

Code of Laws, I desire you would remember the ladies." It took 144 years for women's equality rights to be sanctioned by Congress and I ask, Madam Speaker, that we take this opportunity to honor this 90th anniversary and the remarkable contributions that women have made to this country. The American people owe a debt of gratitude to the early suffragists for remaining steadfast in the face of overwhelming opposition to equal rights for all American citizens that our Constitution supports today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FLYING  
TIGER HISTORICAL ORGANIZATION

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the heroic Flying Tigers of WWII. In 1941 a group of former soldiers, under the direction of General Clair Chennault, formed the First American Volunteer Group of the Chinese Air Force twelve days after Pearl Harbor. I would note that the initial flight of the Flying Tigers took place at Half Moon Bay Airport which is now in my district.

Funded at first as private contractors by the Chinese government, the Flying Tigers were absorbed into the 23rd Fighter Group on the Fourth of July, 1942. The Tigers' shark-faced planes remain among the most recognizable of any WWII aircraft.

Some 300 Americans were members of the Flying Tigers, with 24 either killed in action, in accidents, captured or unaccounted for during the war. Comprised of three squadrons of 20 aircraft each, the Flying Tigers are credited with destroying 115 enemy aircraft.

In 2006 Retired Major General James Whitehead asked Chinese authorities to consider restoring the Tigers' decommissioned air base built inside a cavern that now serves as a public park in Guilin, China. The Chinese Government was receptive to the project and now has plans to commit \$23 million to a 300-acre resort that will include a museum, airfield and the original command cave used by General Chennault between 1941 and 1945. The Flying Tigers Organization has been asked to raise money for restoration of the command cave and construction of a museum that will inform visitors about the role of the Flying Tigers during WWII.

Madam Speaker, at a special dinner in San Francisco on October 26, 2010, the Flying Tigers Historical Organization will present Ambassador Gao, Consul General of the People's Republic of China, with Flying Tiger memorabilia to be placed in the museum in China. We should applaud this gesture and be supportive of this effort to restore a piece of American history in mainland China.

FIRST TO FIGHT, A POEM TO  
HONOR TYLER SOUTHERN, U.S.  
MARINE CORPS

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero, United

States Marine Corps (USMC) Corporal Tyler Southern of Jacksonville, Florida. CPL Southern was born in Anderson, South Carolina and moved to Jacksonville in 1991. After graduating from Mandarin High School in 2007, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. CPL Southern chose the Marines because they are "First to Fight." He turned 18 in USMC basic training and celebrated his next birthday deployed in Iraq. He was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his outstanding performance. For his 20th birthday, he was training for his next combat deployment at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twenty-nine Palms. Before CPL Southern could celebrate his 21st birthday, he made a sacrifice for our nation that we will never be able to repay. While on patrol in Afghanistan on May 5, 2010, he stepped on an IED. He lost both his legs, his right arm and severely damaged part of his left arm and hand. However even with these catastrophic injuries, he clung to life! He has been awarded the Purple Heart for his valor and combat injuries by the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps. He comes from a long line of family members who have served our nation. His father was in the Navy, and his brothers are currently serving. With the help of his family and the men and women of Bethesda Naval Hospital and Walter Reed Army Medical Center, he continues to make incredible progress. Each day, he teaches us with his courage, faith and can do attitude! On August 22, 2010, he turns 21 and in celebration of his birthday I ask that this poem penned in honor of Corporal Tyler Southern, his family, his incredible courage and the United States Marine Corps by Albert Caswell be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

FIRST TO FIGHT

First . . .  
First To Fight!  
Brilliant men who bring their light!  
Who go out on point, who evil must fight!  
All with hearts of courage full, oh so very bright!  
To win that day, to win that night! All out there in the night!  
Magnificent Men in green, who upon battlefields of honor . . .  
all of those wrongs so right!  
As all throughout our Country Tis of Thee, have but come such fine sons indeed . . . so bright!  
Who for all of us, so die and bleed . . .  
to give to this our nation, all of what she so needs! To Be Free . . .  
Yes, you Tyler our fine Southern Son . . . all in your short life, so much you have done! One of Florida's  
Brightest Son!  
As on that morning when you awoke,  
and saw all of the heartache that which this war had invoked . . .  
You had a choice, give up . . . or listen to your fine soul . . . your most inner voice!  
And as the tears rolled down your fine face,  
you did not so hesitate . . . all in what your heart, would create!  
Watching your courage, The Angels began to cry and sing!  
For you Marine, are but the most splendid of all things!  
While, all in such a short time . . . somehow your great heart has found the strength to find!  
To find your way back home, To Teach Us . . . all in what your strong soul now so owns!

To Beseech Us All, showing us what courage can now so conquer . . . can so own!  
Because, Marine's Do! Marine's Lead!  
HOORAH JAR HEAD in what your life's said!  
Are First To Fight!  
Whether, on battlefields of honor . . . or against all odds to death so cheat!  
For some men are but put upon this earth . . . to inspire us all, in their fine worth!  
Who live by a code, of Strength in Honor So . . .  
Who go out into that night, all in their most brilliant shades green to fight!  
So our children may awake, all in a world of freedom that they for us so make!  
For as long as we have such Strong Sons . . . Southern Men as you Tyler, who for us so do what must be done!  
Then, this our Nation's Flag of Freedom . . . shall forever wave against the sun!  
And if I ever had a Son, I but hope and pray that he could but be as fine as you the one!  
Who against all odds, all in the darkest of sun's!  
Will Always Be First To Fight! As Thy Will Be Done!  
For you see in Heaven, you need not arms or legs . . .  
And where, I pray to join you one day!  
Amen!

HONORING MS. PATRICIA E. MAY

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, Thirty-seven years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, Ms. Patricia E. May began her educational career in teaching, she rose to the rank of Principal and has served the Lithonia Middle School well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator, Principal and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Ms. May is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Patricia E. May on her retirement from the DeKalb County Public Schools System and to wish her well in her new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 4, 2010 as Ms. Patricia E. May Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of June, 2010.