

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 363, nays 0, not voting 70, as follows:

[Roll No. 630]

YEAS—363

Ackerman	Doggett	Lance
Aderholt	Donnelly (IN)	Larsen (WA)
Akin	Doyle	Larson (CT)
Alexander	Dreier	Latham
Altmire	Driehaus	LaTourette
Andrews	Duncan	Latta
Austria	Edwards (MD)	Lee (CA)
Baca	Edwards (TX)	Lee (NY)
Bachmann	Ehlers	Levin
Bachus	Ellison	Lewis (CA)
Baldwin	Ellsworth	Lewis (GA)
Barrow	Emerson	Linder
Bartlett	Eshoo	Lipinski
Barton (TX)	Farr	LoBiondo
Bean	Fattah	Loebsack
Becerra	Filner	Lofgren, Zoe
Berkley	Flake	Lucas
Berman	Fleming	Luetkemeyer
Biggert	Forbes	Lujan
Bilbray	Fortenberry	Lummis
Billakis	Foster	Lungren, Daniel
Bishop (GA)	Fox	E.
Bishop (NY)	Franks (AZ)	Mack
Bishop (UT)	Frelinghuysen	Maffei
Blackburn	Fudge	Maloney
Blumenauer	Gallegly	Markey (MA)
Boccheri	Garamendi	Marshall
Boehner	Garrett (NJ)	Matheson
Bono Mack	Gerlach	Matsui
Boozman	Giffords	McCarthy (CA)
Boren	Gingrey (GA)	McCaul
Boswell	Gohmert	McClintock
Boustany	Gonzalez	McCollum
Boyd	Goodlatte	McCotter
Brady (PA)	Gordon (TN)	McDermott
Brady (TX)	Graves (GA)	McGovern
Braley (IA)	Grayson	McHenry
Bright	Green, Al	McIntyre
Broun (GA)	Grijalva	McKeon
Brown (SC)	Guthrie	McNerney
Brown, Corrine	Hall (TX)	Meek (FL)
Burgess	Halvorson	Meeks (NY)
Butterfield	Hare	Melancon
Buyer	Harman	Mica
Calvert	Harper	Michaud
Camp	Hastings (FL)	Miller (FL)
Campbell	Heinrich	Miller (MI)
Cantor	Heller	Miller (NC)
Cao	Hensarling	Miller, Gary
Capito	Herger	Miller, George
Capuano	Herseht Sandlin	Minnick
Carnahan	Higgins	Mitchell
Carson (IN)	Hill	Mollohan
Carter	Himes	Moore (KS)
Cassidy	Hinchey	Moore (WI)
Castle	Hirono	Moran (VA)
Castor (FL)	Hodes	Murphy (CT)
Chaffetz	Hoekstra	Murphy (NY)
Chandler	Holden	Murphy, Tim
Chu	Holt	Myrick
Clarke	Hoyer	Nadler (NY)
Clay	Hunter	Napolitano
Cleaver	Inglis	Neal (MA)
Clyburn	Inslee	Neugebauer
Coble	Israel	Nunes
Coffman (CO)	Jackson (IL)	Nye
Cohen	Jackson Lee	Oberstar
Cole	(TX)	Obey
Conaway	Jenkins	Olson
Connolly (VA)	Johnson (GA)	Olver
Conyers	Johnson (IL)	Pallone
Cooper	Johnson, E. B.	Pascarell
Costa	Johnson, Sam	Pastor (AZ)
Courtney	Jones	Paul
Crenshaw	Jordan (OH)	Paulsen
Critz	Kagen	Payne
Crowley	Kanjorski	Perlmutter
Cuellar	Kaptur	Perriello
Culberson	Kildee	Peters
Cummings	Kilpatrick (MI)	Peterson
Davis (CA)	Kilroy	Petri
Davis (KY)	Kind	Pingree (ME)
Davis (TN)	King (IA)	Pitts
DeFazio	King (NY)	Platts
DeGette	Kingston	Poe (TX)
DeLauro	Kissell	Polis (CO)
Dent	Klein (FL)	Pomeroy
Deutch	Kline (MN)	Posey
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kosmas	Price (GA)
Dicks	Kratovil	Price (NC)
Dingell	Kucinich	Quigley
Djou	Lamborn	Rahall

