong legs in the name of freedom, and now his new battle has begun. . . . This poem is dedicated to SPC David Mayer, and the thousands just like him, who by their actions teach us everyday. Teach us all about faith and courage. As David has lost both of his legs in an IED explosion in Iraq. I ask that the following poem penned in honor of him by Capitol Guide Albert Caswell be put in the RECORD. And remember this Memorial Day our troops sacrifice, and the loving parents like that have helped David.

My . . .
My First . . .
My First Steps . . .
Are but, my first ones . . .
My First Steps, that I've begun . . .
My new footprints, that I have won . . .
All in this new battle, all in what must be done!
All in what is said, and so too what must be won . . .
All in these, my new baby steps, please . . .
all in courage's sun . . .
Are but, really giant steps . . . as so are each . . .
yes, each and everyone . . .
With all of that pain, and will . . . as my heart to me so instills . . . TO RUN.
To fight! One by one . . . Day by Day . . .
Night by Night . . . I will say, I'm not done . . .
All along heartbreak's way . . . I will walk and I will run . . . and I will see The Rising Sun . . .
As I will rise . . . and wipe away all of those tears from my eyes . . . look at me, I've just begun . . .
For it was but not a long ago, when as a child . . . a memory I will not know . . . when I took . . .
I took, those very first steps . . .
And now, in the coming years . . . as the time so passes here . . .
I will look back, and I will remember . . .
Carried in my heart, all in to warm my soul.
Forever, the memory . . . these embers . . .
Of My First Steps!

HONORING THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Township of Pequannock, in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating the 270th anniversary of their incorporation.

The Township of Pequannock, with its northern portion Pompton Plains, is one of the oldest European settlements in northwestern New Jersey. Its lands were purchased from the Lenni-Lenape Indians between 1695 and

1696 and it was incorporated as a township in 1740, making it at the time the largest township in Morris County.

Evidence reports tool-making and hunting activity by Paleo-Indian hunters as early as 3000 B.C.E. Examples of Paleolithic tools are part of the town's historic collections. Later, the area was occupied by Lenni-Lenape Indians who camped, hunted, fished, settled and tilled the fertile lands along the river plains formed by the confluence of the Ramapo, Pompton and Pequannock Rivers. Dutch and English farmers began to settle and farm its flat plains by 1710.

During the Revolutionary War, the Township was an important interior travel route and convenient rest stop for George Washington and other Revolutionary War patriots. Nearby "Poquanic Knob" was the site of a lookout during British Generals Clinton's and Cornwallis' occupation of New York City. Hessian soldiers from the American victory of Saratoga were temporarily imprisoned in the Township. Soldiers of Washington and French General Comte de Rochambeau camped in the town on their march from Rhode Island to the Yorktown Battlefield in Virginia in 1781. General Lafayette and his soldiers passed through Pequannock to Virginia in his quest to capture Benedict Arnold. In June of 1782, General Von Steuben reviewed the troops on the "flat fields" of Pompton Plains.

Once encompassing a sprawling 176 square miles, Pequannock now consists of 6.8 square miles of suburban community. The Township has, within its confines, a portion of one of the remaining historic New Jersey turnpikes, the Newark-Pompton Turnpike, built between 1806 and 1811. Earlier during the colonial period, this road was known as the "King's Highway." And, shortly after America's independence it was known as the "Road through the Plains."

In addition, the Township is part of the remains of a long extinct glacial lake called "Lake Passaic." There are wooded walking and horseback riding paths that overlook a "feeder dam" of the historical 1827 Morris Canal, an engineering marvel of its day, and rivers for fishing and canoeing that exist along this historic dam site. A State Green Acres mountain park, containing the remains of Indian trails, enables hikers to see the New York City skyline.

Pequannock is home to the First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains founded in 1771, with a churchyard containing the graves of veterans from the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. The community features an early 19th century general store, a recently restored historic site and National Registered railroad station, which currently serves as the Township's history museum, and many privately owned houses dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries.

