

HONORING MR. JASON SMILEY
FOR HIS ACTIONS TO HELP OTHERS
ESCAPE FROM AN OVERTURNED VEHICLE

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I recognize and appreciate my constituent, Mr. Jason Smiley, for the actions he took to save strangers from an overturned vehicle on Christmas Eve. His service to this country has been exceptional and I thank him for the sacrifices that he and his family have made time and again.

On December 24th when a family found themselves in a dangerous and scary situation, he took action to ensure their safety. He should be commended for his action and his willingness to respond quickly, calmly, and without hesitation. In Colorado there are often severe weather conditions which lead to emergencies like this. It is not uncommon for Coloradans to be dependent on their neighbor's vigilance and kindness for assistance on the roads. I hope that Mr. Smiley's unhesitating willingness to intervene after an accident can be emulated by all my constituents.

What I admire most about Mr. Smiley's story is not only his eagerness to help others, but his willingness to do so after having already given so much for our country. Through injury and decades of military service, Mr. Smiley has been an exemplary member of his community and a good citizen.

In choosing to help others, he demonstrated the best characteristics of a serviceman: selflessness, attentiveness, and calm in the face of danger. It is an honor to represent Mr. Jason Smiley in Congress and it is my absolute pleasure to thank him not only for his eagerness to help, but for his consistent dedication to the defense of The United States of America.

HONORING THE IMPRESSIVE
SERVICE OF BETHANY MOULTRY

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor 9-year-old Bethany Moultry for her amazing work in providing care packages to give to the homeless. Through her business, Bethany's Happy Bags, Bethany and her mother have dedicated hours of service providing food, first aid kits, toiletries, and so much more to people in need.

Bethany's mother, Colleen Moultry, began Bethany's Happy Bags in December of 2020, when Bethany's wish for her birthday was to help people. As word began to spread over Facebook, the Moultry's began receiving supplies and funding from across our country. With many packages being sent to their doorstep, schools were able to get involved in helping with packing and distribution.

Bethany's Happy Bags initiative grew, developing a movement across the nation and inspiring others to do the same. This project has formed into a much larger service where community members have joined together to give

donations to the Moultry's. These efforts have led to over 5,000 happy bags to be distributed to the people who need them the most.

I had the privilege of recently meeting Bethany Moultry and was amazed by her dedication to giving back to her community in so many ways. Her slogan "I want every person experiencing homelessness to know that I see you and I care," is truly inspiring and I hope she knows that myself, as well as many others in the district, stand with her and can't wait to see what the future holds for this extraordinary project.

TRIBUTE TO NATHAN DILLER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Nathan Diller for his exemplary dedication and service to our nation. Over the past year, Nate has been a key asset to the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Prior to this, Nate—known then as Colonel Diller—had a distinguished career as an Airman in our United States Air Force.

A proud Texan and graduate of the Air Force Academy, Nate received his commission as a United States Air Force officer in 2000. A pilot with over 2,800 flying hours. Nate flew over 60 different aircraft, was a combat F-16 instructor, instructed at the Air Force Test Pilot School, and held many other positions that bolstered the careers of countless Airmen.

After receiving his wings, Nate was deployed to the 36th Fighter Squadron at Osan Air Base in South Korea where he was responsible for the Korean Peninsula F-16 war plans. In 2006, he was identified as the top F-16 wingman at the squadron. Due to his success with this important mission, Nate was then sent to Shaw Air Force Base. Here he served as the executive officer to the Commander, was a flight instructor, led flights for theater security package deployments, and engaged in operational flight tests with the United States Army. Yet again. Nate showed his ability to excel, being named the top company grade officer of the 20th Fighter Wing.

Next, Nate was sent to his hardship tours—the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, and the French Test Pilot School in Toulouse and Istres, France. Here, Nate gained language and flight experience with a close ally in a wide array of aircraft.

After barely making it through these assignments, Nate dove headfirst into assignments that would shape the rest of his career as an Airman. In the following years, Nate was assigned to the Air Force's Science Advisory Board, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Joint Staff, the White House Office of Science and Technology, the Department of Defense Strategic Capabilities Office, the Air Force's Rapid Capabilities Office, and later as the proud Director of AFWERX. At AFWERX, he was the lead change agent for the Air Force and was responsible for the largest small business innovation budget in the federal government.

