

In one week, the team operated on 11 patients, from 14 to 35, including a 25-year-old pregnant woman whose injuries had left her a quadriplegic. Nine of the patients were Haitian earthquake victims; two were injured in a motorcycle crash.

Despite the severity of the patients' injuries and the tragedy they'd been through, members of the surgical team said they were struck by the Haitians' resolve to live and wait for help.

"When you looked into their eyes, you saw a terror and fear that just burns into your soul," said Dr. Howard Konowitz, an anesthesiologist from Gottlieb Memorial Hospital in Melrose Park who was on the trip. "There was no morphine . . . but no one was moaning, no one was screaming."

The team performed its work at Dario Contreras Hospital, a public hospital in the Dominican capital of Santo Domingo where many Haitians have sought medical attention since the earthquake. Team members chose the hospital consulting with the Ministry of Health on where their skills would be of most help.

The team worked in grueling conditions, operating in rooms where the heat reached 85 degrees. Some patients waited in crowded hallways, others on thin mattresses atop rusted metal frames.

"We were working long hours. The rooms were so hot, people were dehydrated," said Teresa Dudic, a bilingual scrub nurse from Gottlieb. "And the patients, you could see the desperation in their eyes, they were scared."

Konowitz described the trip as "life-changing."

"All the other catastrophes that I can remember in my lifetime, there was nothing medically like this that I can remember," he said. "It's haunting what we saw."

And although it was gratifying to provide what help they could, team members recognized it was a tiny fraction of the need.

"We may have fixed their spine during the week, but we only got to 11 (people)," Butler said. "There were another 20 we couldn't take care of."

And the people they did treat need long-term care.

Maria Korbel, another member of the team who's bilingual and a registered nurse at the Illinois Bone & Joint Institute in Morton Grove, said she hopes their work will inspire others.

"If we were able to start a chain reaction, I think that would be fabulous," Korbel said. "I hope we started something good, something positive, something that will keep going."

Physician's assistant Alicia Granger-Carlson and nurse Aimee Duque-Randolph also were members of the team.

RECOGNIZING THE 189TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1107 to recognize the 189th anniversary of the independence of Greece and to celebrate Greek and American democracy.

The path to a free and democratic state is often long and arduous. This has been particularly true for Greece, and through the decades, the country has worked diligently to en-

sure the rights of citizens and uphold the principles of democracy. On March 25, 2010, we join the Greeks in celebrating their Independence Day, and by so doing, we are reminded of the sacrifices that a country grounded in democratic principles necessitates. In truth, the work that goes into attaining a freer and fairer democratic state never truly ends, and for this reason, it is important to recognize the citizens of Greece and the Greek government on this day.

Madam Speaker, the country of Greece has played a remarkable role in European history, and I commend the Greek people on their accomplishments and commitment to democratic ideals. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today in honoring the people of Greece on the occasion of their 189th Independence Day.

HONORING TIMOTHY REILLY

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Mr. Timothy Reilly. Recently, both Tim and his business, Miami Valley International Trucks, were awarded the International Circle of Excellence Award for 2009.

Awarded by Navistar, Inc., the Circle of Excellence is given to dealerships that "achieve the highest level of performance in terms of operating and financial standards, market representation, and, most importantly, customer satisfaction." It is the highest honor that an International dealer can receive from Navistar.

Tim purchased Miami Valley International Trucks in 2004. Since then, he has earned 14 Circle of Excellence Awards and an Isuzu Ichiban Award, given to commercial truck dealers to recognize business excellence and civic-mindedness. Under his leadership, Miami Valley Trucks has grown to include five dealer locations and two parts and services sites in Ohio that employ 367 employees.

