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COMMEMORATING THE SERVICE
OF MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM D.
RAZZ WAFF

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major General William D. Razz Waff, who was promoted from Brigadier General to Major General by the United States Army Reserve on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

MG Waff began his military career by attending the Virginia Military Institute and then the University of Mississippi, where he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Music Degree in 1976. He was commissioned through the Ole Miss Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Regular Army branch as a Distinguished Military Graduate Second Lieutenant in the Adjutant General's Corps. MG Waff served in active duty for four years at Fort Jackson, South Carolina: as the Executive Officer of the Advanced Individual Training Company; as Battalion Adjutant for the 11th Battalion, 4th Advanced Individual Training Brigade; as Executive Officer and Commander for the Fort Jackson Headquarters Company; and as Executive Officer/Adjutant of the Military Enlistment Processing Station.

After his service in active duty, MG Waff joined the United States Army Reserve. He has served in a number of commendable leadership positions across the country, which include: Training Officer of the 477th Personnel Service Company; G1 for the 1st Brigade, 85th Division; command of the Second Simulation Group, 1st Brigade, 85th Division; Chief of Staff of the 88th Regional Readiness Command; and Brigadier General for the Deputy Commanding General of the 99th Regional Readiness Command.

Major General Waff is a decorated hero with numerous accolades, which include: the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters; the Army Achievement Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster; the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with the Gold Hourglass Device; the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, and the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal.

Currently, MG Waff is the Commanding General of the 99th Regional Support Command, where he is responsible for administrative, logistical, and facility support for more than 46,000 Army Reserve Soldiers in 439 units at 361 USAR centers and maintenance facilities in 13 states. Prior to his current duty assignment, MG Waff was the Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army Human Resources Command in Fort Knox, Kentucky, Alexandria, Virginia, and St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in recognizing Major General William D. Razz Waff for his commendable dedication in protecting and serving the United States of America.

KAREN VILLAGRANA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Karen Villagrana for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Karen Villagrana is a 11th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Karen Villagrana is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Karen Villagrana for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS
ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I don't believe anyone in this House supports truly duplicative or redundant regulation—and we should all be prepared to eliminate the headache and expense of unnecessary red tape wherever we find it. But that's not what's happening here.

In 2009, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit found in the National Cotton Council vs. EPA case that pesticides are pollutants whose discharge into our waterways is governed by the Clean Water Act. Today's legislation proposes to overturn that ruling and exempt pesticides from the Clean Water Act on the grounds that pesticides are already subject to registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

FIFRA registration is conditioned upon a finding that an approved pesticide "will not generally cause unreasonable adverse effects on the environment". While FIFRA registration weighs the costs and benefits of pesticide use nationally, it does not involve local assessments. For example, it does not consider whether a waterway is used for fishing or for swimming—or whether a waterway is already impaired. Indeed, with over 1000 waterways in the United States currently known to be impaired because of pesticide contamination, it is manifestly clear that FIFRA registration alone has not been sufficient to protect our nation's water.

For that reason, while I support efficient and effective regulation, I do not believe that exempting pesticides from the Clean Water Act is the answer to making sure our citizens have access to clean water. I urge a no vote.

JUDITH GONZALEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Judith Gonzalez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Judith Gonzalez is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Judith Gonzalez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Judith Gonzalez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS ON U.S.-TURKEY RELATIONS AND TURKISH AMERICANS

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Caucus on U.S.-Turkey Relations and Turkish Americans of which I am proud to serve as Co-Chair with Congressmen ED WHITFIELD, STEVE COHEN and GERRY CONNOLLY.

The Congressional Caucus on U.S.-Turkey Relations and Turkish Americans, otherwise known as the Turkish Caucus, was established nearly a decade ago by Representatives WHITFIELD, KAY GRANGER, and Robert Wexler to provide a platform for members of Congress to foster dialogue with our staunch ally, the Republic of Turkey, and in recognition of the valuable contributions made by Americans of Turkish descent to our society.

The Turkish Caucus and the Turkish Coalition of America, an educational organization serving to advance understanding on U.S.-Turkish issues, will be celebrating this important milestone today with a "Turkish Caucus Day."

The Turkish Caucus, established by two dozen members a decade ago, has grown into a formidable bipartisan caucus. In the last Congress, over a quarter of the total membership of the House had joined the Turkish Caucus. Today, in the 112th Congress, it has 106 members.

