

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
LOGAN COZART FOR WINNING
THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE
BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Logan Cozart showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Logan Cozart was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Logan Cozart always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Logan Cozart on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3183, "Making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Project Amount: \$500,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: NTRCI, 2360 Cherahala Boulevard, Knoxville, TN 37932

Description of Request: NTRCI will conduct over-the-road, heavy vehicle testing and research to validate the benefits and reliability of the Legacy rotary engine to demonstrate the capability of the Legacy engine to deliver greater fuel efficiency and thus lower consumption and reduced emissions for the \$7 billion Class 8 heavy vehicle engine market.

RECOGNIZING OUR NATION'S
SUBMARINE VETERANS

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the United States World War II Submarine Veterans and the important roles they played in the Allied victory.

Approximately 3,500 submariners gave their lives to protect the liberties and freedoms of the United States. The U.S. Submarine Force suffered the highest loss rate of the U.S.

Armed Forces during World War II, losing a total of 52 American submarines in battle. The War in the Pacific could not have been won without the brave and selfless efforts of these men.

It is also a great honor to be able to attend the decommissioning ceremony for World War II Submarine Veterans, Diamond Chapter, hosted by the USS Snook Base of the United States Submarine Veterans in Rogers, Arkansas.

The recognition of our World War II submarine veterans has been long overdue. I am pleased and honored to recognize these servicemen, who risked their lives for their country and made the World War II victory possible in House Resolution 773. I thank Congressman SESTAK for his service to our country and for his leadership on this Resolution and encourage my colleagues to cosponsor this important bill.

CONGRATULING THE DALAI LAMA
ON HIS TRIUMPHS FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Dalai Lama as the first-ever Tom Lantos Human Rights Prize honoree. The award acknowledges the Dalai Lama's role as an unsung hero in the fight for human rights. He is already a Nobel Peace Prize and Congressional Gold Medal recipient.

The Dalai Lama was recognized as the reincarnation of the 13th Dalai Lama when he was two years old and enthroned at the age of 15. For more than 50 years, he has fought on behalf of Tibetan Buddhists and made history as the first Dalai Lama to travel to the West. The late Congressman Tom Lantos—who serves as the namesake for the prestigious award—was fittingly the first Congressman to invite a Dalai Lama to the U.S. Congress.

The Dalai Lama serves as a role model to us all. His courageous spirit in the fight for equal rights, democracy, freedom, and religious harmony are the things that will help not only strengthen Tibet, but the world over.

Annette Lantos and the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice are committed to recognizing and applauding individuals who continue to fight for human rights in America and abroad, in the great spirit of my former colleague Congressman Lantos. May we join them—with enthusiasm and fervor—in that endeavor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, last week I missed several rollcall votes and I wish to state for the record how I would have voted had I been present:

Rollcall No. 740—"yes"; rollcall No. 741—"yes"; rollcall No. 742—"no"; rollcall No. 743—"yes"; rollcall No. 744—"yes"; rollcall

No. 745—"yes"; rollcall No. 746—"no"; rollcall No. 747—"yes"; rollcall No. 748—"yes"; rollcall No. 749—"yes"; rollcall No. 750—"yes"; rollcall No. 751—"yes"; rollcall No. 752—"yes".

HONORING FEMALE CIVIC
LEADERS OF WATERLOO

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor eight influential women of Waterloo, Ruth Anderson, BJ Furgerson, Joy Lowe, Lou Porter, Dorothy Sallis, Dorothy Turner, Anna Weems and Willie Mae Wright. These women define what it means to be a champion for equal rights.

Over the past five decades, these women have helped shape the lives of all residents of Waterloo through their efforts to ensure that equality is attained and maintained. Through their work, the city of Waterloo has become an example of moving beyond what divides the community and instead focusing on what strengthens it.

These women have made remarkable strides in bringing forth equality. They were instrumental in bringing Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to their community, establishing and maintaining Iowa's longest running African American radio station, serving in city and county government, working tirelessly to improve the lives of children, and ensuring that the rights of all citizens of Waterloo are honored. Through their work more people are now invested in their communities and giving back to their neighbors.

These women have dedicated their lives to bringing about the sort of change that we now recognize as fundamental to a full and vibrant society. They are a constant reminder of how far we have come and that we should all strive for fairness in our work and provide opportunities for all. I am proud to represent these women in Congress and wish them well in their future endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
LOGAN GRAY FOR WINNING THE
BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASE-
BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Logan Gray showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Logan Gray was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Logan Gray always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Logan Gray on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND
DEDICATION OF SARAH M. TUKE

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and dedication of Sarah R. Tuke, a member of my staff who is leaving my office to pursue the next phase in her career.

Sarah Tuke is a Tennessee native, raised in the Nashville area. After graduating from the University of Virginia with a bachelor's degree in History, she moved to St. Louis to work for a non-profit organization. Sarah quickly realized, however, that working in politics interested her more, and she returned to Tennessee to volunteer for Harold Ford Jr.'s U.S. Senate campaign in 2006.

Following the campaign, Sarah moved to Washington, D.C. to further pursue her interests in politics and the legislative process. She joined my staff in February 2007 after an internship with the House Science and Technology Committee.

