

to the Memorial Hermann Health System for receiving this worthy recognition. Thank you for being a leader in our community and the health care industry.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
JEREMY HAYNES

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true patriot and American hero, Captain Jeremy Haynes. On August 5, 2014, Captain Haynes was critically wounded while serving our country in Afghanistan. Captain Haynes will be honored for his outstanding contributions to the United States Army and to our great nation at the Third Annual Ceola Alexander Memorial Prayer Breakfast on May 2, 2015 in Arlington, Georgia.

A native of Albany, Georgia, Captain Haynes attended Calhoun County Schools and Early County Schools before graduating from Dougherty County High School. He was commissioned into the Quartermaster Corps at Georgia Military College in 2004, and graduated cum laude from Fort Valley State University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. Most recently, Captain Haynes earned a Master of Science degree in Management magna cum laude from the Florida Institute of Technology in 2013.

Captain Haynes has distinguished himself through a number of previous assignments, including Platoon Leader & Executive Officer, 421st Quartermaster Company (Riggers), U.S. Army Reserves in Fort Valley, Georgia; Battalion Logistics Officer, 3rd Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Commander, 623rd Quartermaster Company (Riggers), 82nd Sustainment Brigade (Airborne); Training with Industry, American Red Cross National Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; and Instructor at the United States Army Logistics University in Fort Lee, Virginia.

During his extensive military career, Captain Haynes has been honored with a multitude of awards, among them the Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Freedom Campaign Medal, Combat Action Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachute Rigger Badge, German Jump Wings, and the Norwegian 30K Road Mark Badge.

On August 5, 2014, Captain Haynes' life was changed forever. While acting as an Aide-de-Camp to Major General Harold Green among a delegation of Coalition and Afghan Forces, a member of the Afghan army opened fire upon the group, critically wounding Captain Haynes and more than a dozen others.

After suffering gunshot wounds so severe that they required numerous surgeries and left him in a coma, Captain Haynes woke up to find that his legs would not move. Adding even more mental anguish to his physical trauma, he also discovered that Major General Green had been killed. But despite the extremity of his injuries, both physical and emotional, Captain Haynes has not only returned to the loving arms of his wife and six children, but he also took his first steps since the attack just before last New Year's Eve.

His example reminds us all just how deeply the men and women in the Armed Forces give of themselves on our behalf, and how much they are willing to endure, both physically and mentally, to safeguard our cherished liberties. Captain Haynes sets an extraordinary standard of altruism to emulate and for his sacrifices, we shall forever be grateful.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife, Vivian, the more than 730,000 people in Georgia's Second Congressional District, and all Americans, in extending our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Captain Jeremy Haynes. Captain Haynes' courageous leadership among his peers and his enduring dedication to our country showcase an individual of truly noble character. The impact of his valor and sacrifice are deeply felt within the hearts of those whose paths he crosses, and we wish him all the best as he continues to touch the lives of those in his community. May his future endeavors reward and inspire him, as he has inspired us.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the New Jersey State League of Municipalities on its 100th anniversary this year. This incredible milestone and the League's efforts to support New Jersey's local governments are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Born out of the need for a statewide alliance supporting and representing the common interests of local governments, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities was conceived and formally authorized by state statute Chapter 163, Laws of 1915. Trenton Mayor Frederick W. Donnelly served as the League's first president, along with three vice presidents, a 14-member executive committee (now known as the executive board) and an executive secretary (known today as the executive director). Over the years, the organization's structure has remained the same. In its 100th year, Piscataway Mayor Brian Wahler serves as League President.

Evidence of its success, the League has grown immensely since its formation. Begun with 51 charter member municipalities, today the voluntary association boasts a membership of all 565 of New Jersey's municipalities, representing more than 560 mayors and 13,000 elected and appointed officials. Its headquarters, moved from Princeton to Trenton in 1921, continued to expand and was housed in several buildings before settling in its current location in 2007. For 100 years, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities has evolved and grown to meet the changing, complex needs of local government.

