

NEWSPAPERS WIN LAP DOG
AWARD FOR BIASED COLUMNS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and the Washington Post are the winners of this week's Media Fairness Caucus "Lap Dog Award" for biased news coverage.

Most of the regular columns in these newspapers have a left-wing bias. Combined, they feature a total of 19 columnists who show a liberal perspective in their articles and only four who regularly offer conservative views. That's a ratio of almost five to one, liberal to conservative.

It's no surprise that the great majority of Americans say the media are too liberal rather than too conservative, according to a recent Gallup public opinion poll.

Columnists certainly are entitled to their opinions, but I hope the national media will look for opportunities to give Americans more balanced commentaries.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRISSY
YOUNG OF CLYMER, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a special young woman who has done a great deed for our servicemen and woman. The actions of Chrissy Young of Clymer, Pennsylvania, truly embody what it means to honor those that serve.

On September 2, 2010, Ms. Young experienced an angst that the family members of our brave uniformed men and women dread to bear. She received the call that her high school sweetheart, Lance Corporal Joshua T. Twigg, had lost his life while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

While Chrissy suffered a great loss, she did not recluse herself from the world. Instead, she decided to organize a care package drive to deliver essentials to her fallen hero's unit, the Marine's 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment. By leveraging resources from area churches, schools, businesses, and individuals, she was able to send almost 300 care packages to the Marine unit on Veterans Day 2010. It is efforts like these that convey to our service members that there are Americans who care about you, who miss you, and who are thankful for the job that you are doing to protect our freedoms and to keep our Nation safe.

This past February, Chrissy had to bear the brunt of Lance Corporal Twigg's unit returning home without him or the fourteen other Marines who lost their lives in Afghanistan. While he did not return with his unit that day, Chrissy could stand proud knowing that he had served his country bravely and that her act of kindness had deeply touched this Marine unit.

In referring to the dedication someone must possess to serve in the military, Chrissy wrote,

"it takes a person of character, a person who knows what they have, is thankful for what they have, and is willing to give whatever it takes to preserve those freedoms for all of us."

Mr. Speaker, although she may not be in the military, Chrissy exemplifies the person of character, valor, and dedication that she so eloquently spoke of. Once again, I would like to honor Chrissy Young for her actions and selfless efforts.

FLAKE AMENDMENT No. 370 TO
H.R. 1

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, due to a voting error that I was unaware of at the time, my vote on the Flake amendment, No. 370 to H.R. 1 (to reduce funding by \$18,750,000 for unneeded boards and commissions) was recorded incorrectly. Please let the RECORD show that I support this amendment.

HONORING ANN CAMPBELL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ann Campbell. Ann is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Ann's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Ann has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Ann can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ann Campbell for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

THANK YOU FOR THE TIME YOU
GAVE

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit for the RECORD a poem written by Kaprise Anuu, a 5th grader from Tulsa, Oklahoma, that was written for her Veteran's Day celebration at Wesley V. Jarman Elementary School. It is entitled, "Thank You For The Time You Gave."

Thank you for the time you gave
I wish I were just that . . . very brave
You fought for all the country
You even fought for liberty

Before you thought of yourself
You thought of me
You thought of me so I'd be free
Thank you for the time you gave
You thought of me night and day
I always pray you'll be okay
Thank you for the time you gave.

I commend the patriotism of Kaprise. It is wonderful that young people like her express such gratitude and appreciation for those men and women who put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms we cherish in America.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
DONALD "DON" A. JACKSON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald "Don" A. Jackson, who recently stepped down as Chairman of the Kenneth L. Maddy Institute at California State University, Fresno. As Maddy Institute Chair, Mr. Jackson was committed to ensuring the strength of the Maddy Institute since its inception in 2000.

Don attended the University of Arizona where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1959. He then went on to Stanford University and received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1962. While attending Stanford University, he earned class honors in Corporate Finance and was selected to be a member of the Stanford Law Review. In 1962, he was admitted to the bar in the State of California. Don is a member of the Bond Lawyers Association and is listed as a Bond Attorney in the Bond Buyer's Directory.

Outside of Don's professional career as an attorney, he has been an active member in the community of Fresno for over 40 years. He has served on several state boards and agencies including the Public Employee Relations Board, the Senate Cost Control Commission, and the Bureau of Repair Services. Don has also been an active member with the St. Agnes Medical Center Foundation Board, the Central California Women's Conference, the Fresno Redevelopment Agency Board, and Rotary Club of Fresno.

Don was a confidant and "very, very close friend," according to the late California State Senator Kenneth L. Maddy. Senator Maddy credited his own success during his 1978 political campaign to Don Jackson, describing Don as a "key strategist." After Senator Maddy passed away, Don was instrumental in establishing the Maddy Institute at Fresno State. Under Don's leadership, the Maddy Institute created scholarships for over 150 Federal and State legislative interns, in addition to raising over \$1 million for grants, events, and programs. During Don's tenure, the institute has also successfully established an outreach program through radio, television, the Internet, and its public affairs seminar series. The Costa Scholars Internship in Washington, DC is a program Don helped me bring to fruition. Since 2005, we have created an opportunity for students from Fresno State to spend an entire semester interning in San Joaquin Valley congressional offices.