Rangel	Schrader	Thornberry
Reed	Schwartz	Tiahrt
Rehberg	Scott (GA)	Tierney
Reichert	Scott (VA)	Titus
Reyes	Sensenbrenner	Tonko
Richardson	Serrano	Tsongas
Roe (TN)	Sessions	Turner
Rogers (AL)	Shea-Porter	Upton
Rogers (KY)	Sherman	Van Hollen
Rogers (MI)	Shinkus	Visclosky
Rooney	Shuler	Walden
Ros-Lehtinen	Shuster	Walz
Roskam	Sires	Wasserman
Ross	Skelton	Schultz
Rothman (NJ)	Slaughter	Watson
Roybal-Allard	Smith (NE)	Watt
Royce	Smith (NJ)	Waxman
Ruppersberger	Smith (TX)	Weiner
Rush	Smith (WA)	Welch
Ryan (OH)	Snyder	Westmoreland
Ryan (WI)	Space	Whitfield
Sánchez, Linda	Spratt	Wilson (OH)
T.	Stearns	Wilson (SC)
Sanchez, Loretta	Stupak	Wittman
Sarbanes	Sullivan	Wolf
Scalise	Taylor	Wittman
Schakowsky	Teague	Wu
Schauer	Terry	Yarmuth
Schiff	Thompson (CA)	Young (AK)
Schmidt	Thompson (MS)	Young (FL)
Schock	Thompson (PA)	

NOT VOTING—70

Adler (NJ)	Fallin	Moran (KS)
Arcuri	Frank (MA)	Murphy, Patrick
Baird	Granger	Ortiz
Barrett (SC)	Graves (MO)	Owens
Berry	Green, Gene	Pence
Blunt	Griffith	Putnam
Bonner	Gutierrez	Radanovich
Boucher	Hall (NY)	Rodriguez
Brown-Waite,	Hastings (WA)	Rohrabacher
Ginny	Hinojosa	Salazar
Buchanan	Honda	Sestak
Burton (IN)	Issa	Shadegg
Capps	Kennedy	Simpson
Cardoza	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Speier
Carney	Langvin	Stark
Childers	Lowe	Stutzman
Costello	Lynch	Sutton
Dahlkemper	Manzullo	Tanner
Davis (AL)	Marchant	Tiberi
Davis (IL)	Markley (CO)	Towns
Delahunt	McCarthy (NY)	Velázquez
Diaz-Balart, L.	McMahon	Wamp
Engel	McMorris	Waters
Etheridge	Rodgers	Woolsey

□ 1849

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CELEBRATING PENNSYLVANIA'S 223RD YEAR OF STATEHOOD

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, this past weekend the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania celebrated its 223rd year as the second State to be admitted to the new United States of America. Its history is varied, from the Algonquin and Iroquois natives who met Dutch explorers in 1609 to the Quaker named William Penn who founded Philadelphia in 1682. That fair city served as the Nation's Capital from 1790 to 1800. Both the First and Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, and General George Washington and his Continental Army survived a harsh winter

at Valley Forge during the Revolution. In 1787, the Constitutional Convention met in Philadelphia, and Pennsylvania became the second State admitted.

As we became a Nation, the State grew and produced iron and milled grain, plied the steamboat on its rivers, and drilled the first commercially successful oil well near Titusville. More recently, we have gone from the production of oil and steel to the new boom of the Marcellus natural gas play. I congratulate the State on its milestone of its 223rd year and celebrate the freedom that allows the Commonwealth to pursue prosperity with natural gas development and help the Nation with its energy needs.

