

the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4505.

The question was taken.

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

Mr. FILNER. Madam 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.

#### RECOGNIZING RESIDENTS OF TRACY, CALIFORNIA

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1446) recognizing the residents of the City of Tracy, California, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the city's incorporation, for their century of dedicated service to the United States.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

##### H. RES. 1446

Whereas the City of Tracy is located in San Joaquin County, which is home to more than 42,000 veterans;

Whereas the Tracy area is home to the Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, which serves as a vital distribution center for materials and supplies for the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas the City of Tracy maintains a cherished memorial containing the names of the heroes from Tracy who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States from World War I to the present;

Whereas Camp Tracy, located near the City of Tracy, played a role in intelligence operations that contributed to the war effort during World War II;

Whereas members of the United States Armed Forces from the City of Tracy served bravely, and many lost their lives, in the Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, and other military conflicts of the 20th century;

Whereas members of the United States Armed Forces from the City of Tracy have served with honor in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

Whereas the Tracy Press reported on November 11, 2008, that the City of Tracy has endured one of the Nation's highest per capita casualty rates in the war in Iraq: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) expresses its gratitude to the veterans of the City of Tracy, California, who have committed their lives to serving the United States; and

(2) expresses its gratitude to all of the residents of the City of Tracy, California, for their century-long commitment to serving the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H. Res. 1446.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise to join the City of Tracy, California, in celebrating its 100th anniversary of its incorporation.

I join the resolution's sponsor, Mr. MCNERNEY, in recognizing Tracy residents for their century of dedicated service to the United States.

The city of Tracy has endured one of the Nation's highest per capita casualty rates in the war in Iraq. Today, I urge the House to recognize the servicemembers and veterans of the city of Tracy.

Though many return to their homes and their families, those who make the ultimate sacrifice will not be forgotten. Forever memorialized in their city's monument, the fallen of Tracy stand as a reminder of the tragedies of war and the respect that all veterans are owed.

Most recently, with solemn grief and unwavering pride, the name of Marine SSgt Daniel Hansen was added to the memorial. The city of Tracy has supported generations of men and women, willing to make the same sacrifice as Staff Sergeant Hansen.

I join Mr. MCNERNEY in also thanking the sons and daughters of Tracy who do not enter the armed forces, yet are committed to supporting the 42,000 veterans living there today.

The resolution's sponsor is Mr. MCNERNEY from California, and I yield such time as he may consume to him to explain the bill.

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the residents of the City of Tracy on the 100th anniversary of the city's incorporation and for their century of dedicated service to the United States. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this important resolution to recognize the service of Tracy's residents. I am fortunate to represent Tracy, which sits in the rich agricultural region of California's San Joaquin Valley.

Time and again through the last century, Tracy residents have proven their dedication to our country by serving in our armed services. Many Tracy residents have made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives defending the freedom we cherish and protecting our Nation from the enemies at home and abroad.

The Tracy area is home to unique military history and tradition. For instance, Camp Tracy, located not far from the city, was the site of significant intelligence operations during World War II. The area is also home to the Defense Distribution Center-San Joaquin, commonly called the Tracy

Defense Depot, which plays a critical role in supplying our men and women serving overseas.

Members of the United States Armed Forces from the City of Tracy have served bravely, and many have lost their lives in World War II, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, the Persian Gulf war and other conflicts of the 20th century. Tracy residents are also serving with distinction in the current battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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The city's newspaper, the Tracy Press, reported on November 11, 2008, that, per capita, the city of Tracy has endured one of the Nation's highest casualty rates in the war in Iraq. Just the other week, I attended an event in Tracy to honor the memory of one of those fallen heroes, and I am always humbled and made proud by the outpouring of support by Tracy residents for our men and women in uniform.

On many weekends back home in California, I visit Tracy to meet with local veterans and discuss the issues that affect their lives. I am committed to making sure that our veterans are cared for and that their families receive the support they deserve. My son Michael joined the service shortly after 9/11, and caring for our men and women in uniform is a deep personal priority. Our country should always recognize communities like Tracy whose residents answer the call to service.

I'm proud to recognize the residents of the city of Tracy on the occasion of their centennial anniversary of the city's incorporation. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution honoring the veterans and residents of Tracy for their dedicated service to our Nation.

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. BUYER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, I want to thank my colleague, Congressman MCNERNEY, for introducing the legislation. I ask my colleagues to support H.R. 1446.

Today, I rise in support of H. Res. 1446, a bill to recognize the residents of the city of Tracy, California, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the city's incorporation, for their century of dedicated service to the United States.

In 1869 the Central Pacific Railroad (now Southern Pacific) completed a rail line through the area which is now Tracy. The result of the new rail line was the founding of Tracy on September 8, 1878, named for Lathrop J. Tracy, a grain merchant and railroad director.

Tracy was incorporated in 1910 and it grew rapidly. Although railroad operations began to decline in the 1950s, Tracy continued to prosper as an agricultural area. Today, the city seal reflects this history of railroads and agriculture.

The city of Tracy has a long history of serving our nation's military during war and peacetime. During World War II, Camp Tracy played a role in the intelligence operations which contributed to the war effort. It is now the home

to the Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, which serves as a vital distribution center for materials and supplies for the U.S. Armed Forces.

