

infrastructure in and around our strategic ports, we must fully understand how the entire port area can serve our defense forces and what improvements are necessary.

Although this amendment was not made in order, I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure that port infrastructure receives the support it deserves.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Chair, let me express my thanks to the Rules Committee for making the Richardson Amendment in order and to the Armed Services Committee for accepting it.

In conclusion, I support H.R. 1540 because it restores and enhances the readiness of our troops, equipment, and defense infrastructure. It takes care of our military personnel and their families. And it authorizes the needed investments to keep our nation strong, safe, and respected in the world. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for the bill on final passage.

HONORING GOVERNOR BILL CLEMENTS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Governor Bill Clements. Governor Clements leaves behind a deep legacy as an entrepreneur, leader, and public servant. A true Texan, Governor Clements was known for his direct style, dedication and drive.

A native of Dallas, Governor Clements was a graduate and great supporter of Southern Methodist University (SMU). A proud Texan and patriot, he proudly served his country during World War II in the Army Corps of Engineers. In the 1940s, he helped found SEDCO, which at the time was one of the biggest oil drilling contractors in the world.

Governor Clements began his political career serving as Deputy Secretary of Defense from 1971–1977. Thought of as the father of Texas conservatism, Bill Clements became the first Republican Governor of Texas since Reconstruction when elected in 1978. He went on to serve a total of 8 years as the Governor of Texas. An indelible personality, Governor Clements certainly left his mark on Texas politics. He did what he felt was right for the State, and stood by those convictions.

Governor Clements never forgot his roots and remained dedicated to the Dallas community throughout his life. In 2009, he donated \$100 million to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. This represents the largest civic donation in Dallas history.

Governor Clements passed away this weekend at the age of 94. He is survived by his wife Rita, and his daughter. I offer my condolences to them, and his many friends and family. His many contributions to the State of Texas and to America will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING ON THE OCCASION OF THE 52ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADA-UNITED STATES INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP IN SEPTEMBER, 2011 IN ST. JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, CANADA, THE IMMEASURABLE ASSISTANCE GANDER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, AND THE CITIZENS OF GANDER, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, PROVIDED TO THE UNITED STATES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to introduce a resolution recognizing and thanking Gander International Airport, the citizens of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador and the people and Government of Canada for the immeasurable assistance they provided to the United States on September 11, 2001.

Following the terrorist attacks and the closure of U.S. airspace, flights en route to the United States were rerouted to airports across Canada. The Canadian government instituted Operation Yellow Ribbon, closing their own airspace along with the U.S. for the first time in the history of both countries and safely landing 239 aircraft destined for the U.S. and Canada at 17 airports across Canada.

Gander International Airport, located in Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, was one such airport to welcome flights bound for the U.S. The small community of Gander has a population of less than 10,000, and Gander International Airport was only scheduled to receive a total of eight flights that day. Yet it received the second most number of flights, 38, and the second most number of passengers, 6,600, out of all the Canadian airports during Operation Yellow Ribbon. What transpired over the course of the next three days in that small community will forever stand as an inspirational story of kindness and generosity during a time of enormous adversity.

As stranded passengers waited for the U.S. to reopen its airspace, the people of Gander responded by donating food, clothing, shelter and medicine. Citizens of Gander welcomed stranded passengers into their homes, held sightseeing and whale watching trips, and organized impromptu concerts to strengthen morale and provide emotional support. No request was too large and no call for help went unanswered.

The outpouring of kindness and support from the people of Gander was so remarkable and memorable for everyone involved that the stranded passengers have since sponsored scholarships for Newfoundlanders, donated computer equipment to area communities, financed a new conference room for the Gander area community of Lewisporte and held annual reunions to show their appreciation for the goodwill of the citizens of Gander.

The September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States are well documented. However we must also officially recognize and ac-

knowledge the tremendous assistance we received that day from the citizens of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, Gander International Airport and the entire nation of Canada.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking the citizens of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador for their kindness and generosity during the most devastating terrorist attack in American history. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the people of Gander as well as the entire nation of Canada.

AMERICA'S YOUNG HEROES WINNERS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the twenty-six students from Florida schools that have been named winners in the America's Young Heroes contest to promote respect and prevent bullying. These students have admirably put forth concrete, practical, and creative solutions to prevent bullying in America's schools. However, even more important than the proposals is the contest's climate of acceptance and respect that is being spread to schools across Florida through the America's Young Heroes Program.

Founded by Vera Hirschhorn, the America's Young Heroes contest was created in 1999 to improve students' self-esteem through the submission of original stories, poems, music, short films, and artwork about their experiences with bullying. The America's Young Heroes contest has dedicated itself to remedying the bullying epidemic facing our schools by placing an emphasis on positive thoughts and actions to solve bullying situations.

I congratulate Vera Hirschhorn, the America's Young Heroes contest, and the twenty-six Florida students for their great work to end bullying in our schools. Their great work and advocacy on behalf of respect and acceptance is truly making Florida schools a safer place for our children.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1627

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1627, which establishes a new process for the placement of monuments at Arlington National Cemetery.

In particular, I am so pleased that this legislation contains the formal Congressional approval for a monument to Jewish military chaplains for Chaplains Hill.

For years, Arlington National Cemetery has showcased memorials for Catholic and Protestant chaplains, yet there has never been a monument for the Jewish chaplains who served in our military and made the ultimate sacrifice.

Last year, a dedicated group of Jewish war veterans set out to make sure that the Jewish spiritual leaders were similarly honored in our

Nation's military cemetery, and it is vital that Congress pass this legislation to make this memorial a reality.

In particular, I want to highlight the story of the U.S.A.T. *Dorchester* in World War II.

The ship suffered an explosion at sea while carrying more than 1,000 soldiers and workers, including four Army chaplains.

These four brave men, two Protestant, one Catholic, and one Jewish, gave up their life jackets to soldiers on board the ship.

They stood strong, sharing words of healing and peace with those on board, and they resolutely held hands until the ship went down.

This is a true story of faith and courage, and now, all four of these men will be honored together on Chaplains Hill.

It could not be more fitting that Congress has taken up this legislation during Jewish American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the contributions of American Jews to the dynamic cultural fabric of the United States.

Honoring these Jewish military chaplains this week, in time for Memorial Day, is a meaningful way to show our appreciation for the commitment and sacrifice of our brave and dedicated veterans.