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CORPORAL DUSTIN LEE MEMORIAL ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I have introduced H.R. 4639. It is known as the Corporal Dustin Lee Memorial Act, to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the adoption of a military working dog by the family of a deceased or seriously wounded member of the Armed Forces who was the handler of the dog.

Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago I got involved with a family from Mississippi. It was somewhat by accident really. It was brought to my attention that Rachel and Jerome Lee, the husband, had lost a son named Dustin Lee, and that Dustin was killed for this country in Iraq. He was a dog handler, and the dog was wounded as well.

The Marine Corps took the dog, named Lex, to the funeral in Mississippi of Dustin Lee, the Marine who was killed. And at that time the daddy, Jerome Lee, and the mama, Rachel Lee, wanted to have the dog stay with them. Well, it wasn't possible because the rules and regulations said that the dog, which was owned by the Air Force, leased to the Marine Corps, had to be retired.

So when the family, the mother and dad, asked for the dog that their son loved so much, the Marine Corps said we need 2 more years of service by the dog Lex. And when I heard about it, I called the family in Mississippi. And my heart went out to the family. I asked the family what could we do to help. And I don't want to take credit for this, Mr. Speaker, I want to give credit to General Mike Regner, who right now is serving in Afghanistan for this country. He is responsible for this happening. I just made a phone call.

Lex was retired 2 years ago this December at a ceremony down in Georgia, and the family now has the dog. In fact, Mrs. Lee is going to bring Lex and come to Walter Reed on the 12th of April. She wants to take the dog to visit the troops at Walter Reed, which I think is very magnanimous of the mom and dad. They want to let the soldiers and the Marines there know what happened with their son Dustin and say

thank you, but also take Lex so that Lex can say thank you to the soldiers and Marines at Walter Reed.

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Mr. Speaker, I am going to yield back my time in just a second. I am going to ask my colleagues in the House to please join us on H.R. 4639. This, again, is to honor the families who have given a child who happened to be a dog handler the opportunity to own that dog almost immediately after the dog is cleared. And if it should be a wounded soldier, marine, or airman or seaman, they would have the same opportunity.

So this is a photograph, Mr. Speaker, of Lex looking at the headstone of the grave of Dustin Lee, and Dustin is there on his knees with his hands around the head of the dog which was Lex. This is very special, and that's why I wanted to bring it to the floor. I ask my friends, again, to join me in this legislation, H.R. 4639.

Mr. Speaker, as I always do on the floor of the House, I want to ask God to please bless our men and women in uniform. I want to ask God to please bless the families of our men and women in uniform. I want to ask God in his loving arms to hold the families who have given child, dying for freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, I want to ask God to please bless the House and the Senate, that we will do what is right in the eyes of God for his people throughout this country. And I want to ask God to give wisdom, strength and courage to the President, Mr. Obama, that he will do what is right in the eyes of God for God's people in this country. And three times I ask God, Please, God, please, God, please, God, continue to bless America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HARVEST MARKET OF GRAINFIELD, KANSAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I am here this evening to recognize the Harvest Market for its service to the community and the citizens of Grainfield, Kansas. The Harvest Market represents everything that makes a small-town business work—community support, dedicated employees and a desire to maintain a quality of life for those living in and around Grainfield and Gove County, Kansas.

During my travels throughout our congressional district, the community grocery store has proven itself to be

the cultural center of rural Kansas. I frequently hear from Kansans who contact me following a conversation they've heard at the grocery store. Many times the grocery store, along with the local barber shop, provides patrons with the day's current events and activities. Economic development within the First Congressional District of Kansas can easily be seen as whether a community does or doesn't have a grocery store. And I know my colleagues here in Washington, D.C., at least some of them, find that hard to believe that that can be an issue in a community.

The viability of rural Kansas depends upon fresh and affordable food as well as the jobs a grocery store provides. When we lose our grocery store, we begin to lose our town. Grainfield is no exception to this rule. In this tiny community of 300 people, Harvest Market provides the people of Grainfield with everything from a cup of coffee from the in-store shop to the food that will make the evening's dinner.

Dan Godek and his wife, Nicole, own and operate the Harvest Market. The Godeks continue to work hard by supplying a wide variety of affordable produce with meats and dairy products in order to make the local shopping experience more enjoyable. With people in rural Kansas willing to travel to other communities featuring larger stores, maintaining that competitive edge is vital to both the store and the community.

The couple has also made efforts to make the store more energy efficient. They've installed more efficient coolers and are making plans for freezers and reusable grocery bags. These changes for efficiency reflect the long-term goal of maintaining a thriving business in this small town. Store efficiency will help cut down on costs, allowing the Godeks to put the extra money back into the store. This increased input means additional choices for their shoppers.

Harvest Market is a socially important component to Grainfield as well. The store serves as a community center for people to visit with their neighbors. It is here that residents discuss local news and run into old friends. The Godeks also participate and help sponsor community events as their way of giving back to the townspeople. Just a few of their civic activities include organizing and sponsoring Cruise, Shoes and BBQs, as well as sponsorship of the Harvest Pie Festival on Labor Day weekend.

While the Godeks work hard to maintain the success of the store, their fellow residents also have chipped in to help around the store. Dan says that he is very impressed with the locals and how much they've supported him. Customers are more than willing to lend a helping hand by retrieving items from the back and straightening the shelves. One Grainfield resident commented, It's not just my store; it's everybody's store. They're all proud of it too. Even

Dan's mother-in-law makes the point to stop in to help stock shelves.

