

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING COLONEL JASON Q. BOHM FOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES AS DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSE MARINE LIAISON OFFICE

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2013

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Colonel Jason Q. Bohm for the diligent and professional support he provided during his tenure as Director, Marine Corps Liaison Office to the United States House of Representatives. My staff and I have been fortunate to work with Jason over the last two years on various projects, but I want to highlight two specific issues.

Soon after Jason started in the liaison office in July 2011, he approached my office with ideas to improve the visibility of the annual Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive on the Hill. For the last two Christmases, we have been fortunate to have the conclusion of the drive end in my office and coincide with the annual U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and reception. This has allowed the House community of Members, staff, and guests to interact with local military families and to be active participants in the spirit of generosity and giving during the Christmas season.

In addition, Jason's team was instrumental in the successful Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for the Montford Point Marines. The ceremony was a moving and fitting tribute to the honor, perseverance, and patriotism of the Marines who defied prejudice, hardship, and inequality to serve their country, and it was a timely and important reminder for all Americans that our freedom and values depend on those who are still answering the call to serve in dangerous places around the world, far from their families and loved ones.

I was personally able to get to know Jason during my January 2012 economic mission to Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico. The objectives of our delegation's visits to these nations were achieved successfully in part because of Jason's excellent work. I wish him and his lovely wife, Sonja, and their children, Ashley, Ethan, and Emily, the very best as Jason prepares to take command out in California. *Semper Fi*, Jason.

REPEAL OF PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 45—To Repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the

Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. This legislation would completely repeal the Affordable Care Act, which was signed into law in 2010 and was declared constitutionally sound by the U.S. Supreme Court last year. The Affordable Care Act extends healthcare coverage to all Americans regardless of their gender, health condition or ability to pay.

It is a disgrace that this country, which is the wealthiest country in the world, denies universal healthcare coverage to its citizens. Repealing the Affordable Care Act will allow this disgrace to continue.

The Affordable Care Act is a good law. Because of the Affordable Care Act, Americans now have access to a wide variety of free preventive services; insurers can no longer drop women from coverage when they become pregnant; Medicare is stronger due to some of the cost savings and other provisions in the act; Seniors are paying less for prescription drugs; Americans no longer face lifetime limits on care; and families are receiving rebates from insurance companies, when they unfairly inflate their costs.

In fact, thousands of people in my district, the 9th Congressional District of Brooklyn, New York, are already benefiting from the Affordable Care Act. An analysis done in March of 2012 showed that the health care reform law had already:

Provided 390 small businesses in my district with tax credits to help maintain or expand health care coverage for their employees;

Provided 5,100 young adults in my district with access to health insurance coverage under their parents' insurance plan;

Provided Medicare preventive services, at no costs to the patient, for 46,000 seniors in the district;

And, provided \$2.5 million in public health grants for community health centers, hospitals, doctors, and other healthcare providers in the district to improve the community's health.

I have always believed that healthcare is a fundamental right, not a privilege. And this is why I vehemently oppose H.R. 45—To Repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. It is wrong, and it is a step backwards for our country.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2013

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for one minute.

Mr. Speaker, just last month, the United States Senate failed to move forward on legislation supported by 90 percent of Americans to require a background check for the sale of any firearm.

But while the Senate may have missed its opportunity, those of us committed to gun violence prevention are not giving up.

Since the horrific massacre in Newtown, Connecticut, more than 4,100 American men, women and children have lost their lives in gun-related incidents.

These tragedies have grown all too common in America—with the victims eulogized in our newspapers, their families left to feel unbearable grief, and yet time after time Washington has failed to act on their behalf.

But as President Obama has said, "This time it must be different." The American people want commonsense gun violence prevention laws, and it's now up to those of us in Congress to find the political courage to make the will of the people the law of the land.

We owe it to the families of Newtown and gun violence victims across our country to finally come together, not as Democrats or Republicans, but as Americans committed to ensuring that we can live in a society free from gun violence.

