

I am a co-sponsor of and voted for the original version of this bill when it was on the House floor in December 2011. Since that time, the bill has been refined in the Senate with language designed to essentially paralyze Iran's oil sector, which has already seen its oil exports fall by 60 percent as a result of sanctions imposed to date. The improved bill before us even more broadly targets Iran's oil sector and anyone who tries to do business with Iran in this area. It will prevent the Central Bank of Iran from repatriating funds from the sale of oil as part of bilateral trade agreements Iran may have with other nations. Indeed, prior sanctions passed by this Congress have caused India and Turkey to deny Iranian banks licenses to set up branches in those nations. Finally, this bill includes sanctions targeting Syrian officials responsible for the massacres in that nation since the Syrian people began their uprising more than 18 months ago.

These are important steps we must take as part of a strategy to use every means available to compel Iran to meet its international obligations. Iran must renounce any effort to acquire nuclear weapons, and that claim must be verified through thorough, intrusive on-site inspections and monitoring.

I should also note that yesterday, President Obama announced a fresh set of sanctions against Iran's energy and petrochemical sectors based on existing sanctions law and his own authority as president. As President Obama noted this week, "The United States remains committed to a diplomatic solution, but the onus is on Iran to abide by its international obligations. If the Iranian government continues its defiance, there should be no doubt that the United States and our partners will continue to impose increasing consequences." The government of Iran should understand that Congress, on a bipartisan basis, is sending the same message by passing H.R. 1905. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

MAJOR TIM CROWE

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Tim Crowe, United States Army, who is soon ending his tour of duty in Washington, D.C. Major Crowe distinguished himself as both an Army Congressional Fellow and as a Legislative Liaison Officer with the U.S. Army and the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO). His next assignment is in my district at Fort Huachuca in Southern Arizona.

Like many of today's service members Major Crowe spent years away from his family and serving our country in harm's way, including deployments to Somalia, Kosovo and twice to Iraq. I came to know Major Crowe when he was an Army Fellow working for Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords in 2009. Originally an Infantry Officer and now a Military Intelligence Officer, Major Crowe provided much needed expertise to the office, with a special understanding of Fort Huachuca, home of the Army's Intelligence Joint Center of Excellence. He was an indispensable member of our team,

who made significant contributions to a variety of constituent issues, and guided several legislative efforts addressing veterans affairs, health care, and financial services issues.

Major Crowe spent eighteen months at the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO). He consistently provided insightful advice to JIEDDO's senior leadership on the impact of proposed counter-IED initiatives. He filled an important role keeping Congress informed of the Department of Defense efforts to counter IEDs; the greatest source of combat casualties this decade. Major Crowe was instrumental in developing a Department of Defense legislative proposal to amend JIEDDO's authority enabling it to fund critical interagency efforts to disrupt the flow of improvised explosive components entering Afghanistan. U.S. Central Command identified this authority as an urgent need, as the majority of IEDs used against our troops are made with materials smuggled into Afghanistan. The measure was included in the Fiscal Year 2013 Defense Authorization Bill.

Major Crowe's high level of integrity, dedication, outstanding leadership, relentless pursuit of excellence, and focus on the mission, significantly contributed to the effectiveness, readiness, and outstanding quality of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization. In so doing, our men and women in uniform have been provided the tools necessary to carry out their mission in Iraq and Afghanistan. His outstanding service coupled with his selfless devotion to duty will have a lasting and positive effect on JIEDDO's future relations with Congress. I look forward to being Major Crowe's Representative as he embarks on the next stage of his career at Fort Huachuca.

HONORING MS. KATHY ASHE

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 21 years of service in the Georgia General Assembly House of Representatives by Kathy Ashe. Upon her decision to retire this year she leaves a legacy of altruism inside and outside the legislature and her contributions will be greatly missed.

Kathy represents the heart of Atlanta, the city that I am proud to call home and represent in the U.S. House of Representatives. Kathy has stood firm in her advocacy for women and children, and has been a leader in K-12 public education and a leader by example in higher education.

Kathy was born in DeKalb, Illinois and has always spent her life in service to the community; first as a community leader, later as an educator, and continually as a volunteer. She is an example of someone who practices what she preaches and has always used her bipartisan leadership to represent the needs of her constituents. Before being elected to the Georgia Assembly in 1991, Kathy graduated from Agnes Scott College and went on to receive a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Emory University and further continued her path to higher education graduate studies at Georgia State University. She taught in the Marietta and Cobb County public schools for 8 years

before dedicating herself to a career in public service.