Having worked closely with Don Jackson and the Maddy Institute during my years in the California State Senate and now as a Member of Congress, I know firsthand of Don's outstanding abilities. The dedicated effort he has

put forth in preserving the legacy of late former Senator Kenneth L. Maddy is truly remarkable.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Don Jackson for his tremendous contributions and outstanding service to the Maddy Institute and Fresno State.

CENTENNIAL OF THE THEODORE
ROOSEVELT DAM

HON. BENJAMIN QUAYLE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. QUAYLE. Mr. Speaker, next week we will celebrate the centennial of the Theodore Roosevelt Dam; I rise today to recognize the important role this structure has played in Arizona's history.

Drought and floods often plagued the first settlers of our area. In 1902 the National Reclamation Act was signed into law paving the way for a unique public-private partnership that formed the Salt River Valley Water Users Association and later the Salt River Project (SRP). Soon after the Act was signed, residents in the area pledged their land to the Federal Government in order to build the Roosevelt Dam on the Salt River.

Completed in 1911, just one year before Arizona gained statehood, the Roosevelt Dam helped our area flourish, first as a farming community and then as a growing population center. As the Valley landscape changed, SRP also adapted to the changing needs of the community by delivering water to both city treatment plants and farms.

The history and growth of our area all began 100 years ago with the dedication of the Roosevelt Dam—it helped transform the Valley into one of the largest metropolitan regions in the country. Roosevelt Dam services an area covering more than 375 square miles and a 13,000 square mile watershed. I wish to honor this structure for the important role it plays in meeting Arizona's water and power needs, both in the past and into the next century.

HONORING KATRINA LAFFOON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Katrina Laffoon. Katrina is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Katrina's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Katrina has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Katrina can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Katrina Laffoon for her accom-

plishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING THE MISSISSIPPI ARMY
NATIONAL GUARD 287TH FROM
LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work and determination of a group of my fellow soldiers who have recently returned home to Mississippi after a long deployment in Afghanistan.

Over 100 troops from the Mississippi Army National Guard 287th from Lucedale, MS have just finished a yearlong deployment in Paktia Province. These brave soldiers have been providing route clearance, removing improvised explosive devices and roadside bombs allowing their fellow troops serving our Nation safe passage.

The 287th faced danger and uncertainty every day. I am truly honored to represent these brave Americans in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Having served in the military, I believe that all of our soldiers deserve the utmost respect from all of those they protect. I ask that my colleagues here in Washington and the American people take a moment to thank these selfless men and women and continue to keep all of the brave men and women serving our Nation in their thoughts and prayers.

THE EXTENT OF RADICALIZATION
IN THE AMERICAN MUSLIM COM-
MUNITY AND THAT COMMU-
NITY'S RESPONSE

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition to a hearing being held by our colleagues on the Homeland Security Committee. For those who may not be aware, the House Committee on Homeland Security is currently holding a hearing titled "The Extent of Radicalization in the American Muslim Community and that Community's Response."

I applaud my colleagues' diligence in ensuring that our Nation is safe. However, I am saddened to see that Members of this body feel the only way to do this is by singling out their fellow citizens, most of whom have done nothing wrong.

Mr. Speaker, I was especially saddened to read a quote from the gentleman from New York, Mr. KING, who is quoted in the New York Times as stating, "The threat is coming from the Muslim community." This is a prime example of history repeating itself. I would like to remind my colleagues of the abysmal treatment our nation subjected Japanese-Americans to during World War II. I encourage those who are not familiar with this disdainful period in our history to speak to those who had to live through that degradation and humiliation. In fact, they would not have to go far

as our very own Mr. HONDA of California can speak first-hand as to what he endured at an internment camp in Colorado.

More recently, Mr. Speaker, civil rights groups in the 1960's were subject to espionage and charges of subversion.

Examples such as this go to show us that time and time again this government has seen fit to exclude its own citizens and treat them as an internal threat. All of this, Mr. Speaker, without foundation.

This nation, Mr. Speaker, has always been a rich, diverse landscape of different ethnicities, religions, and cultures. So much so that our founding fathers saw fit to include on our Great Seal the phrase "E pluribus unum", out of many, one. One. One people, one country, one identity. To single out a subgroup out of the greater American identity is blatantly un-American. Our recent history has far too many examples of domestic terrorist that did not stem from the Muslim community. Names such as Timothy McVeigh, Terry Nichols, Ted Kaczynski, Eric Rudolph, The Weather Underground, and the KKK have, unfortunately, become all too familiar in our national dialogue.

All of these, whether an individual or a group, was responsible for reprehensible acts of terrorism on their fellow Americans. None of these has been found to have any connection to the Muslim community—a community that has been helpful to law enforcement in catching suspected terrorists, such as the Times Square bomber.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind my colleagues and our constituents of the words of Deputy National Security Advisor, Denis McDonough. Mr. McDonough, this past Sunday, reminded Americans that "In the United States of America, we don't practice guilt by association. And let's remember that just as violence and extremism are not unique to any one faith, the responsibility to oppose ignorance and violence rests with us all."

HONORING MELISSA ANDERSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Melissa Anderson. Melissa is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Melissa's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Melissa has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Melissa can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Melissa Anderson for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.