

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating the R.L. Turner High School's NJROTC program on receiving the Distinguished Unit Award.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF
WASHINGTON, DC YOUTH RUGBY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the 10th anniversary of the Washington, DC Youth Rugby, a non-profit organization that reaches out to underserved children in the Nation's capital to promote health and physical fitness and teach valuable life skills through the sport of rugby.

In 2004, members of the Washington Rugby Club started out with the goal to teach rugby to a small group of students in Northeast Washington, DC. What started with seven players and a rugby ball has evolved to over a hundred students playing rugby in the District at the youth and high school levels.

Washington, DC Youth Rugby has grown from a summer-only program and is now working to implement rugby programs in DC schools. Washington, DC Youth Rugby founded a boys' team at Calvin Coolidge High School, which ran from 2009–2012. This year, the organization has started both boys' and girls' rugby teams at Bell Multicultural High School and is looking to start more programs in DC schools. They are currently working with both Washington Latin and Ballou.

The program continues to be free to all children and has a diverse mix of participants, both racially and socioeconomically. This program makes a difference to the youth of our city in terms of health, self-esteem, teamwork and social skills development.

In 2012, the program welcomed the support of the Honorable Kim Beazley, the Australian Ambassador to the United States, as the honorary patron. The Ambassador recognizes the value of sport in international relations and the positive impact a game like rugby can have on young people. In recognition of the 10th anniversary, the Embassy of Australia will host a celebration on Thursday, May 29, 2014.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in thanking the coaches, volunteers, donors, partner schools, students, parents, and alumni as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Washington, DC Youth Rugby and its many accomplishments.

HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4435) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense

and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair, I thank Chairman McKEON and Ranking Member SMITH for their work on this bill and their devotion to the men and women of the Armed Forces.

I also thank them for including in En Bloc Amendment No. 1 the Jackson Lee-Wilson-Lee Amendment, which makes three important contributions to the bill:

1. First, it strongly condemns the ongoing violence and the systematic gross human rights violations against the people of Nigeria carried out by the militant organization Boko Haram, especially the kidnapping of the more than 200 young schoolgirls kidnapped from the Chibok School by Boko Haram;

2. Second, it expresses support for the people of Nigeria who wish to live in a peaceful, economically prosperous, and democratic Nigeria; and

3. Third, it requires that not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment, the Secretary of Defense shall report to Congress on the nature and extent of the crimes against humanity committed by Boko Haram in Nigeria.

Since 2013, more than 4,400 men, women, and children have been slaughtered by Boko Haram.

The victims include Christians, Muslims, journalists, health care providers, relief workers and schoolchildren.

I am confident that the international community working with the African Union will assist the Government of Nigeria in bringing an end to Boko Haram's reign of terror and ensuring that its crimes against humanity are documented so its leaders can be held accountable.

Mr. Chair, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD a letter to President Obama from myself and 15 House colleagues commending his decision to deploy American security experts and equipment in Nigeria to help locate and rescue the more than 200 Nigerian kidnapped schoolgirls and to work in concert with the Government of Nigeria and the African Union to bring Abubakar Shekau and other leaders of Boko Haram to justice.

The Jackson Lee-Wilson-Lee Amendment affirms that the United States stands with the civilized world in solidarity with the people of Nigeria.

The Jackson Lee-Wilson-Lee Amendment affirms that the United States is fully committed to the fundamental principle that women everywhere have a right to be free, to live without fear, and should not be forced to risk their lives to get the education they want and deserve.

I thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for including this amendment in En Bloc Amendment #1 and all Members to support it.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

Washington, DC, May 8, 2014.

President BARACK OBAMA

The White House, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: We are writing to commend your decision to deploy American security experts and equipment in Nigeria to help locate and rescue the more than 200 Nigerian schoolgirls kidnapped by the terrorist group, Boko Haram. We support your action and we strongly urge you to work in concert with the Government of Nigeria and the African Union to achieve this objective and to

bring Abubakar Shekau and other leaders of Boko Haram to justice.

Boko Haram, a militant group designated by the State Department in November 2013 as a Foreign Terrorist Organization, has been conducting a reign of terror against innocent Nigerian women, children, and men since 2009, when it killed hundreds of persons during a raid of a police station in Maiduguri. In the last four years, Boko Haram has carried out more than 480 violent attacks against a broad array of targets: Christian and Muslim communities, government installations, schools, hospitals and medical facilities, aid workers and journalists. Since the beginning of 2013, more than 4,400 innocent persons have been killed and thousands more left homeless.

