

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, The DBE Gross Receipts amendment removes the transportation-specific average annual gross receipts limit in favor of the Small Business Administration's governmentwide small business size standards under the North American Industry Classification System. The Small Business Administration's governmentwide small business size standards are a more accurate and consistent measure of small business size, and better achieve the objectives of the disadvantaged business enterprise program. This change also conforms the size standards applicable to disadvantaged business enterprises that compete for business in federally assisted surface transportation markets across the United States to those currently applicable to disadvantaged business enterprises that compete for Federal Aviation Administration-assisted work, which have been subject only to the Small Business Administration's governmentwide size standards since a similar change was enacted in the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 2018.

HONORING CORPORAL NATHAN CARLSON

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corporal Nathan Carlson, who tragically passed away during an Osprey crash on June 8, 2022, along with four other Marines.

Corporal Nathan Carlson was born in Rockford, Illinois and graduated from Harlem High School in 2019, where he was captain of the swim team. Upon graduation, he followed his dream and enlisted in the Marine Corps, like his father before him, and attended boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. He graduated in August of 2019 and officially earned the title of marine. After a year of additional training, he reported to Marine Air Group 39, specifically Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 364, in September of 2020. It was here that he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and served as a leader in the Flight Line Division, both as a Basic Instructor Crew Chief and Plane Captain. In April 2021, he deployed to Al-Jaber Air Base in Kuwait, followed by Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia. Upon his return, he married the love of his life, Emily. He continued to train to become a Low Altitude Tactics Instructor, Night Systems In-

structor, Tail Gunnery Instructor, as well as a Collateral Duty Inspector. Corporal Carlson amassed over 500 total flight-hours and over 70 combat-hours while at Squadron 364. Corporal Carlson was described as someone who always wanted to help others. My condolences go out to his wife Emily, his parents Karry and Eric, his sisters Casey and Mylee and the rest of the Carlson family.

It is because of the selfless character displayed by Corporal Carlson that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again, formally recognize Corporal Nathan Carlson for his honorable service to our country.

CELEBRATING CITY OF HOPE AND THE GRAND OPENING OF THE LENNAR FOUNDATION CANCER CENTER

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2022

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my Orange County colleagues Congressman J. LUIS CORREA, Congresswoman YOUNG KIM, Congressman MIKE LEVIN, Congressman ALAN LOWENTHAL, and Congresswoman MICHELLE STEEL to recognize City of Hope and celebrate the grand opening of their Lennar Foundation Cancer Center in Irvine, California.

We are proud that City of Hope, one of the largest cancer research and treatment organizations in the United States, has chosen Orange County for this advanced comprehensive cancer center. City of Hope's innovative research and world-class care will now be available to Orange County's 3.2 million residents. This will save lives.

Nearly twenty percent of people with cancer in Orange County have left the area for advanced cancer care, with many spending hours commuting to the City of Hope facility in Los Angeles. Now, City of Hope's Lennar Foundation Cancer Center will offer Orange County patients a fully integrated experience—from prevention through survivorship—in a convenient location close to home. This Center will be home to some of the nation's most acclaimed physicians and scientists with expertise in lung, breast, gastrointestinal, gynecological, genitourinary, blood, and other cancers.

On behalf of the residents of Orange County, we thank City of Hope for their unwavering commitment to cancer care and join in celebrating the grand opening of their Orange County Lennar Foundation Cancer Center.

LT. RIDGE ALKONIS

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2022

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express deep concern about the Japanese government's handling of the case of Lt. Ridge Alkonis, a U.S. Navy officer stationed at Yokosuka Naval Base.

Last Wednesday, the Tokyo High Court denied Lt. Alkonis' appeal to suspend a three-year prison sentence. I am deeply troubled with the treatment of Lt. Alkonis throughout the case.

Lt. Alkonis has served three tours of duty in Japan. Before he was in the Navy, he volunteered in Japan for two years. He has a deep appreciation for the country and its people.

In May 2021, Lt. Alkonis and his family were on their way home from hiking on Mount Fuji. Tragically, Lt. Alkonis lost control of his vehicle. We would later learn from a U.S. Navy physician that the unfortunate event was due to Acute Mountain Sickness causing Lt. Alkonis to lose consciousness, impacting his ability to drive. However, as a result, two bystanders heartbreakingly had their lives taken.

Lt. Alkonis is remorseful for the medical incident that caused the events of that day. He has offered \$1.65 million in extrajudicial restitution to the victims' families, a gesture expected in Japan. This is beyond the family's means, but those who care about them have rallied together to make it possible.

I've been extremely upset to learn that the case was not conducted in a way that was fair to Lt. Alkonis.

The treatment of our servicemembers in Japan is governed by the Status of Forces Agreement between our government and the Japanese government. This agreement requires our servicemembers to be released to the U.S. military during trial unless they are a flight risk. Lt. Alkonis clearly was not. Instead of being released as he was supposed to be, he was held for the maximum time period allowed, 26 days, over the objections of our government.

During those 26 days, Lt. Alkonis was not treated properly, and Japanese investigators' actions had an impact on the outcome of the trial. According to Lt. Alkonis's family, he was kept under bright lights in his cell for the purpose of sleep deprivation, withheld adequate translation services, and denied a lawyer during key questioning. Critically, the Japanese police refused Lt. Alkonis medical care and a timely medical evaluation. By refusing to conduct this test, investigators ensured they would not have evidence that would explain Lt. Alkonis's sudden loss of consciousness.

I understand that our Embassy in Tokyo has been monitoring this case. I strongly urge them to do more to support a servicemember in need.

