

only from his family, but from his community. As one of ten children, Matt grew up in a strong and loving family. When word spread that the Howard family would not be able to attend the Final 4 in Houston, their friends and neighbors donated money to pay for the family's travel expenses. The town raised over \$17,000 and the entire Howard family was able to watch Matt play in-person. Acts of kindness like this from a small East-Central Indiana town never cease to amaze me.

Today I echo the pride of Hoosiers across the state on Butler's strong performance. And I especially congratulate Matt for his leadership and strength of character throughout the tournament.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL
STEPHANIE E. DAWSON SERVICE
AS BRIGADE COMMANDER OF
THE 369TH SUSTAINMENT HAR-
LEM HELLFIGHTERS UNIT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Colonel Stephanie E. Dawson Service as Brigade Commander of the 369th Sustainment Harlem Hellfighters Unit. Col. Stephanie Dawson is the first female officer in New York National Guard history to command a brigade level unit.

Col. Dawson became the Commander of the 369th Sustainment Brigade on October 1st, 2008. Prior to that time, she was the Deputy Commander of the 369th Sustainment Brigade, a position she held for two years. As a Lieutenant Colonel, she commanded the 27th Rear Area Operations Center. Dawson's unit was one of the first New York Army National Guard units to be mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in February 2003 and returned in April 2004.

Colonel Dawson also served as Battalion Executive Officer; Support Operations officer; Ammunition Officer; Maintenance Officer; Tank/Automotive Officer; Material Maintenance Management Officer; 42nd Division, Material Management Center; Commander, Headquarters & Light Maintenance Company; Operations Readiness Platoon Leader; and Automotive Maintenance Platoon Leader.

As executive officer for the 369th Corps Support Battalion during the unit's 9–11 activation, she helped spearhead battalion relief, security, supply, transportation, and other logistics support missions for initial Ground Zero operations. Colonel Dawson was credited and acknowledged by her colleagues and company commanders for her quick and decisive response during the 9–11 attacks on the World Trade Center and their aftermath.

Dawson is a 2007 graduate of the Army War College, as well as the Army's Command and General Staff College and the Combined Arms and Services School. She also completed the Support Operations Course; the Senior Transportation Officer Advanced Qualification Course; the Ordnance Advanced Officer Course; the Ordnance Basic Officer Course; and the Academy of Health Sciences (AMEDD) Officer Basic Course.

Colonel Stephanie Dawson's military honors and awards include the Bronze Star, the Meri-

torious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

In civilian life she is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and works for the Chief Operating Officer for the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey where she is the Chief of Staff of Operations, and has previously served as the Assistant Director of Capital Programs; General Manager and Program Manager for Security Systems at the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey.

Prior to joining the Port Authority, she was an Operations Manager in banking and then held a number of positions at the Department of General Services in New York City. Col. Dawson's civilian education includes a Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Marist College, and a Bachelors of Arts in Economics from Cornell University. Dawson is also a life member of her local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and 369th Historical Society.

Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, April 10 at 1300 hours, Colonel Stephanie E. Dawson will conclude her service as Brigade Commander of the 369th Sustainment Harlem Hellfighters Unit during the Change of Command Ceremony taking place at the 369th Harlem Hellfighters Armory in my 15th Congressional District. Please join me and a very grateful nation in a special House of Representatives salute and thank you to Brigade Commander Colonel Stephanie E. Dawson for her continued distinguished service to the New York Army National Guard and the United States of America.

The 369th Sustainment Brigade is one of nine such support units in the Army National Guard. A Sustainment Brigade provides command and control for combat service and combat service support units which enable the Army's combat teams to fight by providing fuel, ammunition, medical supplies, repair parts, and medical and other services. A Sustainment Brigade can support from one to 10 brigade combat teams depending on the number of service and support units it controls.

The 369th traces its heritage back to the 15th Infantry Regiment of the New York National Guard, an all African-American unit organized in 1916. In 1917 the regiment was sent to France and renumbered as the 369th Infantry, but because American Army officers maintained segregated combat formations, the Soldiers were initially used for supply duties. The French Army, though, was more than happy to have these Soldiers fight for them and in May 1918 the 369th went into the trenches.

Corporal Henry Johnson, a railroad porter from Albany, New York became the first American to win the French Croix de Guerre, when he fought off a German attack on his listening post. During this hand-to-hand combat, Johnson saved another soldier from capture. In tough fighting in France the 369th unit won a regimental Croix de Guerre from the French Army, and 200 individual Croix de Guerre were awarded. The unit also sustained 1,500 casualties and won itself the nickname "Harlem Hell fighters" and the respect of the German opponents and French allies. The 369th saw more frontline service than any other American unit in World War I.

In World War II the unit served as the 369th Anti-aircraft Artillery Regiment, and in the Gulf War of 1991 it served as the 369th Transportation Battalion.

