

Following 35 wonderful years at the helm, Ms. Raposa will retire as executive director to spend more time with family, while still remaining active with numerous Fall River institutions. Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Ms. Paula Raposa for over five decades of outstanding service to southeastern Massachusetts. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Ms. Raposa for her countless contributions.

NESQUEHONING HOSE CO. #1

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Nesquehoning Hose Co. #1 of the Borough of Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania.

Nesquehoning Hose Co. #1 was organized in 1908 and originally consisted of 50 members, a 1908 Mack truck, and a horse-drawn hose reel. Beginning in 1911, the fire company was housed at the corner of Center and School streets, also known as "Five Points". By 1930, the organization had grown to include 200 members and several more pieces of firefighting equipment, including a pumper and hose truck and a hook and ladder and chemical truck. In 1997, the company purchased a new building to house their equipment and ambulances.

Nesquehoning Hose Co. #1 has been instrumental in protecting the community from many devastating fires. The organization battled the fire at Heffelfinger Bakery in 1922, the blaze at the parochial school of the Sacred Heart Parish in 1929, the fire at the Kaijaya Pants Company Factory in 1953, and countless home fires throughout the years. The members of this company willingly risk their own safety to assure that the people of Nesquehoning are protected from destructive fires and other disasters.

Mr. Speaker, since 1908 Nesquehoning Hose Co. #1 has worked to protect the citizens of Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania. Therefore, I commend all the personnel who have served at this fire house and congratulate them on their newest piece of equipment, a 2012 KME 103" Aerial Cat Ladder Truck, which will surely aid them in their mission to defend the community from future fires and other disasters.

HONORING E. GORDON GEE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dr. E. Gordon Gee upon his retirement as president of The Ohio State University.

Expressing how much President Gee has meant to The Ohio State University and the many students and faculty who have benefitted from his unwavering commitment to higher education is an impossible task. As a graduate of Ohio State, as an admirer and as

a friend of this remarkable person, it gives me great pleasure to add my personal appreciation and commendation.

For over three decades, Dr. Gee has held more university presidencies than any other American. Prior to his resumption of the presidency of Ohio State on October 1, 2007, Gee was chancellor of Vanderbilt University from 2000 to 2007 and president of Brown University from 1998 to 2000, of Ohio State from 1990 to 1998, of the University of Colorado from 1985 to 1990, and of West Virginia University from 1981 to 1985. In 2010 Time magazine rated President Gee one of the top ten college presidents in the United States.

Upon his retirement, Dr. Gee will leave behind a legacy that will permeate throughout Ohio and across the country for years to come. While he is moving on to the next phase in his life, Dr. Gee will never stop doing what he loves: inspiring students and contributing to enhancing the quality of higher education.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I would like to wish Dr. Gee the best of luck and thank him for his devotion to Ohio State, the great state of Ohio and all of the communities that have benefitted from his invaluable contributions.

RECOGNIZING MIDSHIPMAN THIRD CLASS PATRICK LIEN

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize one of our Midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy. On May 20th, 2013, Patrick Lien was the first of his class to reach the top of the Herndon Monument during the legendary "Plebes No More" Ceremony.

Each year the freshman class, known as "plebes" at the Naval Academy, will work together to climb the Herndon Monument, which is a 21-foot tall granite pillar on the service academy's campus, and replace a plebe's "Dixie-Cup" hat with an upperclassman's combination cover at the top. This ceremony is conducted at the end of every academic year to represent the end of a plebe's year as the lowest rank at the Naval Academy. According to the Naval Academy legend, the first plebe to reach the top of the Herndon Monument will be the first in the class to rise to the rank of Admiral. The monument is usually greased with Crisco, which makes it decidedly more difficult for the plebes to accomplish the task. The Class of 2016 was able to accomplish the task in one hour, thirty-two minutes, and forty-three seconds.

Patrick's accomplishment is a testament to his perseverance, and commitment to his fellow Midshipmen. Both of these qualities are crucial components of an effective officer in our armed forces.

