

Drum. Following the September 11 attacks, units of the 10th Mountain Division were deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Since then, the unit has played a role in major offenses throughout the war on terror that have brought stability to embattled areas in the Middle East. For more than 65 years, the brave men and women and their families who make up the 10th Mountain Division have endured untold sacrifices to make the Nation safer and more secure.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to recognize the achievements of the soldiers serving in the 10th Mountain Division, as well as citizen soldiers of the Army Reserve and National Guard who have fought with the 10th Mountain Division during its 60-year history. I would like to thank the family members of the 10th Mountain Division for their tireless service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States, and I commend the North Country community for their unwavering support of Fort Drum and the men and women serving in uniform.

Finally, I speak for the House of Representatives when I offer my condolences to the family and friends of the 10th Mountain Division soldiers who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of freedom.

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

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 1217, as amended, which honors the Fort Drum soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division for their contribution to the security of the United States. I am honored to pay tribute to the current and former members of the 10th Mountain Division who have stood steadfastly and courageously defended and served this great country on our shores and in distant lands.

First activated in Colorado in 1943 during the early stages of World War II, the division known as the 10th Light Division prepared to join the fight against the Axis in Europe. When it finally entered combat in 1945, the division broke through battle-hardened German mountain troops in the Italian North Apennine Mountains. Victory was won in hard-fought battles in places like Po Valley, where the division suffered tremendous casualties. It was during the campaign in Italy that the division's own Private First Class John D. Magrath was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Following World War II, the 10th Mountain Division trained soldiers at Fort Riley, Kansas, and was deployed to West Germany to protect NATO. In 1985, the division began its long and storied relationship with the people of the North Country when it was located on Fort Drum, New York. Since then, the 10th Mountain Division has participated in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Continue Hope in Somalia, where

it fought through the streets of Mogadishu to assist Rangers who were surrounded in the city, and Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti.

In late 2001, following the September 11 attacks, the division deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to oust the Taliban in Afghanistan. Subsequently, the division returned to Afghanistan in 2003, 2006, and 2009. At the same time, the 10th Mountain Division has played a vital role in the successes of Operation Iraqi Freedom, deploying to Iraq for sometimes up to 15 months in 2004, 2005, 2007, and 2009. Today, these incredible soldiers continue to serve in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sadly, the valiant service of the 10th Mountain Division has not been without enormous sacrifice. Throughout its history, members of the division have paid the ultimate price to ensure our freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not also pay tribute to the incredible families of these brave soldiers who waited at home while their loved ones answered our Nation's call. The entire Nation owes the soldiers and veterans of the 10th Mountain Division a debt of gratitude. To each and every one of them I say, "Climb to glory." We are proud of their service. And, therefore, Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge all Members to support this resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and 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. OWENS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1217, as amended.

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. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### COMMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, ARKANSAS

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1724) commending the city of Jacksonville, Arkansas, for its outstanding support in creating a unique and lasting partnership with Little Rock Air Force Base, members of the Armed Forces stationed there and their families, and the Air Force, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1724

Whereas, for more than 50 years, the community of Jacksonville, Arkansas, has supported and served the members of the Armed Forces and their families at Little Rock Air Force Base;

Whereas, after September 11, 2001, Little Rock Air Force Base restricted access to much of the community for security reasons, and in response to the tragedy and the restrictions caused by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the community and air base came together to address a need for a new education facility for both military members and civilians;

Whereas, recognizing the need to raise funds for a new educational facility, the City Council of Jacksonville, Arkansas, held a special election in which the citizens of Jacksonville overwhelmingly voted to adopt a temporary one-cent sales tax, which raised \$5,000,000;

Whereas these funds were donated to the Air Force to help build a new Joint Education Center on Federal property outside the base perimeter, so that the facility could be accessible to community people, students, and faculty, as well as air base personnel;

Whereas, in 2009, local individuals and businesses raised over \$50,000 for the base's 2010 Air show and more than \$22,000 was donated in support of Little Rock Air Force Base rodeo teams that compete at McChord Air Force Base;

Whereas community leaders sponsor numerous events, including dances and community sporting and musical events, for members of the Armed Forces and their families at Little Rock Air Force Base and provide discounted or free tickets;

Whereas the community sponsors a quarterly dinner for families of deployed members and over 15,000 volunteer hours are provided by retirees at the Airman's Attic, the Base Clinic, the Retirees Activities Office, and other base activities; and

Whereas, on March 3, 2009, the City of Jacksonville, Arkansas, was awarded the Abilene Trophy, which honors a civilian community for exceptional support of Air Mobility Command base at Little Rock Air Force Base: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives commends the City of Jacksonville, Arkansas, for its outstanding support in creating a unique and lasting partnership with Little Rock Air Force Base, members of the Armed Forces stationed there, and their families.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. SNYDER) and the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ROGERS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the resolution under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

People in America support our men and women in uniform. Everywhere, from coast to coast, regardless of political view, Americans support our military. Nowhere is this more true than in

Arkansas. Nowhere is this more true than in the city of Jacksonville, Arkansas. Any Arkansan can tell you the Little Rock Air Force Base is not in Little Rock. Until this debate today, however, I would guess that most Members of Congress assumed the Little Rock Air Force Base is in the town of Little Rock. Be assured it is not; although all of central Arkansas, including the people of Little Rock, are supportive of the Little Rock Air Force Base.