Through its legislative activity, the League continues to be the leading voice on municipal affairs and an effective advocate on behalf of New Jersey's communities. Its services, programs and resources, particularly its annual conference and monthly magazine, are invaluable resources to local officials, providing out-

lets to share issues, solutions and ideas. Throughout its history, the League has successfully fought for greater local autonomy, improved local governance and the protection of municipal rights. Its achievements and influence are immeasurable.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in recognizing the New Jersey State League of Municipalities as it celebrates 100 years of local government collaboration. The New Jersey State League of Municipalities continues to represent a commitment to good government.

PROVIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS WITH PERMANENT PROTECTION FROM THEIR ATTACKERS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month and call attention to legislation I reintroduced this morning that will help to ensure that victims of sexual assaults can seek and receive permanent protection from their attackers.

By way of background, Nicole Norberto, a constituent of mine from Jackson, New Jersey and for whom the bill is named, was raped at the age of 15 by an acquaintance. While seeking prosecution of the attacker and appropriate restraints to protect herself, Nicole was advised by a court clerk in her home county that she could not request a permanent restraining order from the judge because she was not in a "dating relationship" with her attacker.

As a result, Nicole's no-contact order, which offered her a significant means of protection from her attacker, ended when her attacker was released from government supervision. To remedy this situation, the New Jersey state legislature adopted legislation (Chapter 133 of the laws of 2007) to extend the right of permanent protection to all victims of sexual abuse.

In my state, Nicole's Law closed a gaping loophole and the bill I introduced today will provide victims across the country with the same protections.

Mr. Speaker, the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) estimates that approximately 2/3 of assaults are committed by someone known to the victim and 38 percent are a friend or acquaintance. Nicole's Law will ensure all victims have the option of obtaining a permanent restraining order—and the peace of mind it provides.

In addition to requiring states to ensure their laws afford victims the option of seeking a permanent restraining order, my bill will allow a judge to, essentially, default to permanent protection instead of issuing protection orders which expire on a specific date or upon termination. In other words, if the offender would like the order removed, the burden is on the offender to ask for its removal, rather than on the victim to ask for its continuance.

Mr. Speaker, RAINN states that 68 percent of sexual assaults are not reported to police and 98 percent of rapists will never spend a day in jail.

By offering victims added protection and support, we can enable them to have greater

confidence in the administration of justice. The more support and confidence victims have in the ability of our justice system to hold those who commit sex crimes accountable, the more likely victims will come forward—which will help ensure that more criminals are properly prosecuted, leading to fewer victims in the future.

As Nicole stated this week: “This law is a chance to help ensure victim’s rights are protected and needs are met before, during and after a sexual assault. Hopefully this law will help victims of sexual assault be more comfortable with coming forward about their incident knowing that there are laws set in place to help protect them during this difficult process.”

We should do all we can to encourage victims to come forward and ensure those victims who do, are afforded permanent protection. My legislation will help this effort and I urge all members to support it.

LEGENDARY COACH

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Donna Vacek on her long and successful career as head coach of the Lady Oilers, the Pearland girls’ basketball team.

With over 449 career wins and two regional tournament appearances, Ms. Vacek has coached the Lady Oilers to incredible victories over her 29 year career. While she is still in her prime in coaching, Ms. Vacek opted to retire and spend time caring for her family. She is leaving a legacy of victory and determination that will continue to motivate the team in future tournaments.

On behalf of the residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again on your exemplary career as head coach of the Lady Oilers. We know that you will continue to set an example in excellence and compassion, and we thank you for leadership.

PROTECTING CYBER NETWORKS ACT (H.R. 1560) NATIONAL CYBER-SECURITY ADVANCEMENT PROTECTION ACT OF 2015 (H.R. 1731)

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, last week I voted against H.R. 1560. With two bills on the floor with the same purpose to improve public-private cybersecurity information sharing, I simply prefer the alternative legislation, the National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act of 2015 (H.R. 1731).

