

HONORING THE LIFE AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF YOGI BHAJAN

SPEECH OF

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 34, honoring the life and contributions of Yogi Bhanjan. Yogi Bhanjan was an extraordinary man of compassion, wisdom and kindness whose teachings have provided immeasurable benefits spiritually, culturally and politically to millions here in the United States and around the world. A master of Kundalini yoga, his love of humanity was so strong that he violated the tradition of secrecy surrounding this practice to bring the healing power of yoga to the troubled American youth of the 1960's by providing a healthy alternative to the drug culture.

Yogi Bhanjan worked tirelessly throughout his life to spread the message that "it is our birthright to be happy, healthy, and holy." He established a Sikh Ministry in the West and motivated thousands to embrace the Sikh way of life. He founded 3HO Superhealth, a drug rehabilitation program based on yogic wisdom and modern technology, a program that has now expanded worldwide. His books, the organizations he founded, and the thousands of teachers he trained will serve as his legacy.

One overriding message of Yogi Bhanjan's teaching is that we are all one people—Sikhs, Christians, Jews, Buddhists—and in my opinion his life stands as a shining example of how an unconditional love of humanity can contribute greatly to the health and well-being of us all.

Mr. Speaker, Yogi Bhanjan requested before his death that his passing be a time of celebration of his going home. I am proud to join my colleagues here in celebrating the life and contributions of Yogi Bhanjan, and celebrate his going home.

RECOGNIZING JULIA HOLT AS
WINNER OF THE 2005 SAFETY
EDUCATION HERO AWARD

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Julia Holt on being awarded the 2005 Safety Education Hero Award. The public safety education she provides to children has proven to be life-saving. She is a true hero in our community and is helping train our young people to be heroes, too.

As Public Education Officer with the Dickson Fire Department, Ms. Holt teaches fire safety lessons at six elementary schools to kids ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade. Although she has only served in that capacity for three years, Ms. Holt was named Tennessee's Fire Educator of the Year in 2004.

In February, 2004, Ms. Holt's Fire safety lessons were put to the test when seven-year-old Dustin Stephens got too close to a living room wall heater and his clothes ignited. Fortunately, Dustin's brothers Ryan and Justin were able to use what Ryan had learned the

week before in Ms. Holt's class. The firefighters responding to their call said Justin's life was saved because of the boys' quick action and their exceptional training.

Ms. Holt is an extraordinary public servant, and she has proven her commitment to ensuring that all children have proper training to respond to emergencies like the one Dustin and his brothers faced. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me today in thanking Ms. Holt for all she does in our community and congratulating her on receiving this distinguished award.

ENDING TAX BREAKS FOR
DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2005

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today we are introducing a bill to end government subsidies for private clubs that discriminate against Americans based on sex, race, or color. The Ending Tax Breaks for Discrimination Act of 2005 makes it illegal to deduct expenses at clubs with discriminatory membership policies. We think it's wrong for corporations to write off big expenditures for entertainment, meetings and advertising at clubs that keep women out on America's dollar. Men play and women pay.

I am joined by my distinguished colleague, Representative BRAD SHERMAN from California. In the early '90s Mr. SHERMAN, as a member of the California tax board, implemented legislation similar to this Act. Since then, other states have followed. The time for the federal government to take a stand and end government-subsidized discrimination is long overdue.

Right now, conventions and meetings are considered legitimate business deductions for corporate income tax purposes, including those held at private clubs that discriminate. Half the price of a business lunch is deductible. But if you're a woman, you subsidize one half of a man's lunch with your taxes, even though you can't join the club.

Augusta and other clubs on par with it are already way out of bounds by discriminating. For taxpayers to have to foot the bill for business conducted under these discriminatory conditions is obscene. This is something that comes into focus every Masters Week, but people need to know they are subsidizing discrimination every day of the year.

Members of these clubs profit—either indirectly through career opportunities and board appointments, or directly through tax deductions. Women can't get these same financial gains—just because they're women. Men get the membership, the deal, the deduction, and women get the bill. Ending Tax Breaks for Discrimination Act of 2005 would put a stop to that. It ends deductions for advertising, travel, accommodation and meals associated with these clubs, and it requires discriminatory clubs to print right on their receipts, "not tax deductible".

This bill is not an attack on deductions for big business. Legitimate tax deductions should continue, but when these deductions support clubs that bar Americans from becoming equal partners, equal players, and equal earners—just because of their sex or race—they are

NOT legitimate. The time for discrimination is over.

TRIBUTE TO WOODSIDE HIGH
SCHOOL WOLVERINES

HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, along with my colleague, Representative JO ANN DAVIS, I rise with great pride to call attention to a group of young students who have distinguished themselves, their school, their community, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Woodside High School Wolverines boy's basketball team had a remarkable season and we believe the Wolverines deserve formal recognition for their accomplishments. On March 12, 2005, Woodside won its second consecutive Group AAA Boy's Basketball State Championship at the Virginia Commonwealth University Siegel Center in Richmond. The Wolverines completed the 2005 season with a truly impressive record of 30–2.

Established in 1996, Woodside High School is a magnet school specializing in the performing arts. Students must meet rigorous academic requirements, take responsibility for academic progress, behavior and attendance, and they are expected to participate in school and community activities. The Woodside drive for excellence has now been extended into the field of athletics.

With their 2004 and 2005 championship seasons, Woodside has established a new tradition of championship basketball in Newport News. This year the Wolverines were Peninsula District Season and Tournament Champions, and the Eastern Region Champion. Two-time Coach of the Year, John Richardson, has compiled a 59–5 record over the last two years. The Virginia High School Coaches Association also awarded Player of the Year honors to Woodside senior guard, Calvin Baker.

My colleague JO ANN DAVIS and I would like to extend our enthusiastic congratulations to the Woodside High School players and their families, Coach Richardson and the rest of his coaching staff, Woodside High alumni, and the entire Woodside High community for their remarkable accomplishment.

HONORING JIN LEE

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Jin Lee for his recent appointment to the Northeastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees. Jin Lee has been an outstanding citizen of the Fifth Congressional District, and he will be a tremendous asset to Northeastern Illinois University as a member of its Board of Trustees.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Lee's distinguished career included management positions with Ace Young Company, Daewoo International America Corporation, and Lorenzo Import-Export Company. He was also