

are under pressure as never before. They must respond on a daily basis to roadside bombs and land mines that threaten our troops. It is their nerves of steel and high level of technical expertise that keep their comrades safe during ongoing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. These brave men and women deserve a day of honor and remembrance for the difficult tasks we ask them to carry out in the service of their country. Wherever they may be—patrolling the ring road of Afghanistan or disarming an IED in the streets of Baghdad—they are in our thoughts and in our prayers.

This resolution was introduced by our colleague, the gentlewoman from Florida, Representative GINNY BROWN-WAITE, on April 22, 2010. It was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which reported the measure by unanimous consent on May 6, 2010. This measure enjoys the support of 60 Members of the House. I thank the gentlewoman for introducing this bill, and I thank the ranking member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Mr. ISSA, of course, and his staff, for their help in bringing this bill to the floor today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to my distinguished colleague from the State of Florida (Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE).

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1294, expressing support for designation of the first Saturday in May as National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day, to honor those who are serving and those who have served in the noble and self-sacrificing profession of explosive ordnance disposal in the United States Armed Forces. Although clearly a work of Hollywood drama meant for entertainment purposes, the Academy Award-winning film, "The Hurt Locker," has brought new attention to our Nation's EOD technicians. While the action shown in this film is intense and very gripping, there is no question that when it comes to explosive ordnance disposal, truth is even more compelling than fiction. For this reason, I, along with my colleague from Oklahoma, Representative BOREN, introduced House Resolution 1294, to recognize the real contributions that explosive ordnance disposal technicians have made to our Nation's military since the United States first began its bomb disposal program over 69 years ago.

On average, there are over 4,000 brave men and women serving as explosive ordnance disposal technicians within the four services.

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EOD techs are responsible for the location, identification, neutralization, and disposal of hazardous explosive items and devices. They are on the front lines in the global war on terrorism, protecting their fellow troops

from conventional explosives, nuclear weapons, and improvised explosive devices. As my constituent and the executive director of the EOD Memorial Foundation explains, EOD technicians "are people who voluntarily take that long walk into uncertainty" every time they go to dispose of a bomb.

This resolution also supports observing the first Saturday in May as National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day. This date was selected to coincide with the annual EOD Memorial Ball. This year's ball, which happens to have been the 42nd annual one, was held in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, on May 1, and I understand that it was a wonderful success, selling out all of the tickets that were available. Because the EOD Memorial Foundation is headquartered in my district in Webster, Florida, I have had the great honor to meet many of these warriors. I have learned that the ties that bind the EOD community together extend far beyond the battlefield. The EOD community is a family, and when even one part of that family is lost, the rest of them come together to support and assist those left behind.

In 2009, 16 EOD technicians lost their lives serving our Nation in battle. Another EOD warrior was killed taking apart an IED just within the last week. This resolution honors those men and women who courageously, selflessly, and graciously face the real dangers posed by traditional and improvised explosives.

With that, I urge my colleagues to join myself and Mr. BOREN in honoring those American warriors and supporting House Resolution 1294.

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to honor the brave men and women working as explosive ordnance disposal technicians by supporting this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly associate myself with the remarks of my distinguished colleagues, Ms. BROWN-WAITE and Mr. TOWNS. I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 1294.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, again, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure, and of course, on that note, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the resolution, H. Res. 1294.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 268) supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 268

Whereas women of all backgrounds should be encouraged to greatly reduce their risk of common diseases through preventative measures, such as engaging in regular physical activity, eating a nutritious diet, and visiting a healthcare provider to receive regular check-ups and preventative screenings;

Whereas significant disparities exist in the prevalence of disease among women of different backgrounds, including women with disabilities, African-American women, Asian/Pacific Islander women, Latinas, and American Indian/Alaskan Native women;

Whereas healthy habits should begin at a young age;

Whereas preventative care saves Federal dollars designated for health care;

Whereas it is imperative to educate women and girls about key female health issues;

Whereas it is recognized that offices of women's health within the Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the National Institutes of Health, and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality are vital in providing critical services that support women's health research, education, and other necessary services that benefit women of all ages, races, and ethnicities;

Whereas the annual National Women's Health Week begins on Mother's Day and celebrates the efforts of national and community organizations working with partners and volunteers to improve awareness of key women's health issues; and

Whereas in 2010, the week of May 9 through May 15 is designated National Women's Health Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week; and

(2) requests that the President of the United States issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to observe National Women's Health Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. MCCOTTER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and to extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. TOWNS. I now yield myself as much time as I might consume.

