

in the 2006 competition were innovative and novel, but only a few won the P3 Award, making them eligible to apply for grants of up to \$75,000.

Among the winners is a group from Portland State University in Oregon. Michelle Guthrie, Candy Lai Kuen, and Kristen Lans designed an educational and interactive website called WISE—Whole systems, Integrated Site design for Education. The website, hosted by a friendly and informative owl, guides students through a multi-step process to improve the sustainability of their school campus, and ultimately, get them interested in improving the sustainability of their communities at large.

Portland State University has a long standing reputation for innovative and progressive thinking, offering programs that foster and promote sustainability, so it is no surprise that this award-winning project came from Portland State minds. The project, as well as the university community itself, serves as a strong example of the educational values we need to promote in this country.

I want to congratulate the project adviser, Pramod Parajuli, and the entire university community on this tremendous success. Most of all, I congratulate these women whose combination of talent and commitment lead to the development of this exciting and valuable project. I am honored by their service to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 165, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED
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SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5386) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes:

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of Congressman POE's amendment to open the outer continental shelf (OCS) to oil and gas exploration. Opening the OCS to exploration would expand America's energy pie. The Gulf of Mexico OCS has been producing oil and natural gas since the 1950s. Virtually all of the oil and natural gas produced from the OCS is from the Central and Western sections of the Gulf of Mexico. The 1.5 million barrels per day of oil from the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico OCS is equivalent to our imports from Saudi Arabia. Imagine if we expanded OCS production and could cut out

Saudi Arabian imports altogether. No more subsidies for radical Islamists who are intent on harming Americans.

Currently 4.4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas is produced annually from the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico. To put that impressive number into perspective, the undiscovered resources on the federal OCS, that could be recovered with today's technology, is estimated at 420 trillion cubic feet, almost 100 percent more than current production.

While the Central and Western sections of the Gulf of Mexico OCS have been the workhorse of oil and natural gas production, Mineral Management Service and the Department of Energy forecast that, without expanded access beyond the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico, the growth in deepwater production will not be able to offset declines in shallow water production for more than a few years.

U.S. energy policy has not sufficiently emphasized the importance of developing domestic oil and natural gas supplies which are essential to our economic growth and to our energy security. Supporting Congressman POE's amendment is the right first step in the domestic production of energy.

HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL
JAMES RONALD HELMLY ON HIS
CHANGE OF COMMAND

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, today marks the change of command for one of the finest Chiefs ever to command the United States' Army Reserve. James Ronald Helmly, born 25 September 1947, to John James Helmly and Geneva Maxine Slover, grew up in Savannah, Georgia. Ron Helmly attended high school in Savannah, where he enrolled in the Junior ROTC program. He did very well academically in school and played football and baseball. Though he had an academic scholarship, he found he missed military structure (from ROTC) and took the West Point entrance examination. Circumstances prevailed that saw Helmly leave Armstrong State College and enlist in the Army in 1966, attending Basic Training at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He completed his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and transferred to the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, because of the delay in getting a slot in the Engineer officer program. Following school, he received his commission as a second lieutenant and went on to complete the Basic Airborne course.

In September 1967, Helmly joined Company B, 3d Battalion (Airborne), 187th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, as a platoon leader and then went to Vietnam where he says the experience shaped the outlook of his entire life and gave him a fundamental love of soldiers. His Vietnam experience provided him with essential lessons about the need for good leadership and selecting people of good character and disposition, as well as professional preparedness in positions of leadership. He learned the importance of soldiers and leaders having self-confidence and training to standard. Helmly continued to serve on Active Duty from 1966

to 1973 in a variety of company- and battalion-level assignments, to include another tour in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division and command of an infantry company in Panama. It was during his time on active duty that Helmly met Maria Glasbrenner, the daughter of a retired Army sergeant major. They married on 6 March 1970, just before Helmly left for his second tour in Vietnam. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

As an Army Reserve Soldier, Lieutenant General Helmly has held logistics and operations positions in the 87th Maneuver Area Command and the 81st Army Reserve Command (ARCOM). He commanded the 352nd Maintenance Battalion in Macon, GA, and the 449th Area Support Group in Forest Park, GA. He was also the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training and the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel of the 81st ARCOM.

He served as the Deputy Chief, Army Reserve, Washington, DC, from June 1995 to June 1999. From June 1999 to August 1999, he served as the commander of the joint task force conducting Operation PROVIDE REFUGE at Fort Dix, NJ. Until taking command of the 78th Division in May 2001, he was the Military Assistant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (Individual Mobilization Augmentee), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Washington, DC, from October 1999 to May 2001.

LG James R. Helmly was confirmed by the U.S. Senate for promotion to lieutenant general and appointment as the Chief, Army Reserve, March 21, 2002. He took command of the U.S. Army Reserve Command on May 3, 2002, and became the Chief, Army Reserve, on May 25, 2002. His promotion to three-star rank was effective on May 25, 2002.

During his tenure as Chief of the Army Reserve he managed the mobilization of more than 147,000 Army Reserve soldiers in support of the Global War on Terror. General Helmly increased Reserve units and soldiers' readiness by having developed a progressive and cyclic training strategy that prioritized resources and managed readiness levels, improved facilities, adapted training to ever changing battlefield conditions, and streamlined Command and Control of the Army Reserve Forces.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College. He has a bachelor's degree in liberal studies from the State University of New York in Albany.

Among his numerous awards and decorations are the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with Valor Device and three Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge and Ranger Tab. He was inducted into the Infantry Hall of Fame in 1996. General Helmly will continue his fine tradition of success as he begins his assignment in Islamabad, Pakistan, as the Chief Office of Defense Representative.