As Patrick continues to develop into a future military officer, I would like to thank him for his service to our country and for representing the great people of Central Florida at the prestigious United States Naval Academy. I also wish him well in his future academic, athletic and military pursuits.

The United States Naval Academy is fortunate to have such an outstanding midshipman

at their institution. I applaud Patrick Lien on his continued service at the United States Naval Academy and to the citizens of the United States of America. His commitment to excellence, leadership and service is to be admired, and may it inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Thursday, June 20th and missed Roll No. 282. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CELEBRATING VIOLA CONDO

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Viola Condo of West Palm Beach, Florida, who turns 100 years old on July 7, 2013.

Viola immigrated to this country from Italy in 1920, when she was 7 years old, and she has lived in the Sunshine Park Community of West Palm Beach since 1976. A member of Saint Juliana's Parish Church, Viola is active in the community. She still sings with the Church Choir. She has also knitted 526 children's sweaters for World Vision, an organization dedicated to reducing world poverty and hunger.

Viola is truly an exceptional woman whom I am proud to represent in Florida's 22nd District. I know I join with her friends and family in celebrating this wonderful milestone. I wish her good health and continued success in the coming year.

A TRIBUTE TO NORWOOD "WOODY" OLMSTED

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Congressional Liaison Specialist Norwood "Woody" Olmsted. Mr. Olmsted has served his country honorably through his 31 years with the USCIS and will bring his career to a close on June 28, 2013.

Originally a high school music teacher for 18 years, Woody began his career with the Immigration and Naturalization Service as an Immigration Inspector in Maine before being transferred to the Los Angeles International Airport. In Los Angeles he was ultimately promoted to managing the congressional unit for the district office until 1988 when he relocated to our nation's capital.

In his current role, Woody has assisted numerous high-profile and time sensitive requests with a renowned professionalism and

urgency. His deep knowledge for immigration laws and regulations has truly changed the lives of countless legal residents and naturalized citizens and his exemplary efforts have earned him numerous awards and accolades from Members of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, throughout his memorable career, Woody has never wavered in his commitment to serving his country. While Mr. Olmsted's expertise and experience are sure to be missed, he leaves behind a grateful nation and an excellent example of government service for which to strive. I wish Woody a long, happy and healthy retirement as he begins a new chapter in his life.

RECOGNIZING JALEN JOHNSON

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Jalen Johnson of Clermont, Florida, on his acceptance to attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in Washington, DC, this week.

The People to People Leadership Ambassadors program brings together middle and high school students from over 140 countries and offers unique, hands-on educational experiences that prepare students to assume the mantle of leadership in the future. While in Washington, DC, students will participate in daily educational activities constructed around a leadership development focused curriculum to assist students in identifying and applying their personal leadership style.

To be selected for a People to People World Leadership Forum, Jalen has demonstrated the requirements of academic excellence, leadership potential and exemplary citizenship. His commitment of his time and dedication to his education and future is outstanding. I wish the best for Jalen as he continues to apply his dedication toward even higher pursuits.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I am pleased to congratulate Jalen on his acceptance to a People to People World Leadership Forum this summer. May his hard work and steadfastness inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

CITIZENS RAISE AWARENESS OF GENOCIDE THROUGH THE ONE MILLION BONES DEMONSTRATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, residents from across the country participated in the One Million Bones demonstration on the National Mall to raise awareness about the acts of genocide and mass atrocities in Africa and the Middle East. Many of the participants visited with their respective Congressional offices, and I am pleased to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a statement on behalf of the Virginia constituents who met with staff from my office.

We the House of Representatives resolve that:

In support of the One Million Bones efforts to raise awareness of on-going genocides and mass atrocities in the world today;

Consistent with the UN's having defined genocide as "Any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial, or religious group, as such: killing members of the group; causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life, calculated to bring about physical destruction in whole or in part; imposing measures intended to prevent births within a group; [and] forcibly transferring children of the group to another group;"

In remembrance of the lives lost in past acts of genocide including the genocides in Nazi Germany, Rwanda, and Sudan in which:

The Holocaust was an act of genocide by Nazi Germany to eradicate Non-Aryan population during World War II in which 11 million people were killed;

The civil war in Rwanda from April 6, 1994, to July 16, 1994, in which acts of genocide were committed by extremist Hutus through the militia, the Interhamawe, and the government army against Tutsis, moderate Hutus, and the Twa in which over 1 million people were killed;

The events in Sudan from 2003 to present have involved acts of genocide by the Muslim Arab Sudanese against the Muslim black Sudanese through the Janjaweed militia and the Sudanese army in which 6 million people were killed before 2003 and since then an additional 400,000 have died.

