

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING SYSMEX AMERICA FOR ITS CONTINUED INNOVATION, COMMITMENT TO QUALITY AND POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sysmex America on the opening of its latest research and development laboratory, and to honor their contributions to global health care.

Headquartered in Lincolnshire, IL, Sysmex America distributes diagnostic analyzers, reagents and information systems all across North and South America, helping countless laboratories provide better services and countless patients receive better care.

Health care is increasingly dependent on new, innovative technologies, and Sysmex America is on the cutting edge of research and development. The opening of this new facility will only add to their capabilities and long-term success.

Illinois's Tenth Congressional District has a rich tradition of innovation in health care and manufacturing, and Sysmex America perfectly embodies the contribution of both industries, building some of the finest medical technology and information systems in the world.

With such dedication to core values like innovation, teamwork, unmatched quality and the advancement of health care, Sysmex America demonstrates remarkable responsibility not only to their clients and shareholders, but also to the community as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, our Tenth District is home to a number of excellent corporate citizens, and each enriches the community in its own way. I am proud of the companies that make our community strong, and I am honored that Sysmex America calls our district home. I congratulate them once again on the opening of this remarkable new lab, and I look forward to following their future innovations and success.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF CARLA ANDERSON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary woman, Carla Anderson, who passed away on July 23, 2013, in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Carla Anderson was born on September 15, 1960, to Donald and Cecelia Albers in Bismarck. She never lost her love for her home town of Center, North Dakota and her rural America roots. For the past eight years, Carla served as Deputy Executive Director of the Next Generation (NG) 9–1–1 Institute, a not-

for-profit organization that works with the Congressional NextGen 9–1–1 Caucus to promote the deployment of advanced and effective NG 9–1–1 services across the nation.

Throughout the years, Carla worked tirelessly to help the Caucus raise awareness of 9–1–1, develop and pass legislation to support the transition to NG 9–1–1, and make 9–1–1 a national priority. No one in our country did more to promote 9–1–1 education. Carla was instrumental in creating a coalition of national public safety and industry organizations to come together to promote 9–1–1 education.

Carla's dedication and enthusiasm to advance 9–1–1 and promote public safety was unmatched. Her impact has been felt not only throughout the United States, but internationally as well. Her smile and positive demeanor brought cheer and enthusiasm to everyone she touched and she will be missed by all those who have had the privilege of working with her. The 9–1–1 community has lost one of its greatest and most prominent champions.

Carla will forever be remembered as a devoted wife to her husband Tracy Anderson and extraordinary mother to their two beautiful sons, Brandon and Andrew. Her memory will always be cherished by her parents and bring joy to her siblings Kurt Albers, Scott Albers, Jeff Albers and Karen Thomas.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Carla Anderson. As Co-Chair of the Congressional NextGen 9–1–1 Caucus, I'm very proud and grateful to have had the opportunity to know and work with Carla. She took on every cause with a passion—whether it was cheering on the Center Wildcats basketball team, volunteering as the community photographer, or leading the charge on 9–1–1 education. Her untimely death is a loss not only for her family but to the entire Congress, the public safety community and our nation.

AMENDMENT NO. 77 TO H.R. 2397,
FY14 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

HON. JIM BRIDENSTINE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Mr. BRIDENSTINE. Mr. Speaker, the House passed H.R. 2397, Fiscal Year 2014 Department of Defense Appropriations Act on July 24, 2013. My amendment, made in order as Amendment #77, was adopted by the House in En Bloc package number one offered by Mr. YOUNG of Florida. I want to be clear about the intent of this amendment. The amendment reduces the Defense-wide Operations and Maintenance account by \$11 million and re-allocates \$10 million split evenly between Army and Air National O&M accounts for National Guard State Partnership Program (SPP) activities. Specifically, this amendment would reduce the lowest priority internal media activities within the Defense Media Activity (DMA)

Operations and Maintenance account. The Department should not apply this reduction to DMA overseas media activities. My intent is that the increases in Army and Air National Guard O&M accounts specifically fund the National Guard State Partnership Program.

