

War resigned during the civil war because of problems with contracting. The country cannot afford to continue down this path. This needs to change, and the IMPROVE Acquisition Act is a step in the right direction.

At the beginning of the 111th Congress we passed the Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009, which helped to make improvements to the acquisition process. With the passage of H.R. 5013, we will take another step toward fiscal responsibility. It is time that we start making decisions that will help to guarantee that our children inherit a better country. By being fiscally responsible and passing H.R. 5013, we take a step forward in preserving the future for our children while making necessary reforms to the Department of Defense.

HONORING ROBIN ROGERS-DALE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Robin Rogers-Dale upon being named as a 2010 Common Threads honoree. Mrs. Rogers-Dale will be honored by California State University, Fresno at the 2010 Common Threads Award luncheon to be held on Friday, April 16, 2010.

Growing up as the fifth generation on the family farm, Mrs. Rogers-Dale learned about agriculture, work ethic, family values, family traditions and how to drive a tractor. Her love of the land and outdoors was instilled by her father and her passion for volunteer service came from her mother. Mrs. Rogers-Dale graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Upon completing her degree, she moved to Sanger, California, to volunteer with the local chapter of the California Women for Agriculture. She assisted the group by hanging Medfly traps during a Medfly outbreak in the region. Her volunteer work led to a full-time job with the Fresno County Department of Agriculture. Mrs. Rogers-Dale has been working for the county for twenty-seven years. Today, she is an Ag Standards Specialist, and works with producers and packing houses to ensure compliance with agriculture chemical application regulations and certifications.

Mrs. Rogers-Dale has been an active member of the Fresno-Kings Counties Cattle-Women for the past twenty years, where she has served in various leadership positions over the years, including scholarship chair, President, 1998–2000, Board of Directors and Secretary, 1985–present. She was instrumental in developing a scholarship fundraiser program with that organization. Mrs. Rogers-Dale has been involved with California CattleWomen since 1994 and has served as the central director and state nominating chair. She is a volunteer judge at the Big Fresno Fair and is a regular participant in the Fresno County Farm and Nutrition Day and Kings County Farm Day. Mrs. Rogers-Dale also assists with the Westside Ag Tourney, Ducks Unlimited and the Clovis Rodeo Blood Drive.

Mrs. Rogers-Dale is a generous member of the First Baptist Church of Reedley, the California Rangeland Trust, Sanger 4–H, Hanford Future Farmers of America, Sanger Community Church and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

For her volunteerism and generosity Mrs. Rogers-Dale was named “Cowbelle of the Year” in 1998. She and her husband, Ken, live in Reedley, California with their eight-year-old son.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Robin Rogers-Dale upon her achievements. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Rogers-Dale many years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 243, H. Res. 1307—Honoring the National Science Foundation for 60 years of service to the Nation, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

RECOGNIZING “TEAM KRISTA” IN THE RACE FOR HOPE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF KRISTA THOMPSON OF MASON NECK, VA.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Krista Thompson of Mason Neck, Virginia.

Krista Thompson was an honor roll student at South County Secondary School in Fairfax County, Virginia. She was a member of the symphonic orchestra, lettered in swimming, and participated in tennis and field hockey. During the summer, Krista was a lifeguard at Pohick Bay Regional Park and enjoyed family trips to Maine with her parents, Steve and Kathie, and her brothers, Jason and Jeffrey. Krista was a teenager with a strong support system and a drive to succeed.

While all who knew Krista were aware of her many talents and qualities, most did not know that Krista was suffering from a very serious disease. Although Krista had been diagnosed with brain cancer at age thirteen, she did not make the disease a part of her identity. During the four years that she lived with cancer, Krista never failed to be a full participant in all that life offered. Even during the last week of her too short life, she went hiking, volunteered at the elementary school where her mother taught, and spent time with her family. Krista lost her battle with brain cancer on October 28, 2008, but her memory lives on in the hearts of her friends and family.

In 2005, in a show of solidarity, Susan Hamon formed a team to participate in the Race for Hope. The team, then known as “Krista’s Red Sox,” raised money for the National Brain Tumor Society and Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure. For the sixth year, “Team Krista” will be participating in the Race for Hope. This year, “Team Krista” has raised nearly forty thousand dollars. Perhaps more impressive and a true tribute to the affection that so many feel for Krista and her family, the team has more supporters than all but one other team; 286 people have joined the 2010 “Team Krista.”

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join the members of “Team Krista” in their support for a cure for brain cancer. I would like to extend my best wishes to Krista’s friends and family. Her memory inspires others diagnosed with brain cancer to preserve their priorities and cherish personal relationships in the face of adversity.

HONORING DAVID CLARK

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, David Clark, who has announced his retirement after serving at the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for over 34 years.

Mr. Clark joined the faculty of IFSI in 1976, rising to deputy director in 1998 where he has served ever since. Throughout his time at IFSI he has trained tens of thousands of firefighters throughout Illinois and the nation and has conducted groundbreaking research in firefighter life safety issues. His dedication, expertise, and passion have impacted so many firefighters throughout his time at IFSI, and his impact on the field of firefighting will be sorely missed.

A member of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force since 2000, a volunteer firefighter for 20 years, and a member of the United States Army, David Clark has served his community, state, and nation selflessly, and I rise to thank him for that service and wish him the best in his retirement.

HERMAN MILHOLLAND

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the great work of one of my fellow Texans, Herman Milholland.

Herman Milholland is a truly special victim advocate who has served at the local, state and national levels. Since 1984 he has devoted his career to improving rights and services for victims of crime. In California, he directed a staff of over 125 people located in 43 offices—including law enforcement, prosecutors, courts and hospitals—in providing direct victim advocacy, support and services to victims and survivors throughout the Los Angeles District Attorney’s office. Since 2000, he has served as Director of the Texas Crime Victim Compensation Program, Director of the State-wide Automated Victim Notification Program, and since 2002, as Director/Chief of the Crime Victim Services Division of the Office of the Texas Attorney General.

Mr. Milholland is recognized as a strong leader in our nation’s crime assistance field. Whether his efforts are focused on an individual victim in need of help or on a national initiative, he is a dedicated and committed advocate for crime victims.

In the crime victim assistance field, there is a great need for basic skills development in