I commend the Select Committee on Intelligence for their efforts to produce quality, effective legislation to increase public-private cybersecurity information sharing. However, it made more sense to me that this information sharing would be channeled through the existing National Cybersecurity and Communicat-

tions Integration Center (NCCIC) already in place under the Department of Homeland Security, as provided in H.R. 1731. I am concerned that this bill would provide too many opportunities for mistakes as cybersecurity information would be shared by private entities with any civilian Government agency of their choice. With so many government entities eligible to receive this information, and then pass it on to other government organizations, H.R. 1560 would not ensure protection of private personal information.

A coalition of 18 security researchers and 36 privacy organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union, have similar concerns, and while I applaud the effort to move forward to address cybersecurity issues, it’s critical to get the privacy protections right.

I recognize the importance of establishing cybersecurity legislation, and support the Administration’s position that information sharing legislation must carefully safeguard privacy and civil liberties and provide for appropriate sharing with targeted liability protections.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing the Protecting Cyber Networks Act and support the National Cybersecurity Advancement Protection Act of 2015.

HONORING COMCAST CARES DAY

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the spirit of volunteerism demonstrated by Comcast Cares Day.

Since 2001, over 600,000 volunteers have logged over 3.7 million service hours throughout the country during Comcast Cares Day, a celebration that brings communities together to encourage service and promote volunteerism. This year in Will County, volunteers will work with the Forest Preserve District of Will County for a project at Whalon Lake.

I would like to thank the organizers and volunteers of Comcast Cares Day for the work they do in our community and for their commitment to service.

CONGRATULATING THE COPPELL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM ON THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Coppell High School girls soccer team and their recent victory in the 2015 UIL 6A State Championship game. Coppell defeated then-unbeaten Highland Park High School by a score of 3–0, giving the Cowgirls their second state championship.

The Cowgirls, led by longtime coach Chris Stricker, finished the season undefeated with 28 wins, three ties, and zero losses, making them only the 9th UIL girls soccer champion to finish a season without a loss. What makes this championship victory that much more impressive is the difficult road the Cowgirls had

to traverse, beating nationally ranked teams like Plano West just to get into the State tournament. Not only did Coppell finish the season as the best team in Texas, they were ranked the #1 team in the nation by Top Drawer Soccer. The achievements and accomplishments attained this season by the Cowgirls, listed below, cannot be understated and are deserving of the highest praise.

Seniors: Rachel Johnson #00, Cami Studebaker #6, Grace Vowell #8, Liat Even #10, Christina Liu #12, Rachel Koury #18, Sarah King #21, Tara Vishnesky #22

Juniors: Kristen Racz #5, Maddie Dickson #11, Madeline Guderian #13, Kate Kaiser #16, Ashleigh Little #25, Emma Jett #27, Shay Johnson #31

Sophomores: Kelly Rohe #0, Maddie Weber #1, Erian Brown #7, Tori Teffeteller #26, Sarah Houchin #30

Freshmen: Italia Bradley #3, Tyler Runnels #9, Sydney Andrews #20, McKenzie McFarland #23

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring this great achievement by the Coppell High School girls soccer team.

TOP 10 COLLEGE WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Vanessa Alejandro for being named one of Glamour Magazine’s Top 10 College Women of the Year. This prestigious recognition highlights ten young women whose actions lead to positive changes in their community.

Vanessa grew up in Pearland, Texas and was always fond of exploring nature as a child. Upon attending University of Houston, she realized many inner city children fail to have a safe environment to explore nature like she did as a child. As a result, she founded Warriors of the Wild, a nonprofit that teaches inner city kids about science and the environment. While pursuing her academic leadership, she became a cancer survivor. Two years ago, Vanessa was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. She battled cancer like a champion continuing her studies at the same time. Her efforts to help bring the world of science to those with limited access and her success in overcoming cancer are an inspiration to all young women.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Vanessa Alejandro for being named Glamour Magazine’s Top 10 College Women of the Year. We are very proud of her.

MAYOR DONNIE MCMANNES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, after ten years in office, City of Humble, Texas Mayor