Kathy has taken an active leadership role in a variety of organizations including the Atlanta Community Food bank, Atlanta Women's Network, Planned Parenthood Atlanta, Central Health Center, City of Atlanta Child Care Task Force, and many other boards and foundations. It goes without saying that her involvement in the community is consistent and done with a graceful dedication.

Representative Ashe, your presence and leadership will be missed in the General Assembly. Let it be known that your hard work and dedication to all Georgians and to the people of Atlanta is appreciated, and I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FIRST
ANNUAL STAND DOWN EVENT
AT CAPE COD ACADEMY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the first annual Stand Down event at Cape Cod Academy.

On August 11, 2012, at its Stand Down event, Cape Cod Academy in Osterville will open its doors to local veterans and will provide these men and women with a variety of services and support. The term "stand down" originated as a military term, designating that a combat unit was temporarily moved away from the front lines for rest and rehabilitation. The tradition of hosting service-oriented events for veterans, and giving them the "Stand Down" name, originated in the United States after the Civil War, when returning soldiers were offered food and medical treatment in the towns they passed on their long journeys home. Modern Stand Down events have evolved as an opportunity to provide needed services to local veterans.

The Stand Down event at Cape Cod Academy will provide services—such as general health screenings and dental care, benefits assistance, registry of motor vehicles services, the availability of clergy, and free clothing and hygiene items—in a safe and welcoming environment. Most of the volunteers at this event will be Cape Cod Academy students. It is truly admirable that these young people are ready and willing to give their time on a Saturday afternoon to honor our local veterans.

As more than thirty thousand veterans call Cape Cod home, it is crucial that we offer assistance to the men and women who have served our nation. Cape Cod Academy, its students, and its faculty have truly done the community a great service by planning and hosting this event. I look forward to seeing the Academy's success as it continues this newly-annual tradition in the future.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pride to recognize the first annual Stand Down event at Cape Cod Academy. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the students and faculty who have worked to bring this event to life, and the importance that this event will have to the Cape Cod community.

TRIBUTE TO DR. CAROL LOWMAN
DEPUTY TO THE COMMANDING
GENERAL U.S. ARMY CON-
TRACTING COMMAND

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize and applaud the achievements of Dr. Carol Lowman, who serves as the deputy to the commanding general of the U.S. Army Contracting Command (ACC). Headquartered at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, ACC includes more than 6,300 military and civilian employees across the globe who provide support to our warfighters by acquiring equipment, supplies, and services vital to our Soldiers' mission and daily needs. Dr. Lowman will soon retire after more than 20 years of distinguished service to America's Army. Throughout her career, Dr. Lowman has demonstrated the highest level of professionalism, initiative, and selfless service in the execution of programs supporting the total force of quality Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians. The distinctive accomplishments of Dr. Lowman reflect great credit upon her, the Army Contracting Command, the U.S. Army, and the Department of Defense.

Dr. Lowman began her Army career as a contracting intern with the Information Systems Command at Fort Richie, Maryland. She has served with distinction at virtually every level in the Army contracting community. Prior to her ACC Headquarters assignment, she was the acting director of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. She has also served as the director and principal assistant responsible for contracting and chief, Business Systems Division for the Army Contracting Agency Southern Region in Atlanta, Georgia and as chief, Management Branch for the Contracting Division at the U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Georgia.

While her career accomplishments are many and significant, I wish to highlight Dr. Lowman's contributions to the establishment of the Army Contracting Command on March 13, 2008. She was one of several senior Army leaders who worked tirelessly to create a new major command from the ground up in record time. Her wisdom, insight, and vision were essential elements in building the foundation of a global enterprise that awarded and managed more than 198,000 contractual actions valued at more than \$86.9 billion in fiscal year 2011.

Dr. Lowman also played a key role last year in the relocation of ACC Headquarters from Fort Belvoir, Virginia, to Redstone Arsenal. This move followed the transfer of ACC's parent-command, the Army Material Command (AMC) Headquarters to Redstone from Fort Belvoir, as directed by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's decision in 2005. While AMC had several years to plan for and transition to its new Alabama home, ACC completed its relocation in less than 18 months. This tremendous accomplishment was a direct result of Dr. Lowman's inspired leadership, foresight, and team building skills.

