

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 56TH BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM OF THE PENN- SYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 754, a resolution honoring the 56th Brigade Combat Team (Stryker) of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard on its return to the United States from deployment in Iraq.

The 56th Stryker Brigade is composed of approximately 4,000 citizen-soldiers from throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. These servicemembers come from various communities, including several communities in the 6th Congressional District.

The Brigade has previously served our country honorably, mobilizing and deploying to Kosovo in 2003. On September 19, 2008 the 56th Stryker Brigade was mobilized a second time, deploying to Iraq on January 15, 2009. The Brigade arrived in Iraq in late January 2009 and accepted responsibility of a roughly 800-square-mile area north of Baghdad from the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

During their deployment in Iraq, the 56th Striker Brigade played a critical role in support of military operations in Iraq. Brigade Soldiers performed over 800 combined operations with Iraq security forces, capturing seven brigade level high value targets and 80 additional targets, including the capture of more than 80 enemy weapon caches.

The Soldiers of the Independence Brigade served side by side with Iraqi soldiers to ensure security. The 56th Stryker Brigade is credited with making \$22 million worth of reconstruction improvements in coordination with an embedded U.S. provincial reconstruction team. Following their one year of exceptional service, the Brigade returned to the United States and demobilized in September 2009.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring the brave men and women of the 56th Brigade Combat Team (Stryker) of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. May their service be an inspiration to us all.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COUNCIL FOR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community has been faithfully

serving the community of Tuscarawas County since 1966; and

Whereas, the Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community has participated in "Character Counts! Week," a character building program meant to instill essential character values in children from October 18–24, 2009; and

Whereas, the "Character Counts!" program promotes trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship in young people; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community on their commitment to citizenship and respect for themselves and one another. I also commend those involved in the program for their dedication to the youth of our community and preparing them for lives of thoughtfulness, respect, and civic responsibility.

THE PINEY WOODS SCHOOL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, one hundred years ago deep in the Mississippi woods, Dr. Laurence Jones agreed to teach a half-grown, barefoot boy to read. The next day, the young boy not only arrived eagerly for his second lesson, but was accompanied by two of his friends. Dr. Jones welcomed the newcomers and began the lesson by singing the well known doxology, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow. Thus, The Piney Woods School legacy was born.

Dr. Laurence Jones did not stop simply with teaching a few boys while using a fallen log for a desk, but he also eventually built a modest facility in rural Rankin County, Mississippi to provide underprivileged black students with a "head, heart and hands" education.

News of the developing black school angered many local Ku Klux Klan members. After capturing Dr. Jones and forcing him to give a final speech, the members of the Klan released "The Little Professor" after he expressively compelled them by stating, "There is not a man standing here who wants to go to his God with the blood of an innocent man on his hands."

Founded in 1909 in a corn shed and, today The Piney Woods School is a nondenominational, Christian-oriented school that has grown into what U.S. News & World Report has named one of the finest boarding schools in the country. As the flagship of the four remaining historically African-American boarding schools in the United States, The Piney Woods School provides an academic core of mathematics, history, science, English and social studies to black high school students on a campus covering 2,000 acres. The beautiful

Rankin County campus is comprised of lakes, farmland and towering pine trees, which creates an educational experience far beyond the classroom.

Comprised of nearly 230 students in grades 9 through 12 from over 20 states, Mexico, the Caribbean and several African nations, all of the students attend on a scholarship, and at all times at least 60% of the student body come from a low socio-economic background. Additionally, to help defray the cost of tuition, each student is responsible for working 10 hours a week.

The Piney Woods School has continued to rely on individual, foundation and corporate support for funding in addition to assistance from religious institutions. Building on the basis of this support, the school has established a goal of at least 1,000 churches, synagogues and other religious institutions contributing \$1,000 a year. Among prominent figures that have advocated for the school over the years, are actor Morgan Freeman, television personality Oprah Winfrey, author Bebe Moore Campbell and famed American cartoonist, the late Charles Schultz.

On behalf of this body, I would like to congratulate The Piney Woods School as they celebrate one hundred years of "changing America, and the world, one student at a time." Britton Smith, a young African American intern who serves today in my Washington office and who is a graduate of Piney Woods, is a genuine example that the legacy of Dr. Jones and his wife, Grace, still pulsates through the campus, attracting Christian students eager for an opportunity to grow and to be successful.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD L. BOALS FOR RECEIVING THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE'S TORCH OF LIBERTY AWARD

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Richard L. Boals, who has been selected to receive the Anti-Defamation League's Jerry J. Wisotsky Torch of Liberty Award. The ADL is a national nonprofit organization committed to combating all forms of prejudice and discrimination, as well as defending democratic ideals and protecting civil liberties for all. The Jerry J. Wisotsky Torch of Liberty Award recognizes outstanding leaders who have demonstrated a serious commitment to the social, economic, cultural, and environmental well-being of their communities.

Mr. Boals is an exceptional community leader who epitomizes the ideals of the Torch of Liberty Award. As president and chief executive officer of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, Mr. Boals is in charge of the state's leading health insurer. His long history of service to his community includes serving on the

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board of directors for Greater Phoenix Leadership, the Translational Genomics Research Institute, the Arthritis Foundation Greater Southwest Chapter, the Arizona State University (ASU) W.P. Carey School of Business Center for Services Leadership, the ASU President's Club, and the ASU Dean's Council of 100. Mr. Boals is also co-chair of the Phoenix Police Reserve Foundation board of directors and is currently working with the Salvation Army as their Capital Campaign Committee Chairman. In addition, Mr. Boals has served in the past as chairman of the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, the Arthritis Foundation Greater Southwest Chapter, the Arizona Quality Alliance, the Arizona Affordable Health Care Foundation, and Teach for America.