I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 268, recognizing National Women's Health

Week. This week marks the 11th annual Women's Health Week, a weeklong observation of women's health issues. It is a great opportunity for us to discuss and promote research on the benefits of healthy habits, including regular exercise, a nutritious diet, and regular checkups and screenings. I'm heartened that the Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health takes time every year to coordinate the efforts of national and community organizations to promote healthy choices and educate all Americans on female health issues. I thank them for all of their hard work.

As the resolution notes, it is imperative to educate women and girls about issues that may impact their health, as they may face unique health risks at any age. Further, the resolution notes that significant disparities exist in the prevalence of disease among women of different backgrounds, including women with disabilities, African American women, Asian Pacific Islander women, Latinas, and American Indian and Alaskan Native women. In order to empower all women to take the necessary measures to be as healthy as possible, we must work to promote health education, research, and healthy lifestyles.

On that note, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 268, supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week. National Women's Health Week begins on Mother's Day each year. During this week, individuals, families, communities, businesses, government, and other groups work together to encourage women and their families to increase their awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical checkups. Hopefully others will follow their lead, with children and spouses learning the benefits and fun of regular exercise, good nutrition, and other preventive measures which really do have lifelong positive consequences. I urge my fellow Members to join me in supporting H. Con. Res. 268.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TOWNS. H. Con. Res. 268 was introduced by my colleague, the gentleman from New York, Representative MAURICE HINCHEY, on April 27, 2010. It was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which reported it favorably by unanimous consent on May 6, 2010. The measure enjoys the support of over 50. I thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. HINCHEY) for introducing this measure, and I hope we can all stand behind it.

I also would like to thank the gentleman from California, Congressman ISSA, and all the staff who worked to make this a reality. I encourage my colleagues to vote for this measure.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of

H. Con. Res. 268 to support the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week.

As a non-practicing registered nurse, I know from firsthand experience how important it is to lead a healthy lifestyle. Maintaining a good diet, exercising, and making good life decisions are incredibly important to the wellbeing of any person. This week, on National Women's Health Week, we focus our attention on the importance of women's health so that we can encourage women to lead better, healthier, and more fulfilling lives.

Women play vital roles in the family unit as mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and daughters. It is often the case that in offering care for others, women themselves forget to address their own healthcare needs. It is no surprise that when the health of a mother decreases, so too, does the health of her family. As women take on larger roles in the workplace and are forced to balance the needs of family and career, they are even less likely to place an emphasis on their own needs and health. For this reason, it is incredibly important that we emphasize the importance of women's health during this week.

Women, too, have some very specific healthcare needs that are important to highlight during National Women's Health Week. Breast cancer, heart disease, and osteoporosis are just a few of the major diseases that can affect women, and it is important that they are screened for and receive adequate treatment for these ailments. Additionally, women are disproportionately faced with higher healthcare costs and because of this they many times have reduced access to care compared with men.

Mr. Speaker, National Women's Health Week seeks to address the health needs of women so that all Americans can lead better lives. The role of women in our society is remarkably important, and it is imperative that women understand their own healthcare needs as well as have access to affordable care. Because of this, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today in supporting this resolution for the betterment of women across the country.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of National Women's Health Week. It is during this week that the Office on Women's Health, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, urges women to focus on their health.

We need to tell all the women in our lives; our mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, aunts and friends how important it is to take time out for their health.

Last year I was honored to be part of a Women's Health Summit on cardiovascular disease, the number one killer of women in the United States. At the summit women heard from leading doctors and researchers how there are simple steps you can take to prevent heart disease, from exercise to diet—small changes can make a big difference.

Additionally, I must recognize that many of the advances in medicine that have been made have come from women working together—as physicians, lawyers, researchers, advocates and Members of Congress. This collaboration has been a powerful catalyst for the advances we have made in the research and treatment of breast, ovarian, and cervical cancer, osteoporosis, and heart disease.