CONGRATULATING TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY FOR THE 2010 SOUTHWESTERN ATLANTIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it's my pleasure to rise on the floor of the House and congratulate the Texas Southern University Fighting Tigers, who won the SWAC competition in Birmingham, Alabama, against Alabama State. Congratulations to Coach Cole, the athletic director, President John Rudley, the Board of Regents, but most of all, our outstanding football players, who are vested in character and integrity and doing the right thing. Let me thank all the students, the band, all of those who came to cheer.

I had the great privilege of being there in Birmingham, Alabama, to support this great team. They celebrated today at city hall with the mayor and the community, and we look forward to a greater understanding of who Texas Southern University is, a great institution, vested in the history of this country, educating young people. And now we can call them the Fighting Tigers, the 2010 winners of the SWAC championship. Fighting Tigers, congratulations to all of you.

Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize and to congratulate the Texas Southern University, TSU, Tigers for bringing home the Southwestern Atlantic Conference, SWAC, Championship to my district in Houston, Texas. In a display of great sportsmanship and great endurance, the Tigers defeated the Alabama State Hornets on December 11, and became conference champions for the first time in 42 years. I would like to congratulate the Tigers' athletic association, their football team, and, of course, Coach Johnnie Cole on a momentous finale to a tremendous season.

As a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, it is truly an honor to recognize Texas Southern University not only for their conference championship, but also for their academic successes as one of the nation's largest Historically Black Colleges and Universities, HBCU. Additionally, TSU contributes to the multiculturalism that makes Houston the

diverse city it is today, by hosting a number of international students. Texas Southern University, which is located in the heart of metropolitan Houston, proudly serves students of diverse socioeconomic, cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds. Moreover, Texas Southern University is poised towards a greater tomorrow—its academic programs are designed to encourage and develop America's future model citizens.

The fighting Tigers of TSU dominated defensively throughout the December 11th game against the Alabama State Hornets at Legion Field. With the final and, winning score of 11–6, the Tigers were able to rejoice in the reclamation of the SWAC Championship, the team's first since 1968—but this time it is theirs alone. Guided by Coach Cole, and led by Dejuan Fulghum, Defensive MVP of the Championship game, and Riko Smalls, Offensive MVP of the Championship game, the fighting Tigers were able to bring home the SWAC championship.

Coach Johnnie Cole achieved many successes in his tenure at Texas Southern University. By transforming and revitalizing the Tigers' football team, he truly has brought football back to TSU. Coach Cole has had a long history with TSU, ever since he played on losing TSU football teams in the 1980s. Though, this year, Coach Cole turned a new leaf for TSU, by coaching an astoundingly successful and triumphant football team all the way to the SWAC championship. Since joining the football leadership team in 2008, Coach Cole has ignored the defeatist mentality and has a renewed focus on reigniting the school spirit for the TSU Fighting Tigers. This year, they finished the season on an eight game winning streak, and Cole bringing TSU the first Conference Championship since 1968 was "icing on the cake." I would like to congratulate Coach Johnnie Cole on his recent award for the Southwestern Atlantic Conference's Coach of the Year; his success represents the future of TSU. It truly was a great combination—with Coach Johnnie Cole, athletic director Charles McClelland, a supportive and spirited student body, and finally a hardworking and motivated football team—that led the fighting Tigers to a great year of dignity, sportsmanship, and success.

Madam Speaker, I would like to take a few moments to recognize the Most Valuable Players from the 2010 Southwestern Atlantic Conference Championship game. I believe that they exhibited the great athleticism and leadership that paved the way for the Tigers' Championship on December 11. Firstly, I would like to acknowledge Dejuan Fulghum, the SWAC's Defensive Player of the Year, and the Championship Game's Most Valuable Defensive Player. Dejuan Fulghum is a senior linebacker, who has had a tremendous career with the TSU Tigers. He led the Southwestern Atlantic Conference in sacks, with nine this year, and was third in tackles, with 91. Furthermore, he recorded an interception and two forced fumbles that led to the Football Championship Subdivision designating TSU as the number two defensive team. The Championship Game's Most Valuable Offensive Player, Riko Smalls, a sophomore quarterback, was called to the field on last Saturday, when senior quarterback Arvell Nelson was unable to play. Riko Smalls helped place TSU in the best position for winning the Championship, and rose to his role as a leader on the field.

