

together 24/7, and my life was in his hands, just as his life was in mine. I thought he was dead.”

Dana then went through several surgeries and defied the odds, continuing to improve and get better. During her recovery at Walter Reed, she awoke one day to find a big surprise: Rex was there, alive, with little more than a slight burn on his nose.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 2½ minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Dana’s best friend, Rex, was alive. However, the reunion was short-lived as Rex was scheduled to be brought back into service.

Growing up in Smethport, Pennsylvania, in Pennsylvania’s Fifth Congressional District, Dana has always loved animals, especially dogs and horses. During her recovery, she repeatedly asked to adopt Rex. However, she was not allowed to keep him until Congress, recognizing the importance of military working dogs, passed a measure that would allow certain exceptions for wounded veterans. Tech Sergeant Dana and others put their lives on the line every day in defense of this country, but so do their dogs. Their activities have truly touched the lives of so many, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution honoring military working dogs.

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, I would think it is appropriate that I might say to everyone who has spoken today, thank you for your comments, but also I would like to share that the House has passed legislation that would allow a war dog memorial to be built at no expense to the taxpayer, either the building of the memorial or the upkeep. With that I would like to say to the gentleman from Georgia, it is a pleasure to work with you. You are one of the gentlemen who I have a greatest respect for in this House for your integrity.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman from North Carolina saying that since he is widely viewed in the House as being nothing but integrity.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. MARSHALL) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 812, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The title of the resolution was amended so as to read: “Recognizing the significant contributions of the Military Working Dog Program to the United States Armed Forces.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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RECOGNIZING LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1072) recognizing Louisiana State University for 150 years of service and excellence in higher education, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1072

Whereas classes began at Louisiana State University, formerly named Seminary of Learning of the State of Louisiana, on January 2, 1860;

Whereas Louisiana State University is the flagship institution of the State of Louisiana, and is a land-grant, sea-grant, and space-grant institution;

Whereas Louisiana State University developed seven institutions of higher learning in the State of Louisiana so that educational opportunities would be available to the far reaches of the state;

Whereas Louisiana State University has instituted the “Pelican Promise” program providing financial assistance to the neediest of students so that they may receive the benefits of higher education;

Whereas Louisiana State University is designated a Research University by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and performs research for the benefit of the United States and the State of Louisiana;

Whereas Louisiana State University has 650 endowed chairs and professorships held by distinguished faculty in the comprehensive disciplines that support the economy, culture, policy, and scientific prosperity of the State;

Whereas Louisiana State University offers degrees in 72 baccalaureate programs, 78 master’s programs, and 53 doctoral programs and has awarded more than 100,000 degrees since the institution’s inception;

Whereas Louisiana State University administers 11 intercollegiate women’s sports teams and 9 men’s sports teams, and the “Tigers” have won 46 national championships, including 25 championships won by the women’s track and field team;

Whereas Louisiana State University has answered the call to service whether it be officers for military service or operating the Nation’s largest field hospital in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina; and

Whereas Louisiana State University has provided a quality education, basic and applicable research, service to its State and Nation, and brought distinction upon the State of Louisiana: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes Louisiana State University for over 150 years of service and excellence in higher education, and

(2) congratulates Louisiana State University on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which

Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 1072 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1072, which celebrates Louisiana State University for 150 years of service and leadership in higher education.

Founded in 1860 as a seminary school and a military academy, the university has grown to educate more than 26,000 students annually, including more than 1,400 international students and over 4,000 graduate students. The students and faculty, past and present, guide LSU to its current standing as the flagship public university of the State of Louisiana.

LSU’s dedication in the classroom is matched by its athletic excellence. The university fields 20 Division 1A sports teams and has earned over 46 national championships, including a recent 2009 national men’s baseball championship.

LSU also demonstrates leadership and serves the communities of Louisiana. This was best exemplified by its role in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. In addition to accepting 2,300 displaced students from universities throughout the region, 3,000 LSU students volunteered to help injured Hurricane Katrina evacuees. LSU’s support of the hardest hit communities in the Gulf Coast is critical to recovery, and I thank the university and its students for their service.

This year, Louisiana State University will celebrate 150 years of providing excellent education and cultivating young men and women who become local, State, and national leaders.

Madam Speaker, once again, I express my support for Louisiana State University and thank Representative CASSIDY for bringing this bill forward.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1072, recognizing Louisiana State University for 150 years of service and excellence in higher education.

Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College had its origin in certain land grants made by the United States Government in 1806, 1811 and 1827 for use as a seminary of learning. In 1853, the Louisiana General Assembly established the Seminary of Learning of the State of Louisiana near Pineville, Louisiana. The institution opened on January 2, 1860. In 1870, the name of the institution was changed to Louisiana State University.