Resolved that we—

1. view all human beings as equals no matter their nationality, ethnicity, race, or religion;

2. recognize these events as genocide and condemn them as such

3. urge all Members of Congress to condemn those responsible for the acts of genocide from occurring;

4. will continue to work with the One Million Bones project to educate all people on the horrors of genocide and to prevent any future acts of genocide from occurring

5. will take action through available means to prevent future acts of genocide from occurring.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BEACON FOR ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for the BEACON for Adult Literacy Program.

BEACON for Adult Literacy is an award-winning non-profit which has proudly served the adult literacy needs of the Northern Virginia community for 20 years. In its first year, BEACON served 30 learners; today BEACON serves over 400 adults a year who are seeking to improve their self-sufficiency and financial security through proficiency in English. Over 4,000 low-income non-native Americans have gained English-language literacy skills over the past two decades.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for the BEACON for Adult Literacy Program:

Joan Appleton-Costanza, Brenda Baldwin, Cathy Banks, Brian Bell, Misha Benjamin, Jada Booth, Jenna Booth, Robert Brown, Martisa Brown, Skip Brown, Cari Carter, Bonnie Cipriano, Bill Cratty, Corinne DeGrazia, Brion Elliott, Jeanne Endrikat, Andy Getachew, Angie Gilbert, Walter Godlewski, Sally Harrison, Henry Hastings, Pat Hodgdon, Sonya Jacobs, Sue Kang-Blosjo, Richard MacIntyre, Gary McCoy, Sheridan McGlothlin, Gary McGuire, Donna McNeally, Patrick McNeally, Bob Mechler, Martha Muirhead, Nancy Nelson, Cheryl Parrish, Ed Prendergast, Molly Rickard, Lianetta Ruettgers, Pat Russell, Rosanne Schubring, Talisha Shine, An Slaubaugh, Armena Springs, Robert Stinson, Gene Strausbaugh, Kelley Studholme, Ruth Thomas, Stephanie Timm, Cornelia Touzinsky, Bill Tyler, Rhonda Vanover, Venkat Viswanathan, Martha Walsh, Anne Walsh, Caroline Wilson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers of the BEACON for Adult Literacy Program and in thanking them for their dedication to literacy in our community.

H.R. 1960—NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply disappointed that I must rise in opposition to H.R. 1960, the FY14 Defense Authorization Act. America's men and women in uniform deserve, and Congress must pass, legislation that provides them with the resources they need to preserve our national security. Unfortunately, this bill does not reflect the range of 21st-Century threats the United States must prepare for, nor does it reflect the urgent fiscal crisis this Congress must address. What this \$638 billion defense bill does reflect, however, are misplaced priorities.

Due to sequestration, Congress has been forced to impose deep cuts to programs all across our Federal government, including many aimed at protecting vulnerable seniors and children from economic hardship. Moreover, the across-the-board cuts will have an adverse impact on our military readiness due to the furloughs of critical defense personnel. These misguided fiscal policies have already had a real and severe impact on American families.

With every sector of the government being downsized, it is fundamentally unfair that the bill before us today still authorizes billions of dollars in wasteful Pentagon programs. One prime example of this is the National Guard's ongoing spending spree on World Wide Wrestling and motor sports sponsorships. I offered an amendment to stop this waste of precious taxpayer dollars, but unfortunately, the Majority of House Republicans refused to support it. Authorizing \$54 million on sports sponsorships that have not been proven to work shows that this Congress is addicted to spending that directly benefits special interests like NASCAR.