The willingness of the Grainfield residents to partner with the Godeks to help one another succeed is a great example of the many values that rural America lives by. They can be proud of their achievements, just as I am proud to represent these kinds of people. Congratulations to Dan and Nicole in their efforts at Harvest Market and the services they bring to Grainfield. And thank you to the town of Grainfield and the citizens of Gove County for the support of the Godeks and the Harvest Market.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

NATIONAL FRAGILE X FOUNDATION ADVOCACY DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. HARPER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, as you may know and many of you may know, my wife, Sidney, and I are blessed with a precious 20-year-old son named Livingston and a wonderful 18-year-old daughter named Maggie. Early in Livingston's life, we noticed that he was not reaching developmental milestones as quickly as the other children his age. He was slow to walk, slow to talk, and at times, he would flap his hands, rock back and forth, and chew on a terrycloth doll that he had. Doctors continuously informed Sidney and me that he was developmentally delayed and that he would grow out of it. We were told not to be concerned.

When Livingston was nearly 19 months old, and we were 3 months pregnant with Maggie, our doctor informed us that something could be wrong. At that time, he didn't know what it was but assured us that he would begin searching for what the diagnosis was. Over the next 2 years, our lives were consumed with occupational therapy and speech therapy and visits to the doctor, trying to find out what we had, along with other diagnostic tests. Livingston was misdiagnosed with mild cerebral palsy and was said to be a near miss on autism. My strong and loving wife dealt with these issues on a daily basis and dealt with the brunt of the day-to-day activity with Livingston. After almost 2 years, we were finally able to get a correct diagnosis of fragile X syndrome.

Most fragile X families have shared similar stories of delayed diagnosis. This is why I support the work of the Fragile X Clinical and Research Consortium. Fragile X associated disorders are genetic, resulting in behavioral, developmental and language disabilities

throughout a person's life. It is linked to a mutation on the X chromosome and is the most commonly inherited form of intellectual disabilities. Fragile X is also linked to reproductive problems in women, including early menopause and a Parkinson's-like condition in older male carriers. Today over 100,000 Americans live with fragile X syndrome, and over 1 million Americans carry a fragile X mutation and either have or are at risk for developing a fragile X associated disorder. Further, as many as one in 130 women are estimated to be carriers of the fragile X mutation, according to current studies.

Over 140 fragile X advocates visited Capitol Hill today, educating their Members of Congress on the potential for effective treatments, raising awareness of this disorder, and sharing their very personal stories. As one of the co-chairman of this bipartisan Fragile X Caucus, I am committed to improving the health of children and adults across the country living with this disorder.

Last year our caucus, united with the National Fragile X Foundation, reached many of our targeted objectives. Working with Senator THAD COCHRAN of Mississippi and other Members of Congress, we secured funding for a national postsecondary education demonstration program which was authorized in the 2008 Higher Education Opportunities Act but was previously not funded. This program will give hope to families and will allow young adults with intellectual disabilities to perhaps enjoy the opportunity and the experience of going to college.

The Fragile X Caucus supported funding for the Centers for Disease Control to establish public health activities for fragile X syndrome, obtaining \$1.9 million for the current fiscal year. Our coalition obtained report language in support of efforts at NIH for the implementation of their research plan on fragile X. And we succeeded in adding fragile X to the list of disorders eligible for medical research projects under the Department of Defense's Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program.

These accomplishments have had a significant impact on the fragile X community, but I assure you that this is only the beginning of our very promising journey. This year the Fragile X Caucus will work with other Members of Congress to push the NIH research plan on fragile X syndrome and associated disorders and will urge Congress to continue funding translational research that shows significant promise of a safe and effective treatment for this disorder. We will request that the Department of Defense expand the Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program to include fragile X-associated disorders in the eligible research topics for their fiscal year 2011. And we will advocate for continued support to grow the National Fragile X Public Health Initiative and the Fragile X Clinical and Research Consortium in order to

expand to geographically underserved regions.

I commend the ongoing research being conducted in drug therapy, and we hope that it will lead to successes. We must continue to focus on efforts to enhance the lives of these families who are blessed with a fragile X child. As the only Member of Congress who has a child with fragile X syndrome, I understand the challenges that many families face who experience this condition. For our family, fragile X has become a lifelong labor of love and daily blessings. Every day we thank God for our son, Livingston. My family's commitment to these courageous individuals is that we will work tirelessly to increase awareness of this genetic disorder.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

RECOGNIZING DR. BARTH GREEN'S EFFORTS IN HAITI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to recognize the tremendous contributions of the relief efforts in Haiti made by Dr. Barth Green and the University of Miami's Global Institute's Project Medishare and the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami. When Haiti was devastated by the earthquake which struck on January 12, Dr. Barth Green, cofounder of the UM Global Institute's Project Medishare for Haiti, and a team of 11 doctors and nurses immediately sprung into action. Arriving the very next day, they were the first medical team in Haiti following this catastrophic earthquake, and within less than 24 hours at the request of Haitian President Rene Preval and the Haitian Ministry of Health, Project Medishare had set up a field trauma hospital on the grounds of the Port-au-Prince Airport. This 300-bed critical care hospital is now reportedly the country's largest functioning urgent care hospital. It is working closely with the U.S. military in Haiti, providing important triage services in collaboration with the U.S. Navy ship *Comfort*.

Under Dr. Green's leadership, Project Medishare has deployed over 500 medical, administrative and logistical personnel to staff the hospital, and they have effectively treated hundreds of patients on a daily basis. So far, more than 2,000 earthquake survivors have received care at the University of Miami Hospital. In addition, the Project Medishare UM Global Institute Hospital has served as an important clearing house and staging point for medical evaluations and for other hospitals that are operating in the Port-au-Prince area.