

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 Wanoka 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!

Who but buy us peace,
 with but their most sacred lives and arms
 and legs all of these ones!
 Who upon this earth their most magnificent
 blood so runs!
 But, quit is a word that Cody just never so
 learned!
 As so deep down inside this Southern Son,
 something so burns!
 With his next mission to recovery this coura-
 geous Carolinian he earns!
 To So Teach Us!
 To So Beseech Us!
 To So Reach Us!
 As all in him what we must learn!
 That arms and legs we all need!
 But, what lies within ones heart above all
 else supercedes!
 As one day this man will go back to Caro-
 lina's to live under her blue skies,
 as a hero indeed as so comprised!
 Air Borne,
 all in what his fine heart has formed . . . as
 a special breed!
 For such things forever live on as these . . .
 In men of faith who so live by such a code of
 honor,
 and believe . . .
 For Heaven so awaits all of them and all
 these!
 Who live by such an honor's code indeed!
 By what code in your life will you so live?
 All in your heart's of honor to this our world
 what will you so give?
 IN HONOR'S CODE!

IN RECOGNITION JIM PINKHAM
 AND MARK FLAHERTY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Pinkham and Mark Flaherty, the two honorees at this year's "Thanks Labor" Day Cookout in Lakeville, Massachusetts.

Mr. Pinkham and Mr. Flaherty are the President and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively, of the Plymouth-Bristol Central Labor Council, which represents union members living and working in Plymouth and Bristol County in Massachusetts. It is not an overstatement to say that they have dedicated their lives to protecting the rights of workers and ensuring that the hardworking people of Plymouth and Bristol County are adequately represented in their unions.

Mr. Pinkham is a lifelong member of the Utility Workers Union of America Local 369 and a former Boston Edison employee. Mr. Flaherty is a member of the Boston and Carmen's Union and has been involved with union activities throughout his tenure as an MBTA employee. As leaders of the Plymouth-Bristol Central Labor Council, Mr. Pinkham and Mr. Flaherty represent nurses, teachers, electrical utility workers, law enforcement and public safety personnel, construction workers, public sector employees, and other working men and women of Massachusetts. Throughout their careers as union representatives, they have worked with companies to bring more jobs to the state, ensuring that the jobs brought are ones that come with fair wages and working conditions. They have also walked picket lines, worked voter registration tables, and organized educational campaigns, all civic activities with great importance for our communities. Their efforts strengthen Massachusetts'

economy and workforce, and they are an essential part of the Commonwealth's effort to make the state a better place to live and work.

Labor union representatives play a critical role in Massachusetts, ensuring that wages and benefits are fair and that working conditions are safe for the hardworking individuals who drive our economy. Our sincere recognition is due to the men and women who ensure that these unions run smoothly and successfully, as they often remain unsung heroes in our society. As longtime advocates of the workers of southeastern Massachusetts, Mr. Pinkham and Mr. Flaherty are highly deserving of the honor that is being bestowed upon them.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pride to recognize Jim Pinkham and Mark Flaherty, this year's honorees at the "Thanks Labor" Day Cookout. I am proud to call them friends and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing these two individuals who have worked so hard to represent the workers of southeastern Massachusetts.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1905, IRAN
 THREAT REDUCTION AND SYRIA
 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Senate amendment to H.R. 1905, the Iran Threat Reduction Act. This bipartisan legislation is critical to the protection of the American people and our allies around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is imperative that the United States take the lead in opposing Iran's effort to produce nuclear weapons. Such a development would introduce an intolerable and destabilizing element into one of the world's most volatile regions. The discovery of a plot to assassinate the Saudi Ambassador to the United States on American soil is but a reminder of the urgent need for the United States to take forceful and effective action to ensure that Iran does not succeed in developing the capability to produce nuclear weapons.

In Congress passed H.R. 2194, the Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act, which at the time were the most comprehensive sanctions ever imposed on Iran by the United States. But more needs to be done.

While current sanctions on Iran have impeded Iran's ability to successfully develop a nuclear weapon, most experts agree that Iran will have nuclear capabilities in the next two to three years if tougher sanctions are not imposed. According to a report released by the International Atomic Energy Agency, Iran has a stockpile of low-enriched uranium that if further enriched could produce three nuclear weapons.

Last year, I wrote to Chairman ROSELEHTINEN, Ranking Member BERMAN, Leader PELOSI, and Speaker BOEHNER urging them to bring before the House legislation imposing sanctions on the Central Bank of Iran. Shortly thereafter, I was very encouraged and pleased that the Committee reported favorably and the House passed H.R. 1905.

H.R. 1905 strongly reflects the demands of the international community that tougher sanctions must be placed on Iranian leaders to end their nuclear program. H.R. 1905 increases sanctions on human rights violators in Iran, imposes tougher sanctions on the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), and codifies U.S. policy to prevent Iran from developing unconventional weapons and ballistic missiles. This bill takes steps to peacefully thwart Iran's nuclear aspirations.

During the markup of this bill, an amendment offered by Ranking Member BERMAN to strengthen sanctions against Iran's Central Bank was unanimously agreed to. The BERMAN Amendment strengthens H.R. 1905 by inserting language that directs the President to determine whether the Central Bank of Iran is engaged in sanctionable activity.

By sanctioning the Central Bank of Iran, the United States would set a strong example for countries around the world that depend on a geopolitically stable Middle East for their own security and prosperity. Imposing tougher sanctions on the Iranian economy will demonstrate that the international community will not tolerate Iran's continued refusal to end their nuclear enrichment program.

Specifically, the BERMAN Amendment directs the President of the United States to determine whether the Central Bank of Iran has: (1) assisted Iran's VVMD or missile programs, including proliferation of WMD to other governments; (2) financed Iran's procurement of advanced conventional weapons; (3) provided financial services for the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps; or (4) facilitated Iran's support of international terrorism.

Should the President make the determination that the Central Bank of Iran is involved in any of these areas, the bill requires him to apply sanctions under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act. The President will have 30 days to make this determination. These sanctions would ensure that any foreign bank involved in significant transactions with the Central Bank of Iran is excluded from doing business with the U.S.

Mr. Speaker, the bill also includes Title WI, entitled the "Syria Human Rights Accountability Act of 2012." I support the inclusion of this title. What began as a peaceful stand against tyranny has degenerated into the bloodiest movement of the Arab Spring. According to the International Red Cross more than 16,000 people have been killed in the conflict and the violence has increased substantially in the past few weeks.

This is why Title VII of this bill is necessary. It builds upon efforts to bring about a peaceful and swift resolution by

(1) requiring the President to identify within 90 days and impose sanctions on officials of the Syrian government or those acting on their behalf who are complicit in or responsible for the commission of serious human rights abuses against Syria's citizens, regardless of whether the abuses occurred in Syria;

(2) imposing sanctions on anyone who transfers equipment or technologies including weapons, rubber bullets, tear gas and other riot equipment, and jamming, monitoring and surveillance equipment which the President determines are likely to be used by Syrian officials to commit human rights abuses, and

(3) imposing sanctions on anyone who engages in censorship, or activities relating to censorship, in a manner that prohibits, limits,