Dr. Lowman assumed leadership of the ACC, as executive director, on September 27, 2011. This was the first time a female Senior Executive Service member was designated

the senior leader of a military command and was a true testament to the faith and confidence Army leadership had in her ability to support Army acquisition requirements during a time of war. Dr. Lowman resumed her deputy duties on May 17, 2012 when ACC welcomed its first commanding general.

On September 20, 2011, the President appointed Dr. Lowman as the Army representative on the Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled. The committee is an independent federal agency that administers the AbilityOne program which is the largest employment resource for people who are blind or have other significant disabilities.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank Dr. Lowman's husband, Mark, a retired U.S. Army Reserve colonel, for supporting his wife and for his service to our country. The Lowmans have been blessed with five children and five grandchildren. We wish Dr. Lowman and her family all the best in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF CHUCK RUNION

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor Chief Petty Officer Charles Clinton Runion, U.S. Navy Retired, who resides in Washington, NC.

Mr. Runion was born in Irwin, TN, on August 7, 1923, and over his lifetime he has served his country and distinguished himself as a role model in patriotism.

In October of 1940, Mr. Runion enlisted in the United States Navy and served his country for 24 years before retiring. As a successful Navy pilot during WWII and the Korean War, he has flown over 80 different aviation vessels throughout his military and civilian life.

Mr. Runion has had the honor and privilege to fly many important people of the time. He has flown President Gerald Ford and First Lady Mamie Eisenhower. He flew First Lady Jackie Kennedy from Washington, DC, to Groton, Connecticut, to launch the USS *La-fayette* nuclear submarine. Mr. Runion continued his streak of flying the country's most important into the 1960's with Hubert Humphrey, Lady Bird Johnson and Tennessee Congressman Jimmy Quillen.

Throughout his career, Chuck Runion has been honored with many accolades. He has been awarded an air medal with gold star, Navy unit commendation, an American defense letter "A," an American/European Pacific theater medal, a WWII victory medal, a Korean unit commendation and a good conduct medal with four stars. He also earned a humanitarian ribbon and a Berlin airlift ribbon. Mr. Runion's last flight was on Aug. 7, 2011—his 88th birthday.

Mr. Speaker, Chuck Runion is part of the Greatest Generation. Like most members of this generation, when the war was over they came home and became an important part of the community. Mr. Runion not only became an important part of his community, but he was able to continue his love of flying.

I have been fortunate enough to visit Mr. and Mrs. Runion at their home. I was pleased to look through the scrapbooks from Mr.

Runion's years of service to this country. That is why today I want to recognize him on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Runion remains active in his community and remains involved in current political issues. He is a member of Wanoca Presbyterian Church in Washington, NC, and has a good friend in Pastor Travis Boyd. I am honored to represent such a fine man who has been such an asset to our country and pleased to have him recognized by the United States Congress.

IN HONOR'S CODE, THE U.S. CPL CODY STANTON

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor CPL Cody Stanton of Raleigh North Carolina, United States Army, 21st MP CO "ABN". On January 26, 2012 while out on a mission CPL Cody Stanton was almost killed in an IED explosion. With the quick help of his brother in arms SSG Marcus Emelio, his life was saved when he applied two tourniquets. In a few short months Cody has come so far and so fast in his recovery over at Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda. Another very important part of his recovery has been his mother Nancy Stanton who has been there for him constantly. The families of our wounded warriors are the unsung heroes who make the difference in recovery. I ask that this poem penned in his honor by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

In Honor's Code . . .
What men must bare,
this heavy load!
All in where they must go!
All in what they must do!
While, all in the face of death their fine
hearts stand true!
All for me and you!
To so provide freedom's hue!
All for that old red, white and blue!
All in times of war,
when hearts of courage must stand true!
As what they are,
in what they do!
As so Cody,
as so have you!
As a man of faith . . .
Whose fine heart would not so wave!
Who so lives by such an ethos,
SUCH A CODE,
that which so means the most!
Who to this our nation so gave!
Almost his life,
and his two fine strong legs . . .
as death stood close!
For this hero,
can you but not so hear the Angel's pray, all
of those?
For it was on a battlefield of honor bright,
where heroes are so made who for us so fight!
Where this fine hero almost so lost his life!
But, coming back from the dead as his great
heart shone so bright!
As he so looked down upon his new plight!
As he so realized that things would never be
the same that night!
As his heart so went Air Borne,
oh what a sight!
As one of Carolina's favorite son's!
Went off to war to so patriotically do what
must be done!
As have all of our most courageous sons!