

And we must stand by young scientists while they are in college to see that they graduate with a STEM diploma in hand.

Improving STEM opportunities both professionally and in the classroom has long been a priority for me, and I continue to be amazed by the type of work that is happening in my own district. For example, Polyera, a nanotech company in Skokie, Illinois, is working to develop polymer inks for organic photovoltaics, or printed solar cells. Imagine a company that's able to print off solar-powered cells just as easily as printing off a newspaper.

Nanotechnology is an absolutely incredible step forward, but what I get excited about, especially when I'm talking to the next generation of potential scientists, is that they are already thinking about the next big thing. A cure for cancer, putting an astronaut on Mars, or finding new sources of renewable energy—these are challenges that will be solved by today's STEM student.

There is a place for initiatives that motivate students to pursue STEM throughout their educational careers. With targeted action, like that encouraged by National Lab Day, we can remain global leaders in this vital field.

Again, I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 1213.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE SITUATION IN THAILAND BE SOLVED PEACEFULLY AND THROUGH DEMOCRATIC MEANS

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution recognizing the United States' longstanding ties with Thailand and our strong wish for a peaceful, democratic resolution to the country's ongoing political problems.

In an important development on Monday, Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva announced that he plans to hold new elections on November 14, 2010, based on a plan which calls on all parties to join together in upholding the monarchy, on the government to carry out economic and political reforms, and on the nation to create an independent committee to investigate casualties resulting from the clash of April 10, 2010.

Fortunately, the response from most quarters to the Prime Minister's suggestions has been positive. The plan and the elections offer a process that I believe can serve as the basis for an amicable end to the dispute. The resolution I am offering today is meant to encourage that process, to demonstrate America's commitment to Thailand and its people and to convey our sincere hope that Thailand returns to democracy, stability and the rule of law.

Thailand is one of United States' closest friends and most dependable allies. Ours is a partnership steeped in history. Indeed, the first treaty we concluded with an Asian nation was with Thailand in 1833, with the signing of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce between Siam and the United States. In 1954, we forged a military alliance, and in 2003 the United States

designated Thailand a major non-NATO ally. Thailand contributed troops and support for U.S. military operations in Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Thailand is also a major trading partner of the United States, a regional leader, a force for stability in Southeast Asia and a country with which we share common values and interests. We have always appreciated Thailand's many international contributions, and we respect and admire its unique culture.

Of course, only the Thai people can chart their way toward settlement of the conflict. As a close friend of Thailand, however, the United States should, I believe, offer its support and demonstrate its concern. This resolution does just that, encouraging all sides to address the country's political problems peacefully and democratically, based on the national reconciliation plan offered by the Prime Minister.

I might add that I introduced this resolution on "Chattrra Mongkhon." It is on this day that the country commemorates the ascension to the throne of His Majesty, King Bhumibol Adulyadej. It is a day when all Thai people pay their respects to His Majesty and wish him a long, healthy and happy life. I can think of no better way for this body to honor His Majesty and the people of Thailand than to voice support for peaceful reconciliation on this important day. I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution and moving it toward speedy adoption.

TRIBUTE TO OLATHE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DR. PAT ALL

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Pat All, who will retire as Olathe Superintendent of Schools at the end of this school year and who will be honored at a reception on May 18th at Olathe Northwest High School. My colleagues may have tired of hearing me brag about the excellent public schools in my congressional district. Olathe is one of the districts that set a very high standard for other schools in our area. Olathe does so even though the district has the special challenges of a very rapidly growing district, a diverse population, and a large number of special needs students. During my years in Congress, I have learned to rely on this smart, conscientious educator and her very wise perspective and advice.

Dr. All was chosen to lead the district in 2005, after working as an Olathe educator in various positions since 1979. Dr. All joined the Olathe School District in 1979 as assistant principal of Olathe High School, after 11 years of teaching English and social studies in another district. From 1981 to 1986, she served as principal of Oregon Trail Junior High School, and from 1986 to 1991 was principal of Olathe South High School. Both schools earned U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School recognition during her administration.

In 1991, she was named Director of Secondary Education, and in 1993, she became the Executive Director of Education and Technology. From 1995 to 2002, she was Assistant

Superintendent for General Administration, and in 2002 she was named Deputy Superintendent.

Dr. All has been recognized by a number of community organizations for her leadership and service. She was elected to the Olathe Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in 1991 and served as Chairman of the Board in 1994. She served as Chairman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau from 2001–03 and currently serves on the Olathe Medical Center Board of Trustees. She received the Educator Award from the City of Character Council in 2002, the Leadership Olathe Community Leadership Award in 1996, and the Olathe Chamber of Commerce Spirit Award in 1995.

All has a bachelor's degree in education, and master's and doctoral degrees in secondary school administration, all from the University of Kansas.

In announcing Dr. All's retirement, Rita Ashley, Olathe School District Board of Education president, said the board would move forward expeditiously to name a successor after an appropriate search, to ensure a smooth transition. "Dr. All has been a visionary leader in our district and our community for many years," Ashley said. "She has the rare ability to not only envision the future, but to assemble and inspire the team needed to implement the vision. She truly cares about our community's children, and has devoted her life to improving theirs. "I believe this school district and the community are fortunate to have someone of Dr. All's stature and integrity as our superintendent."

Madam Speaker, I want to add my congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Pat All, along with the hope that she enjoys a healthy and happy retirement for years to come, but stays active in the community affairs of our area and state.

CRYSTAL BELL AWARDS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend seven exceptional teachers from Northwest Indiana who have been recognized as outstanding educators by their peers for the 2009–2010 school year. These individuals are: Jan Lowery, John Gorbail, Brenda Richardson, Kerry Zajicek, Jeff Graves, Glendna Sanders, Shannon Anderson, and Betty O'Neill. For their outstanding efforts, these honorees will be presented with the Crystal Bell Award at a reception sponsored by the Indiana State Teachers Association. This prestigious event will take place at the Andorra Restaurant and Banquets in Schererville, Indiana, on Thursday, May 6, 2010.

Jan Lowery, this year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the Crown Point School Corporation, is fondly known as the "geometry queen" of Crown Point High School. Jan is an outstanding educator and has a positive impact on her students and colleagues. Jan understands the importance of teaching each student according to their abilities and has developed a variety of teaching