Over these years, he also somehow found time to lead flight tests and operations for the F-35 and the F-16, serve as the commander

of the 586th Flight Test Squadron, and work on many classified programs. He also is perhaps the most educated person I have come to know. His degrees include bachelor's degrees in Physics and Humanities from the United States Air Force Academy, a master's degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a master's degree in International Security and Political Economy from Harvard, a master's degree in Flight Test Engineering from Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace, and a master's degree from the National Defense University at the Eisenhower School.

In 2023, Colonel Diller departed the Air Force and became a Professional Staff Member on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. In this role, Nate used what he learned as an Airman to craft an innovation strategy adopted by the House of Representatives in the Fiscal Year 2024 Defense Appropriations Bill. Because of Nate, the entire Department of Defense is increasingly focused on the challenges facing our Nation and is more appropriately resourced to address them.

On a personal note, Nate has become a trusted advisor, staffer, and friend to the Members of the Subcommittee on both sides of the political aisle and all the staff. Nate's deep knowledge of just about every issue has been a tremendous addition to the Subcommittee. As Nate departs to pursue other goals, I am confident that "past will prove future" and Nate will continue his legacy of service.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Nate for his service to our country, and we wish him all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on the House floor on March 8, 2023 due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 138.

HONORING COMMANDER SHEILA
CORCORAN

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Indiana resident Commander Sheila Corcoran.

Even within the veteran community, female veterans tend to be overlooked and underrecognized. This year, I am proud to honor the many Hoosier women veterans who continue to serve our community.

In 2023, Commander Sheila Corcoran became the first woman appointed State Commander to the Department of Indiana Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Commander Corcoran carries on the VFW's noble mission. Among many other accomplishments, the VFW was instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, creating a GI Bill for the 20th century, and fighting to improve VA medical center service for women.

Prior to the VFW, Commander Corcoran dedicated 24 years to the Armed Forces, serving in Germany in 1984 before joining the Army Reserves at Fort Harrison and in Baghdad, Iraq from 2006 through 2008. In Iraq, Commander Corcoran supported Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Civil Affairs Officer in charge of a Civil Military Operations Center. Prior to her current role with the VFW, Commander Corcoran served as VFW All-American Post Commander and All-American VFW District Commander. She has held many positions at the state and national level and has been recognized with the Department of Indiana Commander's Eisenhower Award. In addition to her service to our country, Commander Corcoran also serves countless patients through her work as a registered nurse at Witham Hospital in Lebanon, Indiana.

A true trailblazer with a servant's heart, Commander Corcoran will continue to leave her mark. Our state is honored to benefit from her leadership.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Commander Corcoran for her ongoing service to the Indianapolis community and beyond.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding votes I missed on January 12, 2024, due to family obligations.

Had I been present for Roll Call No. 9, on the China Exchange Rate Transparency Act, I would have voted yea. This is common sense, bipartisan legislation that will protect global market participants from the economic security threats posed by China.

Additionally, had I been present for Roll Call No. 10, on H.J. Res. 98, I would have voted nay. This resolution would weaken workers' rights and diminish the National Labor Relations Board ability to effectively do its job.

RECOGNIZING ABIGAIL HARKEY

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Abigail Harkey on completing the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program. The Fulbright program is one of the most prestigious and sought-after exchange programs in the world and speaks to Ms. Harkey's commitment to and passion for education.

As an accomplished art teacher, the Fulbright program allowed Ms. Harkey to travel to Finland where she explored how arts education and social-emotional learning contribute to positive school culture. We are proud that Ms. Harkey will now bring this experience back to Colorado to enrich our schools and give our students an international perspective.

On behalf of the residents of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, I congratulate Ms. Harkey on receiving the Fulbright Award and participating in this impactful program. We are

lucky to have dedicated educators like her serving our students.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SORENSEN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed two votes on November 9, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 641 on agreeing to the amendment to reduce the salary of White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre to \$1; and NAY on Roll Call No. 642 on agreeing to the amendment to prohibit funding to finalize, implement, or enforce the FAR Council's proposed "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate-Related Financial Risk" rule.

