

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL PATRIOTS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate an extraordinary team of young women from Maryland's fifth congressional district. The Northern High School Patriots won the 3A Maryland "state softball" finals on May 26, 2012. This is their fifth consecutive softball state championship and ninth softball championship overall. This incredible achievement was made all the more significant given the caliber of their competition.

After an undefeated season, the Patriots emerged victorious over Thomas Stone High School, Chopticon High School, Huntingtown High School, and Reservoir High School to ultimately meet Linganore High School in the state championship game at Robert E. Taylor Stadium at the University of Maryland. The Patriots prevailed, overcoming the Linganore Lancers with a final score of 10–0.

This victory demonstrates that with determination, willpower, and discipline we can work to overcome any obstacle in the path of achieving success. The Northern High School Softball team has gone above and beyond expectations. The Patriots end their 2012 season not only with a state championship, but also a perfect record of 25–0. Additionally, Northern High School has become the first softball program in state history to win five consecutive state titles.

Eighteen student-athletes contributed to this triumphant season, remaining focused and determined to continue the streak of Northern High School softball state championships.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my heartiest congratulations to the members of the championship team—Jessie Clemons, Kierstie Schaefer, Jess Cummings, Sarah Bennett, Sam Gatton, Caroline Clarry, Marleigh Smith, Lindsey Schmeiser, Madison Marinaccio, Baylee Hutchinson, Erin Adams, Julie Keleti, Carleigh Ruleman, Kristina Lozupone, Kailin Case, Allison Garzone, Kayla Grantham, and Sabrina Beil—on their victory. And, I also want to applaud Head Coach Robert Earl Radford and his coaching staff—Devin Hall, Beth Radford, and Qyntia Parks-Lewis—for their dedication and commitment while guiding these talented student-athletes.

Like all Southern Marylanders, I am very proud of these young women and I congratulate all of those involved in bringing home a state title. I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this great accomplishment.

PRENATAL NONDISCRIMINATION ACT (PRENDA) OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act, PRENDA, of 2012 (H.R. 3541).

Every Member of the House opposes the abhorrent practice of gender selection, including me. In Minnesota, prohibiting sex-selective abortions has passed on a bipartisan basis in the State House of Representatives in 2007 and 2010. Unfortunately, the bill before us is not about protecting girls. It is about politics. H.R. 3541 is an attempt by House Republicans to restrict women's access to legal reproductive health care services by threatening medical professionals with legal action.

Under this bill, health care providers could face civil penalties or even criminal prosecution for failing to report confidential conversations they have with woman about terminating a pregnancy. Ten leading medical associations oppose this bill, arguing that "H.R. 3541 would require that medical and mental health professionals violate doctor-patient confidentiality and report known or suspected violations." Physicians take an oath to be trusted counselors for their patients, not secret informers for the government. Many recite the modern version of the Hippocratic Oath, which states: "I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know." It is wrong for Congress to empower politicians to interfere in the very personal and private relationship between a woman and her health care provider.

Women must have control over their own health care decisions and be able to trust their doctors to provide confidential medical guidance free from ideologically-driven misinformation or government interference. H.R. 3541 threatens these basic principles.

Congress can and should do more to fight gender discrimination and improve the lives of women and girls. I urge my Republican colleagues to join House Democrats in our efforts to increase women's access to affordable, comprehensive health care, achieve pay equity and ensure all girls can obtain a quality education. Bipartisan support for such policies would be the strongest statement about America's commitment to gender equality.

I urge all my colleagues to oppose H.R. 3541.

IN RECOGNITION OF EVAN R. CORN'S UPON RECEIVING THE HERMAN "RUSTY" SHIPPS LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Evan R. Corns upon him receiving the Herman "Rusty" Shipps leadership award. This prestigious award is named in honor of Rusty Shipps, Class of 1913. The Award, bestowed by the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Board of Directors, recognizes exemplary leadership, stewardship, dedication, and commitment to the advancement of the university.

Mr. Corns' support of his alma mater is legendary at Ohio Wesleyan University, as is his commitment to private liberal arts education as reflected in his 2010 induction into the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges Hall of Excellence.

Throughout a tremendously successful business career, Evan R. Corns has made his mark both at Ohio Wesleyan and around the State of Ohio. An active member of the university's Board of Trustees for more than 20 years and a supporter of many Ohio Wesleyan initiatives, Mr. Corns has never ceased to find new ways to enhance the campus and mission of his beloved school. For example, in an effort to make college available to others he graciously provided financial support for a number of campus scholarship programs, including the Woltemade Center's Corns Business and Entrepreneurial Scholars program, all in an effort to support the students, faculty, and staff at Ohio Wesleyan University. Alumni like Evan R. Corns represent the finest aspects of Ohio Wesleyan University and symbolize the finest traditions of citizenship.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA HUNDLEY, JACKSON CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Barbara Hundley, who has enhanced life in Jackson, Alabama through her civil service, dedication to her church and talent with gardening, earning her Jackson's Citizen of the Year award.

Mrs. Hundley has served a variety of roles in the Jackson area, working for the city planning commission on projects like a new complex for the Jackson Police Department, remodeling the White Smith Memorial Library, the construction of the Jackson Senior Citizen Center and also a new fire station for the downtown Jackson area.

In addition to this, Mrs. Hundley volunteered at the library, helped bring the Regional Child

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Advocacy Center to Grove Hill, prevented voter fraud as a poll worker at Jackson City Hall and was a member of the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce, helping to revitalize the downtown Jackson Area. Mrs. Hundley also has been a 35-year member and a past president of the Jackson Woman's Club, and taught drug awareness and other classes at Jackson High School.