My office has been working with the Department of the Navy and the Office of the Secretary of Defense to support Lt. Alkonis and

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his parents, Suzanne and Derek, throughout his case. We supported Lt. Alkonis's case with the Department of Defense and also helped his family get visas so they could be with him in Japan for the trial. As I do, the Navy believes that this is the wrong sentence for Lt. Alkonis. I will not be giving up on Lt. Alkonis and the Department of Defense must not either.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2022

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 on H.R. 6538, the legislation to require a designated officer of the Department of Justice to act as the national coordinator of an Active Shooter Alert Communications Network regarding an emergency involving an active shooter that was voted on, I was incorrectly recorded on final passage during a long 22 vote series. I intended to support the final passage of H.R. 6538. On June 22, 2022, I voted "aye" on H.R. 6538 when the legislation was brought to the floor under suspension.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2022

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I was unavailable to vote in the House. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 51; YEA on Roll Call No. 52; YEA on Roll Call No. 53; and YEA on Roll Call No. 54.

RECOGNIZING HOBSON CITY'S 123RD FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hobson City's 123rd Founder's Day Celebration.

The town of Hobson City was first known as Mooree Quarters, a Black settlement dating back to 1868 in a section of Oxford, Alabama.

In 1890, a Black man ran for Justice of the Peace in Oxford and the white mayoral candidate vowed if the Black man won, he would go to the State Capitol and have the boundary lines redrawn excluding Mooree Quarters. The Black man won the election and in 1896 Mooree Quarters Settlement was removed from the Oxford Town Limits.

According to the 1899 Alabama Constitution, to be eligible to vote, a resident had to have lived in the county of his residence for 12 months, be a male at least 21 years old, able to read and understand the Constitution, have a steady job for 12 months, own at least 40 acres of land and pay taxes among other requirements. Some Black property owners

were allowed to vote in city and county elections. Twenty men responsible for the incorporation of the town qualified to vote under those terms.

For almost three years, Mooree Quarters settlement sat alone in the county. Taking matters into their own hands, a committee of citizens took their concerns to attorney Ross Black in Anniston, Alabama. Black attorneys were not allowed to practice law in Alabama during this time. The attorney advised them to incorporate the territory into their own municipality. On July 20, 1899, approximately 125 Blacks living in Mooree Quarters filed a petition with Calhoun County Probate Judge E. F. Cook to become a separate and distinct municipality. After proper legal proceedings, the town became incorporated on August 16, 1899, making it the first city in Alabama established exclusively for and by Black people. S. L. Davis was elected the first Mayor of Hobson City. Hobson City was named for Richard P. Hobson, a white Naval hero in the Spanish American War and a representative of the Alabama Legislature. Today, Hobson City is under the leadership of Mayor Alberta McCrory.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Hobson City's 123rd Founder's Day Celebration August 14–20, 2022.

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HON. RO KHANNA

OF CALIFORNIA

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Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank Chairman SMITH as well as Ranking Member ROGERS for their leadership to include various measures in the underlying bill that will aid the Department of Defense's effort to prevent and mitigate civilian harm. That includes my amendment that passed the House Armed Services Committee unanimously during the NDAA markup which would permanently extend a global ex-gratia authority that allows the Department of Defense to make condolence payments to civilians inadvertently harmed in U.S. military operations, alongside provisions in the underlying bill to establish a Center for Excellence in Civilian Harm Mitigation and Commission on Civilian Harm.

I want to thank Kate Gould on my staff, and to thank the HASC staff, including Katy Quinn, Phil MacNaughton, Robert Ikoku, and Jonathan Lord for all their work on this. And I want to thank Reps. JASON CROW, TOM MALINOWSKI, and SARA JACOBS for co-leading this amendment and my bill that the amendment is drawn from, H.R. 7625, the Protection of Civilians in Military Operations Act.

It should not be a partisan issue to mitigate civilian harm.

My amendment would simply authorize the resources for the Department of Defense to implement these policies of reducing civilian casualties, which Congress already required the Department of Defense to do nearly 4 years ago.

My amendment would allow the Department of Defense to spend \$5 million per year to implement the requirements of section 936 of the John McCain NDAA for Fiscal Year 2019.

Section 936, passed by this body 4 years ago, requires the Department of Defense to establish uniform processes and standards across combatant commands for improving tracking, reporting, analysis, and response to civilian casualties from U.S. military operations.

It is appropriately named after the late Senator John McCain, who believed deeply that the United States military should minimize civilian casualties. This is something that everyone in our military believes.

Now, the Department of Defense has made extraordinary progress in recent years in preventing civilian harm. Secretary Austin has shown leadership in accelerating that progress. As he says, "Our efforts to mitigate and respond to civilian harm . . . are a direct reflection of U.S. values."

Some of my colleagues want to prevent harm because of their own personal experience in combat or witnessing war zones where civilians have been killed, and some are motivated because they want to prevent terrorists from exploiting civilian casualties as a recruiting tool.

But to do this, we need resources. I don't think \$5 million a year is very much. It is less than not just 1 percent, it is less than not just 0.1 percent, it is less than 0.001 percent of the entire budget to help make sure we have the resources to track and report and minimize civilian casualties.

I am hopeful that we can get bipartisan support for this amendment. I recognize that this NDAA does a lot on minimizing civilian harm, including the establishment of the Center for Excellence. I thank again Chairman SMITH for his leadership on that.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the amendment, and I just point out that a lot of these requirements already have passed. They are in the FY 2019 NDAA. The amount of money we are talking about here is less than 0.001 percent, so it will not have a negative impact on the total budget.

I thank again our chairman, Chairman SMITH, for all of these civilian harm mitigation initiatives in the NDAA. This NDAA, more than any in my 6 years in Congress, has tackled civilian casualties, and I hope that there will continue to be a bipartisan commitment in the House to reduce them to the extent possible.

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