These awards are a testament to Tim's reputation as a leader in the trucking industry. This reputation has been honed through his activity and commitment to organizations like the Ohio Automobile Dealers Association, International Marketing, Sales & Finance Advisory Board, and as a former member of the Idealease board of directors. A dedicated supporter of his alma mater, Notre Dame, Tim also is a devoted father to his twin daughters, now 13 years old.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Tim Reilly for his accomplishments, his record of success, and his many contributions to his community, the State of Ohio, and our Nation.

CELEBRATING MINOOKA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS WRESTLING TEAM FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST EVER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Minooka Community

High School Boys Varsity Wrestling Team for becoming the 2009–2010 Illinois High School Association Class 3A Dual Team State Wrestling Champions.

Through relentless practice and commitment to their sport, the team captured Minooka Community High School's first ever team state championship title. I congratulate the hard work, dedication, and long hours that everyone involved put in to make this title possible; the coaches for their patience and working with these young athletes, to the parents for believing in their students, to the competitors for believing in themselves and their team.

The members of the championship Indian squad are: Kevin Akers, Mitchell Brozovich, Clayton Charland, Brandon Collofello, Jacob DeKlerk, Zachary Friant, Joseph Govednik, Brandon Haase, Calvin Hill, Alex Hoshell, Cody Jones, Sean Kenny, Matthew Meyer, Matthew McEvilly, Michael McNulty, Blake Montella, Mitchell Morris, Colin Nielsen, Corbett Oughton, Jacob Potts, Josh Pullara, Jacob Residori, Daniel Ruettiger, Leo Ruettiger, Kevin Ruettiger, Matthew Stevens, Timothy Wright and Robert Zabel; and are led by head coach Bernie Ruettiger; and the assistant coaches; Jeff Charlebois, Mike Butterbach, Paige Schoolman, Stan Tischer, and Jon Ryan.

Congratulations on a season to be remembered.

AFGHANISTAN WAR POWERS RESOLUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I oppose this resolution.

I have serious reservations about the presence of U.S. Forces in Afghanistan. I opposed the President's plan to send additional troops into that country, and I opposed funding for the surge. I was reassured when the President said that he wanted to begin withdrawing U.S. troops beginning in 2011. I joined 137 of my colleagues to vote with Representative MCGOVERN to demand that the President provide a plan for withdrawing from Afghanistan, and have been deeply concerned that the mission for our troops there is not clear. If their mission is not well defined, how can we expect to judge success?

I do not support an open-ended commitment without clear goals. But I also cannot support a sudden withdrawal without a plan to protect American lives and American interests. And that's why I will vote against this Resolution.

This Resolution directs the President to remove all U.S. forces from Afghanistan 30 days from adoption, unless the President decides it is not safe to do so. He would then have until the end of 2010 to remove all U.S. forces from Afghanistan.

This language is absolute and provides no exceptions.

It does not provide exceptions for U.S. forces that might be necessary to safeguard U.S. embassy personnel.

It does not provide exceptions for our intelligence community or Special Forces so they can continue to support Afghanistan and Pakistan in the search for al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden.

It does not provide exceptions for U.S. military personnel who are engaged in training the Afghanistan National Army or Afghanistan National Police to provide their own security.

We should not be involved in a civil war in Afghanistan, but there are a few, limited missions in Afghanistan that may be necessary to protect our national interests. This Resolution does not allow us any flexibility to address those missions, and this is why I cannot support a policy that endangers the lives of U.S. personnel on the ground and allows al Qaeda to continue to destabilize the border region between Afghanistan and Pakistan, and potentially strike us here at home.

I hope Representative KUCINICH will refine his legislation and work with the President to present us with a plan to bring our troops home safely and in a timely manner.

CONGRATULATING MARTIN F. QUINN, THE MAN OF THE YEAR OF THE GREATER PITTSSTON FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Martin F. Quinn, who was named "Man of the Year" by the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Quinn is a son of the late Martin J. Quinn and Margaret Mitchell Quinn and was raised in the Cork Lane section of Pittston Township. He graduated from Pittston Central Catholic High School. He also attended Fairleigh Dickinson University and the Electrical Programming Institute, both in New Jersey.

