

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE SERVICE AND THE MEMORY OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER PVT. JAMES ANDERSON

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and the memory of Revolutionary War Soldier James Anderson, Sr. of Buncombe County, North Carolina.

On Sunday, November 11, 2012 in the Western North Carolina town of Mars Hill, the memory of Private James Anderson, Sr., a Patriot and Revolutionary War Soldier, was honored by the dedication of hallowed ground and his final resting place. The ceremony was conducted by descendants of Pvt. Anderson, and honored guests, members of the Edward Buncombe Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of The American Revolution.

Private Anderson was a true American Patriot and a proud North Carolinian. He served under Captain James Bonnell Company which was part of Spencers New Jersey Regiment under Major General John Sullivan. James Anderson Sr. was engaged for service on June 26th, 1778 and served 159 days at the rank of Private.

It is with great respect that I commend and remember this brave soldier who joined hands with countless other patriots to achieve American independence. I hope that today's generation of young men and women will follow the shining example of patriotism and dedication to freedom modeled by Pvt. James Anderson and other Revolutionary War heroes.

CONGRATULATING THE 2012 GOLD MEDAL WINNERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues Mr. Stark, Mr. Carney, and Mr. Holt, to recognize the fine academic accomplishments of four of our constituents who were awarded gold medals at the International Biology Olympiad held in Singapore in July 2012. Nikhil Buduma of Bellarmine College Preparatory School in San Jose, CA; Jing "Raymond" Liu of Mission San Jose High School in Fremont, CA; Lei "Jerry" Ding of the Charter School of Wilmington, DE; and Kevin Ma of East Brunswick High School in East Brunswick, NJ competed against secondary students from over 59 countries in this prestigious international competition.

These talented students began their journey in the USA Biology Olympiad, which aims to enhance the life sciences education of nearly 10,000 students annually across the United States each year. The competition provides the motivation, curricular resources, and skills training to take them beyond their classroom experience and enhances their adaptability, inventiveness, creativity and collaboration in this content area.

After being selected among the twenty finalists, they participated in a residential training program at Purdue University where they learned advanced biological concepts and exacting laboratory skills and earned the right to represent the United States at the International Biology Olympiad.

We congratulate and salute these fine young students and commend their accomplishments in the biological sciences. We look forward to reading about their future contributions to our society and to the international community.

HONORING MAJOR EDWARD (ED) KENNEDY

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous respect and gratitude that I rise to honor MAJ Edward (Ed) Kennedy, United States Army, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Major Kennedy has recently moved on from his assignment as an Army Congressional Liaison to the House of Representatives to become a Battalion Operations Officer in the 3rd Infantry Division.

A native of Danbury, Connecticut, Major Kennedy graduated from the United States Military Academy in May of 2000 and was commissioned in the Infantry Branch. After his first assignment as an Infantry Platoon Leader in Hawaii, he commanded both Infantry and Armor units in the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, TX. During that time he deployed once in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, and twice in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

In July 2009, Major Kennedy was selected for the highly competitive Joint Chiefs of Staff Internship program. During the internship, he earned a Master's degree at Georgetown University, and then served a one year tour on the Joint Staff as the Action Officer for the Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with principle focus on Warrior and Family Support. His next year was spent on the Army Staff as a Congressional Liaison to the United States House of Representatives working for the Office of the Chief Legislative Liaison.

Mr. Speaker, it was during his assignment as a Congressional Liaison that I had the

honor of getting to know this great patriot personally. It has been a true pleasure and privilege to work closely with Major Kennedy during the 112th Session of Congress.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues in recognizing and commending Major Kennedy for his meritorious service to our country. For all that he and his family have given and continue to give to our country; we are forever in their debt. But for the courageous service of our Nation's heroic military personnel such as Major Kennedy and the selflessness of military families such as his, the unparalleled freedoms and security that I and all Americans enjoy every day would not be. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I extend heartiest best wishes to Major Kennedy, his wife Jacey, and his daughter Katelyn as they continue on their journey of service.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF NATHAN B. "NAT" HENRY

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize SSgt. Nathan B. "Nat" Henry, U.S. Army, (Ret.) for his service to our country and the sacrifices he has endured. A lifelong resident of Macon County, North Carolina, Henry left the peace and tranquility of Western North Carolina to serve in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Facing overwhelming odds, Henry survived a battle in the infamous Ia Drang Valley in 1967. His subsequent capture by enemy forces, however, left him in North Vietnamese prison camps until Operation Homecoming in 1973. His nearly six years in captivity holds the unenviable distinction of being one of the longest serving prisoners of the Vietnam War. Along with numerous other medals, Henry is the recipient of two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

Henry served his country valiantly during the war and has continued to show dedication to his country and community since. Upon returning home to his community, Henry continued in the path of service by serving as an original member of the Burningtown Volunteer Fire Department. Additionally, remaining ever steadfast in his commitment to the veterans community in Macon County, he continues to be active in almost all veteran-related activities in the area including serving as both President and Chairman for the Smoky Mountain Vietnam Veterans Chapter 994.

Mr. Speaker, today I offer thanks from a grateful nation for SSgt. Nathan B. "Nat" Henry's (Ret.) distinguished service and sacrifice. It is service such as Henry's that allows us to continue to enjoy the freedom that he fought to protect.

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IN OPPOSITION TO H.R. 6190 "THE ASTHMA INHALERS RELIEF ACT OF 2012"

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 6190, the Asthma Inhalers Relief Act, introduced by Congressman BURGESS. This legislation would authorize the distribution and sale of one million asthma inhalers that use over-the-counter epinephrine, named Primatene Mist. This product was sold in aerosol canisters containing CFC's, or chlorofluorocarbons. CFC products have been banned under the Clean Air Act and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Consequently, this legislation is opposed by many organizations because it involves the widespread use of a CFC product.

