

HONORING THE MARINES AND
CORPSMEN OF THE 3RD BAT-
TALION, 25TH MARINES INFAN-
TRY REGIMENT ON MEMORIAL
DAY

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor those who have answered the call of duty for their country and made the ultimate sacrifice. I would like to call on everyone to reflect this Memorial Day on those service members who have sacrificed their lives for this country and the family members who were left behind.

I would like to honor my constituent, Nathan Huffman, USMC Sgt. Ret., and other Marine Reservists from the 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines Infantry Regiment and fellow Corpsmen, who served their country honorably from March 2005 to October 2005 in Al Anbar Province during Operation Iraqi Freedom. This Memorial Day, Sgt. Huffman has organized a Memorial Day Ultra Marathon in honor of their 48 fallen Marines and Corpsmen who perished during their service in Iraq, and the many other service members who have given their lives while serving our country.

Sgt. Huffman will depart the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond, Virginia along with many of his fellow Marines, Corpsmen, friends, and supporters and run day and night to cover the over 100-mile journey which will end at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial. The purpose of this ultra marathon from Richmond to Washington, D.C. is to commemorate the core values of Memorial Day and honor the fallen. In the words of Staff Sergeant Joseph Goodrich on his reflection of Memorial Day, "I started looking at all of the headstones with flags in front of them. I started thinking about who they were, how they lived, how they died and what they did for me . . . I swore to myself that I would not let them down. They sacrificed, and gave to me something I could never repay; freedom." Sgt. Goodrich was killed in Iraq on July 10, 2005.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the many courageous men and women who have given their lives in the service of our great Nation, and their widows, mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters who are left behind. They have not given their lives in vain—rather they have offered their valor and dedication to a grateful Nation. Sgt. Huffman and his fellow runners have heard and answered a second call of duty to remind our Nation to never forget the fallen, the wounded, and loved ones who have lost their heroes. Please join me in recognizing their efforts and those of our brave troops and let us never forget their sacrifices.

HONORING COMMANDER DONALD
GAITHER

HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay honor and tribute to the late

Commander Donald Gaither, a founder of the elite Navy SEALs, for his 27 years of service in the U.S. Navy.

Commander Gaither was a native Hoosier and one we are all proud of. Commander Gaither was born in Daviess County, Indiana and graduated from Washington High School in 1937. While serving on his first submarine, the USS Swordfish, the submarine engine room was damaged during battle. In performance of his duties as chief motor machinist, he was awarded the Silver Star medal for distinguished submarine service.

Commander Gaither's U.S. Navy career continued to be characterized by strong leadership and consistent work. As he rose through the ranks from apprentice seaman to commander, he was highly regarded by those who worked under him. During his time in the Navy, Commander Gaither served as an executive officer in Underwater Demolitions, a precursor to the Navy SEALs. After the Korean War, Congress considered eliminating the Underwater Demolitions Program. Commander Gaither came to Congress and persuaded Congress to keep the program. The Underwater Demolitions Program was later expanded into the Navy SEALs, making Commander Gaither one of the founding fathers of the Navy SEALs.

Commander Gaither's success in the Navy is a tribute to what hard work and determination can accomplish. Commander Gaither spent countless hours studying and preparing for each Navy promotion he received. His work ethic was only matched by his strong leadership skills. Although Commander Gaither died of natural causes post-retirement, his 27 years of service through three wars represent a lifetime commitment to serving our country.

Today, I ask all members of Congress to join me as we honor the life of Commander Donald Gaither of the U.S. Navy, an accomplished war veteran who courageously served to better the lives of all American citizens.

RECOGNIZING ROBIN ARRENDON-
DO-SAVAGE'S INDUCTION AS A
MEMBER OF THE TEMPE CITY
COUNCIL

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robin Arrendondo-Savage on her recent induction as a member of the Tempe City Council.

Robin is a lifelong resident of my hometown of Tempe who has always been actively involved in our community. Previously the Chairman of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce and a small business manager, she has shown a commitment to the development of jobs and the growth of the economy in Tempe. Through this and her position as the President of the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board, Robin has proven herself to be a strong and dedicated leader and public servant for her community and its youth.