According to media reports, the leader of Boko Haram has threatened to ransom or sell the girls into the human trafficking market for about twelve dollars each (\$12.00 USD). This outrageous conduct cannot be tolerated or overlooked. Not only is it a violation of the girls' human rights, it is also contrary to United States policy supporting and promoting equal access to education and economic opportunity for women and girls.

We know that terrorist groups cannot operate effectively without reliable and steady funding to support its criminal acts. Therefore, we urge you to work with the international community to detect, disrupt, and dismantle the funding networks financing Boko Haram, which published reports indicate has received as much as \$70 million from other Islamist groups, including Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) and Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), the Al Muntada Trust Fund, and the Islamic World Society.

Additionally, we urge you to consider working with the Government of Nigeria to develop its own capacity to deploy specialized police and army units rapidly to rescue the schoolgirls and bring Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau to justice. Such units also can be deployed to prevent and combat sectarian violence in cities and around the country where there has been a history of sectarian violence. The creation of an elite highly-trained rapid response unit would appear to be a sound short-term strategy that the Government of Nigeria should employ in dealing with violent groups like Boko Haram. This approach was used to successful effect by the Indonesia Government in 2004 to neutralize the Laskar Jihad terrorist organization.

Finally, we call upon you to take appropriate action to help the Government of Nigeria establish a Victim's Fund to provide humanitarian relief and economic assistance to the victims of attacks by Boko Haram so that they can rebuild their lives and communities.

"People are the great issue of the 20th century," declared, then-Senator Hubert Humphrey in 1948. The well-being of people remains the great issue of the 21st century. And there is no better measure of any society than the way its treats its women and girls. Boko Haram understands that when Nigerian girls are educated, Nigerian women can succeed; and when Nigerian women succeed, Nigeria succeeds. And that is why it is so important that the United States help Nigeria ensure that Boko Haram fails.

Thank you for your leadership and your consideration of our recommendations. We stand ready to work with you to bring about the safe rescue of the kidnapped Nigerian schoolgirls and to reunite them with their families and loved ones.

Sincerely,

LIST OF SIGNATORIES

Marcia L. Fudge, Karen E. Bass, Donald Payne, Jr., John Lewis, Yvette D. Clarke, Robin Kelly, Janice Hahn, Sheila Jackson

Lee, Terri A. Sewell, Corrine Brown, Frederica Wilson, Gregory W. Meeks, Barbara Lee, Marc Veasey, Members of Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am writing to inform the House of Representatives how I would have voted had I been able to be present in the House on Monday May 19, 2014 and on Tuesday May 20, 2014. I was unavoidably absent, and instead in my Congressional District in Georgia, due to Georgia's Federal Primary Election day being Tuesday May 20, 2014.

With that said, this is how I would have cast my votes on rollcall votes before the House.

Monday May 19, 2014:

Rollcall 218, on H.R. 2203, To provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus—"yea."

Rollcall 219, on H.R. 685, To award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively—"yea."

Tuesday May 20, 2014:

Rollcall 220, on the Conference Report to H.R. 3080—Water Resources Reform and Development Act—"yea."

Rollcall 221, on H.R. 3530—Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act—"yea."

Rollcall 222, on H.R. 4225—Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation (SAVE) Act—"nay."

WEST POINT GRADUATES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate Michigan's United States Military Academy class of 2014 for completing the demanding requirements of West Point. They will soon receive their commission as 2nd Lieutenants in the U.S. Army and go on to serve our great nation, protecting American national security interests throughout the world. Their commitment to the Army and this country is admirable.

As a former officer in the United States Army, I commend them on this outstanding accomplishment. I take great pride in seeing Americans, young men and women like them, choose such a demanding, honorable path.

I wish them nothing but continued success and congratulate them again on achieving such a momentous accomplishment.

LIST OF CADETS GRADUATING FROM THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT ON MAY 28, 2014

Andrew E. Carlson, Troy; Andrew R. Fanko, Perry; Andrew J. Lee, Novi; April C. Emerson, Stanwood; Benjamin M. Miller, Clinton Twp.; Benjamin E. Schiff, Lakeville; Brenden A. Plancon, Charlevoix; Cabot M. Howell, Birmingham; Calla E. Glavin, Birmingham; Devon J. Compeau, Oakland; Garrett T. Kastl, Hope; Ian M. Brams, Farmington Hills; Jacob T. Gleason, Warren; James M. DiMilia, Northville.