Recognition of the great work done by the men and women of the Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville, Arkansas, is apparent to anyone familiar with the C-130 mission. Every Member of Congress who has flown in a C-130, including the one Member, Mr. BOCCIERI, who flies C-130s, relied on the training done at the Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville, Arkansas. Yet compliments don't tell the full story.

When the attacks of September 11, 2001, occurred, community access to all our military bases was disrupted, including access to on-base college classes by the civilian faculty and students. Yet we all know higher education is essential to our military. Anticipating a solution, the city of Jacksonville, Arkansas, and the leadership of the Little Rock Air Force Base came up with a plan to build a Joint Education Center on base property but outside the perimeter. Time went by, but the city of Jacksonville, Arkansas, did its part. Tax votes in a community are difficult, but the city of Jacksonville taxed itself through a vote of the people and raised \$5 million to donate to the Air Force to help build the Joint Education Center.

Soon after that vote, the money began accumulating. Unaware, in fact, that there would be a delay in construction approval, \$5 million sat in the account for quite a long time. Legally, permission finally was given for the \$5 million to be transferred to the Air Force. Long after the vote in Jacksonville, construction began. You will be very pleased, Mr. Speaker, to see the almost complete Joint Education Center underway. It is about ready.

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It came about because of the people of Jacksonville, Arkansas and their willingness to donate \$5 million to the Air Force.

They have also raised money for the air show, which I attended with my little boys this year, and for the rodeo teams. The community council has been very, very active through the years and, in fact, the city of Jacksonville originally put together the land that was donated to the Federal Government, to the Department of Defense and the Air Force, on which the Air Force base is located today.

This partnership between the city of Jacksonville, Arkansas, and the Little Rock Air Force Base has gone on for over a half a century. Particularly in

view of their willingness to tax themselves and donate \$5 million to the Air Force, it seemed to me appropriate to recognize their work today, and I recommend approval of H. Res. 1724.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 1724, which commends the city of Jacksonville, Arkansas, for its outstanding support and enduring partnership with Little Rock Air Force Base.

I also want to commend my friend and colleague, Representative Vic Snyder from Arkansas, for sponsoring this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, the city of Jacksonville has long embraced the Air Force members and their families stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base, treating all like lifelong members of the community. While the city supports the base in a number of ways, one recent action was especially unusual. Recognizing the need for a new education facility, the voters of Jacksonville overwhelmingly agreed to temporarily raise their own taxes to pay for a Joint Education Center, donating \$5 million to the Air Force for that purpose.

It is no surprise that the city of Jacksonville was honored by the Air Mobility Command with the award of the Abilene Trophy for the city's exceptional support for the Little Rock Air Force Base.

I urge all Members to support this resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SNYDER. I appreciate the kind words of the gentleman.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. SNYDER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1724, as amended.

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. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### CLAIMS RESOLUTION ACT OF 2010

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, proceedings will now resume on the motion to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 4783) to accelerate the income tax benefits for chari-

table cash contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Chile, and to extend the period from which such contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Haiti may be accelerated.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1736, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the motion by the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the motion to concur will be followed by 5-minute votes on suspending the rules with regard to House Resolution 1585 and House Resolution 1740.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 256, nays 152, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 584]

YEAS—256

Ackerman	Davis (CA)	Holden
Adler (NJ)	Davis (IL)	Holt
Altmire	Davis (TN)	Honda
Andrews	DeGette	Hoyer
Arcuri	Delahunt	Inslee
Baca	DeLauro	Israel
Baird	Diaz-Balart, L.	Jackson (IL)
Baldwin	Diaz-Balart, M.	Jackson Lee
Barrow	Dicks	(TX)
Bean	Dingell	Johnson (GA)
Becerra	Djou	Johnson, E. B.
Berkley	Doggett	Kagen
Berman	Donnelly (IN)	Kanjorski
Berry	Doyle	Kaptur
Bishop (GA)	Driehaus	Kennedy
Bishop (NY)	Edwards (MD)	Kildee
Blumenauer	Edwards (TX)	Kilpatrick (MI)
Bocciari	Ellison	Kilroy
Boren	Ellsworth	Kind
Boswell	Emerson	Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Boyd	Engel	Kissell
Brady (PA)	Eshoo	Klein (FL)
Braley (IA)	Etheridge	Kosmas
Brown, Corrine	Farr	Kratovil
Butterfield	Fattah	Kucinich
Capps	Filner	Langevin
Capuano	Foster	Larsen (WA)
Cardoza	Frank (MA)	Larson (CT)
Carnahan	Fudge	LaTourette
Carson (IN)	Gallegly	Lee (CA)
Cassidy	Garamendi	Levin
Castor (FL)	Giffords	Lewis (GA)
Chandler	Gordon (TN)	Lipinski
Childers	Grayson	Loeb sack
Chu	Green, Al	Lofgren, Zoe
Clarke	Green, Gene	Lowey
Clay	Grijalva	Lujan
Cleaver	Gutierrez	Lummis
Clyburn	Hall (NY)	Lynch
Cohen	Halvorson	Maffei
Cole	Hare	Maloney
Connolly (VA)	Harman	Markey (CO)
Conyers	Harper	Markey (MA)
Costa	Heinrich	Marshall
Costello	Herseth Sandlin	Matheson
Courtney	Higgins	Matsui
Critz	Hill	McCarthy (NY)
Crowley	Himes	McCollum
Cuellar	Hinchey	McDermott
Cummings	Hinojosa	McGovern
Dahlkemper	Hirono	McIntyre
Davis (AL)	Hodes	McKeon