

Whereas, Georgia Piedmont Technical College has grown from one campus to nine campuses in DeKalb, Newton, Rockdale and Morgan counties; and

Whereas, Georgia Piedmont Technical College continues to be a resource for citizens in DeKalb County and throughout the state of Georgia by providing excellent community service, educational opportunities and stellar leadership; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia is officially honoring, recognizing and congratulating Georgia Piedmont Technical College on its 50th anniversary as an anchor in our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim April 14, 2012, as Georgia Piedmont Technical College Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 14th day of April, 2012.

IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR
THE DEBBIE SMITH DNA BACK-
LOG PROGRAM

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation to Chairman WOLF and Ranking Member FATTAH for working together to ensure that the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program is adequately funded in the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2013.

Given these difficult economic times, difficult choices must be made as to where scarce funds are to be allocated. Given the importance of the DNA Backlog Grant program to law enforcement agencies in my congressional district, I would have liked for the program to have received even more funding. But I am very pleased that the bill provides funding at the amount requested by the Administration, the sponsor of the authorizing legislation and my good friend, Congresswoman MALONEY from New York, and is more than eighty percent of the amount of funding I requested the Committee to provide.

The DNA Backlog Grant program provides funding to help reduce and eliminate the backlog of DNA evidence in state and local labs across the Nation. The "Justice For All Act" (P.L. 108-405) expanded the use of DNA technology to convict the guilty and free the innocent. In 2008, Congress again showed its overwhelming bipartisan support for this initiative by passing "The Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act" which extends this program through FY 2014.

There is an ever-present need to continue robust funding for programs such as the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program in order to make sure victims do not fall through the cracks of the system.

Women who have been raped have a right to expect police to thoroughly investigate the case and prosecute the offenders; however, many rape kits across the country are never even tested, and the perpetrators never face justice. Nowhere is this problem greater than in Los Angeles County, where there is a backlog of more than 12,000 rape kits sitting untested in storage facilities. Of those kits, 499 are attached to cases past the 10-year statute

of limitations for rape in California, meaning that even if those kits are tested, the offenders cannot be tried for their crimes.

The current fiscal crisis has already hindered efforts to eliminate the backlog, as Los Angeles city officials have been denied the funds necessary for hiring crime laboratory analysts. Continued cuts, however small, will continue a trend of neglecting this pursuit of justice, and thousands of women and their families will be denied their basic security and peace of mind.

DNA evidence is critical in sexual assault cases, and I would like to highlight one recent success story from my district in Long Beach. The alleged crime occurred in August of 2003, when a 17-year-old student was sexually assaulted by a stranger on her high school campus. The DNA collected at the scene went untested for 7 years due to the laboratory's backlog, but in 2011 Redondo Beach police arrested the attacker. The DNA match showed the chance of the DNA belonging to someone else was one in a trillion, providing nearly irrefutable proof of his guilt. I ask for unanimous consent to include in the RECORD copies of newspaper stories that discuss in greater detail the importance of robust funding for the DNA initiative to reduce the backlog in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Speaker, the DNA Initiative is an invaluable tool for law enforcement today, and it will continue to be a legislative priority of mine. That is why I am pleased that funding for this vitally important program was not reduced as so many other worthwhile programs have been. I commend my colleagues on the Committee for funding the program at the level requested by the President and those of us in this body that strongly support the program.

ZOELLICK LEAVES A LASTING
LEGACY AT THE WORLD BANK

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today's global challenges demand global solutions. From poverty and hunger, to climate change and the financial crisis, the complexities of the 21st century require not only American leadership, but also effective global institutions. While the world continues to change at a rapid pace, the World Bank—with its wealth of experts and resources for fighting poverty—is a critical multilateral instrument for addressing these global challenges.