John G. Buckle, Northville; Justin W. Haggerty, Belleville; Kyle A. Maxwell, Romeo; Matthew J. Hoff, Portage; Matthew A. Thompson, Ann Arbor; Paul P. Hancock IV, Dearborn; Peter T. Noreen, Cedar Springs; Quetzalcoatl S. Carrasco, Ypsilanti; Ricardo J. Galindo, Farmington Hills; Rita I. Snyder, Rockford; Thomas A. White, Ann Arbor; Emily N. Clemons, Grosse Ile; Joshua P. Herbeck, Ann Arbor; Charles M. Kelly, Birmingham; Morgan K. White, Monroe.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF JOE INFIAUSTO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Joe Infiausto as he retires after 43 years of public service as a police reserve officer. Joe's commitment and dedication to serving his community deserves to be commended.

Joe began his career in law enforcement in 1970 with the Clovis Police Department Auxiliary Unit. In 1977, he received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Criminology from California State University, Fresno. That same year, Joe was transferred to the Fresno Police Department Reserve Unit where he served for thirty-six years.

As a reserve officer, Joe was a citizen volunteer who donated his time and energy to help make Fresno a better place. Throughout his law enforcement career, Joe received numerous commendations for his service and professionalism, including achieving the rank of Lieutenant in 1999.

Joe's dedication to the security of his community was not only exemplified through his service but also through the establishment of his small business, BESTEC Security in 1983. BESTEC Security provided state of the art security systems and equipment to individuals and families throughout the Central Valley for 23 years. Joe sold the business in 2006 and continued to serve as a Fresno Police Department Reserve Officer.

Prior to leaving the Reserve Unit, Joe was assigned to the Mounted Unit, where he continued to carry out his duty to protect and serve the citizens of Fresno while on horseback.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Joe Infiausto as he celebrates his retirement from the Fresno Police Reserve Unit.

HONORING STRAIGHT "A" STUDENTS AT ROACH MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of bright, dedicated, and dynamic students at Roach Middle School. These students worked hard and earned "All A's" during the 2013–2014 school year. The effort and hard work behind

these stellar letter grades is a testament to the student's dedication to excellence and their superior educators.

I believe the most precious gifts we can give to our children are loving families and a good education. These two things together make up the backbone to a young person's success and when we see our kids succeed, we too succeed. I thank Roach Middle School parents, teachers and faculty for the time, energy, and effort they invest in our young leaders.

At a young age, these students are striving for a brighter future with more opportunities to discover their passions and reach their fullest potential. It gives me great pride to know that an exceptional education with life-long values is being taught at Roach Middle School. Their success is not only a tribute to their commitment to education but also to the support they receive from their family and teachers.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these dedicated students, whose names are listed below, and I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on their achievement, and to encourage them in their future endeavors. Keep up the good work!

God Bless you and I salute you.

Aloki Ajmera, Shoshana Ambers, Rishika Balreddygari, Meredith Beck, Avery Braune, Makenna Carlson, Tayah Chece, Aaron Cheung, Emily Chilton, Isabel Daniel, Paulina Delgadillo, Cambria Dyess, Ashton Eades, Brooke Friedman, Megan Gallacher, Kristine Gauch, Yashna Gongal, Danna Gonzalez-Pedroza, Sheza Habib, Emma Hackley.

Alexandria Hayes, Bailey Jarrett, Shruti Jayanthi, Simran Kakkar, Amanda Kampe, Krishna Karur, Alexis King, Aranya Krishnan, Samyuktha Kumar, Judy Lee, Grace Li, Jeffrey Li, Arturo Martinez, Alex McEachem, Emma Nalbantov, Shubhi Nanda, Isabelle Ong, Marianne Pugh, Sophia Quiroz, Isha Rajupet.

Anne Remorca, Reece Riherd, Ryan Sanders, Isabella Sclunich, Sophia Schmich, Alexandra Shrauner, Abbey Sprick, Sofia Torres, Kerry Tu, Karthik Tummala, Lillian Vukin, Rosie Wang, Jessica Wu.

HONORING GUNNER'S MATE RANDOLPH (RANDY) F. JONES

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a constituent of the Sixth District of Georgia, former Gunner's Mate Randolph (Randy) F. Jones. Born on June 3, 1924 in Phenix City, Alabama, Randy was raised on a farm during the Great Depression. Due to the hard times, Randy and his family moved to Talbot County, Georgia, where his grandfather maintained a farm where corn, peanuts, sweet potatoes, soy beans and cotton were grown. Moving to Warm Springs, Georgia, in 1942, Randy soon got a job as a grocery clerk at the Warm Springs Foundation. Warm Springs is famous nationally as the location frequented by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt for his treatment for polio.

His initial time at Warm Springs did not last long, as Randy enlisted in the Navy near the end of 1942 while the nation fought the Second World War. During this time, he served as a Gunner's Mate on the Destroyer U.S.S.