CONGRATULATING THE BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2013

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Builders Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh (BAMP) on the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding.

A group of Pittsburgh-area home builders founded BAMP in 1938 to "protect and promote the interests of general contractors engaged in the construction industry." The organization continues to promote home ownership and the improvement of the residential building industry in Western Pennsylvania. Today, BAMP is nationally recognized for its work in advocacy, education, and community service.

BAMP represents nearly six hundred members today, including home builders, remodelers, trade contractors, suppliers, and licensed professionals. These small businesses support thousands of well-paying jobs for workers across Western Pennsylvania.

BAMP members are dedicated to and active in their communities. They have organized countless service projects and lent expertise, products, and services to build and improve homes for neighbors in need. BAMP has also sponsored National Association of Home Builders student chapters in eight local secondary-level career training centers to help young people prepare to enter the workforce.

Many of today's members are second-, third-, and even fourth-generation home builders and tradesmen. They are dedicated to their trade and take great pride in the work they do for customers in the same neighborhoods where they live and work.

Mr. Speaker, fellow members, please join me in congratulating the Builders Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh, an important part of

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our community and one of the oldest and most respected home builder associations in the nation, on the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COMMAND
SERGEANT MAJOR OLIVIA S.
WARNER FOR SERVICE TO OUR
NATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Sergeant Major Olivia S. Warner, United States Army. Sergeant Major Warner left behind her hometown of Chicago, Illinois as an energetic young patriot and entered the Armed Forces in October of 1984. Olivia has provided unsurpassed and remarkable professionalism and exponential value to her beloved Nation ever since; we are all humbled by her service and devotion.

Sergeant Major Warner began her career in 1984 as a paralegal specialist stationed in Germany. Her relentless work ethic and commitment to excellence has driven and led her to a position as a Drill Sergeants Instructor where her exemplary conduct could be used to mentor and train the future warriors of the United States Army for generations to come.

As Olivia progressed throughout her illustrious and decorated career, she has excelled in a plethora of positions requiring great depth and responsibility; this has included expertly advising and managing the careers of subordinate Soldiers as part of the Army Human Resource Command, as well as advising the Staff Judge Advocate for the United Nations; United States Forces Korea, and the historic 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) located at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Olivia has demonstrated a natural ability to work efficiently and effectively, all while articulately directing others through periods of substantial uncertainty and duress in the defense of our Nation; especially during the last 11 years of conflict—the hallmarks of a true leader. As a result of her exemplary efforts and personal attributes, Sergeant Major Olivia S. Warner was hand selected by the 14th Sergeant Major of the Army, Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III, to serve as his Congressional Legislative Assistant to both the United States House of Representatives and Senate. Sergeant Major Warner is the first Sergeant Major in the history of the Army to serve in this role and capacity.

Staying true to form, Sergeant Major Warner has done an incredible job representing the United States Army at the strategic level to Members of Congress, senior executives in business and government, and their professional staffs. As all good things surely come to an end, the time has come for Sergeant Major Warner to move on from Capitol Hill, as she has been selected to serve in the office of the Inspector General at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. As she departs Washington, DC she will be surrounded by her husband, Army Sergeant Major (Retired) Keithly Warner, and her two wonderful children Dominique and Keith. Olivia will bring to her new post an unparalleled talent and capability supported by a loving and balanced family—a shining example of

how the true strength of our Nation is built upon by the core professionalism of our Soldiers and their families.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPEFLYER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and to celebrate the upcoming launch of the new CapeFlyer train route between Boston and Cape Cod.

The CapeFlyer train will make its first scheduled trip between Boston's South Station and Cape Cod on May 24, 2013. Created under a partnership between the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA), the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), the CapeFlyer will be the first scheduled passenger rail service to reach the Cape since 1996, as well as the first to connect Cape Cod to Boston since the last train departed Boston's South Station at 5:34 p.m. on June 30, 1959. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day this summer, the train will run between Boston and the Cape every weekend, and will offer amenities to its passengers such as free Wi-Fi service, concessions, and bicycle storage. Customers will have their choice of disembarking at either the historic Buzzards Bay Train Station or Hyannis Transportation Center, with further options to connect to numerous other destinations throughout the Cape.