Even while doing all of the aforementioned activities, Mrs. Hundley has taught Sunday school at the Jackson First United Methodist Church, provided lunch for senior citizens and those with bereaved families, sang in the choir and researched and authored a history of the church.

However, Mrs. Hundley's greatest passion might be gardening, which has developed such a reputation that groups will take tours of the gardens at her home on Golfview Drive. As is her nature, Mrs. Hundley also teaches gardening, landscaping and classes on birds and butterflies for the communities of Jackson, Grove Hill and Monroeville.

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I want to congratulate Barbara Hundley on her recent recognition and thank her for her service and example to her fellow citizens in Jackson and the surrounding communities. We wish her and her family continued success in the years to come.

43 CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS FORCED TO SUE TO PROTECT THEIR BASIC RIGHTS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, “. . . I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.”

Thomas Jefferson's words reflect the basis for religious liberty in our country.

A freedom which is guaranteed in the first amendment.

The provisions in the first amendment are listed first because they are the most important.

Yet this essential freedom is being trampled on by the administration under the guise of providing essential health care.

The administration has demanded religious groups violate their religious convictions.

Last week the 43rd Catholic organization joined in lawsuits against the administration based on the Government's blatant disregard for religious freedom.

Organizations throughout the country have joined in these suits.

They are:

Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.
Consortium of Catholic Academies
Archbishop Carroll High School
Catholic Charities of D.C.
The Catholic University of America
University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL
Diocese of Joliet, IL
Catholic Charities of Joliet, IL
Diocese of Springfield, IL
Catholic Charities of Springfield, IL
The University of Notre Dame
Diocese of Fort-Wayne-South Bend, IN
Catholic Charities of Fort Wayne-South Bend, IN

St. Anne Home, Indiana
Franciscan Alliance
Our Sunday Visitor
Michigan Catholic Conference
Archdiocese of St. Louis, MO
Catholic Charities of St. Louis, MO
Diocese of Jackson, MS
Catholic Charities of Jackson, MS
Vicksburg Catholic School
St. Joseph's Catholic School
Diocese of Biloxi, MS
De l'Epee Deaf Center, Inc., Biloxi, MS
Catholic Social and Community Services, Inc., Biloxi, MS
Resurrection Catholic School, Pascagoula, MS
St. Dominic Health Services, Jackson, MS
Diocese of Rockville Centre
Catholic Health Services of Long Island
Catholic Charities of Rockville Centre
Archdiocese of New York
ArchCare
Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH
Diocese of Erie, PA
St. Martin Center, Erie, PA
Prince of Peace Center
Diocese of Pittsburgh, PA
Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh, PA
Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, PA
Diocese of Dallas, TX
Diocese of Fort Worth, TX

Religions should not and will not be bullied into violating their beliefs.

A government edict is not a substitute for religious doctrine.

It is a sad day in our country when groups have to sue the Government in order to protect a basic right guaranteed in our Constitution.

And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, I recorded an erroneous vote on the amendment offered by Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan to H.R. 5326. I intended to vote “no” on rollcall vote No. 215, on agreeing to the Huizenga amendment to H.R. 5326.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE SMITH LINDSEY, ALABAMA-BORN ACTOR, PHILANTHROPIST

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to—and honor the life of—a great Alabamian and devoted philanthropist. It is with sadness that I acknowledge the loss of George Lindsey, one of the finest actors to call Alabama home, who passed away on May 6, 2012, at the age of 83.

Born in 1928, George Lindsey grew up in Jasper, Alabama, where he attended Walker County High School. It was there that, while also starring on the football field and playing

basketball, he discovered his love of acting through school plays. He went on to attend Walker Junior College and then the Kemper Military School in Boonville, Missouri. In 1952, after earning a scholarship for his skills at quarterback, George received his Bachelor of Bioscience from the Florence State Teachers College, which is now the University of North Alabama.

After college, George enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and, while stationed in Puerto Rico, married Joyanne Herbert. Upon his discharge from the Air Force in 1955, he returned to Alabama and began a brief career in education at Hazel Green High School, teaching history and coaching baseball and basketball.

It was in 1956 that George Lindsey's acting career began with his acceptance to the American Wing Theater in New York City. After a stint on Broadway, he portrayed various characters on popular television shows such as *The Rifleman*, *Guns, Smoke, The Twilight Zone*, and *The Alfred Hitchcock Hour*. Then, in 1964, George began his career-defining role as the lovable, kind-hearted Goober Pyle on *The Andy Griffith Show*. This character, known for his “Goober Dance” and Cary Grant impression, followed him through the shows *Mayberry R.F.D.* and *Hee Haw* as well.

Above all his success on the screen, George was most passionate about giving back to his home state of Alabama. From 1973 to 1988, he raised over \$1 million for the Alabama Special Olympics through the George Lindsey Celebrity Golf Weekend, which drew countless actors and athletes to Montgomery every year. He also raised \$50,000 for the Alabama Association of Retarded Citizens through his participation with the Minnesota Special Olympics National Competition, and in 1998 he founded the George Lindsey UNA Film Festival at the University of North Alabama, which promotes the talents of local filmmakers.

Aside from providing wholesome laughter for three decades through his career as an actor, it goes without saying that George Lindsey's contributions to the state of Alabama are indeed vast and significant. A recipient of the Governor's Achievement Award and the Minnie Pearl Lifetime Achievement Award, George has left a legacy of passionate generosity that will certainly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, it is on behalf of the people of Alabama that I would like to extend my condolences to the family and many friends of George Lindsey during this time of loss. His sense of humor and passion for his home will never be forgotten.

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SPEECH OF

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I voted against H.R. 3541, the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act. I am proud that as a body we rejected the measure, and relieved that we exposed the true intent of what would have been a disastrous law. The