He served and was honorably discharged from the United States Army. He was employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad and Con-Rail Inc. for over 30 years, retiring as a line foreman in 1999. He is a licensed electrician and was recording secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1153 for many years. He is also a licensed projectionist.

Prior to returning to the Greater Pittston area in 1973, Mr. Quinn was employed in the trucking industry in New Jersey and was vice-president of the Teamsters' Union Local 701.

In addition to his extensive railroad career, Mr. Quinn has contributed a great amount of time to many community activities in the Greater Pittston area. He has served his community for over 20 years as a member of the Pittston Area Board of Education and is actively involved in many local clubs and political organizations. He is a sustaining member of the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and is also a charter member of Wolfe Tone Luzerne County Division 1, Ancient Order of Hibernian.

He is a member of the President John F. Kennedy Council #372, Knights of Columbus, and its Fourth Degree Assembly. He is a member of the board of the Parking Authority of the City of Pittston. He is active with the Third District Democrats and served many years as a committeeman in his ward. He is

a member of St. Mary's Help of Christians Church.

Mr. Quinn resides in Pittston with his wife, the former Barbara Brigido. They are the proud parents of three sons, Mitch, Mike, and Brian and have four grandchildren, Zach, Samantha, Katie, and Kearney.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Quinn on this very special occasion. His love of his family and community is evident in all the good works he has been responsible for over many years. Moreover, his example inspires others to emulate him and to share in improving the quality of life throughout the region.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF AMERICA

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the World War II veterans from across the country who are traveling to Washington, D.C. with the Honor Flight Network, a program whose goal is to provide as many World War II veterans as possible the opportunity to see the World War II Memorial here in Washington, D.C., a memorial that was built to honor their courage and service.

The American veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsman traveling here today answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these heroes for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing thanks.

Irwin L. Abelson, William Ahearn, Norm Albaugh, Frank Albert, William G. Anderson, George Anderson, Joseph Ansaldi, Dante Argenti, Charles Aschmann, Jr., John Bacik, Sr., Francis R. Bailey, William Banta, Ted Barnes, Benjamin Bauer, Irving Berge, Donald Bergeron, Leroy F. Berkebile, Carmine Biondi, George H. Bitting, Alfred Blake, Henry L. Blim, Eugene G. Bonetti, Edward Borucki, Francis L. Bouthiette, Edward A. Branning, Jr., George W. Briggs, Lionel Brindamour, Blair B. Brooks, George Brown, Carl Brown, Douglas Bryant, Eldon Burgess, Jack F. Bussert, Anthony V. Caggiano, Adone T. Calderone, Sam M. Calucci, Alex Campbell, James J. Carbone, James S. Cardone, Lloyd E. Carpenter, Henry C. Carroll, Edwin Cartoski, Bert L. Casagrande, Pasquale Cassetta, Charles Catyb, Albert Catyb, Carmine J. Cella, Salvatore Chiarelli, Salvatore A. Citrano, Harold Cohen, John J. Colleary, Russell N. Collins, Robert F. Colvin, Victor Coronella, William Coronella, Vincent F. Costello, Edward T. Coyne, Arthur A. Cozza, Don Cruse, Robert Curtis, Raymond D. Daniel, Robert L. Davis, Carl E. Davis, Ralph M. Day, Frank Dezenzo, Fred P. Dickinson, Russell E. Diefenbach, Jo-

