EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE SERVICE AND THE MEMORY OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER PVT. JAMES ANDERSON

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and the memory of Revolutionary War Soldier James Anderson, Sr. of Buncombe County, North Carolina.

On Sunday, November 11, 2012 in the Western North Carolina town of Mars Hill, the memory of Private James Anderson, Sr., a Patriot and Revolutionary War Soldier, was honored by the dedication of hallowed ground and his final resting place. The ceremony was conducted by descendents of Pvt. Anderson, and honored guests, members of the Edward Buncombe Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of The American Revolution.

Private Anderson was a true American Patriot and a proud North Carolinian. He served under Captain James Bonnell Company which was part of Spencers New Jersey Regiment under Major General John Sullivan. James Anderson Sr. was engaged for service on June 26th, 1778 and served 159 days at the rank of Private.

It is with great respect that I commend and remember this brave soldier who joined hands with countless other patriots to achieve American independence. I hope that today's generation of young men and women will follow the shining example of patriotism and dedication to freedom modeled by Pvt. James Anderson and other Revolutionary War heroes.

CONGRATULATING THE 2012 GOLD MEDAL WINNERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues Mr. Stark, Mr. Carney, and Mr. Holt, to recognize the fine academic accomplishments of four of our constituents who were awarded gold medals at the International Biology Olympiad held in Singapore in July 2012. Nikhil Buduma of Bellarmine College Preparatory School in San Jose, CA; Jing ''Raymond'' Liu of Mission San Jose High School in Fremont, CA; Lei ''Jerry'' Ding of the Charter School of Wilmington, DE; and Kevin Ma of East Brunswick High School in East Brunswick, NJ competed against secondary students from over 59 countries in this prestigious international competition.

These talented students began their journey in the USA Biology Olympiad, which aims to enhance the life sciences education of nearly 10,000 students annually across the United States each year. The competition provides the motivation, curricular resources, and skills training to take them beyond their classroom experience and enhances their adaptability, inventiveness, creativity and collaboration in this content area.

After being selected among the twenty finalists, they participated in a residential training program at Purdue University where they learned advanced biological concepts and exacting laboratory skills and earned the right to represent the United States at the International Biology Olympiad.

We congratulate and salute these fine young students and commend their accomplishments in the biological sciences. We look forward to reading about their future contributions to our society and to the international community.

HONORING MAJOR EDWARD (ED) KENNEDY

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous respect and gratitude that I rise to honor MAJ Edward (Ed) Kennedy, United States Army, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Major Kennedy has recently moved on from his assignment as an Army Congressional Liaison to the House of Representatives to become a Battalion Operations Officer in the 3rd Infantry Division.

A native of Danbury, Connecticut, Major Kennedy graduated from the United States Military Academy in May of 2000 and was commissioned in the Infantry Branch. After his first assignment as an Infantry Platoon Leader in Hawaii, he commanded both Infantry and Armor units in the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, TX. During that time he deployed once in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, and twice in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

In July 2009, Major Kennedy was selected for the highly competitive Joint Chiefs of Staff Internship program. During the internship, he earned a Master's degree at Georgetown University, and then served a one year tour on the Joint Staff as the Action Officer for the Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with principle focus on Warrior and Family Support. His next year was spent on the Army Staff as a Congressional Liaison to the United States House of Representatives working for the Office of the Chief Legislative Liaison.

Mr. Speaker, it was during his assignment as a Congressional Liaison that I had the honor of getting to know this great patriot personally. It has been a true pleasure and privilege to work closely with Major Kennedy during the 112th Session of Congress.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues in recognizing and commending Major Kennedy for his meritorious service to our country. For all that he and his family have given and continue to give to our country; we are forever in their debt. But for the courageous service of our Nation's heroic military personnel such as Major Kennedy and the selflessness of military families such as his, the unparalleled freedoms and security that I and all Americans enjoy every day would not be. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I extend heartiest best wishes to Major Kennedy, his wife Jacey, and his daughter Katelyn as they continue on their journey of service.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF NATHAN B. ''NAT'' HENRY

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize SSgt. Nathan B. ''Nat'' Henry, U.S. Army, (Ret.) for his service to our country and the sacrifices he has endured. A lifelong resident of Macon County, North Carolina, Henry left the peace and tranquility of Western North Carolina to serve in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Facing overwhelming odds, Henry survived a battle in the infamous Ia Drang Valley in 1967. His subsequent capture by enemy forces, however, left him in North Vietnamese prison camps until Operation Homecoming in 1973. His nearly six years in captivity holds the unenviable distinction of being one of the longest serving prisoners of the Vietnam War. Along with numerous other medals, Henry is the recipient of two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

Henry served his country valiantly during the war and has continued to show dedication to his country and community since. Upon returning home to his community, Henry continued in the path of service by serving as an original member of the Burningtown Volunteer Fire Department. Additionally, remaining ever steadfast in his commitment to the veterans community in Macon County, he continues to be active in almost all veteran-related activities in the area including serving as both President and Chairman for the Smoky Mountain Vietnam Veterans Chapter 994.

Mr. Speaker, today I offer thanks from a grateful nation for SSgt. Nathan B. ''Nat'' Henry's (Ret.) distinguished service and sacrifice. It is service such as Henry's that allows us to continue to enjoy the freedom that he fought to protect.