

thoughts about the Navy by the American public. It makes me proud and gives me dreams of one day being like him, to serve my country in the tradition of my family and make a difference to the liberty and freedom of America.—Samantha Todd.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2194, IRAN REFINED PETROLEUM SANCTIONS ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I missed roll-call vote 219, on the Motion to Instruct Conferees on Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act—Had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

Reports are clear that Iran is speeding forward toward developing the capability to manufacture and launch a nuclear weapon. A nuclear Iran will put the world’s most deadly weapon into the hands of a nation that is actively supporting terrorism and is actively engaged in providing weapons and other support to terrorist organizations. Iran’s leader, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has made no secret of his desire to destroy our ally Israel—he has promised to wipe Israel from the face of the earth. If Iran develops a nuclear bomb, it will have the ability to do in a matter of minutes what it took the Nazis six years to do.

A nuclear Iran will destabilize the entire Middle East. If Iran has nuclear capability, every nation in the Middle East will rush to acquire the same capability. Although Israel has much to fear from Iran, there are many other countries in the region that have a long history of bad relations with Iran. And there is no love lost between Shi’ite Iran and its Sunni neighbors.

I salute the young people who have risked their lives in Iran in the hopes of removing this madman from power. Their courage deserves our praise and our support. But a nuclear Iran will be a threat to every nation in the Middle East, regardless of who is in power; and there is no sign that a different Iranian leader would dismantle the nuclear program. Sanctions are our best hope to pressure Iran to relinquish its nuclear program.

Tough sanctions have an impact. They have already discouraged companies from doing business in Iran, thereby reducing Iran’s access to the goods it wants. Time Magazine reported that two of the world’s largest insurance companies, Lloyd’s and Munich Re, will no longer insure cargo going into or out of Iran. Major oil brokers are no longer willing to sell refined petroleum to Iran, a blow to a country that must import much of its oil. LUKOIL, Royal Dutch Shell, Total, BP and Malaysia’s Petronas and other companies will no longer sell gasoline to Iran. Sanctions change corporate behavior—and if the corporations that do business in Iran are no longer willing to trade, it will have an immediate and direct effect on the quality of life in Iran.

The Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2009 is a good bill—a strong bill. It’s time to go to conference and move forward with implementing

strong sanctions that can make a difference. The only nation that benefits from delay is Iran. Time is on its side—with more time, it can realize its nuclear ambitions. We can change the equation by moving this bill forward now. Accordingly, I strongly encourage my colleagues to support this motion.

DEREK RIEMER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Derek Riemer who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Derek Riemer is a 9th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Derek Riemer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Derek Riemer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR MILITARY KIDS ORGANIZATION AND THE 2010 STAR POWER AWARD WINNERS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate April as the National Month of the Military Child. I also ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the Our Military Kids organization as well as its 2010 award winners. I am honored that this program, founded in McLean, Virginia, is located in the 10th District of Virginia.

Our Military Kids is an organization that offers support to children of deployed National Guard and Reserve personnel in addition to children of severely injured servicemembers, through grants for extracurricular activities. In honor of the sacrifices military parents make, Our Military Kids helps to ensure that children of military families have the chance to have access to enrichment activities such as fine arts, sports, or academic programs.

I particularly wish to recognize the dedicated staff of Our Military Kids. They are joined by a Board of Directors, as well as an Advisory Board, who help make important decisions on behalf of the organization. The organization launched its original program in Winchester, Virginia, in connection with the Virginia National Guard in 2005. Today the success of Our Military Kids has gained national recognition and now reaches 14,633 children in all 50 states.

Each year Our Military Kids recognizes outstanding military children and families for their service to and sacrifice for our country. This year’s award ceremony was held on April 13 in the Cannon Caucus Room here on Capitol Hill and I was honored to attend the “Celebration of Our Military Kids’ Star Power” event at which four military children and one military family were saluted. The 2010 award winners are: Valerie Gonzalez of Alhambra, CA, in the 7–10-year-old age category; Jasmine Warren of Douglasville, GA, 11–14-year-old category; Taylor Ulmen of Madelia, MN, 15–18-year-old category; John Stefan Jenkins, Jr. of Jamaica, NY, 15–18-year old category, and four children from the Sonnen Family of Annandale, VA, whose father Tom was deployed to Iraq.

Through many generous partnerships with individuals, foundations, and corporations Our Military Kids is able to award grants to children each year. The Star Supporters of 2009–2010 include: General Dynamics; Target; Bob Woodruff Foundation; Leonsis Foundation; Lockheed Martin; American Legion Child Welfare Foundation; Emerson Charitable Trust; USAA; AUSA; General Dynamics-AIS; Jeong H. Kim Foundation; Oshkosh Defense; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ansari; ASBMA Star Foundation; Association of Military Banks of America; Avion Manufacturing; Binder Foundation; Careerbuilder.com; EADS North America; Janning Family Foundation; PGA Tour Wives Association; Mr. & Mrs. Roger C. Schultz; Silicon Valley Community Foundation; Tiger Woods Foundation; Aspen Capital, LLC; Mr. & Mrs. Peter J. Barris; Bechtel; Binder Foundation; Booz Allen Hamilton; Congressional Country Club; Dorothy G. Bender Foundation, Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Hendon, Mr. & Mrs. John H. Hiser, Kippis DeSanto; Mr. & Mrs. Gerard R. Lear; Lillian Adams Charitable Trust; Mr. & Mrs. Philip Odeen; Gen. & Mrs. Peter Pace; Triple Canopy; Walter B. Slocombe; Mr. & Mrs. Paul A. Weaver, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. William Wolpert.