I would like to thank my colleagues, Ms. BORDALLO and Mr. WILSON, for co-sponsoring this amendment. These two members are champions of the National Guard and its security cooperation programs. The BORDALLO-WILSON bill, H.R. 641, codified SPP in statute and became Section 1204 of this year's House-passed National Defense Authorization Act.

The State Partnership Program is a vital component of the DOD's security cooperation mission. In contrast, Defense Media Activity includes numerous "nice to have" activities such as the Pentagon Channel and all of those glossy brochures that fill our in-boxes during budget season. This very modest funding readjustment signals Congress's commitment to fully leveraging SPP as a security cooperation tool. SPP is particularly important given the budget cuts to active duty deployed forces that will be less able to fulfill these requirements.

SPP is a DOD security cooperation program run by the National Guard that links state and territorial National Guards to military and civilian personnel in 70 partner nations. Almost every state and territory participates in SPP. In my state of Oklahoma, our National Guard has developed a robust relationship with Azerbaijan, a country increasingly important to energy security in Europe and Israel.

Unlike some security cooperation programs, SPP is not a "talking shop" where nothing of substance takes place. Typical SPP missions include:

1. Subject matter expert exchanges
2. Demonstration and training of certain capabilities and technologies
3. Senior leader visits; and
4. Mentor and liaison teams in which National Guardsmen actually embed with partner personnel on operations.

In times of budget cuts and sequestration, regional combatant commanders will reduce active duty participation in theater security cooperation activities. SPP can help plug this hole in support of joint COCOM and Chief of Mission objectives. No activities can occur without the joint approval of the COCOM and Chief of Mission. The types of activities eligible for funding are limited to those within the National Guard's core competencies.

By using the National Guard, SPP adds value in ways that, frankly, active duty forces cannot match. SPP brings three unique attributes to the table. First, SPP creates enduring relationships between particular individuals over the course of careers. Some National Guard and foreign military personnel have literally been training with each other for over two decades. As a Navy pilot, I can tell you that trust is indispensable in terms of fighting shoulder-to-shoulder with allied forces. Trust is built through constantly engaging with our allies and friends.

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Second, the National Guard's dual-status gives it expertise in certain operations that partner nations must execute regularly. Our National Guardsmen are experts in disaster relief, border security, search and rescue, and civil disorder operations, among other operations. Finally, SPP brings our states and territories into security cooperation and provide conduits for developing non-security relationships such as strengthening economic or educational exchanges.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud of the work the Oklahoma National Guard has done working with Azerbaijan. My amendment is a modest step toward properly funding this vital program.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF BOBBY & SHIRLEY STALLINGS

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate dear friends and neighbors of mine, Bobby and Shirley Stallings, and celebrate with them on a very special occasion. On June 20, 2013, Bobby and Shirley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bobby and Shirley were married on June 20, 1963, by Chaplain Jolly at McCoy Air Force Base in Central Florida. They spent the beginning of their marriage in Salina, Kansas on Schilling Air Force Base where Bobby was stationed working on Atlas missiles in underground silos. While stationed in Kansas, Shirley went back to high school to earn her diploma and worked part time. Upon the completion of his service in the U.S. Air Force, Bobby went to work at Kennedy Space Center for North American Rockwell until 1969 when Mission Apollo 11 landed the first humans on the moon. Saving every penny possible in order to start their first business, Bobby and Shirley opened a child care center to help educate and prepare children for the future.

Bobby and Shirley have been abundantly blessed with a wonderful family and many friends. They are the parents of a son and daughter, and grandparents of two granddaughters. In addition, Bobby and Shirley remain in touch with many of the children they provided care for at their child care center.

Their dedicated service to their community and country is to be admired. I would like to congratulate them both for all of their accomplishments during their marriage, and in particular, thank them for all the sacrifices made while Bobby served in our nation's military.