During his 5-year term, outgoing World Bank President Robert Zoellick has helped lead a turnaround at the World Bank and reestablished for the United States a key partner in advancing vital U.S. interests abroad. President Zoellick has placed new focus on pragmatic, common-sense solutions. He recognized that in order to meet the challenges of a changing world, the World Bank had to change along with it. In the last 5 years, the Bank has transitioned from a once rigid top-down approach to development, into a flexible, collaborative, and more democratic institution.

President Zoellick recognized a critical reality: that alleviating poverty is vital to economic recovery. Investments in global health, education, food security, and empowering

women and girls not only lift millions of people out of poverty, but create important sources for economic growth. These investments make the world a safer place to do business. Even as it responded to the global financial crisis, the World Bank under President Zoellick raised \$90 billion for the International Development Association, the Bank's fund for the world's poorest. The World Bank worked with developing countries to strengthen their social safety nets and build resilience to crisis, and invested in critical infrastructure to remove investment barriers.

At the World Bank, President Zoellick leaves behind a real, tangible legacy. His push to institute a "Freedom of Information Act" unleashes public innovation by allowing free, open access to the World Bank's trove of economic data. This unprecedented step has ushered in a new era of accountability and transparency. President Zoellick created the Climate Investment Funds, which have already leveraged nearly \$50 billion for practical investments in energy efficiency, technology development, and combating deforestation. These remarkable contributions will continue long after President Zoellick leaves the World Bank next month.

As co-chair of the bipartisan Caucus for Congressional-World Bank Dialogue, I look forward to working with the World Bank to continue the progress achieved during President Zoellick's tenure.

Dr. Jim Yong Kim, the World Bank's next president, should give Congress—a major investor in the World Bank—confidence that an American with a proven track record of success will be advancing this shared vision for global development. Dr. Kim's significant contributions to global health, his commitment to partnerships on the ground in developing countries, and his proven management skills will make him an effective leader of this vital multilateral institution.

Together, we can build on the innovation, accountability, and effectiveness that President Zoellick has brought to the World Bank during his successful 5-year term.

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REP-
RESENTATIVES PROCLAMATION

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, we are saddened by the death of Mr. Robert Lee Smith because our lives have been touched by the life of this one man; and Whereas, Mr. Robert Lee Smith's work is present in our community and his church, Hillcrest Church of Christ; being a deacon, Bible School instructor, bus driver and singer; and

Whereas, this highly effective motivator utilized his skills to aid in the growth and development of his church; and

Whereas, he gave of himself, his time and talent as he served his family, friends and community, and

Whereas, Mr. Robert Lee Smith was a husband, a son, a father, a friend and a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this

day to bestow a special recognition on Mr. Robert Lee Smith for his leadership, friendship and service to all as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 112th Congress of the United States that Mr. Robert Lee Smith of Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition" by declaring Mr. Robert Lee Smith U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 15th day of April, 2012.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPRO-
PRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5326) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Chair, because of limited funding resources, the Subcommittee was not able to provide funding, as requested by the Office of Juvenile Justice, for a needed evidence-based competitive juvenile justice demonstration grant program. This type of a program would allow for new, innovative practices that may well lead to comprehensive change which, in turn, would likely produce better outcomes in treating at-risk juveniles.

A number of Members requested that the Subcommittee consider amending the Administration request to provide, within existing levels of funding in this bill, competitive grant program funding for qualified non-profit, private youth and family service organizations that can provide an Integrated Continuum of treatment services and programs for at-risk youth and their families.

We believe this approach is still important because it is estimated that 70 percent of youth in the juvenile justice system suffer from mental health issues, substance abuse, and/or learning disabilities. Most of these juveniles require an integrated, comprehensive treatment in order to allow them to succeed within their peer groups and families, in school, on jobs, or in their communities. Just as important, the families of most at-risk juveniles also require services and treatment programs to ensure that a juvenile's home environment is addressed.