seph G. Doherty, James J. Donnell, Joseph E. Donnelly, Calvin B. Double, Gerard Doyle, Clifford W. Drumm, Charles du Moulin, O'Neal Duffey, Gordon R. Dunbar, William R. Elwinger, Alvin R. Engelhardt, Raymond J. Enser, Julius J. Erdos, Karl Esler, Peter Fabregas, Peter J. Fantacone, Edmond G. Farah, Mike Florio, Dennis Focas, John E. Franklin, Jerome Freund, Arthur G. Fulte, John Fulton, Paul Gaither, Albert F. Gallo, John R. Giarrusso, Monroe Glazer, James Goins, Edward V. Golien, Frank M. Gondela, Jr., Milton R. Gore, Albert P. Greenwald, Victor Grillo, Don Griswold, Vaclav S. Gursky, Edward A. Haas, Robert B. Hagerman, Howard E. Haines, Charles Hamblin, Richard L. Hamel, Milton S. Harrell, Calvin N. Hartz, William T. Hay, Eugene J. Henleben, Kenneth Herrington, Ivan E. Hertle, Lawrence Hickey, William F. Hill, Edward R. Hodgman, Jr., Charles Holdstein, William B. Howell, Elmer Hurt, Walter H. Ingham, James Inglis, Bart Ingoglia, Thomas J. Jarecki, Elbert I. Jaudon, Jr., Warren Jenkins, Otto Jensen, Frank F. Jurek, Joseph L. Keller, George Keys, Paul J. Kieffer, Victor F. Kilkowski, Robert D. Kistler, George A. Klein, Robert Knight, Christos A. Kourambis, John L. Kraus, Leo Kukiela, Lewis A. Kull, Charles Lafferty, James L. Lange, Carman Laspatha, John P. Lauriello, James H. Leidig, Harold C. Levenberg, Lawrence J. Levy, Clifford Lewis, Walter Lightcap, Edward Lindstrom, Harry Lines, Joseph Locurto, Vincent J. Lombardi, Thomas A. Long, David Loree, Alfred Maccheronio, James D. Maniatis, Anthony A. Marchitelli, Robert M. Marraccini, George Martin, Joseph McGinnis, William McCarron, John W. McCormick, Elijah McKelvin, Marion F. Merrick, Robert Meyer, Richard Miller, Arthur Minichiello, Glen A. Mohler, Blasco Molle, Carl Montensen, John "Jack" Mueller, Thomas Murphy, Edward L. Norton, Paul E. Novak, Ed Novak, Felix A. Novelli, Dennis J. O'Keefe, Thomas J. Oliva, Raymond J. Olley, Frank H. Otremsky, Neil L. Pallante, Edlen C. Pearson, Edlen Pearson, Arthur Pendleton, Henry J. Pepe, Salvatore O. Perrone, Arthur Petterson, Clinton Phillips, Lawrence M. Pinto, Dale Pottorff, Edward D. Radbill, Ellenor Rennell, Samuel W. Revels, William Rimshaw, Charles F. Romano, Fred Rose, Philip Roston, Robert Roy, Glenn J. Royer, George W. Sarlitto, Glenn E. Sauers, Angelo N. Sauro, Lawrence Schechter, Herman F. Schult, Nick Schweitzer, Elliott Sears, Andrew Serrell, Burton L. Showers, Fred B. Simonson, Calvin L. Simpson, Daniel Siraco, William D. Sitman, Richard Skovira, William W. Sleezer, William Sligo, Emil Sliwa, Clarence Smith, Nicholas Smith, Kenneth W. Soderstrom, Frank T. Spero, Theodore W. Stathis, Gilbert Stead, Donald B. Stearns, Charles H. Stewart, John D. Stover, Shirley Sutherburg, Arthur J. Sutton, Morris B. Sweet, James B. Tedrick, William J. Toohey, Arthur P. Travis, William Tully, Richard L. Usinger, Frank G. Valentine, Earl N. VanDyke, John E. Vargo, Nicholas J. Velardi, Albert J. Vicarelli, Anthony Vieceli, Lowell R. Wagner, Nicholas J. Waters Jr., Richard E. Watkins, John H. Webb, Robert H. Wetter, Robert White, Cecil F. Wigmore, Raymond W. Wike, John C. Witty, Milton S. Wolchuck, James M. Zirakian, Leon Zochowski.