In closing, I would like to particularly thank Linda Davidson, Our Military Kids’ executive director, for dedication and tireless efforts to support our Nation’s military families.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR. DOROTHY IRENE HEIGHT

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1281 and to mourn the loss of a strong voice for greater justice and equality in our Nation, Ms. Dorothy Height.

In the 1950s and 60s, women were expected to stay at home, and stay out of the spotlight. Dorothy Height broke through those boundaries and became a role model for women, engraving her message of universal human dignity into the mantle of our society. In fact, she exploded past her boundaries, to not only make her voice heard, but make it relevant.

The glass ceiling faced by women would hardly be the only barrier that Ms. Height would demolish. At a time when she showed great courage with every word she spoke as

a powerful woman, that bravery was magnified by her voice being heard as a proud Black woman. She stood—like a prophetess of old—in defense of the principle that all men and all women are created equal, and are deserving of equal rights.

Dorothy Height was a woman of stunning dedication, discipline and vision. Although, at times, she may have been overshadowed in the press and the history books by the men of the Civil Rights movement, she will never be forgotten in the hearts and minds of the millions whom she touched.

When Dorothy Height stood with Martin Luther King, Jr., on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial as he delivered his famous “I have a dream” speech, she stood tall in her own right as both a woman, and as a leader.

During the continuing civil rights struggles of the 1960s, Dorothy Height worked tirelessly to advance our cause. The Movement’s success owes as much to her determination as it does to the more well-known legacies of Dr. King, Roy Wilkins, A. Philip Randolph, Whitney Young, James Farmer, and Bayard Rustin.

Ms. Height left no avenue untraveled in her march toward Dr. King’s “beloved society.” She brought together Black and white women to initiate a dialogue of understanding; wrote weekly columns in the New York Amsterdam News, a weekly African American newspaper; promoted community development programs in Africa; and served on numerous committees to this end.

In particular, Dorothy Height’s work within the National Council of Negro Women encouraged positive and lasting change in our Nation. She served as the President of the Council for 40 years, retiring in 1997. From her bully pulpit as President, Dorothy Height advocated for equality for both African Americans and women. She emphasized self-help and reliance, even as she encouraged practical programs in nutrition, child care, housing and career counseling.

Madam Speaker, I was deeply gratified when Dorothy Height was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2004, one of the most deserved awards that we have ever bestowed. With her passing, millions of women—and men—have lost a role model, and America has lost one of our true treasures.

My prayers are with Ms. Height’s family and friends during their time of loss.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise

and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the “Preserving History Project.” Today I’m proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

Retired Air Force Major Mark Smith enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1969, at age 19. He spent six years serving as an enlisted serviceman, was honorably discharged, and pursued his education using the GI Bill while working. After completing his Masters Degree in Computer Information Systems, he applied to Officers’ Training School (OTS) and reenlisted in the Air Force. Major Smith spent the remainder of his time as an officer working in Tactical Communications Systems and Information Systems Management. Smith’s one overseas duty station was as an enlisted airman; he was stationed with the RAF station at Chicksands in England. Later in his career as an officer, he had some temporary duty assignments in Saudi Arabia, Haiti and Panama.

This interview was the first time I have questioned a veteran about their experiences, and it was fascinating. The Smiths expressed such a high level of enthusiasm and pride about their lives in the United States Air Force that it would have been difficult to come away from the interview with anything but a positive outlook towards a military career.—Katya Sousa

CONGRATULATING HALF HOLLOW HILLS EAST HIGH SCHOOL ON WINNING THE WE THE PEOPLE NEW YORK STATE FINALS

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Half Hollow Hills East High School, which was named the New York State champion of the We the People: The Citizens and the Constitution competition.

The We the People competition is an extremely prestigious national academic contest that promotes the study of the United States Constitution. The students from Half Hollow Hills East who participated in the simulated

congressional hearings were judged on their knowledge of and ability to apply the Constitution to current events. The students earned the best scores of the nine high schools that competed in the New York State Final Hearings in March and as a result, will represent New York State in the national finals.

I am proud to recognize Half Hollow Hills East High School for this outstanding academic achievement.

HONORING MR. JAMES MUSCATO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. James Muscato. Mr. Muscato served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Dunkirk City Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Muscato served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Muscato is one of those people, and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to him today.

COMMENDING UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HUSKIES ON WOMEN’S NCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1239, Commending the University of Connecticut Huskies for their historic win in the 2010 NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Tournament. On March 6, 2010, the Huskies capped an undefeated season by beating the University of Stanford Cardinal 53–47 in the NCAA Championship game. There are many things that make this team impressive, but to show just how dominant they were, this was their only victory all season where they defeated an opponent by less than 10 points. With 78 straight wins, they broke their own record for all-time consecutive victories.

Throughout their unbelievable run, the UConn women’s basketball team has captivated the state of Connecticut with their awe-inspiring talent. Tina Charles’ tremendous play at center earned her recognition as both the United States Basketball Writers Association and the Associated Press Player of the Year. Additionally, she was named the Naismith Award winner and the Wooden Award winner. Although she will graduate this year, she will undoubtedly be remembered as one of the all-