CONGRATULATING CHASE
STIGALL

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chase Stigall and the rest of the Butler University men's basketball team. America watched as the Bulldogs demonstrated hard work and personal sacrifice throughout the NCAA tournament and achieved what many said was impossible. The Dawgs epitomize what the word "team" is all about, and although they did not take home the trophy, they made their state and Bulldog fans across the nation extremely proud. As Andrew Carnegie said, "teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to obtain uncommon results."

I am proud to say that many of the Bulldog players hail from my district. One such young man is Chase Stegall. He was a star player at Chrysler High School in New Castle, and he helped lead his team to victory in the Indiana Class 3A state championship. There is no doubt that his talent also helped advance the Dawgs to the final game of the NCAA tournament. I echo the pride of Hoosiers across the state on Butler's strong performance. And I especially congratulate Chase for his leadership and strength of character throughout the tournament.

REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN JIM
MORAN AT HIS 20-YEAR GALA
CELEBRATION

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. HOYER. My friend and colleague JIM MORAN gave these insightful remarks at his 20-Year Gala Celebration on March 29th.

CONGRESSMAN JIM MORAN'S SPEECH AT HIS 20-YEAR GALA CELEBRATION—MARCH 29, 2011

I have the best job in the world—representing the best educated, most diverse workforce in the strongest economy in the country.

Of course, there's always going to be a gap between what business can produce and what government can provide. In Northern Virginia much of that gap is filled with the personal generosity of most of you in this room. So, on behalf of the beneficiaries of your generosity, let me thank you again for your unselfishness.

After 65 years of life and 30 years in politics, I've come to realize some things that may have not been as apparent when I started out. First of all, the tragedy of so many lives I've come into contact with, didn't occur when they drew their last breath, but rather when they dreamt their last dream. The tragedy of life is what we let die inside us while we live.

Societies have many of the same organic qualities as individuals and what strikes me

as I speak tonight is that this nation, which our founding fathers intended to serve as the brightest and most moral beacon of hope and enlightenment for all mankind, is in danger of losing its energy and its luster. It's not lights out time, but the light is dimming. Confidence and optimism is giving way to pessimism and cynicism.

The fact that we can't even see our way through to funding the Federal Government is an example of what I'm talking about. Many in today's Congress have said they will not vote to fund our Treasury obligations when we hit our national debt ceiling in a matter of weeks. The seed corn for our future growth—education, Head Start, research and development, roads, rails, clean water infrastructure, environmental preservation, the arts and humanities, are all being cut into the bone in the pending HRI Appropriations Bill.

I'm in this job because I believe deeply in my heart in the American dream and I believe in the essential role of the Federal Government in the fulfillment of that dream.

Government can't and shouldn't try to solve every problem, right every wrong, or even rectify every inequality. Its job is to be a catalyst and a gap-filler and the option of last resort. To do the things that the private sector can't or won't.

For example, the private sector alone can't afford the kind of basic research that DARPA and the National Science Foundation invested in that produced the internet, GPS, the human genome, and cures for so many of our diseases. And if we want to unravel the mysteries of what lies under the sea and above the sky, if we want to find a permanent cure for Alzheimer's and cancer and autism, and if we're going to secure clean, sustainable sources of energy, then the Federal Government needs to be seen as a partner worth the trust and the investment of the American people and its politicians.

The private sector can't finance all our interstate roads and high-speed rail and mass transit systems. The private sector can't fund the infrastructure to separate storm water from drinking water or salvage Puget Sound or the Chesapeake Bay or the Great Lakes. And neither the private sector nor most of the parents of this country can take on the task of educating our future workforce.

Those are inherently governmental responsibilities and we ought not shrink from them.

If we truly believe in the future of this country then we have to be willing to make the investments necessary to ensure that brighter future. That means you don't cut corners on research opportunities, you don't shortchange your transportation systems, and you don't lay off more than 200,000 teachers, as we've done over the last two years, while the number of students has increased by 750,000.

Of course, we have to reduce the deficit and ultimately balance our budget—but you can't fight two wars, expand Medicare and invest billions in our homeland's security with two deep tax cuts.

We're bringing in revenue today that amounts to 15% of GDP. We've never had a strong, stable, modern economy without investing at least 20% of our GDP in military security and in our domestic physical and human infrastructure. But, as the Bowles/Simpson Commission emphasized, spending at 25% of GDP is just as unsustainable as taxing at 15%.

Our tax code has got to be made simpler and fairer. Warren Buffet is right to ask why his secretary pays 25% of her income while he only pays taxes on 10% of his wealth. And it's fair to ask why Exxon Mobil, GE, NewsCorp, Bank of America, and dozens of

other multinational corporations are paying zero taxes to the U.S. during some of their most profitable years, while other corporations with much less profit are paying 35%.