Marriage and strong families are indispensable contributors to the prosperity of our nation. On behalf of the people of Central Florida, I am honored to recognize Bobby and Shirley for their testament of loyalty and faithfulness to one another and their family. I offer my sincerest congratulations to them for 50 years of marriage, and may God continue to bless them and their family in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, on the Legislative Day of July 24, 2013, a series of votes was held. Had I been present for these roll call votes, I would have cast the following votes:

rollcall 399—I vote “nay.”
rollcall 400—I vote “no.”
rollcall 401—I vote “no.”
rollcall 402—I vote “no.”
rollcall 403—I vote “no.”
rollcall 404—I vote “no.”
rollcall 405—I vote “no.”
rollcall 406—I vote “aye.”
rollcall 407—I vote “aye.”
rollcall 408—I vote “aye.”
rollcall 409—I vote “aye.”
rollcall 410—I vote “no.”
rollcall 411—I vote “aye.”
rollcall 412—I vote “no.”
rollcall 413—I vote “aye.”
rollcall 414—I vote “yea.”

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Chair, I'd like to use my time to say thank you to the House and all of the Members who participated in some vigorous debate, for having conducted the affairs of the House in a most professional way, proving to our constituents that we can work things out and that we can work together.

I just want to say thank you to my colleague from Indiana Mr. VISCLOSKEY, who is handling the minority leadership on this bill for the first time. I think he deserves a lot of credit and a lot of applause for the good job that he did in keeping this schedule on track.

PETER, thank you very much.

While it seems a long time ago, it was only Monday night that we finally received the 100 amendments that would be filed and considered during the debate. We had to analyze those amendments by Tuesday—yesterday—so that we could begin the debate on this bill. Our staff did an outstanding job in working late into the night Monday night analyzing these amendments so that we could consider where we would be on those amendments.

Our staff is led by Tom McLemore as staff director and Paul Juola in a similar position for Mr. Viscloskey. The other members of the staff are Becky Leggieri, Brooke Boyer, Ann Reese, Megan Rosenbusch, Tim Prince, Walter Hearne, B.G. Wright, Paul Terry, Maureen Holohan, Jennifer Miller, Adrienne Ramsay, and Sherry Young. They are a most profes-

sional staff and it is hard to find any better team of staff members than those that I just mentioned.

Finally, I want to thank my good friend and strong supporter, the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, for all his help during the process of managing our bill this week. His dedication to the subcommittee is invaluable, and I sincerely appreciate his friendship and his assistance in managing the bill. Similarly, I would like to thank the gentleman from California, Mr. CALVERT, and the gentleman from Arkansas, Mr. WOMACK, for their assistance in this process. I have said on more than one occasion that we have a great group of members on our subcommittee who are dedicated to providing for the needs of our national security and for the men and women who wear the uniform in defense our freedom. The special efforts this week of the members of our subcommittee, and in particular the members I mentioned are clear proof of that.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE REPRESENTATIVE JERRY CHARLES DOCKHAM

HONORABLE RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, North Carolina state representative Jerry Dockham has been a public servant of Davidson County for 23 years. Appointed to the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1990, Representative Dockham was continuously elected to serve 12.5 terms to represent the 80th District in the NC House.

A business graduate of Wake Forest University, Jerry operated an insurance company in his hometown of Denton, North Carolina for 38 years.

During his time in the North Carolina House, Jerry served as Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Banking and a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Commerce and Job Development. Representative Dockham was consistently ranked in the top 10% of House legislators by the North Carolina Free Enterprise Foundation. He has received numerous awards, such as, 'Legislator of the Year' by the North Carolina Society of Anesthesiologists and the 'Emergency Medicine Advocate of the Year Award' by the North Carolina College of Emergency Physicians.

The husband of a teacher assistant, Representative Dockham has served on the Davidson County Community College Board of Trustees for 26 years. Jerry is an active member of his community, serving as a member of the Thomasville Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Denton Lions Club. He and his wife, Louise, are the proud parents of Andy and Matthew.

In his farewell speech on the floor of the North Carolina House, Representative Dockham left his colleagues with these words of advice: "I would just leave you with two requests. First of all, always honor this chamber. Always honor the House of Representatives and what it stands for. This is the People's House. And secondly, I would ask you this: always be kind to each other. We're down here,