

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House Floor during two rollcall votes taken on Thursday, March 3.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcalls 161 and 162.

HONORING 8TH GRADERS AT
CARLISLE MIDDLE SCHOOL**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of the eighth-grade students at Carlisle Middle School in Carlisle, Iowa. These students recently finished first in the nation in the FBI's Safe Online Surfing (SOS) Internet Challenge in December 2010.

The SOS Internet Challenge is a national competition that seeks to educate elementary and middle school students about the importance of safety when using the internet. The topics include protecting personal information, online predators, cyberbullying, instant messaging, social networking, copyright, and more. Scores in this competition are determined by a series of web-based quizzes the students take after completing the program. Over 1,000 eighth-grade students from 47 schools in 17 states participated in the December SOS Internet Challenge.

The Carlisle Middle School eighth-grade students completed the SOS Internet Challenge under the direction of their technology instructor Julie Thompson. While the class as a whole placed first in the challenge, those students who received the top scores were Bailey Garner, Kaleigh Haus, Max Becker, Lynn Huang, and Josh Hagedorn. These five students were awarded FBI bags that included school supplies and certificates.

I commend the eighth-grade students at Carlisle Middle School for their exemplary work in the SOS Internet Challenge. In this world of advanced technology that allows for increased networking, it is imperative that our children know how to keep themselves and their personal information safe.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in congratulating these students on their accomplishments. It is an honor to serve as their representative, and I wish them the best of luck in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOE BURNS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Joe Burns, a U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman from San Bruno who will celebrate his 20th birthday on March 5, 2011. This is an extraordinary birthday for Joe, not only because he is

entering the second decade of his life, but because it's a miracle that he is alive.

Joe's job was to provide medical care for Marines with Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Division in Afghanistan. On February 17, 2011 he and three Marines were in an armored vehicle in Helmand Province, when they struck an Improvised Explosive Device. The IED literally blew up underneath Joe's feet. The vehicle went up in the air and was propelled forward. Joe broke five bones in his heel and suffered a concussion. One Marine also suffered a heel injury, the other two were not hurt.

It is absolutely miraculous that everyone survived the ambush. The vehicle was Mine Resistant Ambush Protected, or MRAP. Joe's mother Lori Burns is convinced that it was that technology that saved her son's life. She recalls how she first learned about the incident. The hospital corpsman treating Joe handed him a phone and he said: "Mom, I'm ok, I broke my heel, they blew me up. I got to fly in a helo and I think I'm getting a Purple Heart."

Joe was treated in hospitals in Afghanistan, Germany and San Diego and received a cast on his foot in each place. This young man did not want to leave Afghanistan; he wanted to continue serving his country despite his injury. I want to thank Joe for his service. He represents the courage and bravery of our troops.

Joe grew up in San Bruno, California and went to St. Roberts Elementary School. After he graduated from Burlingame High School in June 2009, he was enlisted in the Navy in October of the same year.

On January 1, 2011, Joe was deployed on his first tour to Afghanistan—not exactly what he expected. When you enlist in the Navy, his mother quotes Joe as saying, you think you are going to be on water, not sand. It was on day 47 of his deployment that the IED blew up underneath him and sent him back home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to celebrate the life and 20th birthday of Joe Burns on this day, March 5, 2011.

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY**HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to International Women's Day, which recognizes and celebrates the economic, political, and social achievements of women throughout our global community. Since 1911, millions of women and men have gathered together on this date to campaign for the right of women to vote, work, hold public office and be treated without discrimination. This year marks the Global Centenary of International Women's Day and I am proud to help commemorate this anniversary by recognizing the incomparable achievements that women here in the United States and throughout the world have thus far achieved.

Over the years, women have made great strides in their quest for equality and we should applaud these advances. However, we must also recognize that our work is not over. While women now hold positions in the highest ranks of government, work as doctors, sci-

entists and attorneys, their wages still lag behind those of men performing the same work. The passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act moved us one step closer to equality in the workplace, but there is still progress to be made. And though it is encouraging that crimes against women are now treated with the seriousness they deserve, the rate of crimes committed against women continues to exceed that of those committed against men. Although we must view the advances that have been achieved as heartening and important strides forward, we must continue to labor until full equality and equal access to opportunity for women is achieved.