It's not their fault. It's ours in the Congress.

We lose a trillion dollars a year in so-called tax expenditures, much of which can only be justified in a political context. And while I'm an ardent capitalist, I don't think we should be taxing those making \$250,000 a year at the same rate as we tax those making \$25 million a year.

We also have to rein in health care costs. They're crippling our economy. Medicare and Medicaid spending has doubled over the last 25 years as a percent of GDP. It doesn't make sense that we should be living shorter, less healthy lives, while spending twice what any other country is spending on its health care. The reason is that we reimburse for the quantity of services provided, rather than the quality of care needed. Hopefully, the health care reform bill that was fought over so vehemently will fix that.

A couple other things I have come to realize over the last 20 years is that the best social program is a good job and the key to economic prosperity and social stability is a strong middle class. Neither a survival of the fittest society nor a winner-take-all economy is in anyone's long-term best interest.

Carrying on the theme of societies functioning very much like individuals, I think we all have kind of a burning flame inside of us. Some call it our soul or the human spirit, but it does seem as though when we look the other way from the poor, shut our doors to the homeless, close our consciences to the sick and needy, that flame burns less bright, and eventually goes out. . . . I think that can apply to our nation as well.

And in that regard, let me say a word about immigration. I just came from a ten-day trip to Colombia, Panama, Guatemala, and Mexico City. The Chinese, Canadians and Europeans are all filling the gap in Colombia and Panama left by our inability to reach a deal with them—a free trade deal that primarily lowers their tariffs on our goods and services.

But in Guatemala, fully half the population is stunted from malnutrition and crime is so pervasive a young person is more likely to be shot in a crime than to study in a college. In Mexico, 97% of the crimes committed are never prosecuted. The kids go to school for only four hours a day, but only 13% of their teachers can pass a high school equivalency exam.

What would you do as a parent in a situation like that? I think I know what you would do, because it is exactly what I would do for my own children—you would risk everything to pursue your dream of a better life for your kids. And that's exactly what the bravest, boldest and most entrepreneurial do.

And it is because people from all over the world have made that decision to come to America for the same reasons our ancestors did, that we've been able to constantly renew and reinvigorate our population and our workforce. That's why I'm a cosponsor of a bill that makes the highest achieving children of immigrants eligible for college, regardless of their parents' status and why I support the bill that requires English fluency, civics knowledge, paid-up back taxes, and no criminal record to get in the back of the line for citizenship. That's what they say amnesty is all about. I think it's what America is all about.

And finally—Libya. Who among you, if you saw a well-known bully beating up on defenseless people with a tire iron, wouldn't grab that tire iron out of his hands?

Gaddafi is not Mubarak of Egypt or King Hussein of Jordan, or President Saleh of

Yemen or the Khalifa family of Bahrain. He's a truly bad guy. He's using foreign mercenaries to torture and kill his people, who I believe just want some semblance of dignity, opportunity and human rights. Human rights that their peers throughout the Middle East are now willing to risk their lives for. President Obama has done the right thing by leveling the playing field.

The reason we've made the extraordinary investments we've made to create the strongest, smartest military in the world is to make this a better, safer world for everyone, and in so doing, to insure a more peaceful world for ourselves.

And when we seize the moral high ground, we will always win not just the battle, but the war of ideals and values. Those same values and ideals motivated my father to serve in World War II and to take advantage of the GI Bill and to save and sacrifice to get all seven of his children through college, and it's why I'm so genuinely humbled by the idea that I've been able to serve in the U.S. Congress for the last 20 years—and why I am so deeply grateful to all of you for affording me that opportunity.

Thank you.

CONGRATULATING EMERSON
KAMPEN

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Emerson Kampen and the rest of the Butler University men's basketball team. America watched as the Bulldogs demonstrated hard work and personal sacrifice throughout the NCAA tournament and achieved what many said was impossible. The Dawgs epitomize what the word "team" is all about, and although they did not take home the trophy, they made their state and Bulldog fans across the nation proud. As Andrew Carnegie said, "teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to obtain uncommon results."

Emerson Kampen is one of the Bulldogs I am proud to say is from my district. Emerson starred at Yorktown High School where he was named Honorable-Mention to the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association All-State team as a senior. There is no doubt Emerson's talent helped advance the Dawgs to the final game of the NCAA tournament. I echo the pride of Hoosiers across the state on Butler's strong performance. And I especially congratulate Emerson on his leadership and strength of character throughout the tournament.

HONORING LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR JENNIFER CARROLL

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the impressive accomplishments of Florida's 18th Lieutenant Governor, Jennifer Carroll. Lieutenant Governor Carroll is married to Nolan Carroll of Miami and they have three children, Nolan II, Nyckie and Necho. She was a state legislator for over seven years, a small business owner, former