Mr. Speaker, I stand with Ranking Member WAXMAN as well as with the American Lung Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and other national public health organizations in opposition to this bill. I strongly believe in ensuring affordable, quality health care options for all Americans who suffer from asthma; however, I am opposed to legislation that would undermine our commitment to international treaty and that would continue to deplete the ozone. There are safer and more effective ways of safeguarding public health. One way to do this is for Congress to take up and pass H.R. 6284, the Breath of Fresh Air Act, which I introduced earlier this year.

Across the United States, nearly 25 million people have been diagnosed with asthma, including 7 million children. This serious disease impacts every district in every state, and its effects are far-reaching. I have been particularly concerned with the issue of asthma, especially as it affects my home district in California. The Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles operate within and near the 37th Congressional District, and if left unregulated, the California Air Resources Board estimates that the ports will be the largest source of pollution in the state by 2020 greater than the impact of every car on the road in California. The neighborhoods of Los Angeles and Long Beach rank as one of the U.S. cities most polluted by Particle Pollution.

Low-income and minority communities are disproportionately affected by this chronic respiratory disease, and their health outcomes are likely to be worse. For instance, the Environmental Protection Agency reports that black children are twice as likely to be hospitalized and four times as likely to die from asthma as white children. Low-income and minority communities also disproportionately live in areas afflicted with high levels of air pollution, allergens, and other environmental factors that trigger asthma attacks. They may also have limited resources to direct toward asthma management or to deal with the financial challenges of medical bills and missed days at school and work.

Authorizing the sale of epinephrine will not address the challenges that asthma patients face. National health organizations have repeatedly issued expert guidelines that advise patients on how to manage their asthma, and none of them recommend the use of over-the-counter medications. In addition, Primatene

Mist has been banned since December 31, 2011. This means that patients have already transitioned away from this medicine and have been using alternative medications for almost a full year. A temporary reversal of this ban would be confusing to patients and would not provide them with a sound long-term plan for asthma management. In fact, the only group that stands to profit from such a reversal is the manufacturing company, not asthma patients.

I do agree with Congressman BURGESS when he says that Congress must be on the side of asthma patients, and I am working hard to make sure that Americans have access to quality and timely care. That is why in August, I introduced H.R. 6284, the Breath of Fresh Air Act, which has been endorsed by the Allergy & Asthma Network/Mothers of Asthmatics. This legislation would establish a grant program to make funds available to elementary and secondary schools to purchase nebulizers. A nebulizer is an extremely easy-to-use medical device that delivers medicine in the form of a mist directly to the person's lungs. Oftentimes it is the best remedy for young children who may not cooperate in their time of distress. By making these devices available at local schools and treating symptoms as soon as they present themselves, we can take significant steps toward reducing the number of asthma-related emergency room visits each year.

Mr. Speaker, it is critical that Americans who suffer from asthma have access to life-saving medications and health care. I am glad to see Congress recognize the challenges that Americans with asthma face, and it is my hope that we can continue making this a legislative priority. I urge my colleagues to vote no on H.R. 6190 and instead support the Breath of Fresh Air Act and other legislation that directly improves the lives of asthma patients without sacrificing environmental standards.

HONORING SARAH WARRICK

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor several of the volunteers who have served in my district office over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide exceptional constituent services and these volunteers have assisted my staff in providing the excellent assistance so many have come to expect from our district. I take great pride in the work that each one has done on my behalf and on behalf of everyone in the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina.

These volunteers have always treated our constituents with the utmost respect and always made sure their needs were met in a timely fashion. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship they have shown to me during my years of service in Congress.

Sarah Warrick volunteered on my campaigns and served as an intern in my Washington, DC, office on multiple occasions. Through her many years of involvement, Sarah has proven to be a hard working and committed public servant to the people of the 11th District. She and her family have been

among my most steadfast supporters from the beginning, and I am thankful for their loyalty and friendship.

Sarah has been a standout in my office and an important part of my team over the years. She has a bright future ahead of her regardless of what career path she chooses to take.

Sarah should be proud of the service she has provided to our district and country. It has been an honor to serve with Sarah and as I retire from office I wish her the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of her efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Sarah and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Sarah Warrick for her hard work on behalf of all of western North Carolina and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

HONORING TUNICA 10 POINT COALITION, INC. FOR THEIR CONTINUED SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Tunica 10 Coalition, Inc. Established in 2004, the Tunica 10 Coalition has been working tirelessly within their community to address important issues and start improving the quality of life.

The Tunica 10 Point Coalition has attended many strategic conferences and worked closely with the Memphis 10 Point Coalition to ensure they developed smart initiatives and projects to tackle the problems in their community.

After working closely on the ground with the influential civic and social leaders of Tunica County, the coalition has come up with a structure built to address the needs of the residents, with the youth being at the forefront of their efforts.

The Tunica 10 Point Coalition has blossomed into a well organized group with zone leaders throughout the community bringing support wherever it is needed. The coalition has also widened its scope of services to include health and wellness in an effort to combat obesity and other health related issues. Tunica 10 Coalition has never stepped away from their goal of "Working Together to Make a Difference".

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Tunica 10 Point Coalition in their continued dedication towards developing the lives of the people of Tunica County, Mississippi.

HONORING SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise small business owners and employees who contribute so much to their local communities. Through the Small Business Saturday