In New York's 22nd Congressional District, which I proudly represent, the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce and Women's Leadership Alliance, along with their partners in all of the other area Chambers, have been engaged in promoting, supporting and encouraging the leadership, professional growth and economic success of women throughout the Hudson Valley region. Their successes are clearly a shining example of the creative accomplishments that have been realized by women worldwide. I wish to compliment the Chamber on the excellent leadership in supporting women to succeed.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the women of the Hudson Valley, all of the members of the Dutchess Regional Chamber of Commerce, as well as women throughout the world as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day. I am proud to stand with them as they continue to work tirelessly toward full equality for women everywhere.

HONORING CASIMIR PULASKI, POLISH-AMERICAN HERO OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND HONORARY AMERICAN CITIZEN, AND CELEBRATING PULASKI DAY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Polish and American freedom fighter Casimir Pulaski. Yesterday in my home state of Illinois, we celebrated Casimir Pulaski Day, which is observed on the first Monday of March. Prior to the Pulaski Day celebration at the Polish Museum of America in Chicago, I joined with Representative MIKE QUIGLEY and Senator MARK KIRK to announce the introduction of a new bill to push for Poland's inclusion in the Visa Waiver Program. Certainly there is no better day than the one honoring Casimir Pulaski to promote the strengthening of America's ties with Poland.

Born in Warsaw, Poland, on March 6, 1745, Casimir Pulaski was a skilled commander who fought against Russian forces in Poland. Based upon his work fighting for freedom in Poland, Pulaski was recruited by Benjamin Franklin to join in the American Revolution. In his first correspondence to George Washington, Pulaski famously wrote, "I came here, where freedom is being defended, to serve it, and to live or die for it." In his first battle of the Revolution, the Battle of Brandywine on September 11, 1777, Pulaski helped alter the course of history by rallying a counterattack

against advancing British forces that afforded Washington and countless American troops the time needed to successfully retreat. As a result, Washington promoted Pulaski to brigadier general of the American cavalry.

His influence on American independence did not end there. Pulaski organized the Continental Army's first successful cavalry unit, often using his own money to finance equipment for his men. He introduced modern military tactics to the Americans and led troops in numerous battles and sieges up and down the eastern seaboard.

On October 9, 1779, during the Battle of Savannah, Pulaski was struck by grapeshot while attempting to lead a secondary charge against the entrenched British. He was taken aboard the USS *Wasp* and died from his wounds two days later. On October 15, he was buried at sea. Today Pulaski is remembered as the father of the American cavalry and one of the heroes of the American Revolution.

In 2009, on the 230th anniversary of his death, Congress honored Pulaski posthumously as an honorary citizen of the United States, marking only the seventh time in America's history that an individual has been granted such an honor. Today, I ask all Americans to remember a true Polish-American hero who devoted and ultimately sacrificed his life to the pursuit of freedom.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF BILLY BOB'S TEXAS

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the 30th anniversary of Billy Bob's Texas, which opened on April 1, 1981 and is proud to be known as the World's Largest Honky-Tonk. The building known as Billy Bob's was built over a century ago in 1910 as a cattle barn in Fort Worth's historic Stockyards. This Fort Worth landmark has been an invaluable attraction for both local residents and visitors from around the world. But this iconic building does not only contribute to the Texas culture in Fort Worth, but also to the economic prosperity of the neighborhood and the city. It has entertained more than 17 million visitors, served as a venue to tens of thousands of music artists including the greatest names in country and classic rock, and is proud to have bucked more than 46,000 bulls in its indoor arena. Billy Bob's truly does preserve Fort Worth's western heritage. I want to congratulate owners Holt Hickman, Don Jury, Steve Murrin, and Billy and Pam Minick.

HONORING FIRE CAPTAIN SCOTT CARNEVALE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Rep. LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor the memory of a man who gave his life serving the people of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Alameda Fire Captain Scott Carnevale, a resident of Mill Valley, California, died at the age of 42 on January 3, 2011, of occupational cancer.