Riko Smalls' first start with the TSU Tigers, in arguably their most important game, demonstrates the growing capabilities of the Texas Southern Tigers and of the TSU coaching staff. The entire team was well prepared to succeed that day and I congratulate all the Texas Southern Tigers; and, I would like to commemorate the success of their football team, which can now claim the title of the best college football team in Houston.

In representing the eighteenth district of Texas, I am proud to commemorate the fighting Tigers of TSU for their athletic success, and moreover, to commemorate the greater TSU community for their scholastic drive and dedication to becoming champions on and off the field.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND CLINICS

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Minnesota's Children's Hospital and Clinics for being named a "top hospital" by the Leapfrog Hospital Survey. Not long ago, I had a chance to visit Children's, and I saw firsthand how their commitment to improve patient safety is second to none. Their many safety initiatives have helped patients achieve one of the lowest rates of hospital-acquired infection in the Nation, and their use of electronic medical records has helped further reduce complications and improve patient care.

Minnesota has long been ahead of the curve when it comes to health care. From life-saving technologies and medical technologies to continually striving to create the most effective and efficient health care system, our hospitals have earned a reputation for excellence and innovation in health care. Congratulations to Minnesota's Children's Hospital and Clinics, and thanks for your tireless efforts to provide your patients with the best possible care.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. HALVORSON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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

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

AFGHANISTAN'S HEAVY COST

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. Madam Speaker, the war in Afghanistan continues to prove to be

an impossible task. Enough is enough. America is spending \$7 billion a month on the war. To break it down further, that is approximately \$233 million a day on the war, with no end to it at all. Madam Speaker, to reset our equipment alone will cost in excess of \$13 billion, just to bring it back to the same position it was prior to going into Iraq and Afghanistan. It is impossible to absorb this amount of money, particularly with the debt this country has and the fact that we can't even pay our own bills without borrowing money from China, Japan, and the UAE.

Yesterday in an article in The Washington Post, Afghan President Karzai stated that he "now had three enemies: the Taliban, the United States, the international community." He also said in The Washington Post article that if he had to choose sides, he would choose the Taliban. This is what our young men and women are dying for.

Madam Speaker, I have on the floor with me today a photograph taken of the Air Force Honor Guard at Dover Air Force Base, escorting the remains of an American hero off the plane. Madam Speaker, this is just not worth the cost of our young men and women dying, and it's not worth the cost that it is costing the taxpayers.

In addition, I read another article that I would like to quote from. It was an AP article entitled, "No Decisive Victory One Year Into Afghan Surge." It really gathered my attention. In the article, a citizen of Afghanistan stated, "Every day that passes, the security situation is getting worse. The government is not in a position to bring peace. Every day, the Taliban are getting more powerful than the government."

Madam Speaker, again, today I have this poster on the floor because, in my mind, since we don't draft young men and women anymore to fight wars, and it is a volunteer service, and they are doing a magnificent job, but with four, five, and six deployments, they are wearing down. They're wearing out. Their suicides are up, and divorces are up as well.

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Last week, we had six Americans killed in a bombing in Afghanistan. We continue to repeat history. This case of Afghanistan history will show that no nation has ever conquered Afghanistan. It will always be a vast country of 1,400 different tribes. What are we trying to do? Why are we continuing this war effort?

I join my friend JIM MCGOVERN. I join my friends in both parties that are saying to the President, please, Mr. President, rethink. Don't stay there four more years because it's not going to be worth it. It's not worth it now. And, Madam Speaker, after 10 years, going on 10 years of being in Afghanistan, we continue to see no end to this commitment that, in my humble opinion, is not worth one American life.

So, Madam Speaker, as I do frequently on this floor, I'd like to close