

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF WORLD WAR II VETERANS LT. LARRY CRANDELL, COL. JAMES PATILLO, STAFF SGT. JACK PATTERSON AND LT. BOB SCOTT

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize World War II Veterans Lt. Larry Crandell, Col. James Patillo, Staff Sgt. Jack Patterson and Lt. Bob Scott from the 24th Congressional District.

Last week, these veterans were recognized for their service to our country at the luncheon and symposium "70 Years On . . . Celebrating the 'Bomber Boys' of World War II" presented in collaboration by the Pierre Claeysens Veterans Museum and the Channel City Club & Committee on Foreign Relations in Santa Barbara, California.

The stories these men shared at this event are an important contribution to our country's rich oral history and will serve to edify younger generations in our local community and across the nation. Their narratives are critical in creating a bond of gratitude and respect between the Greatest Generation and its descendants.

I join my Central Coast neighbors and colleagues in recognizing these exemplary individuals. These men and their stories of service are esteemed and cherished by the members of our community.

I extend my deepest gratitude to them for their willingness to share their experiences and for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our country.

CYBER INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 624) to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes:

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Chair, I rise in reluctant opposition to the bill. It is imperative that Congress take substantial action to bolster cybersecurity. The last major cyber bill to become law was the Federal Information Security Management Act in 2002, which was generations ago in the technology realm.

I would very much like to support legislation that would bolster our defenses and improve information sharing. But CISPA falls short of taking the necessary steps to protect our computer and communications networks.

Public and private sector networks are constantly bombarded by cyber attacks. Instead of

compelling those administering critical infrastructure to share information that would mitigate the consequences of those attacks, the bill sets up a voluntary framework that provides liability protections regardless of whether or not a business or operator of critical infrastructure provides the government with any information. I cannot support a bill that provides immunity to those who fail to take reasonable measures to protect networks.

Additionally, the bill does not require the private sector to remove irrelevant personal information before sharing information with the government and between private businesses. Government agencies receiving information from the private sector should not be given personally identifiable information that is of no security value. Yet, amendments to prevent this practice, which raises serious privacy concerns, were defeated in committee and prevented from being offered on the House floor.

In February, President Obama issued an executive order expanding information-sharing from the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice to private sector operators of critical infrastructure. It is important that Congress take action to expand upon the executive order to better protect our networks. Unfortunately, CISPA would not adequately protect our cyber networks, and privacy concerns remain in this legislation.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance improved cybersecurity legislation.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NIKOLAS WOLFORD ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Nikolas Wolford of Van Wert, Ohio has accepted an offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Nikolas' offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our Nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Nikolas brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Van Wert High School in Van Wert, Ohio, Nikolas was on the Honor Roll and earned Academic Letters and Scholar Athlete awards each of his 4 years.

Throughout high school, Nikolas was a member of his school's football and basketball

teams and earned varsity letters in both sports. He was also captain of the football team his senior year. In addition, Nikolas was a member of the German Club, Beta Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I am confident that Nikolas will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Nikolas Wolford on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Nikolas will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

HONORING JUDITH FRAZIER-THOMPSON

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and influential career of Judith Frazier-Thompson as she retires after 45 years of Federal service, with 40 of them years spent at the Congressional Research Service.

Judith was born and raised in Washington, D.C., and graduated from Eastern High School in 1967. While in high school, she began her service to the local government working part-time for the District of Columbia Recreation Department. While an undergraduate at Howard University, Judith worked part-time for the Library of Congress, variously as an order clerk, deck attendant and issue desk assistant. During that time she met and came to know the author Alex Haley, who frequently used the Library of Congress for research. After graduating from Howard University in 1973, she accepted a full-time position working for the Congressional Research Service, where she has worked ever since. Judith began pursuing a Masters Degree from the University of Maryland at College Park while rising through the ranks at the Library of Congress, where she was accepted into the CRS Crossover Program.

