

HONORING EGGLESTON SERVICES
AND THE SARAH BONWELL
HUDGINS CENTER

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I am privileged to rise today to honor Eggleston Services for the meaningful opportunities they provide for individuals with disabilities. Eggleston Services is a company in southeastern Virginia that has close to 600 employees, and upwards of three fourths of those employees have a disability. Many of these workers are able to work through a federal program called Ability One. Ability One encourages federal entities to work directly with agencies like Eggleston to provide valuable work at a fair price, all the while utilizing the skills of persons with disabilities.

Eggleston Services is dedicated to providing a broad array of programs and services for individuals with disabilities. Since 1955 their goal has been to assist people in obtaining meaningful work opportunities, and to help them participate fully in their communities. Eggleston Services helps individuals with disabilities gain freedom from dependence on government support by providing them on-the-job training and stable work opportunities.

Just recently, I had the honor to visit the Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Center in Hampton, Virginia. The center is owned by the Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Foundation and managed by Eggleston Services, Inc. The center provides dynamic programs for individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities. Through its partnership with Eggleston Services, the Foundation helps persons with disabilities by providing a place to work, a place to live in a safe caring environment, and a place to learn to live independently.

The profound work and programs that are available at the center help many and are invaluable. At the Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Center, Eggleston Services operates a Life Enhancement Program, which provides specialized services, activities, and residential care. Eggleston Services also provides programs at the center, including Eggleston Document Destruction, a full-service secure document destruction and shredding business, a business fulfillment center, and a ceramics manufacturing facility.

These remarkable programs serve as a way for people with disabilities to find independence and a sense of one's own. None of this would be possible without the Ability One Program and the dedication of Eggleston Services. Businesses can look to Eggleston Services and the Ability One program and use their successful programs as a model for their own business practices. Persons with disabilities can be key contributors in the workplace and I commend Eggleston Services in conjunction with the Ability One program and the Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Foundation for their work in providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

REPEAL THE DON'T ASK, DON'T
TELL POLICY

SPEECH OF

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Congressman MURPHY for providing me with the opportunity to speak on this important issue. As a cosponsor of the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, I fully support the repeal of the unjust, unnecessary, and unsound "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. I believe we must reject current practices that have institutionalized discrimination against many valuable members of our armed services for too long. Instead, we must establish a new policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is simply unjust. It flies in the face of the fundamental American value of equality for all. No individual, including those in our armed forces, should be discriminated against based on his or her sexual orientation. Members of our armed services have fought honorably to protect our safety and freedom, so the least we can do in return is to fight to protect their freedom and equality as well. My hometown of Las Vegas includes Nellis Air Force Base, one of the premier Air Force facilities in the U.S., and I believe the courageous men and women who serve there deserve to be treated with equality and respect, regardless of their sexual orientation.

The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy is also completely unnecessary. The vast majority of Americans believe our troops deserve the opportunity to serve with honesty and honor. And most importantly, a majority of servicemembers have said they would have no reservations about serving alongside gay and lesbian troops, proving the problems this policy supposedly prevents are not, in fact, problems at all.

Not only is this practice unjust and unnecessary, it is also unsound. Our military should not fire valuable servicemembers simply for being gay, particularly during a time of war when we need every American who is willing and able to serve. Furthermore, repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" would increase, not undercut, unit cohesion by fostering openness and trust among troops.

Ultimately, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" does nothing to contribute to our national security. In reality, it only undermines the strength and integrity of our military system. I believe this practice should be repealed immediately, not only for the benefit of our armed forces, but for the safety of Nevada and our Nation as a whole.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Many of us have concerns for family and friends impacted by breast cancer. This month we must take those concerns and turn the emotion into action.

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed form of cancer in women in California and the United States as a whole. It is the second most common cause of cancer death. The California Cancer Registry estimates that each year, more than 25,000 California women develop breast cancer and over 4,000 die as a result. California represents a large portion of the 192,370 new cases of breast cancer that have been diagnosed in 2009 alone.

This disease is not gender specific; it will develop in approximately almost 2,000 men this year as well. Early detection and treatment for both sexes has resulted in 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

We must continue to encourage all women and men to undergo mammography screening, as it is the most effective test to determine the presence of breast cancer. To do so, I have joined with my colleagues to cosponsor the Breast Cancer Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009. This bill will enhance efforts to increase public awareness regarding the threats posed by breast cancer to young women and men, as well as to enhance campaigns that will further educate the community on the risk factors of breast cancer and the importance of early detection.

I am proud to stand today with my colleagues to recognize the importance of continuing efforts to enhance awareness and preventative actions.

TRIBUTE TO JAN TITTLE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jan Tittle, the National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Mrs. Tittle will address the Veterans of Foreign Wars Fall Conference on October 10th in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

The 600,000 members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars have spent the last 96 years honoring those who have sacrificed and served our Nation to preserve our freedoms. They volunteer their time maintaining memorials to the persons making the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to teach our youth about our veterans. They provide financial assistance to preserve the Statue of Liberty, have volunteered over 2 million hours in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and other hospitals. They provide awards and scholarships to students based upon their expressions of patriotism through art, speech and volunteerism.

Jan Tittle was elected the 2009–2010 National President this past August at the 96th National Convention. She is a Life Member of the TSgt. Walter C. Fulda Auxiliary 3433 in Ladson, South Carolina. She is eligible through her father, Arlen Owens, a World War II Purple Heart recipient. As the National President she plans to focus on the Auxiliary's core programs for veterans and their families.