Today, LSU holds a prominent position in American higher education. One

of only 25 universities nationwide designated as both a land grant and a sea grant institution, it also holds the Carnegie Foundation's Doctoral Research-Extensive designation. LSU offers degrees in 71 baccalaureate programs, 78 master's programs and 53 doctoral programs, and has awarded more than 100,000 degrees since 1860. The university is a recognized research institution with over 800 sponsored research projects.

LSU not only boasts an excellent academic program; it is a powerhouse in athletics as well. It administers 11 intercollegiate women's sports teams and nine men's sports teams. The Tigers have won 43 national championships, including 25 championships won by the women's track and field team.

LSU also holds a history of civic service through its 150 years of existence. Most recently, LSU operated the Nation's largest field hospital in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. In addition, the university accepted an additional 2,300 students from the greater New Orleans area who were displaced after that disaster.

Louisiana State University is ranked 128th in the national universities category by the 2010 U.S. News & World Report ranking of U.S. colleges, 64th among public universities. Additionally U.S. News & World Report ranked LSU as the 16th most popular university in the Nation.

I extend my congratulations to Louisiana State University on its 150th anniversary and wish all its faculty, staff, students, and alumni continued success in their endeavors.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to yield such time as he may consume to my good friend from Louisiana (Mr. CAO).

Mr. CAO. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in honor of Louisiana State University, which is celebrating 150 years of academic achievement and service to the State of Louisiana. This celebration marks the culmination of many goals for LSU as they reach the end of their second major capital campaign, the Forever LSU Campaign, and their academic blueprint for the future, the Flagship Agenda.

LSU has had the longstanding goal of being designated as a tier 1 university by U.S. News & World Report, and for the past 2 years LSU has achieved this ranking. For the past 25 years, however, LSU has held the highest Carnegie Foundation classification, the designation of a "very high research activity" university.

LSU is the State of Louisiana's flagship institution; and as the international leader in research, LSU is one of only 30 universities to have the great distinction of being designated as a land, sea and space-grant institution. Most recently, LSU won \$10 million in grants and contracts related to the coast, including aquaculture, erosion, subsidence, storm modeling, and social resiliency to disasters. Further, LSU is deeply rooted in tradition and boasts a

large percentage of students from the greater New Orleans area, which I represent.

Most notably and nobly for citizens of Louisiana, after Hurricane Katrina, LSU opened its doors to enroll an additional 2,700 students from the New Orleans area, and the LSU community housed thousands more. Overnight, LSU's Carl Maddox Fieldhouse became a special-needs shelter, and LSU's Pete Maravich Assembly Center became the largest acute care field hospital in American history. With 800 beds, 1,700 medical personnel from across the Nation, and thousands more volunteers working around the clock to serve and to care for all those affected by the storm, their motto became "just make it happen." It was the epitome of goodness.

I am proud to represent approximately 8,000 LSU alumni living in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes. On behalf of the citizens of Orleans and Jefferson Parishes, I want to thank the LSU community for all they did for us during and after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The LSU community is proud of their traditions; and, today, they are and should be proud of their commitments to academic excellence and community service.

I want to congratulate my good friend, BILL CASSIDY, for bringing this important resolution to the floor. The Sixth Congressional District cannot find a more dedicated, more honorable Representative than BILL CASSIDY.

I strongly encourage my colleagues to vote for this resolution. Congratulations to the LSU community on its 150th anniversary.

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

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam 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. COURTNEY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1072, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

CONGRATULATING PENN STATE UNIVERSITY IFC/PANHELLENIC DANCE MARATHON

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1112) congratulating the Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) on its continued success in

support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1112

Whereas the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon, known as THON, is the largest student-run philanthropy in the world, with 700 dancers, more than 300 supporting organizations, and more than 15,000 volunteers involved in the annual event;

Whereas student volunteers at the Pennsylvania State University annually collect money and dance for 46 hours straight at the Bryce Jordan Center for THON, bringing energy and excitement to campus for a mission to conquer cancer, and bringing awareness to countless thousands more;

Whereas all THON activities support the mission of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital, which provides financial and emotional support to pediatric cancer patients and their families and also funds cancer research;

Whereas each year, THON is the single largest donor to the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital, having raised nearly \$68.9 million since 1977, when the two organizations first became affiliated;

Whereas in 2010, THON set a new fundraising record of over \$7.83 million, even after the previous record of \$7.5 million was set in 2009;

Whereas THON support has helped more than 2,000 families through the Four Diamonds Fund, is currently helping to build a new Pediatric Cancer Pavilion at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital, and has helped support pediatric cancer research that has caused some pediatric cancer survival rates to increase to nearly 90 percent; and

Whereas THON has inspired similar events and organizations across the Nation, ranging from high schools to colleges and beyond, and continues to encourage students across the country to volunteer and stay involved in great charitable causes in their community: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital; and

(2) commends the Pennsylvania State University students, volunteers and supporting organizations for their hard work putting together another recordbreaking THON.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 1112 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.