Robin is also a U.S. Army veteran who served our nation with distinction. She has shown that same commitment and dedication in the many community boards, commissions

and youth sports activities where she has volunteered her time. I am honored to call Robin a friend and I look forward to seeing what her future in public service brings to our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Robin Arrendondo-Savage's induction as a member of the Tempe City Council.

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ROCKET
AND MISSILE DEFENSE COOPERA-
TION AND SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker. I rise in strong support of H.R. 5327, a bill authorizing critical funding to ensure Israel's security. Ever since President Kennedy first approved the sale of Hawk missiles to Israel in 1962, U.S.-Israel cooperation on defensive missile systems has developed into a productive strategic partnership that safeguards the security of our ally Israel while advancing our own military edge.

Iron Dome, the program supported by this bill, is a system of anti-missile batteries capable of intercepting the short- and medium-range Qassam, Katyusha, and Grad rockets that have been used by Hamas and Hezbollah to terrorize Northern and Southern Israel.

The successful testing of the first two operational batteries earlier this year demonstrated the system's ability to revolutionize Israel's ability to defend against these attacks. The bill before us authorizes \$205 million for Israel to build and deploy 10 more mobile batteries that will be available for rapid deployment wherever and whenever needed. And it is important to note that our own military stands to benefit from the advanced radar and other technologies that are components of this system.

During its 34-day war with Israel in 2006, the Iranian-backed Hezbollah movement unleashed nearly 4,000 rockets against Northern Israel. In the 5 years following Israel's complete withdrawal from Gaza in 2005, Hamas has unleashed 6,000 rockets on Southern Israel. Until now, Israel has had no defenses against such weapons.

The Obama administration deserves tremendous credit for this initiative and its hands-on efforts to advance Israel's defensive capability at a critical time.

It is no secret that Hezbollah and Hamas are rebuilding their arsenals. Hezbollah is believed to have rearmed with some 45,000 rockets and missiles, including Scud missiles and other weapons that can hit Tel Aviv or Jerusalem. Iran continues smuggling weapons material to Hamas via Egypt.

It is also no secret that Iran has in the past used its terrorist proxies in Lebanon and Gaza to provoke Israel and divert international attention from its nuclear program and its defiance of international law. The 2006 Lebanon war, which was precipitated by Hezbollah's kidnapping of three Israeli soldiers, happened just as the IAEA was recommending that the United Nations demand that Iran suspend all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities.

This investment to upgrade Israel's security is essential as the administration and Congress intensify efforts to pressure Iran with sanctions.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure. I look forward to the full deployment of Iron Dome, and I hope that the region moves toward a peaceful future that will obviate its need.

RECOGNIZING TONYA WOODS FOR HER COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS AND EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tonya Woods, for her achievement of being named the Arkansas Elementary School Assistant Principal of the Year for her work at T.G. Smith Elementary School in Springdale.

Woods is a graduate of John Brown University and earned her master's from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. She is looking to continue her education, and is now interviewing for a Ph.D. program.

Woods has been committed to education as an administrator for the past 5 years at Smith Elementary. Her hard work and commitment to students serves as an inspiration to her co-workers.

Woods is constantly looking for creative ways to improve the lives of her students and that is why she received this honor. Her efforts have brought innovative resources to the school through promoting technology in the classroom, establishing a homework club that encourages children to excel in their studies and overseeing a program aimed at preparing students for the Arkansas Benchmark exams.

It is the efforts of educators like Tonya Woods that will enable our future generations to reach their full potential and I am proud of her commitment to education and her efforts to improve the lives of students in Arkansas.

IN TRIBUTE TO KEN STARR

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to my friend, Ken Starr, who is leaving his post overlooking Malibu, California, and the Pacific Ocean as dean of Pepperdine University's School of Law to return to his native Texas as Baylor University's 14th president.

Judge Starr has had a long and storied career. After graduating law school, he became a clerk for then-Chief Justice Warren Burger. He left Justice Burger to work as an attorney in Los Angeles for several years before returning to Washington, DC, in 1981 to serve under U.S. Attorney General William French Smith.

