

its annual awards gala, So Proudly We Hail—Celebrating Our Local Heroes.

The Dulles Regional Chamber is located in one of the top technology corridors in the nation and is the largest chamber in Fairfax County. Each year it recognizes first responders in the region who have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

This year's honorees are Capt. Kathleen Stanley with Fairfax County's International Urban Search and Rescue and the late Sgt. Phillip Farley with the Herndon Police Department.

Capt. Stanley has served the citizens of Fairfax County for nearly 20 years, most recently in Battalion 401 which serves the Reston/Herndon area of Fairfax County. In 2010, she deployed with the county's Urban Search and Rescue team to Haiti, where she served for the entire deployment as a medical specialist, often administering care to patients critically injured in the earthquake.

Sgt. Farley is being recognized for his contributions from 2001 to 2010 to the Herndon Police Department. Because of his efforts, the Herndon Police Department is one of the first law enforcement agencies in northern Virginia to implement a seamless transition in its electronic records management, computer aided dispatch and mobile computer terminals to enable effective communication and records management solutions. Sgt. Farley also was instrumental in the research and testing of the department's transition from revolvers to automatic weapons. In addition, he introduced scenario-based training to coincide with annual range training.

In addition to recognizing local first responders, the chamber invited and saluted seven service men for their contributions to our country. They are: Chief Warrant Officer 5 Bradley Garfield, U.S. Marine Corps; 1st Sgt Michael Barrett, U.S. Marine Corps; Gunnery Sgt. Alain Frederique, U.S. Marine Corps; Gunnery Sgt. Josue Magana, U.S. Marine Corps; Staff Sgt. Hugh Davis, U.S. Army Reserve, retired; Technical Sgt. Christopher Frost, U.S. Air Force, and Sgt. John Eubanks, U.S. Marine Corps.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the accomplishments of these honorees. We owe them all our thanks.

TRIBUTE TO MASTER SERGEANT
DAN CALDARALE

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Sergeant Dan Caldarale and recognize his safe return home on Sunday, March 20, 2011 from his tour in the Middle East.

Dan began his career in the Army National Guard in the summer of 1981 at basic training in Ft. Benning, Georgia. During his 30 years of service to our country, he served as both active duty and Army Reserve. Currently, Dan is an Inspector General Investigator with the Army National Guard.

In addition to his career as a Master Sergeant, Dan has served as a local patrolman and crash investigator for over 16 years. He graduated from the Police Academy in 1995

and has served as a member of the North Hanover Township Police Department since May of 2007. Through both his national and local positions, it is clear that public service is a top priority in Dan's life and one that he values deeply.

Today I join Dan's friends and family, and most notably his wife Erica, a former Army National Guard Soldier of 13 years, and their sons, Matthew and Ryan, in welcoming home this great American hero. The United States of America is truly a safer place because of Dan's dedicated and honorable service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in recognizing Master Sergeant Dan Caldarale and offering our sincerest appreciation for his successful tour of duty and his safe return home.

TRIBUTE TO DIVISION 1 ICE HOCKEY COACH OF THE YEAR, TODD KRYGIER

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Division 1 Ice Hockey Coach of the Year, Todd Krygier. A native of Chicago Heights, Illinois and resident of Novi, Michigan, Coach Krygier led his Novi High School skaters to their first state championship in the team's 13 year history.

As a left winger with the University of Connecticut, Todd Krygier was selected to the 1987 NCAA East Second All-American Team after scoring 48 points in 28 games for the Huskies. He was drafted by Hartford in the 1988 Supplemental Draft and played parts of two seasons with the Whalers before being traded to the Washington Capitals in 1991 and then to the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim in 1994. Having been reacquired by the Capitals during the 1995–96 season, Coach Todd Krygier brings the unique perspective of having closed out his 543 game NHL career by playing in the 1998 Stanley Cup Finals. Krygier went on to play two seasons with the Orlando Solar Bears of the IHL before retiring in 2000.

This season Coach Krygier and the Wildcats reached the pinnacle by dethroning perennial contender Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 39–24, earning their first state championship. Todd Krygier led his team to a 30–5–1 record including a 6–0 playoff run that saw the Wildcats score 29 goals to their opponents' total of 4. Five of Coach Krygier's players were selected to All State teams, four First Team and one Second Team, while another player was selected for Honorable Mention.

It is worth mentioning Coach Todd Krygier also earned family honors this year by leading his Novi Wildcats to a 9–1 win over younger brother, Bryan Krygier's Clarkston Wolves in the state quarterfinals; also, Bryan Krygier's assistant coach is their father, Roman Krygier.

Mr. Speaker, after earning his first state championship and being selected as the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 2010 Division 1 Ice Hockey Coach of the Year, Todd Krygier deserves to be recognized for his dedication to the young men of Novi High School. In recognition of his effort and the honor bestowed upon him, I ask my col-

leagues to join me in congratulating Novi Hockey Coach Todd Krygier, his wife Kim and their children Brock, Natalie, Grace, Cole and Christian on Todd's accolades and in honoring his devotion to our community and country.

