

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF NEW YORK'S HUD- SON VALLEY HONOR FLIGHT

HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 98 World War II veterans of the third Hudson Valley Honor Flight, who are traveling to our nation's capital and seeing the memorials that stand as a tribute to their selfless service for the first time.

Because of these Honor Flights, 98,500 veterans since 2005 have had the chance to see our national monument to their service. As a son of a Navy veteran, it is a tremendous honor for me to welcome these American heroes to Washington, and I am proud to see them off in recognition of their service to our nation.

We owe these brave veterans a debt of gratitude. They stood in defense of our freedoms and the freedoms of those around the world. Their sacrifice made our country and the world a safer place. Our nation can never fully repay our veterans for their service, but we can continue to honor all the brave veterans who fought for our country and the many who gave their lives in defense of our way of life.

Mr. Speaker, today we should honor the sacrifices of these 98 courageous veterans from the Hudson Valley who bravely stood up in defense of our freedoms. Please join me in thanking these American veterans for their tremendous service to an eternally grateful nation.

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS DAY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, Alzheimer's disease has risen to a global crisis, as approximately 36 million people are living with dementia worldwide and someone new develops dementia every four seconds. September 21 is Alzheimer's Awareness Day, a day to renew our commitment to change the course of this debilitating disease. Alzheimer's has afflicted millions of Americans, with millions more expected to be affected in the future. While awareness of the disease has increased because of campaigns such as World Alzheimer's Month and Awareness Day, there is more to be done to increase public awareness, as well as providing more funding for research and public education. This disease also impacts families, with more than 15 million Americans providing unpaid care for a person with Alzheimer's or other dementia. And 17.4 billion hours of care are valued at

more than \$200 billion. And so we acknowledge the need for a commitment to this disease as we recognize September 21, 2013 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day.

SACRED HEART REHABILITATION CENTER'S AIDS CARE PROGRAM

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating and recognizing the 25th anniversary of Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center's AIDS Care Program.

Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center is located in the Fifth Congressional District. For 25 years, the rehabilitation center has provided mid-Michigan residents with free and confidential HIV/AIDS services, and I ask the 113th Congress to join me in recognizing them for their hard work and dedication.

In September 1988, Sacred Heart's AIDS Care Program had humble beginnings with only one volunteer and one client. 25 years later, they have 11 professional staff that provides care at no cost to the community.

Thanks to the Ryan White Federal Care Act, the annual AIDS Walk Great Lakes Bay Region, and United Way of Bay County, Sacred Heart is able to provide free and confidential care case management, housing assistance, monthly client support groups, patient navigation, client emergency funds, substance abuse and mental health treatment. Lastly, Sacred Heart provides HIV prevention education and HIV testing at several locations in our district.

Since its beginning in 2005, the donors, sponsors, volunteers and staff of Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center—through AIDS Walk Great Lakes Bay Region—have raised nearly \$400,000 to support the AIDS Care Program, making it the largest AIDS Walk among the AIDS Walk Michigan cities. Additionally, Sacred Heart is deeply honored to host Olympic Gold Champion Greg Louganis who has so courageously lived with HIV for 25 years. He is a true inspiration to so many people and is the keynote speaker for the 25th Anniversary celebration and will be participating in the Great Lakes Bay Region's AIDS Walk.

The services provided by Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center greatly benefits Michigan and the Fifth Congressional District. I offer this CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to honor the 25th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center's HIV/AIDS Care Program.

RESTORING HEALTHY FORESTS FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1526) to restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1526. While I support efforts to find consistent funding for rural schools, this bill goes too far, increasing logging to unsustainable levels and undermining the existing environmental laws that protect our public lands.

H.R. 1526 creates "timber production zones" in every national forest that must meet timber volume targets set at half of what the forest grows each year. Ultimately, this would require logging and road building in currently protected, roadless areas and would limit public input and scientific and judicial review. The bill also creates an expedited environmental review process for governor-designated "high risk areas," that could open roadless areas to grazing and timber harvests. Finally, the bill authorizes "community forest designation areas" that devolve forest management from the federal government to state boards. This would reverse 100 years of forest management precedent and limit or eliminate access for recreation, hunting, and fishing.

Our national forests are a public resource and must be sustainably managed for generations to come. Today's bill would undermine that mission, and I urge a no vote.

NUTRITION REFORM AND WORK OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. YVETTE D. CLARK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2013

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to voice my opposition to H.R. 3102, the Nutrition Reform and Work Opportunity Act of 2013, which calls for \$40 billion in cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as the SNAP program. This program currently provides food assistance to a total of 47 million Americans, 3.1 million of which are New Yorkers. Without SNAP, these recipients would not have access to one of our most basic human needs—food.

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Four to six million low income Americans, including low income children, seniors, and the disabled, will lose their food assistance as a result of these cuts. These cuts would come in addition to a benefit cut already scheduled to take place in November.

The SNAP program is a promise our government made to Americans to ensure there would be assistance for both the working poor and those individuals out of work—including parents and their children—so they can afford food. It also helps low income working families whose wages are not sufficient to make ends meet.

I am particularly concerned about the negative impact the cuts will have on the nutritional needs of children. If children go to school hungry and malnourished, learning becomes even more difficult. The worst possible thing we could do is deny healthy meals to needy children at a time when they need all the help they can get to succeed in the classroom and begin to build productive lives.

