

and outplayed opponents, demonstrating their tenacity and enthusiasm for the game. The defensive work of Charlie Kiefer, Jared Duncan, Jake Swenson, Pieter Gesink, Joel Walker, and Tanner Broschat cannot be understated and proved instrumental to the success of the team.

I must also acknowledge the indispensable role that goaltenders Jackson Schoech and Cameron Bukes played in netminding for the warriors: turning away a barrage of pucks and routinely securing victory for the Warriors.

I want to extend my congratulations to head Coach Ken Schoech and his assistants Patrick Sullivan, Matt McCarthy, and Charlie Kiefer, who helped mold these young athletes into the champions they are today. The elite status of the team could not have existed without the leadership of these mentors. They not only taught the skills of hockey, but more importantly, instilled a spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie in the boys that will last long after this season.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE USE IT ACT

### HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, recently, President Obama announced a 5-year offshore drilling plan that would allow oil and gas exploration in new areas off the East Coast and in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico. However, before oil companies drill off thousands of miles of pristine coastline, they should first use the thousands of drilling leases they already own.

Right now, oil companies hold the offshore drilling rights to an area the size of Pennsylvania on which they are not actually drilling. In fact, of 7,316 total offshore leases held by oil companies right now, only 1,844 are producing, according to the Interior Department. Production is occurring on only 8,894,428 acres on the Outer Continental Shelf out of 39,331,641 total acres leased to oil companies. That means that oil companies are producing on only about one-quarter of the leases and roughly 22 percent of the acreage that they hold offshore.

As a result, today I am introducing legislation that would provide an incentive to oil companies to move quickly to get oil to the market or relinquish the leases so that they could be developed by other companies. My legislation, the United States Exploration on Idle Tracts Act or the USE IT Act, would establish an escalating fee over time on nonproducing leases to encourage companies to expedite production. Similar legislation repeatedly passed the House in the last Congress with large, bipartisan majorities.

President Obama has also included this concept in his budget request for fiscal year 2011. The Department of Interior estimates that the proposed fee would raise \$760 million over the next ten years—allowing us to drill for oil while also drilling for deficit dollars on behalf of U.S. taxpayers.

As gas prices once again move towards \$3 per gallon, it is time to finally get oil companies to “use it or lose it” on their nonproducing leases.

#### RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS SERVING WITH THE FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers who assist the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. These volunteers work with deputies and civilian staff to help inmates to improve their lives during incarceration and to prepare them for a successful transition back into the community.

With more than 500 deputies, the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office is the largest Sheriff's office in Virginia and among the largest in the country. These deputies perform invaluable services for Fairfax County residents to include providing court security, managing the detention center, and serving the civil law process. Volunteers with the Sheriff's Office help provide inmate programs and services at the Adult Detention Center (ADC) and Pre-Release Center, including mental health counseling, religious services, alcohol and drug support groups, health education, library services and job training.

Volunteers complete a Sheriff's Office training program and also work closely with staff to ensure that best practices are followed. The efforts of these volunteers improve the lives of those incarcerated, reduce recidivism, and make our communities safer.

Each year, the Sheriff's Office hosts a luncheon to thank all of the dedicated individuals who help make the volunteer program a success. The office also recognizes one individual in each service area and it is my honor to recognize these extraordinary citizens:

OPPORTUNITIES, ALTERNATIVES, AND RESOURCES—DON EHRETH

Don Ehreth became an active OAR volunteer in March of 2009. At the Family Outreach desk, Don lends a compassionate ear to the concerns of the families and friends affected by incarceration. While others are relaxing on a weekend, Don educates and provides information about the incarceration process and OAR services.

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE—GLORIA RODRIGUEZ

Gloria has been a volunteer since January of 2009, teaching Bible studies, mentoring inmates, distributing Bibles and helping with administrative work. She is very committed, friendly and dedicated both to God and to the work of the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

EDUCATION—BILL RICHEY

Bill is the Education Program's Spanish GED instructor. His classes consist of Hispanic inmates who are ready to take the GED test. Because of Bill's efforts these individuals have the opportunity to complete the education that they were unable to complete before.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES—JOHN DAVIS

For over two years now, John has brought weekly AA meetings to more than 40 inmates participate in the Integrated Addiction Program (IAP), a therapeutic community treatment model for substance users. John is very passionate about helping these inmates, and thanks to his service we can help to address the scourge of substance abuse.

The outstanding efforts of the above-mentioned individuals are particularly noteworthy but one must acknowledge the nearly 300 volunteers who have contributed their time and support to the Sheriff's Office during the past year. These volunteers provide services that help to place inmates on a path to success. They offer their time that could be spent elsewhere to provide encouragement and support that will improve lives during incarceration and provide for a successful transition to help get inmates back on their feet. The efforts of each and every one of these volunteers is worthy of our praise.

The staff of Fairfax County Sheriff Stan Barry should be commended for their critical role in administering the volunteer program. The efforts of these staffers maximize the contributions of volunteers in the most effective way and provide the support that makes this program a success.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the contributions of these individuals and all of the volunteers who support the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. The selfless commitment of these individuals helps to provide enumerable benefits to Northern Virginia and life-changing services to the inmates being served.

#### MEMORIALIZING DOROTHY HEIGHT

SPEECH OF

### HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2010*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, first, let me thank Congresswoman WATSON for reserving this Special Order today to honor the life, legacy and service of Dorothy Height.

Our Nation has lost an inspirational civil rights leader and unwavering advocate for women's rights. As the president of the National Council of Negro Women for four decades, Ms. Height fought tirelessly for the rights of African-American women. She was a shining example for those devoted to achieving equality for all Americans, and she served as a hero and role model for those working toward social justice.

As leader of the NCNW, she confronted the problems facing women and families in areas ranging from child care, to health care and nutrition, to housing. Along with other women's leaders including Gloria Steinem, Shirley Chisholm, and Betty Friedan, she helped establish the National Women's Political Caucus in 1971. Dorothy's career in civil rights and women's advocacy spanned nearly 80 years of social movements, from the New Deal era to today. She was there for the anti-lynching protests in the early 1930s; she was there with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., our colleague JOHN LEWIS and other civil rights leaders in the watershed 1960s; she was there for the election of our first African-American President, Barack Obama.

For her achievements and dedication, Dorothy Height was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton, a Congressional Gold Medal in 2004, and 36 honorary doctorates from colleges and universities. Her passion and soul have fundamentally improved the American social landscape,