During her tenure in the Congressional Research Service, Judith has worked closely with the House of Representatives, assisting Members and staff with all manner of tasks. She has worked on the Government and Law Team of the Congressional Research Division, helping various organizations perform research on such issues as voting rights, and campaign finance reform. Through her years of dedication, Judith has been recognized for her work with many awards, including numerous Library of Congress Special Achievement Awards, and a Congressional Research Employees Association Presidential Certificate of Merit.

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Judith plans to retire from her current position as a liaison between the CRS and the House of Representatives on May 3, 2013, and hopes to spend more time with her husband golfing and traveling.

I am honored to pay tribute today to Judith Frazier-Thompson and her long and distinguished career in service to his great Nation. She will be greatly missed on Capitol Hill, and I join in wishing her the best in her retirement.

PROTECTING ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY AND COST EFFECTIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES

HON. MARK E. AMODEI

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. AMODEI. Mr. Speaker, true healthcare reform will lower costs, improve care, provide greater patient choice, and increase access to care for all Americans. Congress missed an opportunity in 2010 to achieve these goals in the extensive legislation enacted by Democrats. As a result, we must go back to the drawing board and consider real options to address the rising costs in our healthcare system. As we pursue these goals, we should look to solutions that have already been effective in reducing costs and meeting the needs of patients.

Skilled home healthcare is one example of the type of effective care that Congress should protect. In 1972, the US Department of Veterans Affairs established the Home Based Primary Care Program (HBPC) in order to meet the needs of its growing population of chronically ill veterans. This program established a novel and creative model of care for the VA's growing population of chronically ill Veterans—providing skilled and high quality care to these patients, and promoting their independence by providing this care to patients in their own homes.

The results of this program have been remarkable. Studies show that this program has provided high quality care and resulted in great satisfaction among patients. What is truly impressive, though, is that this program resulted in a substantial reduction in nursing home stays and hospitalizations for its program participants. The HBPC has achieved a 62 percent reduction in inpatient hospital days and an 88 percent reduction in nursing home days, achieving a 24 percent REDUCTION IN TOTAL COSTS.

I am not aware of any reform to our healthcare system or to Medicare that has ever achieved similar results. We must reform the Medicare program because it is not solvent in its current form, and will reach insolvency by 2024. As we consider reform to the Medicare program, I believe that we should be incentivizing cost-effective and high quality services that show results. I urge my colleagues to look to the success of the HBPC at the Veterans Administration as a possible model for how Medicare can provide high quality care and lower costs.

Forty years of data from the HBPC program proves that many medical treatments that were once offered only in a hospital or a physician's office are now being safely, effectively, and much more cost-efficiently provided in patients' homes. These services are typically

less expensive, more convenient, and as effective as care provided in a hospital or skilled nursing facility. The success of the Home Based Primary Care program at the VA is evidence that skilled home healthcare not only is good for seniors, but also good for taxpayers. Mr. Speaker, skilled home healthcare is an asset that we need to fully utilize in order to further reduce costs in our Nation's healthcare system. As Congress works to improve our healthcare delivery system, we should avoid changes to the Medicare program that would limit patient access to proven and cost effective services like skilled home healthcare.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT'S CUESTA COLLEGE

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the San Luis Obispo County Community College District's Cuesta College.

On April 16, 1963, the San Luis Obispo Community College District was established by local voters to serve the residents of the Central Coast. Its first classes were provided in 1964, and it became a fully operational campus and was given the name Cuesta College in 1965. Ground was broken for Cuesta's first permanent buildings in 1970, and since that time, the San Luis Obispo campus has flourished into a high-quality, well-equipped and dynamic institution of higher learning.

Cuesta College expanded to include a North County Campus in Paso Robles in 1998 and now offers off-campus evening instruction at its South County Center in Arroyo Grande. In addition to its academic course offerings, Cuesta provides technical, vocational, and continuing education programs to better serve a variety of students throughout the county. Cuesta College now serves more than 11,000 students among all its campuses.

Cuesta College is a source of great pride for San Luis Obispo County and the entire Central Coast. I commend its faculty, administration and other teaching staff for their commitment to excellence and dedication to the students they serve.