Judge Starr was a federal judge on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals from 1983 to 1989 and was U.S. Solicitor General from 1989 to 1993. While on the bench, Judge Starr won the respect of both political parties. He was

often mentioned as a potential U.S. Supreme Court nominee.

In 1994, Judge Starr was appointed independent counsel to continue the investigation into the Whitewater land transactions begun by Robert Fiske. He was charged with investigating several allegations connected to President Clinton, eventually issuing a report on President Clinton's intentional cover-up in the Monica Lewinsky case, which led to the President's impeachment.

On April 6, 2004, Judge Starr was appointed dean of Pepperdine University's School of Law—the second time the post was offered.

During the Whitewater investigation and impeachment hearings, Judge Starr was painted by his enemies and the media as a wild-eyed zealot whose only goal was to bring down the presidency. The Judge Starr I know, and the Judge Starr history will record, is a soft-spoken and intelligent attorney and judge whose only goal has always been to serve the law.

For the past 6 years, he has inspired young legal minds at Pepperdine University to embrace that goal as well. Beginning June 1, he will inspire young minds at Baylor.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Judge Starr for his appointment as president of Baylor University and in thanking him for his dedication to our up-and-coming leaders, for his contribution to the legal community, and for his long and distinguished service to our country.

RECOGNIZING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SKY HARBOR COMPOSITE SQUADRON 301 OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the Sky Harbor Composite Squadron 301 of the Civil Air Patrol. The Squadron has been a prominent pillar within the Phoenix community since its inception in 1945 when it aided in the war effort in World War II.

Originally, the Civil Air Patrol was established to employ civilian pilots during wartime to watch over the coastlines for possible enemy threats. After the war, the Civil Air Patrol evolved into an organization which delivers humanitarian aid and engages in search and rescue missions. Though the focus has changed, the legacy of benevolence still endures today.

Sky Harbor Composite Squadron 301 also gives young men and women the opportunity to learn more about aerospace science. In addition to acquiring the necessary knowledge and skills for the aerospace field, the people that make up Sky Harbor Composite Squadron 301 volunteer and serve the community of Phoenix with valor.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Sky Harbor Composite Squadron 301 of the Civil Air Patrol's 65 years of outstanding service and expressing gratitude to all of the volunteers that have dedicated their time in service to others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, on Monday, May 24, 2010, and Tuesday, May 25, 2010, I missed a series of votes because I was recovering from an illness. If I had been here, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 291, "yea" on rollcall No. 292, "yea" on rollcall No. 293, "yea" on rollcall No. 294, "yea" on rollcall No. 295, "yea" on rollcall No. 296, "yea" on rollcall No. 297, "yea" on rollcall No. 298, "yes" on rollcall No. 299, "yea" on rollcall No. 300, and "yea" on rollcall No. 301.

CONGRATULATING APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Appalachian Regional Healthcare for being honored as the 2010 Outstanding Rural Health Organization by the National Rural Health Association.

Appalachian Regional Healthcare, ARH, is a not-for-profit health system which is the largest provider of care and single largest employer in southeastern Kentucky. Throughout its nine hospitals, as well as in multi-specialty physician practices, home health agencies, HomeCare Stores and retail pharmacies, ARH provides our region with crucial quality health care to 350,000 residents across eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia. The ARH system employs 4,700 employees who are firmly committed to its mission of improving the health and promoting the well-being of all people in eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia. For ARH, providing quality and affordable coverage is the utmost priority. In the past 12 months, ARH provided more than \$107 million in uncompensated care for the uninsured and underinsured.

Each year, the National Rural Health Association honors outstanding individuals and organizations in the field of rural health. The Outstanding Rural Health Organization Award recognizes any group or organization that has improved access to health services and information for people in rural areas through innovative, comprehensive approaches. Factors considered for the award include outreach, preventative health and education, quality and efficiency of care, and strong community support and involvement.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this bright star in my region. The Board of Trustees, and the fine doctors, nurses and staff of ARH should be very proud of their accomplishment and recognition of their unwavering efforts to provide quality health care to working families, children, and seniors.