

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE MILITARY FAMILIES OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION DURING "THE WEEK OF THE EAGLES"

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Screaming Eagles of the 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army, based at Fort Campbell, a portion of which I am honored to represent in this chamber. This week marks the biennial celebration known as "The Week of the Eagles," when we acknowledge the immeasurable contributions to our country from the current, veteran and fallen members of the 101st Airborne Division and their families, all of whom have made great personal sacrifices in service to our Nation.

The inspiration for the book and television mini-series "The Band of Brothers," the Screaming Eagles have historically played prominent roles in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm. They were instrumental in successes in Operation Anacanda, a tough early front in the War on Terrorism in Afghanistan. They have also answered the call of duty repeatedly to serve in Iraq, and many of these courageous men and women will deploy to Iraq again later this year.

The tradition of "The Week of the Eagles" began in 1973 when the Screaming Eagles returned home from the Vietnam War and held a community festival to showcase the division's combat readiness. The celebration was resurrected in 1996 by 101st Airborne Division Commander Major General William Kernan to remember those service members who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States Army. We now celebrate "The Week of the Eagles" biennially to both honor the fallen troops and their families and showcase the readiness of the 101st Airborne's mighty combat units.

I trust that, even if there is healthy difference of opinion among some of our colleagues and the international community about the civilian leadership of the United States Armed Forces, every member of this body supports those families who are bravely serving our country and is proud of the families of the 101st Airborne Division, whose efforts throughout the division's long and storied history have served our country well.

Madam Speaker, I join you and our colleagues in the House of Representatives in honoring the 101st Airborne Division, thanking the Screaming Eagles and their families for their dedication and patriotism, remembering those 101st Airborne members who have given their lives in service to our country, and recognizing "The Week of the Eagles."

IN HONOR OF THE STUDENT GRADUATES OF ORADELL'S D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, on Monday, May 14th, I participated in the D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony in Oradell, New Jersey. More than 100 elementary school students participated in this important program that gives young people the support they need to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., began as a small program in Los Angeles in 1983. Today, it is implemented in more than 75 percent of our Nation's school districts and in more than 43 other nations. It uses positive peer pressure to help children defeat the negative cultural influences that bombard them daily.

I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program in Oradell, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship: Rachel Bahng, Shamus Barnes, Edward Caiazzo, Christie Candrilli, Nicole Carney, Estee Chaimson, Christopher Colon, Colleen Dakay, Phillip Giuffre, Kandai Iso, Dana Johnson, Tyler Kane, Kevin Loh, Hayley Murphy, Gerard Quinn, Laura Rivera, Julia Shats, Griffin Suess, Gabriela Valenzuela, Mark Wittkamp, Anna Yasouka, Haylee Alonso, Ashley Anzalone, Esther Bae, Ryan Bauman, Troy Bendian, Thomas Browning, Liam Cameron, Raymond Cannarozzi.

Daniel Christmann, Marissa Conti, Melanie Culha, Conor Davidson, Hunter DeGregorio, Ciara Enright, Jacqueline Galbraith, Daniel Gladston, Kevin Hanrahan, Emily Hyman, Tyler Kallensee, Maria Karim, Emily McGovern, Dillon Ross, Cathy Antonelli, Michael Bruno, Lauren Chagachbanian, Michelle Chakansky, Katie Dantoni, Gianni DaSilva, Sumie Kakehi.

Adam Kunkel, Emily Lewis, David Lo, Robbie Lombardi, Brett Lubben, Kayleen Melvin, Emily O'Boyle, Emily Reynolds, Andrew Rivera, Hannah Schultz, Alissa Settembrino, Sara Starr, Meghana Yarde, Ryan Zaccaria, Chris Bastable, Taylor Bavlitschko, Jack Bertini, Tyler Bisig, Scott Callison, Emily Croonquist, Cami Didio, Sharon Galperin, Gregory Gerbino, Michelle Hao, Colleen Kelly, Natalie Ortega, Michael Santucci, Samantha Sender, Madeline Toohey.

Jessica Toufayan, Melonie Ward, Rebecca Weimer, Austin Williams, Zack Wynne, Kaitlyn Brady, Alexandra Braun, Daniel DaSilva, Kalette deMarras, Jared Finkel, Ryan Gallow, Rebecca Goldstein, Martin Gross, Sonya Koh, Simon Kramer, Meagan McCorry, Emanuel Nobile, David Pagan, Daniel Ross, Ana Song, Maryssa Spiniella, David Tirelli, Karen Triunfo, Rebecca Wasserman, and Brenna Wiegand.

IN HONOR OF MS. BARBARA KING

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I wish to acknowledge an outstanding community leader from Ohio's Third Congressional District.

Ms. Barbara King was recently honored as a recipient of the 2006 Community Ambassador Awards, presented by the Dayton/Montgomery County Convention & Visitors Bureau. This prestigious award was given in honor of Ms. King's dedication to her community, and for her efforts in coordinating the Sesqui-centennial Conference of the Wilberforce University Alumni Association.

Wilberforce University is the Nation's oldest, private African-American university, and last year this unique institution commemorated its 150th anniversary. Ms. King was recently elected national president of the Wilberforce University Alumni Association, and she chose the city of Dayton as the site for the school's 2006 Alumni Conference.

She was selected for her work in bringing over 400 Wilberforcean alumni and friends to downtown Dayton. Ms. King was selected as a 2006 Community Ambassador by the Dayton/Montgomery County Convention & Visitors Bureau at its 15th Annual Community Ambassador Awards Breakfast.

Ms. King is an active member of the General Daniel "Chappie" James American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 776, in Riverside Ohio. She also serves as one of five faculty advisors in the Department of Early Childhood Education, ECE, at Sinclair Community College.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize a remarkable citizen, Ms. Barbara King, for her leadership and dedication to our community, and I congratulate her on receiving this prestigious award.

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SPEECH OF

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1700, the Community Oriented Policing Services, or C.O.P.S., Program Reauthorization Act. The bill authorizes appropriations of more than \$1.1 billion for community policing, community prosecutors and crime-fighting technology grants. The original mission of this program was simple: put 100,000 more police officers on the beat for policing programs. The brainchild of the Clinton administration, the C.O.P.S. program brought members from both parties together with the goal of reducing crime.

The C.O.P.S. program provides grants to local municipalities for crime fighting technologies and for additional community policing

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