The introduction of the CapeFlyer train will enable even more Massachusetts residents and visitors to make the most of all that Cape Cod has to offer, from its idyllic beaches and outdoor activities to its fine dining and shopping centers. The availability of rail service as an alternate mode of transportation will allow summer tourism on Cape Cod to remain high while reducing traffic congestion, making travel throughout the Cape easier and lowering local carbon emissions. The benefits that the CapeFlyer will bring to the region are numerous and diverse, and I have no doubt that it will prove to be a popular method of reaching the Cape.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to recognize the CapeFlyer rail service upon its initial trip between Boston and Cape Cod, and I ask that my colleagues join me in welcoming this new rail line to the Massachusetts region.

CONGRATULATING MUIR OMNI
GRAPHICS ON 50 YEARS OF BUSI-
NESS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2013

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a business in my hometown of Peoria, Illinois that is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Muir Omni Graphics started as a small family-owned silkscreen printing business. Today, they provide decals and logos for some of America's most well-known corporations, including Caterpillar, Verizon, AT&T, and the Chicago Transit Authority.

Don Muir had a vision in 1963 when he started Muir Omni Graphics. He saw a trend developing, with companies moving from hand-lettered markings to printed decals on their trucks and machinery. His first customers were Caterpillar Tractor Co., Montgomery Ward, a garbage disposal company, and Grim Reapers Motorcycle Club. By 1971, Muir was printing over one million decals and emblems every year and was the largest producer between Chicago and St. Louis.

The late 1970s and early 1980s were a difficult time for many businesses, and for the City of Peoria. While many businesses closed their doors and people moved out of Peoria, giving rise to the phrase, "Will the last one to leave Peoria please turn out the lights," Muir developed new business models to continue serving their clients. They not only weathered the economic downturn, but they thrived and were there in Peoria to welcome everyone back when prosperity returned.

Today, the great strength of Muir is that it is still run as a family business, and that family attitude extends beyond the Muirs themselves to their 42 employees. Muir is currently in the process of transitioning the business to employee ownership, demonstrating the great trust and confidence they have in their employees' abilities and knowledge.

I am honored today to be able to recognize this company for their half-century of service in Central Illinois. While they provide superior products and customer service to their clients, the story of Muir in a larger sense is a profoundly American story. The idea that a family in Peoria, Illinois can start a business that will then grow to become a part of the community and a profitable enterprise with global reach is the very essence of the American Dream.

Muir is not only a business presence in Peoria, however. Andrew Muir, the president of the company, has given back to his community in a variety of ways. As a member of the Peoria Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors, Andrew works to improve and enhance public education in Peoria through classroom grants. These grants have been used to purchase new technology, fund after-school art programs, and institute a drum program for a primary school, among other things.

Under Andrew's leadership, Muir Omni Graphics sponsored the West Peoria Jamboree Family Fun Run, a community event that raises donations for the West Peoria Habitat for Humanity, West Peoria Volunteer Fire Department, Lion's Club and other organizations. Muir also donates wooden screen frames and kid-safe scrap products to local community art programs, allowing teachers to lead activities that encourage and stimulate creativity among their students. The company was awarded the Peoria County Recycling and Waste Reduction Award for their efforts to constructively reuse scraps and recycle unusable byproducts.

These examples of the community service Muir and its employees provide to Peoria are just the tip of the iceberg, but they are demonstrative of the philosophy of giving back that this extraordinary company exhibits.

I congratulate the team at Muir Omni Graphics for their sustained dedication to sound business practices and quality work. I am confident that the next 50 years will see more exciting developments from Muir and that they will continue to grow and thrive in Central Illinois. Businesses like Muir are what make