YES TO LIFE

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman of Temple Lev Tikvah, and are a reflection of his views.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Saying "Yes to Life" Published for the first time in English, *Yes To Life (In Spite of Everything)* Boston: Beacon Press. 2020, originally appeared in German in 1946 following public lectures delivered in Vienna, Austria in March and April 1946 by the renowned psychiatrist and author Dr. Viktor E. Frankl (1905-1997), the iconic founder of Logotherapy, the third school of Viennese psychotherapy. His thirty-nine books were translated into fifty languages. His classic *Man's Search For Meaning* was reconstructed during nine days in 1946 from bits of paper he had "obtained" during his internment since the original manuscript sown into his coat was confiscated upon arrival in Auschwitz.

An Austrian Jew, Dr. Frankl was deported by the Nazis in 1942 to Terezin, Auschwitz, Dachau, Buchenwald and Turkheim from which he was liberated by the American forces in 1945. His pregnant wife, parents and brother who were deported with him did not survive. Dr. Frankl chose to remain in Vienna after the war—though the majority of survivors left with understandable cause—to head a neurology department in a major hospital and, I believe to prove the limits of Nazism and the power of the individual to contend with great suffering, asserting the human will while serving as a personal exemplar. Already back in 1946, still reeling and recovering from the unfathomable horrors of the Holocaust, Dr. Frankl's insights remain most relevant, pointing at the critical difference a single human being can make whether for good or evil in face of mass ideologies proven empty and utterly destructive.

While the inmates in the camp, testifies Dr. Frankl, were told by their tormentors as a means to dehumanize them that they "were 'not worth the soup'" they were given following a trying day, never mind that the poor-quality soup was the only food they ate

that day. Nazism sought to reduce humanity to meaninglessness. Juxtapose it with Dr. Frankl's noble assertion "of life's unconditional meaning" which is rooted in Judaism's affirmation that human life is a precious divine gift, partaking of God's sacred image; that saving one human life is tantamount to saving an entire world, and destroying one human life is tantamount to destroying an entire world. No wonder saving a life, our own included, is a paramount Mitzvah overriding all but three Commandments. Each of us is unique and irreplaceable, including one's weaknesses. Each human life is of infinite worth and meaning that none can rub us off. Indeed, God's divinity and human dignity are indivisible. Dr. Frankl's personal experience in the camps led to his conviction that having a sense of purpose while in dire circumstances of suffering can make a critical difference for one's very survival.

The book's title *Yes To Life* is intimately intertwined with Judaism's clarion call "L'Chaim! " "To Life!" as well as the Biblical admonition, "U'Varachta Bachaim," "Choose life," "Yes To Life" was forcibly and ironically sung as a hymn by the camps' inmates, originating in a camp song ordered by one of Buchenwald's commanders. Yes, saying "yes" to life in face of imminent death is both courageously encouraging and foolishly disappointing, reminiscent of the Nazi deceiving "Arbeit Macht Frei," "Work Will Free You," upon entering hell's gates. Judaism's endless optimism manifested in Dr. Frankl's approach, captured the Rabbinic teaching not to lose hope even if a sword is placed on your neck. However, the odds do not support it. The same heroic thrust but rarely realistic prevailed in the paradoxical reassuring though not accurate message atop a shtetle's entrance in the Warsaw Ghetto, "Jews, do not despair!" Is not hope against hope all that we have left when the chips are down, providing us with an extra measure of strength to endure?

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman is the founder of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach. Kazakhstan's only born rabbi, he is the son of Polish Holocaust Survivors and spent his early childhood in transit and DP Camps in Austria and Germany. He grew up in Haifa, Israel.

RECOGNIZING CAMP COSBY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Camp Cosby. YMCA Camp Cosby has offered youth safe and exciting adventures since 1922.

It began when the YMCA purchased 200 acres of land just north of Trussville in Birmingham, AL, with a house and a 26-acre lake, establishing YMCA Camp Cosby in 1922. Later, another 400 acres were donated by the Hodges Milling Company.

In 1972, YMCA Camp Cosby was relocated to its current location on Lake Logan Martin in Alpine, AL, with over a mile of waterfront, rolling hills and space for camp activities.

Camp Cosby was named after W.M. Cosby, the President of the Birmingham YMCA at the time. YMCA Camp Cosby serves over 2,000 campers each summer for sleepaway camp and over 3,000 additional participants during year-round youth, teen, and adult programming.