Even today, the city of Tracy continues to support our men and women of the Armed Services and our veterans. SSG Rachelle Renaud, a Tracy native, is one of 100 Army athletes competing at the inaugural Warrior Games at the U.S. Olympic Committee's Colorado Springs, CO, training facility. A veteran of two deployments to Iraq with the 720th Military Police Battalion, she endured severe back pain that led to a double lumbar fusion on her spine. She hasn't regained the feeling in her left leg, but still has the spirit to compete and overcome her injuries. She will be participating in the standing shotput, individual and relay swimming events, cycling, and shooting.

It is through the support of local communities like Tracy that our men and women in uniform find the strength and determination to continue on the tasks ahead.

Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague, Congressman MCNERNEY for introducing this legislation, and Chairman FILNER for bringing it to the floor so expeditiously. I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 1446.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. RICHARDSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1446.

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. FILNER. Madam 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 VETERANS OF HELICOPTER ATTACK LIGHT SQUADRON THREE

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1228) honoring the veterans of Helicopter Attack Light Squadron Three and their families, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

##### H. RES. 1228

Whereas Helicopter Attack Light Squadron Three (hereinafter in this resolution referred to as "HAL-3") began its history as detachments of Navy Helicopter Combat Support Squadron One (HC-1) which began helicopter gunship operations in support of Navy "Brown Water", Special Operations, and Army units in the Mekong Delta of South Vietnam on September 19, 1966;

Whereas the detachments of HC-1 adopted the name "Seawolves";

Whereas HAL-3 was officially established on April 1, 1967, in Vung Tau, South Viet-

nam, and was the only active duty Navy helicopter gunship squadron in the history of Naval Aviation;

Whereas during the squadron's existence, the nearly 3,000 veterans of HAL-3 displayed extraordinary courage in support of United States military and political objectives in Vietnam;

Whereas 44 veterans of HAL-3 gave their lives in support of military operations in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam;

Whereas the extraordinary performance of the veterans of HAL-3 earned numerous unit citations including 6 Presidential Unit Citations, 7 Navy Unit Commendations, 1 Meritorious Unit Commendation, a Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Commendation, and the Vietnam Service Medal;

Whereas the valor of the veterans of HAL-3 earned 5 Navy Crosses, 31 Silver Stars, 2 Legion of Merit Medals, 5 Navy and Marine Corps Medals, 219 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 156 Purple Hearts, 101 Bronze Stars, 142 Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses, over 16,000 Air Medals, 439 Navy Commendation Medals, and 228 Navy Achievement Medals, making it possibly the most decorated Navy squadron during the Vietnam War;

Whereas the maintenance and administrative personnel of HAL-3 contributed greatly to the successes of the nine HAL-3 detachments operating throughout the Mekong Delta by providing the detachments with superb maintenance support and logistics;

Whereas HAL-3 flew over 130,000 hours of combat and logistical support;

Whereas HAL-3 inflicted several thousand casualties on enemy forces;

Whereas HAL-3 performed 1,530 medical evacuations;

Whereas HAL-3 delivered over 37,000 passengers and over 1,000,000 pounds of cargo; and

Whereas HAL-3 was disestablished in March 1972 at Binh Thuy, South Vietnam, as part of the Vietnamization program leaving behind it a combat and humanitarian record recognized as bringing great credit upon the United States Navy and its role in the Vietnam War: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the House of Representatives—

(1) honors the service, courage, and sacrifice of the veterans of HAL-3;

(2) honors the families of HAL-3 veterans for their support;

(3) expresses its condolences to the families and comrades of those killed in action; and

(4) recognizes HAL-3 as a unique squadron in the history of naval aviation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on House Resolution 1228, as amended.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank first the Committee on Armed Services for working with us to bring this bill to

the floor. This resolution recognizes and honors the veterans of Helicopter Attack Light Squadron Three and their families and is sponsored by Mr. BOOZMAN of Arkansas. The resolution recognizes the extraordinary courage of the nearly 3,000 veterans of Helicopter Attack Light Squadron Three, also known as HAL-3, who served in Vietnam from 1967 to March of 1972.

The resolution also serves to honor the enormous sacrifice of the 44 members of HAL-3 who gave their lives while serving alongside their comrades in support of military operations in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam. This remarkable unit earned six Presidential Unit Citations, five Navy Crosses, 31 Silver Stars, 219 Distinguished Flying Crosses, and 156 Purple Hearts, among numerous other awards and unit citations, making it possibly the most decorated Navy squadron during the Vietnam War.

Between 1967 and 1972, HAL-3 flew over 130,000 hours of combat and logistical support, inflicted thousands of casualties on enemy forces, performed 1,530 medical evacuations, carried more than 37,000 passengers, and delivered more than 1 million pounds of cargo to their destinations. The unit's expert maintenance and support personnel worked tirelessly to ensure that the squadron's aircraft were operationally ready and that its crews were provided with the daily support needed to accomplish their dangerous and critically important missions.

This resolution serves to honor the families of the HAL-3 veterans for their support and to express our condolences to the families and comrades of those killed in action. Helicopter Attack Light Squadron Three left behind a combat and humanitarian record recognized as bringing great credit upon the United States Navy and its role in the Vietnam War. Passing this resolution is the least we can do to honor the service and enormous sacrifice of the Americans that constituted such a valorous unit in naval aviation history.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, June 28, 2010.

Hon. BOB FILNER,  
Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN FILNER: I am writing to you concerning H. Res. 1228, honoring the veterans of Helicopter Attack Light Squadron Three and their families. This measure was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Our Committee recognizes the importance of H. Res. 1228, and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously. Therefore, while we have a valid claim to jurisdiction over this legislation, the Committee on Armed Services will waive further consideration of H. Res. 1228. I do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of the resolution, the Committee on Armed Services does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the