Cpt. Carnevale was a proud Mill Valley native. He attended Mill Valley Middle School and Tamalpais High School, and it was at Tam High that he first met his future wife, Elizabeth. Mill Valley is also where Cpt. Carnevale took an early interest in firefighting, volunteering with the Mill Valley Fire Department in 1992. Cpt. Carnevale then attended the fire academy in Santa Rosa and graduated the following year.

Early in his career, Cpt. Carnevale served as a seasonal firefighter in Marin and worked for the Tamalpais Fire District before finally joining the Alameda Air Station as a full-time firefighter. When the airbase closed in 1997, Cpt. Carnevale was hired by the city of Alameda, where he was promoted to Apparatus Operator in 2001 and Captain of Station Two in 2007.

Cpt. Carnevale was also dedicated to his fellow firefighters. He served as an Executive Board Trustee and Shift Vice President for the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 689. He was also an active member of the Fire Labor Management Team, and he organized Alameda Fire Department's participation in the California Professional Firefighters Exposure Reporting Program.

Cpt. Carnevale had many outside passions and skills, including craftsmanship and the outdoors. He helped design and build his family's home in Mill Valley. He also helped to restore the fire department's two antique fire rigs, and he took it on himself to repaint the insignia at the front door of Station Three. Even a diagnosis of cancer could not slow him down, as he continued to enjoy spending time with his family, traveling, and kayaking.

Cpt. Carnevale is survived by his wife Elizabeth Carnevale and his eight-year-old son.

Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound sense of loss that we ask you to join us in honoring the life of Cpt. Scott Carnevale. Family and friends remember Cpt. Carnevale as an adventurer who was loved and respected for his integrity, selflessness, and dependability. The people of the Bay Area remember him as a true hero.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF WALDPART, OREGON

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Waldport, Oregon on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Nestled along Oregon's beautiful coast line, Waldport has long been known for its pristine beaches, premier fishing, and forest products.

The first settlers traveled to the town by means of the Alsea River in the late 1870's and named it Waldport. The name comes from the German word for forest "wald" and "port" for the town site's location. The town had long been home to several Native American coastal tribes and would come to lay upon an old Indian burial ground. Its founders, David and Orlena Ruble would map out the city, using only the evening stars as their guide. By 1890

the city would be chartered and would go on to see decades of robust economic growth.

In 1918, Waldport would build its very own railroad which was used by the United States Army to log and transport spruce for its airplanes. After World War I ended, communities throughout the Pacific Northwest would weather a small recession as the demand for such materials declined.

Prior to the last two decades, Waldport's economy was driven by logging, timber products, fishing, and dairy and would be home to sawmills and salmon canneries. Salmon, trout, and surf fishing is at its best in this quaint coastal community.

Today, Waldport is as resilient as ever and maintains its coastal charm. When the tide goes out visitors and residents alike can dig for clams, comb the city's pristine beaches, and rake crabs. Waldport is a quiet city where one can escape the hustle and bustle of daily life and enjoy everything life has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent the City of Waldport, Oregon and its residents. I congratulate the citizens of Waldport on their centennial and I look forward to sharing in the celebration.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day. Created in 1911 to demand equality, today's International Women's Day is a reminder of all of the glass ceilings that have been broken in the past century. But it is also a day to remember how far we have left to go. Nowhere is this more evident than in the maternal mortality rates in some parts of the world. As many as one in eight women die because of childbirth related complications in some parts of Afghanistan. A full third of women in the developing world deliver without a skilled attendant present. And we lose approximately half a million women every year in childbirth, or one woman every minute.

Pregnancy should not be a death sentence, and on this International Women's Day I recommit to meeting the challenges laid out in the 5th Millennium Development Goal (MDG). The 5th MDG states that the global community is committed to reducing maternal mortality rates by 75 percent by 2015; today we are only a third of the way there, and it will take action from us all in order to succeed. We know how to prevent maternal deaths. Women need a skilled birth attendant present when they deliver. They need access to life-saving and inexpensive medications in case something goes wrong. And they need sanitary conditions to prevent the spread of infection. One organization in my district is committed to making sure that every woman has access to these services when they deliver.

For nearly 40 years and in more than 150 countries, Jhpiego, an international health nonprofit affiliated with Johns Hopkins University, has worked to prevent the needless deaths of women and families. Working with