URGING TURKEY TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am reintroducing legislation urging Turkey to respect the rights and religious freedoms of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

In 1993 the European Union defined the membership criteria for accession to the European Union at the Copenhagen European Council, obligating candidate countries to have achieved certain levels of reform, including stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law, and human rights, and respect for and protection of minorities. Turkey, which began accession negotiations with the EU on October 3, 2005, has failed to recognize the Ecumenical Patriarchate's international status as the spiritual home of the world's oldest and second largest Christian Church including more than 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide. Moreover, the Government of Turkey has limited to Turkish nationals the candidates available to the Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church for selection as the Ecumenical Patriarchate and reneged on its agreement to reopen the Theological School at Halki, thus impeding training for the Orthodox clergy in Turkey.

This resolution calls on Turkey to respect the rights and religious freedoms of the Ecumenical Patriarchate by granting it the right to train clergy of all nationalities, not just Turkish nationals, and respecting the human rights and property rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Additionally, the resolution encourages Turkey to continue the achievement of processes and programs to modernize and democratize its own society and prove that it is ready to meet the criteria set forth by the Copenhagen European Council prior to its accession into the EU.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MAJOR GENERAL DAVID F. WHERLEY, JR., DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD RETENTION AND COLLEGE ACCESS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce a bill, the Major General David F. Wherley, Jr., District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Act, NGRCA, to permanently authorize funding for a program that provides grants for higher education tuition to members of the D.C. National Guard. The NGRCA authorizes an education incentive program, recommended by the late

Major General David F. Wherley, Jr., and his successor, Major General Errol Schwartz, who suggested that education grants would be useful in stemming the troublesome loss of members of the D.C. Guard to other units, in part because surrounding states offer such educational benefits to their Guards. I am grateful that the Appropriations Committee has provided funds in some years, most recently in 2010. Authorizing funding is necessary to ensure that D.C. National Guard members receive the same treatment and benefits as other National Guard members, especially those in states which provide the higher education benefits we seek for D.C. National Guard members. The Guard for the Nation's Capital has a severely limited ability to compete for the pool of regional residents, who find membership in the Maryland and Virginia Guards more beneficial. A competitive tuition assistance program for the D.C. National Guard will provide significant incentives and leverage to help counteract declining enrollment and level the field of competition. The D.C. National Guard is a federal instrument that is not under the control of the mayor of the District of Columbia, which we are trying to change for local emergencies. The federal government supports most other D.C. National Guard functions and should support this small benefit as well.

The small education incentives in my bill would not only encourage high-quality recruits, but would have the important benefit of helping the D.C. National Guard to maintain the force necessary to protect the federal presence, including Members of Congress and the Supreme Court, and visitors if a terrorist attack should occur. I am pleased to introduce the bill based on the advice of Guard personnel, who best know what is necessary.

It is especially important for the D.C. National Guard to be able to attract the best soldiers, given the unique mission it has to protect the federal presence here, in addition to D.C. residents. This responsibility distinguishes the D.C. National Guard from all other National Guards. The D.C. National Guard is specially trained to meet its unique mission.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

CONGRATULATING JAN GONG

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent Jan Gong and congratulate her as she is named a finalist in the Intel Science Talent Search 2011. The Intel Science Talent Search is America's most prestigious science competition for high school seniors. Jan is one of only 40 finalists nationwide.

Jan's project, "The Effect of High Glucose Levels On Morphine Signaling in *Mytilus Edulis*: Novel Implications for the Treatment of Obesity and Diabetes," studied the addictive nature of sugar by using blue mussel as an animal model and found that high levels of glucose can regulate morphine receptors and cause morphine release, suggesting that sugar can be addictive. She also found that high levels of glucose can greatly increase the release of nitric oxide (NO), whose metabolites can contribute to vascular damage, but that naloxone, which counteracts the effects of morphine, and L-NAME, a NO synthase inhib-

itor, can block the effect of glucose on NO release.

As a student at Garden City High School, Jan has participated in numerous science research programs including, Columbia University Science Honors Program, Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY), Research Science Institute and Intel Science Talent Search. In addition, Jan has perfect SAT score, is first in her class of 275 at Garden City High School where she is captain of both the math team and the varsity fencing team, president of the Latin Honors Society, and principal cellist in the chamber orchestra. She has been recognized by the National Honor Society, American Chemistry Society, and Latin Honors Society and is a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist.

As a senior member of the Education and Workforce Committee, I am truly impressed by Jan's accomplishments. I am pleased to see that Jan values not only her education, but also service and volunteerism within her community. In her spare time, Jan volunteers at the Winthrop University Hospital, arranges concerts at nursing homes and helps her fellow students as a peer tutor. Jan also expresses a deep affinity for the arts as an accomplished cellist. She has performed as the Principal Cellist with the Metropolitan Youth Concert Orchestra and has received perfect scores for five consecutive years during her participation with the New York State Scholastic Music Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride and admiration that I offer my congratulations to Jan Gong and commend her dedication to education and science.