From the first day she walked into my office, her enthusiasm and kind spirit impressed me and everyone she worked with. Her commitment to helping Middle Tennesseans has always been strong—I have never had a staffer with the patience and kindness that Sarah exudes, especially when answering questions from constituents and volunteering to help her co-workers with projects. She has also worked hard to understand the complexities of adoption and veterans issues, which has helped me in pursuing my legislative priorities.

Madam Speaker, if you would like to package kindness, you could just put a bow on Sarah. It's Sarah's "can-do" attitude, combined with her genuine compassion to others that has led this wonderful individual to rise and succeed as she has done in my office.

Sarah, we're all going to miss you. I wish you the best of luck in your new position with the Japanese Embassy.

RETIREMENT OF COLONEL STEPHEN M. CHRISTIAN, UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor a fine officer who will shortly be leaving active duty. COL Stephen M. Christian will be retiring from the United States Army on October 12, 2009, after more than 30 years of active military service, culminating as Garrison Commander for the United States Army Garrison, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

Colonel Christian enlisted in the Army in 1978 and in 1984 attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery Officer. Throughout his career Colonel Christian has held numerous high level command and staff positions, including tours with the 7th Infantry Division (Light) at Fort Ord, California; the 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and the

10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York. He commanded at the battalion level on two occasions and served two tours of duty in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, during which he was awarded two Bronze Star Medals. Colonel Christian's civilian education includes a master of science in administration and a master of security strategy from the National War College, National Defense University. Colonel Christian is married to Laura Christian and they have two adult children, Captain Nicholas Christian and Leslie Roop.

Madam Speaker, our active duty families make many sacrifices for the rest of us, and this is especially true of those who make the military their career. I thank Colonel Christian for his long and honorable service to our Nation, and I wish him and his wife Laura the very best as they prepare to enter a new phase in their life journey together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to correct my vote on the Motion to Instruct Conferees for the Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Act that was considered on the House floor on October 1, 2009.

The Motion to Instruct Conferees (rollcall No. 746) made recommendations that would prohibit the transfer of detainees currently held at Guantanamo Bay to the United States, even for prosecution. My vote in favor of this motion was a mistake and contradicts my views on our detention policies.

To be clear, I strongly support President Obama's decision to close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay and move our detention policies forward in a responsible manner, even if that means transferring some detainees to the United States. I intended to vote "yes" on rollcall vote No. 663.

TRIBUTE TO FRED NELSON

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to an exemplary public servant from my District in Tennessee.

Fred Nelson recently retired as the General Manager of the Lenoir City Utilities Board in Lenoir City, Tennessee. His career is a testament to the American dream and community service.

Fred began working at the Lenoir City Utilities Board in an entry-level position for \$1.90 per hour. More than four decades later, he retires following a successful tenure as General Manager. Dedicated public servants such as Fred are the seeds of any great community, and I only hope that more people follow in his footsteps.

Like many of his generation, Fred also served his country admirably in the Marine Corps in Vietnam. We owe a debt to Fred and

many others who selflessly put their community and country before themselves.

Recently, the News-Herald in Lenoir City published an article commemorating Fred's service, which is reprinted below. I gladly bring the service of Fred Nelson to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD, and I wish him all the best in his much-deserved retirement.

[From the Lenoir City (TN) News-Herald,
Sept. 23-24, 2009]

NELSON SET TO RETIRE

(By Greg Wilkerson)

After a more than 43-year career with Lenoir City Utilities Board, General Manager Fred Nelson announced his retirement Monday, effective Jan. 22.

"It's been my life," Nelson said as he reflected on his long career.

Nelson got his start with the utility after leaving the Marine Corps in 1966.

He said his plan had been to make a career in the armed forces, but his mother did not want him to return to Vietnam, so he left to start a civilian career.

He considered a position he was offered in Florida within the space program, but ultimately decided to come to Loudon County because of an offer to work at the Hosiery Mill.

That job paid \$1.80 an hour and the LCUB job paid \$1.90 an hour and he's been working there ever since.

"I think the Lord's led me and actually guided me in ways I needed to go," he said. "It's always been right."

Nelson said health concerns were a major factor in his leaving. Doctors have encouraged him to retire for years because of advanced artery disease in his heart and he said he recently had his sixteenth and seventeenth stints put in.

"I'm going to start walking on the trail and try to lose weight and hopefully play golf," Nelson said. He also said he plans to do more travelling and see more of his out-of-town friends.

When Nelson started with LCUB he worked for about six months as a groundman before starting a four-year apprenticeship to become a lineman. He said he still pays his lineman dues to stay a part of their union.

"There's not much I haven't got to do here," he said.

His career has included the title of foreman, assistant superintendent, superintendent, manager of operations and in 2004, general manager.

"It's been a wonderful ride," he said.

He said he will miss the employees the most.

"We have a great bunch of employees and everybody is very friendly," Nelson said. He recognized there have been disagreements through the years but everything always gets worked out.

"If somebody was to need something, the employees are always ready to help," he said. "Since I came to work at LCUB in 1966, 46 people have passed away that I worked with. I have a lot of good memories with all of them."

Nelson was quick to thank the board for giving him the opportunity to be general manager and said he was proud of the accomplishments of the utility in the five years he's been in charge. He also attributed much of the success to his department heads.

"We've built five new substations in the last three years and we paid for them in-house without having to borrow any money," he said. They also haven't been to the bond market since 2001, and Nelson said they used to go every three years.

"We've really tried to buy the best equipment you can get," he said. "We've had an excellent safety record."