So, today, Mr. Speaker, I want to encourage all of America's women to take a moment to

focus on promoting health and preventing disease and illness by taking simple steps to improve their physical, mental, social, and spiritual health.

As we celebrate National Women's Health Week and the achievements made to improve the health and well being of women, I urge my colleagues to take a moment to make a much stronger commitment to promoting women's health in this country.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Con. Res. 268, "Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week." First and foremost I would like to thank my distinguished colleague from New York, Representative MAURICE HINCHEY for introducing this bill.

Mr. Speaker, it is vital we recognize that women need to take better care of their health. Starting this week from May 9th to May 15th, families, communities, businesses, government, health organizations and other groups work together to educate women about steps they can take to improve their physical and mental health and prevent disease.

It is crucial that women have knowledge about the health risks that confront them and that greater action is taken to reduce those risks through preventative measures such as a healthy lifestyle and regular medical screenings. With just a small amount of preventative care through exercise and doctor visits, women can drastically cut back on serious health risks that threaten to cut their life span.

Mr. Speaker, I reiterate once again, that it is a very well known fact that improving the health of all women will improve the health of the whole community. It is a well known fact that improving health for women improves health for everyone. Research indicates that when women take care of themselves, the health of their families improves along with theirs.

Women are known to be the caregivers of the family. Women are known to sacrifice their well-being for the sake of their families. During National Women's Health Week it is of great importance we encourage our mothers, sisters, grandmothers, and aunts to go take time out for themselves. It is essential that women educate themselves on different steps to take on improving their lifestyle, health and lower the risks of certain diseases. Some of the most common preventative measures that can be taken are the following: getting at least 2 hours and 30 minutes of moderate physical activity, 1 hour and 15 minutes of vigorous physical activity, or a combination of both each week, eating a nutritious diet, visiting a health care professional to receive regular checkups and preventive screenings, paying attention to mental health, including getting enough sleep and managing stress. In addition, it is important that women start taking care of themselves at an early age. If they start early, they are more likely to stick to these habits, thus in turn, maintaining healthier families and communities.

In Houston and all across America, it is important that women do everything they can do to lead healthier lives. In this spirit, I encourage women to get the necessary check-ups and preventative screenings from their health care providers so they can live long, healthy and productive lives.

Once again it is important to remind our mother's, sisters, grandmothers and aunts that

when they take care of themselves, they in turn are taking care of their families and community.

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 268.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

HONORING WILLIAM EARNEST "ERNIE" HARWELL

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the resolution (H. Res. 1328) honoring the life and legacy of William Earnest "Ernie" Harwell.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1328

Whereas William Earnest "Ernie" Harwell was born in Washington, Georgia, in 1918, graduated from Emory University, and began his career as a copy editor and sportswriter for the Atlanta Constitution and as a regional correspondent for The Sporting News;

Whereas Ernie Harwell served four years in the United States Marine Corps during World War II, after which he announced games on the radio for the Atlanta Crackers of the Southern Association;

Whereas Ernie Harwell became the only announcer in baseball history to be traded for a player when the Brooklyn Dodgers acquired his services from the Atlanta Crackers in 1948;

Whereas Ernie Harwell called baseball games for the Brooklyn Dodgers through 1949, the New York Giants from 1950 to 1953, including his call of Bobby Thomson's "shot heard 'round the world" in the 1951 National League pennant playoff game on NBC television, and the Baltimore Orioles from 1954 to 1959;

Whereas in 1960, Ernie Harwell began calling games at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull as the "voice" of Detroit Tigers baseball, until his retirement from broadcasting in 2002;

Whereas Ernie Harwell called the 1984 World Series for the Tigers and WJR Radio, exclaiming "Here comes Herndon, he's got it! And the Tigers are the champions of 1984!";

Whereas Ernie Harwell broadcast two Major League All-Star Games (1958 and 1961) and two World Series (1963 and 1968) for NBC Radio, numerous American League Championship Series and American League Division Series for CBS Radio and ESPN Radio, the CBS Radio Game of the Week from 1992 to 1997, professional and college football, and the Masters Tournament of golf;