Today, I congratulate Cuesta on 50 successful years in providing high-quality educational resources to Central Coast students. I am honored to represent such an esteemed institution and look forward to seeing the important and innovative resources Cuesta will continue to provide to our local students in the years to come.

HONORING GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FOR THEIR DECISION TO SERVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 117 high school seniors and

members of the JROTC from the Treasure Coast and Palm Beaches for their commendable decision to enlist in the United States Armed Forces. Of these 117 enlistees, 71 are Army enlistees, 12 are Navy enlistees, 21 are Marine Corps enlistees, and 13 are Air Force enlistees. These young men and women have shown bravery and courage in their dedication to defend our country. It is important they know that they have the full support of the United States House of Representatives and the American people. It is the dedication of these individuals which reminds us that though diverse problems may lie ahead, the United States remains a shining example of strength and freedom in an often divided world.

The service of these young men and women must not go unrecognized. I want to personally thank these 117 local graduating seniors for their selflessness and commitment to our Nation by naming them here today: Charles Ballard, Joshua Blair, Colin Cervinsky, Kyle Crouch, Tyler Stone, Christopher Wentz, Johan Yardan, Frank Fuggetta, Mikayla Sulzer, Rodrigo Chong, Ricardo Ortega, Cory Dougherty, Joseph Evens, Robert Oliver, Kalib Perkins, Nathan White, Romahd Holman, Oscar Caceres, Cody Clendenin, Vanessa Dorrington, Miranda Egan, Samuel Hsu, Troy Macmillan, Kyle Schenck, Anthony Tate, Michael Vanderburg, Tyler Wahl, Holsinger Kauffman, Alexander Lugo, Kyle Noel, Colton Picazio, Thomas Burns, Kyle Hale, Christien Lashinsky, John Sawtell, Andrew Schwier, Brittany Block, Irving Cintron, Randy Fernandez, Kevin Gama, Michell Holsinger, Michael Masters, Nicholas Morris, Delgado Ojeda, Anthony Rodriguez, Venezya Synakorn, Ronald Ferreira, Antoinette Johnson, Dyonn Lawrence, Delvaughn Marshall, Christian Prados, Traveon Stewart, Victoria Faulkner, Amanda Parsons, Scarlet Maldonado, Hayde Mickley, Cody Ehrlund, Justin Thomas, Sergio Duque, Dominic Gardner, Yesenia Munoz, Audrey Wila, Lion Rojo, Meaghan Parish, Aaron Humyn, Brian Borgman, Joseph Riggio, Helena Thompson, Jairo Herrera, Nathan Smith, Shawn Gaines, Taphawah Thompson, Carlos Cabrera, Andres Chajud, Bradley Harpster, Matthew Cancino, Richard Jean Baptiste, Austin Mena, Matthew Cancino, Dany Salazar, Austin Sullivan, Juan Pepper, Julian Vazquez, Issac Velasquez, Matthew Colson, Kelsey Canapary, Connor John O'Donnell, Bryan Keoskie, Joseph Mazza, Anthony Armeli, Jamie Miller, Elena Jovanov, Shamsiddine El-Nil, Daniel Rubino, Deanne Collins, Yoshpal Harrow, Andrew Mills, Justin Kaufman, James Dixon, Cadlynnne Dunhill, David Quintero, Dontrail Durden, Zachary Mccourt, Francisco Bacilio, Shvon Brijnath, Christopher Lopresti, Marcos Pinon, Zachary Porter, Breyer Bullock, Luis Damian, Katrina Williams, Shaklia Housen, Alex Slusher, Aaliyah Jackson, Ameen Sardar, Jason Audette, and Henry Paulk III. All will be recognized on May 9th at the Our Community Salutes event in Palm Beach Gardens.

These young men and women have shown bravery and courage in their dedication to defend our country. It is important they know that they have the full support of the United States House of Representatives and the American people. It is the dedication of these individuals which reminds us that though diverse problems may lie ahead, the United States remains a shining example of strength and freedom in an often divided world.