Through his contributions to his community, Mr. Boals also serves as a great role model to all of us. Again, I congratulate Richard Boals on this award, and I thank him for everything he has done for his fellow community members.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information regarding project funding I had requested and which was not originally included in the House reported version, but which was included within the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2892. To the best of my knowledge, funding for this project: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds. I further certify that neither my spouse, nor I, have any personal financial interests in this request.

Project Title: Distributed Environment for Critical Infrastructure Decision-making Exercises (DECIDE)

Amount: \$3 million

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT)

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: DHS Science & Technology —

Address of Requesting Entity: Utah State University

Location: Old Main Hill, Logan, Utah 84322—1400.

Matching Funds: Not applicable

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable.

Description and Justification of Funding: Funding is needed to continue efforts begun last year to develop digital and informational technology tools to help private financial institutions and other private sector institutions vital to the U.S. economy to coordinate defenses against increasingly sophisticated and growing cyber attack threats that, if not defended against, could have devastating implications for our economy as well as homeland security interests. Utah State University is a participant in a consortium of higher educational research institutions called the "Cyber Conflict Research Consortium (CCRC) which

also includes Miami University (Ohio); Norwich University Applied Research Institutes; Potomac Institute for Policy Studies; and the University of Nevada Reno.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF FALLEN U.S. MILITARY HEROES, THE SACRIFICE OF THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE WORK OF THE SNOWBALL EXPRESS ORGANIZATION

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I honor the memory of our fallen military heroes, recognize the sacrifice of their families and laud the excellent work of the Snowball Express Organization and its many partners, sponsors and volunteers.

Freedom is not free—it comes at an incredible cost. Throughout our nation's history, whenever our country is attacked or when the enemies of freedom threaten peace in our world, American men and women in uniform, from all backgrounds and all walks of life, have answered the call to defend our nation. From the American Revolution to Operation Iraqi Freedom, many of America's best and brightest have paid the price of our freedom with their lives.

The families of these brave men and women also make tremendous sacrifices. Military families play a vital support role to our troops in harm's way and are left to carry on life without their wife, husband, mother, father, brother or sister. As much as we remember the men and women who lay down their life to protect us, we should also remember and support their families and the incredible sacrifice they make on a daily basis, as they seek to continue on with their life, remembering and honoring their departed loved one. My son and daughter live in a better, more free and more secure America because of the sacrifices of these families and their heroes.

Snowball Express was founded with the goal of providing "hope and new memories to the children of our fallen military heroes who died while on active duty since September 11, 2001." I can only imagine how hard it must be to carry on with holidays, birthdays and normal life with your loved one missing. The outstanding staff, partners, sponsors and volunteers at Snowball Express are committed to providing rays of sunshine for children whose worlds have been rocked by incredible loss and they are to be commended.

As Ronald Reagan said, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we may always be free." Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am humbled and honored to recognize our nation's heroes, their families and Snowball Express.

A TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND DR. CHERYL G. ANTHONY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of The Reverend Doctor Cheryl

G. Anthony, a visionary leader and inspiration to all.

Reverend Doctor Anthony is an anointed Woman of God. She holds a Master's degree in Theology and Religious Education, as well as a Doctoral degree in Sacred Theology. She is an alumnus of Harvard University Divinity School Leadership Institute. She is also a graduate of Cornell University's Family Development Institute, and a certified trainer providing specialized services to underserved populations throughout New York City. The Doctor Anthony realizes that all of her accomplishments have been made possible by the Almighty Father.

Not only an artisan and visionary, Dr. Anthony is the Founder, CEO and Pastor of the renowned and awarded JUDAH International Christian Center, Inc. (JUDAH), in Brooklyn, New York. A twenty-five year veteran committed to community and human development, Dr. Anthony and JUDAH have been recognized nationally by former President Bill Clinton as well as former President George W. Bush as a progressive and cutting-edge leader and outstanding organization in the faith-based community, addressing holistic faith-based development and empowerment.

Dr. Anthony's stellar leadership includes holding the exclusive distinction as the first and only woman elected as chairperson of the Board of the Central Brooklyn Churches, Inc. Her passion for addressing the needs of women and girls has led her to establish and organize the "Women of Faith Advocating Change (WFAC)" partnership comprised of clergy, elected officials and community leaders in Brooklyn. WFAC's mission is to provide clergy-led leadership in developing faith strategies to combat health disparities for African American women and girls. She is vice president of the Labor-Religion Coalition of New York State; past chair of the Bedford-Stuyvesant/Crown Heights HIV Care Network steering committee and member of the Board of Directors of the Fordham University Bertram M. Beck Institute on Religion and Poverty. She is the creative force behind the award winning "Wholistic Approach to Community Wellness Program" (WACW), a national faith-based best practice model, which assists religious leaders, government representatives and community stakeholders grappling with social challenges. Dr. Anthony possesses the unique ability to gracefully and skillfully blend professional ethics, business acumen, social and cultural activism in order to proclaim a living Gospel.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Reverend Doctor Cheryl G. Anthony, a woman called into the Kingdom to serve her generation through the power of God.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2892, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, in 2008, the State of Iowa experienced the worst natural disaster in our state's history which left 85