Whereas Ernie Harwell was honored by the National Baseball Hall of Fame as the fifth broadcaster to receive its Ford C. Frick

Award in 1981, inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame and the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Hall of Fame in 1989, and inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in 1998;

Whereas in January 2009, the American Sportscasters Association ranked Harwell 16th on its list of Top 50 Sportscasters of All Time;

Whereas, on May 5, 2010, Ernie Harwell was posthumously awarded the Vin Scully Lifetime Achievement Award in Sports Broadcasting;

Whereas Ernie Harwell thrilled baseball fans with his signature call of "That ball is loooooong gone!"; and said, "Baseball is a lot like life. It's a day-to-day existence, full of ups and downs. You make the most of your opportunities in baseball as you do in life.";

Whereas Ernie Harwell's low-key delivery and colorful, conversational style are synonymous with baseball and known to fans across the Nation;

Whereas Ernie Harwell began the first spring training broadcast of each season with a reading from Song of Solomon 2:11-12: "For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.";

Whereas for 55 years, Ernie Harwell endeared Americans in his broadcast of over 8,400 baseball games;

Whereas Ernie Harwell spent 43 of his 55 major league seasons calling games for the Detroit Tigers;

Whereas Ernie Harwell said, "I know we're all going at some time, and I'm ready for whatever God's got";

Whereas, on May 4, 2010, Ernie Harwell, residing in Novi, Michigan, passed away at the age of 92 after a long career enjoyed by millions; and

Whereas Ernie Harwell is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years, Lulu, their four children, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, and by baseball fans across the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors the life and legacy of William Earnest "Ernie" Harwell for his significant contributions to Major League Baseball;

(2) expresses profound sorrow at his passing on May 4, 2010; and

(3) expresses sincere condolences to his wife Lulu, and the rest of his family, friends, colleagues, and admirers.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. McCOTTER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and to extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I now yield myself as much time as I may consume.

I rise in support of H. Res. 1328, a resolution honoring the life and legacy of William "Ernie" Harwell. Mr. Harwell, an iconic and beloved sportscaster for the Detroit Tigers, passed away on May 4, 2010, at the age of 92. During his 55-year career, he delivered the play-

by-play for more than 8,500 Major League Baseball games, spending more than 40 of those years calling games for the Tigers. He became known as the "voice of the Tigers" due to his colorful style of commentary. A player called out on a third strike was, he would say, "called out for excessive window shopping." A double play was "two for the price of one." He finally retired from broadcasting in 2002 while he was still in good health, saying he discussed it with his wife and that "it's better to leave too early than too late."

Mr. Harwell's love of baseball was also expressed in writings and song. In 1955, he wrote, "The Game for All America," an essay celebrating Americans' love affair with baseball. Mr. Harwell wrote dozens of songs, including one for Hank Aaron when he broke Babe Ruth's home run record in 1974.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as she may consume to my distinguished colleague from the State of Michigan (Mrs. MILLER).

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, last Tuesday, we from metro Detroit and the entire State of Michigan lost a treasure with the passing of former Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell.

For generations of Detroit Tiger fans, Ernie Harwell was literally the voice of summer. Day after day, and year after year, that wonderful southern gentleman's voice was heard on our radios and made every baseball season wonderful, regardless of the number of Tigers' wins and losses. Ernie's voice, broadcasting the Tigers games, was a welcome friend at family picnics or at the beach. He was with us in our cars as we were driving up north on a family vacation. He was with us in our yards and in our garages as we did our household chores. The truth of the matter is that Ernie Harwell was more than just a baseball broadcaster; he was a member of our family. And that is why the loss of Ernie Harwell is being mourned by our entire community, Mr. Speaker. Whether you are a baseball fan or not, we loved Ernie Harwell because he personified integrity, generosity, courtesy, honor, and just pure class.

As a young man, he served our Nation in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. For 68 years, he shared his life with his beloved wife, Lulu, their four children, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

For more than 40 years, his voice was a welcome friend on our radios. And since his retirement 8 years ago, he was still a constant, beloved presence in our community. Throughout his life, his charitable acts and gentle kindness made him a beloved figure for everyone.

And last fall, Mr. Speaker, when he found out he was stricken with inoperable cancer, Ernie accepted his fate