The important friendship between the United States and Turkey has proven enormously important since the beginning of the Cold War

and has only grown in importance since its end. Time and time again, the Republic of Turkey has stood firmly with the United States as we have pursued our shared goals in a region where we have few steady allies. Turkey, a fellow NATO country, is a vital partner and an example of a vibrant democracy in a region burdened with inequality. The country's importance has further increased over the past few months as the region is undergoing revolutionary changes.

The Turkish Caucus has become an effective platform to foster increased contacts and activities between different groups of Americans and Turkish citizens. These include meetings with our counterparts in the Turkish Grand National Assembly, which established a corresponding Turkish-U.S. Friendship Group as well as substantially increased meetings of both public and private representatives of Turkey with their American counterparts as well as with Turkish Americans. Members of the Turkish Caucus have played a leadership role in adding the voice of Congress to crucial matters related to U.S.-Turkey relations and our vital interests in the region.

Turkish Americans deserve a special thank-you for their role in expanding the membership as well as the vibrancy of the Turkish Caucus over the years. The recognition of the Caucus as a symbol of Congress' appreciation of our alliance and partnership with the Turkish nation by Turkish Americans has contributed to the rapid growth of the Caucus. On the occasion of Turkish Caucus Day, I salute Turkish Americans across the nation and thank them for their outstanding contributions to America and to strengthening the U.S.-Turkey partnership.

Our world is facing formerly unseen, monumental challenges. There is no doubt that now, more than ever, we need a strong U.S.-Turkey relationship that embodies democratic values, pluralism, secularism and respect for human rights. This kind of transnational relationship carries peace and prosperity dividends not only for the American and Turkish people, but also for the entire world.

With these thoughts, I invite my fellow members to join the Turkish Caucus on the occasion of "Turkish Caucus Day" and join us in this celebration.

JUAN DeLaTORRE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Juan DeLaTorre for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Juan DeLaTorre is a 9th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Juan DeLaTorre is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Juan DeLaTorre for winning the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the American Red Cross, its employees, and volunteers on the occasion of Red Cross Month. Everyday the Red Cross provides care and comfort to individuals impacted by disasters. The Red Cross and its volunteers also provide training and education programs in communities around the United States.

In my area, the Tampa Bay Chapter works tirelessly to serve our community. Last year, the chapter and its thousands of dedicated volunteers responded to more than 400 local disasters, assisting over 500 families. It provided training in first aid, CPR, disaster preparedness, and water safety to more than 40,000 adults and children.

So far this year, the American Red Cross has responded to severe winter storms, wildfires, and flooding, among other disasters. They are currently working with their colleagues in the Japanese Red Cross to provide assistance to those affected by the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear crisis.

I thank the Red Cross for its continued service here at home and abroad and for the difference they make in the lives of disaster victims everyday.

JOEY QUINTANA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Joey Quintana for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Joey Quintana is a 8th grader at Bell Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Joey Quintana is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Joey Quintana for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO LEONARD SNOW

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Leonard Snow, who will turn 100 years old on September 14, 2011.

Mr. Snow was born in Au Sable Forks, New York, and has spent a lifetime giving back to his community and the nation as a whole. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Pacific Theatre of World War II, helping to defend America and its allies in armed conflict.

Upon his return, Leonard took his gift for public service back to his hometown, serving as the Director of Head Start for Essex and Clinton counties, and also working on the Au Sable School Board for almost four decades. However, Mr. Snow's greatest source of pride is his three children, Stephen, Christine and Patricia.

Mr. Snow sets a fine example for everyone in the North Country. Through a focus on education, community service and strong family bonds, we can overcome many of the challenges that face the region.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Leonard Snow for his 100th birthday later this year, and I would like to again thank him for his service to the nation and his community.

KATHLEEN JACKSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kathleen Jackson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kathleen Jackson is a 7th grader at Wheat Ridge Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kathleen Jackson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kathleen Jackson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

MELISSA HOWLAND NAMED A MILITARY CHILD OF THE YEAR

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I was very pleased earlier this month to receive a notice from Operation Homefront that Melissa Howland of Millis, Massachusetts, was named one of five recipients of the 2011 Military Child of the Year Award. Ms. Howland