Between 1943 and 1946 Pequannock Township was the home of the plant and rocket test site of Reaction Motors, Inc., a pioneer manufacturer of liquid-fueled rocket engines. Reaction Motors designed, produced and test-fired in Pompton Plains the XLR-1 rocket engine, which ultimately powered the first aircraft flight to break the sound barrier and the Bell X-1 rocket aircraft, the Glorious Glennis, piloted by Air Force Captain/Test Pilot, Charles (Chuck) Yeager, at Mach 1 speed. This event served as a precursor to the Nation's space program.

The Township of Pequannock has been a vital part of the history of our Nation from the

Revolutionary War through the infancy of mass-transportation of goods to the beginning of the space age.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Township of Pequannock as they celebrate their 270th anniversary of their incorporation into the State of New Jersey.

RECOGNIZING MR. LONNIE MYERS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO VAN BUREN

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Lonnie Myers for earning the Iverson Riggs Memorial Citizen of the Year Award for his dedication and commitment to Van Buren, Arkansas.

Mr. Myers, an assistant superintendent for the Van Buren School District, has been a big influence in the school system first as a teacher and coach, then as an assistant principal, principal and athletic director. Many in the community regard him as the driving force behind the creation of Van Buren High School Hall of Honor and he played a big role in getting a multi-billion dollar tax package passed to upgrade school facilities.

Neighbors and community leaders agree that Mr. Myers is a caring man with a big heart who always leads by example and is always working in the best interest of the community and students of the school district.

It's clear that Mr. Myers is very deserving of the Iverson Riggs Memorial Citizen of the Year Award. Now, after decades of calling Van Buren home, he's moving to take a job in a nearby community. Lonnie Myers will be greatly missed in Van Buren, but his impact and influence won't be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF U.S. AUTO- MOBILE DEALERSHIPS

SPEECH OF

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res 713 which recognizes the contributions of automobile dealerships, both to the American economy, and the economy of my home state of Michigan. Michigan is at the very heart and soul of the domestic auto industry, and it is an industry that has served America well.

Automobile dealerships around the country have provided millions of Americans an opportunity for a good job with good benefits and a secure retirement. The average dealer in this nation, Madam Speaker, employs over 50 people. They are not just a place to purchase a car, but they are community leaders, sponsors of little league teams and rotary club members. In many cases, they are the biggest job providers in their communities.

Automobile dealers create long-term relationships with members of their communities

and provide services beyond the sale of a car. They also provide parts and services for vehicles, handle product safety recalls and provide information for customers.

During the economic downturn, 1,900 automobile dealerships, some that were successful, were closed not because of any fault of their own, but because of forces beyond their control. Thankfully, the auto industry is showing signs of recovery, with Ford, Chrysler and General Motors making a profit for the first time in years.

Those dealerships that were closed should be given the first opportunity to obtain a franchise when auto manufacturers seek new partners to open future dealerships.

I recognize the great contributions that the automobile industry has given back to the community, and I fully intend to support this resolution.

HONORING FLOYD DOMINY

SPEECH OF

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Nebraska native Floyd Dominy.

Floyd, the longest serving Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, recently passed away at the age of 100.

His contributions to our nation will continue to be felt for generations. A true Nebraskan, he knew just how important access to water is for farmers, ranchers, and our communities.

He dedicated himself to the projects which would supply the necessary water resources for both agriculture and recreational purposes.

Earlier this week, the House of Representatives passed H.Res. 1327—a resolution honoring Floyd for the major role he played in the development of our nation's water infrastructure.

Floyd was well known for his hard work and dedication, and I am proud to sponsor the resolution honoring Floyd's lifetime of service.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER MAYOR TOM HAYES

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me extend my gratitude and appreciation for the twelve years Mr. Tom Hayes served as Mayor of my hometown of Lexington, Missouri. For over a decade, Mr. Hayes selflessly dedicated his life to the betterment of all who call Lexington home.

For twelve years, Mr. Hayes oversaw top to bottom improvements in Lexington that led to economic growth and increased safety. He tackled the problem of an aging infrastructure by overseeing the repaving of major thoroughfares and improving the city's intersections. These investments in the city's streets complimented Mr. Hayes' focus on economic development. He led the effort to refresh and improve the River Front Park, an important historical marker and central meeting place for