

The joint POW/MIA Accounting Command in Hawaii oversees these missions. The Central Identification Laboratory is the largest forensic anthropology laboratory in the world. The Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory in Maryland is one of the leading laboratories in the world that handles degraded skeletal remains to determine DNA results, and the Air Force Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory in Texas is home to the most comprehensive technical library and collection of life sciences equipment used by the Armed Forces.

But all of our efforts would be for naught, Mr. Speaker, if we did not have the support and cooperation of other nations, such as the Laos People's Democratic Republic, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and the Kingdom of Cambodia, in helping us achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans who remain unaccounted from past and current conflicts.

However, even with the state-of-the-art laboratories and highly trained personnel and the support of foreign nations, we could not be successful as we have been without the support of the families. Yes, the families and the loved ones of those missing in action and those who were captured and returned home. The support of these families and that of our POWs has been immeasurable. We would not be here today in support of National POW/MIA Recognition Day without their encouragement and without their advocacy.

On Friday, National POW/MIA Recognition Day will be one of the six days specified by law that the National League of Families POW/MIA flag is required to be flown over certain Federal buildings, over certain national cemeteries, military installations, and post offices. The flag will fly as a reminder for all Americans to remember those who remain missing in action and those who were captured and have returned home.

And so, Mr. Speaker, let us also take this special moment to recognize those of the current conflict, the current conflict who remain missing: SGT Keith "Matt" Maupin, United States Army Reserves, and MAJ Jill Metzger, United States Air Force. Our thoughts and our prayers are with them and with their families and the families of those whose loved ones remain missing from previous conflicts.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I would simply like to close by thanking my colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina, who serves with great distinction on the House Armed Services Committee, serves our country in a bipartisan fashion, for his contribution and his cooperation on this resolution here tonight.

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, on June 29, 2006, my colleague, Mr. SIMMONS, and I introduced H. Con. Res. 444, extending the thanks of Congress and the Nation to the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office, the Joint

POW/MIA Accounting Command of the Department of Defense, the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory, the Air Force Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory, and the military departments and to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for their efforts to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans unaccounted for as a result of the Nation's previous wars and conflicts. I am honored to stand before you today in support of this resolution.

On Friday we will celebrate National POW/MIA Recognition Day. As a Vietnam-era veteran I am deeply touched by the opportunity to discuss this resolution on the floor so close to this important day of recognition. It is difficult for me to understand that over 30 years after the end of hostilities in Vietnam, 1,802 Americans are still unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. It is only through the hard work and cooperation of the people, officials and governments of Vietnam and the United States that the remains of 604 Americans have been identified and returned to the United States. They are the heroes who are helping to bring closure and peace to so many American families.

I urge all my colleagues to vote in support of this long overdue recognition and send a heartfelt message to all the individuals involved in the identification and recovery efforts that a thankful Nation values and appreciates the work they do.

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Likewise, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SIMMONS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 444, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The title of the concurrent resolution was amended so as to read: "Concurrent resolution extending the appreciation of Congress and the Nation to the Department of Defense organizations, military departments, and personnel engaged in the mission to achieve the fullest possible accounting for all Americans unaccounted for as a result of the Nation's wars, to the POW/MIA families and veterans who support the mission, and to foreign nations that assist in the mission."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN AFGHANISTAN

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim Mr. POE's time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Indiana is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

IN MEMORY OF TOM JEHL

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, my subject for tonight is on Afghanistan and the narcotics problem, but before I address that, I would like to insert into the RECORD an excellent newspaper article about Tom Jehl, who died Tuesday in Fort Wayne.

He had this tremendous love for the University of St. Francis and Fort Wayne football team, and that love and this story is about how it kept him alive in the drive for the national championship, and how this year it is the inspiration for that team.

This is in NAIA, not Notre Dame's division. They will be the national champ in that division, but the University of St. Francis has been in the championship for the last few years, and Tom Jehl was their biggest cheerleader, and he is going to be sorely missed in Fort Wayne, and I hope it inspires the team, the Cougars, to go all the way this year.

[From the Fort Wayne News—Sentinel, Sept. 13, 2006]

In January 2005, Fort Wayne businessman and Lifetime Sports Academy co-founder Tom Jehl was diagnosed with aggressive strains of carcinoma and sarcoma cancers. A few weeks later, doctors at the Mayo Clinic told Jehl he had six months to live.

Jehl died Tuesday at age 76. This story is how he turned that prediction into 21 months with the help of some young friends.

When Jehl was informed of his diagnosis, one of the first people he called was University of Saint Francis Football coach Kevin Donley. The pair had met eight years earlier while waiting to participate in an hour-long radio sports show.

"I didn't know anything about Lifetime Sports Academy and Tom Jehl," Donley said, "and he didn't know anything about me and thought I was a fool to start a football team at Saint Francis. I thought, 'This guy's getting a half-hour of my deal,' and he's thinking, 'I'm getting a half-hour of his deal and they'll never play a game.'"

Almost, but not quite.

"I was trying not to listen to him," Jehl said a few weeks ago, laughing. "Out of the corner of my ear I hear him say 'We intend to win a national championship,' and I was like, Oh, brother, are we bringing a caseload to Fort Wayne! And he's on before me?"

A former Central Catholic quarterback, class of 1948, Jehl's first love was football. He played his college ball at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, before joining the Air Force, and it had always been his dream that Fort Wayne high school players would have a closer option. A few weeks after their meeting, Jehl walked into Donley's office and asked how he could help.

Over the next few years, Jehl helped the school name the football stadium after