

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE BATTLEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BOBCATS AS THE 2012 BCS NATIONAL CHAMPION

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 9, 2012*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Battlefield High School Marching Bobcats from Haymarket, Virginia, for winning the honor of Grand Champion at the 2012 BCS National Championship Marching Competition.

The Battlefield High School Marching Bobcats completed its regular season with a perfect record, winning Grand Champion titles at every competition in which they competed. The mission of the Marching Bobcats is to serve the community through high level performances that all can enjoy. They competed against top Honor Bands from around Virginia. They traveled to New Orleans to compete in the BCS National Championship Bowl Game, where they earned the title of National Grand Champions in the high school marching band competition. In addition, they received a superior rating at the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association state marching assessment, qualifying them for the opportunity to earn the title of Virginia Honor Band for the eighth year in a row, keeping the title since the school first opened. Throughout the band's eight-year existence, it has been named grand champion 30 times in a variety of competitions.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the names of the staff, instructors, and marchers who helped Battlefield High School win the Grand Champion title at the 2012 BCS National Championship Marching Competition.

Principal: Amy Ethridge-Conti.  
Band Director: Matt Brodt.  
Assistant Band Director: Steve Ballas.  
Drumline Instructor: Brandon Neal.  
Colorguard Instructors: Stephanie Neidzweikie, Alicia Brodt.  
Drum Majors: Glendon Mohan, Lianna Smith.

Members: Adora Correia, Ye Young Song, Kristina Lin, Vanessa Nates, Minneli Seneviratne, Hyebin Limb, Hyejune Limb, Katherine Lash, Kaitlyn Fowler, Courtney Watson, Claire So, Ashley Nembhard, Jessica Javier, Clarissa Warlthner, Yusuf Siddiqui, Allison Forst, Summer Durant, Shauna Durant, Saydee Bocanegra, Amber Liptrap, Lexi Vasel, Mitchell Reichner, Mallory O'Connell, Victoria Hurlburt, Brooke Albertson, Jeffery Overbye, Matthew Ibarra, Jumoom Ahmed, Kevin Pfeifle, Jasmine Heartley, Brianna Bowers, MinSuk Kim, Jake Goodridge, Daniel Post, Alexandra Wright, Brianna Tucker, Parker Treubert, Anthony Vandervelt, Keegan Dayman, David Blackwell, Taylor Tissandier, Kathryn Piccione, Sean Farris, Alex James, Cole Eastham, Emanuelle Madison, Karen Tran, Emily Kriss, Mark Yang, Lauren Lopes, Nicholas Rivera, Allyson Keeney, Kyleigh Hynes, Kristofer Lambert,

Tyler Theal, Nathan Sim, Chris Garlock, Romere Hopson, Jason Lew, Emilee Moye, Janay Brown, Brenda Macdonald, Alex Williams, Nicholas Sim, Kayla Hewitt, Megan Kriss, Aaron Yang, Sam Ampumah, Wesley Harmon, Landry Franklin, Michael Mahoney, Alexander Lambert, Eugene Pak, Scott Snow, Brian Knauf, Damajah Mapson, Daniel Milihram, Jeremy Nelson, Megan Mahoney, Joe DuPriest, Michelle Hettmann, Jamie Weaver, Caroline Mohan, Aaron Sloss, Dylan Thomas, Laura Isbell, Jamie Hall, Nick Swinsky, Ian Walker, Tyler Stoetzel, Daniel Sloss, William Laingen, Hunter Watson, Noah Crowder, Michael Jones, Cody Ellis, Jacob Whitfield, Lauren Pierson, Josh Conrad, Andrew Giotta, Alberto Post, Arash Tajalli, Elijah Bass, Carrie Bass, Zack Khalil, Jordan Bard, Ryan Mast, Mitchell Ibarra, Delmar Somosa, Justin Thornton, Colin Fowler, Anthony Smith, Ryan Pfeifle, Will Taylor, Daniel Rhoades, Christian Go, Amber Watts, Daniel Gardeazabal Chase Beasley, Austin Choi, Michael Schloss, Peter Bacenet, Michael Dawson, Chris Curtis, Anthony Rondinelli, Erwin Barrientos, Khushboo Bhatia, Nathan Guo, Andrew Theune, Megan Yetman, Aaron Guo, Ian McVey, Kyle So, Colson Meeke, Eric McGillivray, Josh Benedicto, Dominic Hunter, Meagan Curtis, Ellen Field, Katelyn McGlothlin, Renee Dionne, Alex Ernst, Alex Hickey, Hannah Shawler, Sarah Swinsky, Katie Swinsky, Kirsten Whitmer, Miriam Post, Tina Sepahpur, Medelly Post, Tyra Young, Victoria Cosby, Kirsten Whitney, Rachel Whitney, Tori Raiser, Erin Ross, Rebecca Whilby, Jacklyn Ebiasah, Hamnah Akmal, Brittany Norris, Ariana Creque, Christie Justis, Janie Bocanegra, Caroline Shepard, Caylin Dawson, Navila Alam, Kaitlyn Goodwin.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Battlefield High School Marching Bobcats for winning the honor of Grand Champion at the 2012 BCS National Championship Marching Competition. This is a well-deserved title that could not have been won without an extraordinary team effort. These young people represented our community on the national stage with distinction and embody the promise of our next generation.

### MARKING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

### HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 9, 2012*

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of International Women's Day. For more than 100 years, this important day has recognized the critical roles and contributions women play worldwide. International Women's Day reminds us of how far we've come and of how far we still need to go in order to achieve gender equality worldwide.

Women continue to face serious challenges across our globe, particularly with access to health care, education, and economic opportunity. Women also are overwhelmingly the

targets of human trafficking and gender-based violence. Today, women and girls are disproportionately burdened by extreme poverty, making up 70% of the world's one billion people who live off less than \$1 per day.

Here at home, we celebrate March as Women's History Month. The focus this year is "Women's Education—Women's Empowerment" which clearly reflects the goals of furthering gender equality worldwide. And it is no coincidence that one leads to the other. When women and girls have access to educational opportunities, their subsequent empowerment allows families and entire communities to flourish. And evidence shows that when these untapped agents of change are empowered to engage in the political process, governments are more effective and responsive to the needs of their people.

For real progress in women's rights, we must take a comprehensive approach to combat all barriers to women's equality—physical, psychological, educational, economic, and cultural. Let's use this International Women's Day as an opportunity to reignite our commitment to gender equality here at home and around the globe.

TO RECOGNIZE BOY SCOUT TROOP 1501 ON ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 9, 2012*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Boy Scouts of America Troop 1501 on the occasion of its 45th anniversary. Boy Scouts of America is one of the largest youth organizations in the United States, with more than 4.5 million current members. Since its founding, nearly 84 million boys have participated in scouting.

Established in 1966, Troop 1501 has taught boys and young men in Springfield, Virginia, the skills that will serve them well throughout their lives. During the last 45 years, more than 1,000 scouts have been members of Troop 1501 and more than 115 scouts have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Nationally, about 2 percent of boys earn scouting's highest honor, but Troop 1501 shatters the national average with more than 11 percent of its scouts achieving that honor.

The extraordinary success of Troop 1501 is due in large part to exceptional troop leadership, dedicated families, and community support from local churches, businesses, and charitable organizations. Troop 1501 exemplifies the values and tenets of the Boy Scouts of America and supports the character development that encourages responsible citizenship and self-reliance through a wide range of outdoor activities, educational programs, and community service. Members of this troop adhere to the Scout Law: "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and

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