We have seen in recent years that families continue to face a shortage of jobs or are being paid wages too low to lift them out of poverty. This legislation does nothing to help this group of Americans and will lead to even greater costs in the long run.

One thing we should all remember is that increasing hunger is not the answer to reducing the deficit.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICERS AND THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOUSE AND RECIPIENTS OF THE HOUSE EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, Ranking Member ROBERT BRADY and I rise today to congratulate and recognize the outstanding employees of the Officers (Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms, and Chief Administrative Officer) and the Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives who have reached the milestone of 25 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the recipients of the House Employee Excellence Award.

The House's most important asset is its dedicated and exceptional employees, whose work, which is often behind the scenes, is vital in keeping the operations and services of the House running smoothly and efficiently. The employees we recognize today are acknowledged and commended for their hard work, dedication, professionalism, support of House Members and their staffs and constituents, and for their contributions day-in and day-out to the overall operations of the House. These employees have a wide range of responsibilities and skills that support the legislative process, ensure the security of the institution, maintain our technology and service infrastructure, and contribute to a more effective and efficiently operating House support structure. They have accomplished many great things in a wide range of activities, and the House of

Representatives and its Members, staff, and the general public are better served because of them.

We recognize and honor the individuals named below for 25 years of dedicated service to the House. Collectively, this group has provided three hundred twenty-five (325) years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives:

Roger Addison—Office of the Clerk; Camilla S. Arthur—Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Troy D. Buckler—Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Susan Greenlee-Lowe—Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Karen L. Haas—Office of the Clerk; Kerri L. Hanley—Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Denine Hobbs—Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; James Jenkins—Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; James J. Kaelin—Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Regina A. Schmitt—Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Mark W. Thompson—Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Andrea L. Weadon—Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Laura B. Whitaker—Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

We also recognize and congratulate four House employees for receiving the Employee Excellence Award. This is a merit-based award, given to one employee from each House Officer organization, and the Office of Inspector General. Selected employees exhibited outstanding overall job performance and displayed a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty for their organization throughout the last year. We honor the individuals named below for receiving this prestigious award:

Douglas J. Carney—Office of Inspector General; Karen A. McKinstry—Office of the Clerk; Anthony L. Titus, Jr.—Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Robert T. Turney—Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

On behalf of the entire House community, I extend our congratulations and once again recognize and thank these employees for their professionalism and commitment to the U.S. House of Representatives as a whole, and in particular to their respective House Officers and the Inspector General. Their long hours and hard work are invaluable, and their years of unwavering service, dedication, and commitment to the House set an example for their colleagues and other employees who will follow in their footsteps. I celebrate our honorees, and I am proud to stand before you and the nation on their behalf to recognize the importance of their public service.

HONORING: LST-325

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the homecoming of the WWII naval vessel, the LST-325, to Evansville, Indiana. The Evansville shipyard has a proud history of manufacturing Landing Ship, Tank vessels for use in WWII. These ships were designed to land battle ready tanks, vehicles, soldiers, and supplies directly onto enemy beaches.

The LST-325 was launched on Oct. 27, 1942 and commissioned on February 1, 1943,

and, most notably, participated in D-Day at Omaha Beach, Normandy.

Today, I am honored to welcome home such an important piece of American history. The LST-325 has been a part of the Evansville community for the past eight years, and we look forward to welcoming it home for many years to come.

Boulder Crest Retreat for Wounded Warriors

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, I had the privilege of attending the opening of the Boulder Crest Retreat in Bluemont, Virginia.

At the opening, I was joined by dozens of Wounded Warriors, including two wounded skydivers who jumped in with an American flag, 1000 spectators, 100 volunteers and senior military officials, including Admiral James Winnefeld, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

This new facility will provide our nation's Wounded Warriors and their loved ones a place to get away from hospitals and rehab centers and reconnect as families. The 37-acre retreat is nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains nearly 55 miles from Washington and the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

In addition to beautiful cabins to accommodate guests and a lodge where families can gather together, Boulder Crest offers extensive outdoor amenities, recreational programs and healing activities. Some of these activities include archery, nature walks and fishing as well as yoga, meditation and canine and equine assistance therapy.

I want to congratulate Retired Navy Master Chief Ken Falke and his wife Julia who came up with the idea for the retreat after many visits to Walter Reed. The Falke's donated the property and have worked tirelessly for nearly three years to make the retreat a reality. I also commend the volunteers and donors for their efforts on behalf of this notable cause.

I am proud to have this remarkable facility in my congressional district and I submit the following American Forces Press Service article on the opening of Boulder Crest Retreat.

[From the American Forces Press Service, Bluemont, Va., Sept. 6, 2013]

VICE CHAIRMAN JOINS IN OPENING WOUNDED WARRIOR RETREAT
(By Amaani Lyle)

BLUEMONT, VA.—On a sprawling, tree-framed landscape, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff joined about 400 guests today for the official grand opening of Boulder Crest Retreat for seriously wounded service members, veterans and their families.

Navy Adm. James A. Winnefeld Jr. commended retired Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Ken Falke and his wife, Julia, who donated the land and realized their vision of providing free use of a lodge, cabins, activities and programs that provide respite and aid in reconnection, recovery and rehabilitation.

"As more than 12 years of war come to a close for the magnificent men and women who have been fighting it, our collective obligation to take care of them will not end,"