There is a wide range of existing national, regional and state-wide, nonprofit qualified youth and family serving organizations that can provide evidenced-based, integrated continuum treatment services and programs for at-risk juveniles and their families. However most, if not all, of the existing program funding opportunities only provide funding for limited services and treatments for at-risk juveniles. They do not allow, where necessary, services and treatment programs for the families of juveniles.

Using an integrated continuum is critical to providing programs and services (including

mental health and drug treatment), for both juveniles and their families, that will result in juveniles being permanently returned to improved home environments and becoming productive citizens. Early evidence suggests that an integrated approach is preferable to isolated and limited programs, because the integrated approach shows more promising potential for keeping youth out of the juvenile justice system and avoiding further arrest and recidivism.

Mr. Chair, I hope we can work with you, through the process, as your bill moves forward, to see if we can find a way to dedicate some resources to this integrated continuum of comprehensive services and treatment programs for both at-risk juveniles and their families.

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REP-
RESENTATIVES PROCLAMATION

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker,

Whereas, White's Chapel United Methodist Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for the past one hundred forty-two years; and

Whereas, Pastor Harold Cobb and the members of the White's Chapel United Methodist Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our county; and

Whereas, the White's Chapel United Methodist Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past one hundred forty two (142) years, being organized in 1870 after Captain White donated two acres of land to a small group of former slaves in order for them to continue to worship together as a congregation; and

Whereas, White's Chapel has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with Rockdale County their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the White's Chapel United Methodist Church family for their leadership and service to our District on this the 142nd Anniversary of their founding;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim March 25, 2012 as White's Chapel United Methodist Church Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of March, 2012.

NEW HOPE: IN HONOR OF AN
AMERICAN HERO, CORPORAL
MARK LITYNSKI, 3-5 LIMA COM-
PANY, MARINE CORPS

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD:

NEW HOPE

From out of that darkness of most evil war!
From out of that pain and such heartache
that one must endure!

From out of that death and destruction,
and oh such suffering of all the more!
As from out of this most dreadful of gores!
Come, all of those and their loved ones . . .
whose daily lives are but filled with such an-
guish for sure!

And from out of all of this,
must now all somehow, somehow so endure!
To find the strength and the courage, to re-
build with not much more!

Then Hope to insure!
As comes their most swollen of tears so for
sure!

That which their Mothers and Fathers,
their so Sisters and Brothers,
and their Husbands and Wives,
and all of their most precious of all Children
whose eyes must now pour!

And just when all so seems lost!
All out of this darkness of war, with its most
tragic of all costs!

With but nothing so left,
but to so cling to Hope to so bless!
To so give us the strength to take just one
more most courageous of steps!

But, comes only our very best of the best!
Our most brightest of all lights, as are you
Mark so yes!

So shining above all of the rest!
Such brilliance, to all of our souls to caress!
That with all of your courage Mark,
our Nation you have so blessed!
Bringing Hope, from out of your most mag-
nificent heart's breath!

So splendid and pure, so very special for
sure!

Giving us Hope!
With something which so reaches so deep
down inside all of our souls!

To have and to hold, which so helped you to
so somehow endure!

While, against all the odds Mark . . . your
victory it now so insured!

With that kind of Hope, that which so let's
one so march off to war!

And come back home from a battlefields of
honor so injured,
and still somehow to give more!

With Such New Hope!
All In Your Profiles In Courage!
All in what you so bore!

Teaching us all, what Heaven is for!
And Heather, your most magnificent wife!
all in her devotion and love, and so selfless
sacrifice!

Standing by her Man!
Bringing tears to even our Lord eyes!
Yes Mark, with all of your Hope and fine
faith . . .

You have, to all of us so shown us the way!
Because, no matter the cost . . .

your fine heart would never so wave!
As we've so watched you Mark,
so heroically moving onward day after day!

To So Teach Us!
To So Reach Us!
To So Beseech Us!

All in what your fine heart has all to say!
All in your Most Splendid Shades of Green
. . .