

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF DR. MARSHA S. BORDNER FOR HER SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF TERRA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding public servant in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Dr. Marsha S. Bordner is retiring from Terra State Community College, located in Fremont, Ohio, after spending over Thirty-Five years in the education field.

Dr. Marsha S. Bordner became the President of Terra State Community College in 2003, following her time as the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Clark State Community College in Springfield, Ohio. During her tenure as President at Terra State Community College, the school has seen record high enrollment levels, the redevelopment of the educational facilities to include state of the art equipment, and a new strategic plan to lead the college into the future.

A resident of Catawba Island, Dr. Marsha S. Bordner has strived to expand the education of the area's residents not only through the collegiate setting, but by working with local public school systems to allow high school students to earn college credit through Terra State Community College. Dr. Marsha Bordner has also reinstated Terra State Community College's partnership with local communities through the offering of music performances of Terra State Community College faculty and students at area venues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Marsha S. Bordner for her role in promoting and expanding the educational opportunities for the residents of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Our communities have undoubtedly benefited from her years of dedicated service. We wish Dr. Marsha S. Bordner all of the best upon her retirement as the President of Terra State Community College.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL WILLIAM T. BARE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Colonel William T. Bare on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force on August 1, 2012.

Colonel Bare has given 27 stellar years to service to the United States Air Force. He has had a wide array of experience in intelligence, foreign language training, program management, policy development, and has linguistic capabilities in several foreign languages. Of particular note, he recently served as the Assistant Commandant of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) and the Commander, 517th Training Group, Presidio of Monterey, California, located in my congressional district. The Defense Language

Institute Foreign Language Center is regarded as one of the finest schools for foreign language instruction in the nation.

It is important that we as a nation recognize our service men and women for their dedication to the United States of America, particularly those as accomplished as Colonel William T. Bare.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Colonel Bare for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to his country throughout his distinguished career in the United States Air Force. I wish him, his wife Joselyn, his three daughters Lindsay, Jade, and J'adore (aka Jazzy), and his parents Bill and Elinor, much continued happiness as they start a new chapter in their lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF HOSPICE OF WESTERN RESERVE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the 34th Annual Meeting of Hospice of the Western Reserve on May 24, 2012.

Since 1978, Hospice of the Western Reserve, a community-based, mission-driven not-for-profit organization, has provided comfort care and emotional support to patients and their families at the end-of-life. Its mission is "to provide palliative end-of-life care, caregiver support and bereavement services throughout Northern Ohio."

Hospice of the Western Reserve is committed to providing ideal patient care, regardless of age, race, color, national origin, disability or sexual orientation. It celebrates the individual worth of each life, and strives to relieve suffering, enhance comfort, promote quality of life, foster choice in end-of-life care, and support effective grieving.

Hospice of the Western Reserve affirms the dignity of life, and advocates for patient and family comfort and quality during life's final phase. The board, staff and volunteers believe that hospice patients have the right to continue life to the fullest extent possible according to their circumstances. They foster opportunities for continued growth and fulfillment.

Hospice of the Western Reserve's specialized services (including AIDS, pediatric, perinatal, and chronic disease-specific teams) provide care and support to patients, families and caregivers wherever they call home, whether it be in their home, at an assisted living facility, in a hospital, nursing facility or group home, in a county jail or at a homeless shelter.

Hospice of the Western Reserve is not part of a chain or franchise and is not owned by anyone but the community. Its services are not administered by hospitals, insurance companies or health systems. Through exemplary partnerships with the Northern Ohio's premier healthcare systems, Hospice of the Western Reserve incorporates state-of-the-art care and best practices for its patients and their families.

Hospice of the Western Reserve's involvement with multiple community agencies, advisory councils and academic institutions keeps its staff and volunteers abreast of emerging

trends and allows them to take a leadership role in addressing the ever-changing needs of our community. Hospice of the Western Reserve has received numerous awards from community, professional and non-profit organizations.

In 2010, Hospice of the Western Reserve provided care to 6,779 patients and families across Northern Ohio, including care to 1,757 patients and families at its world-class 42-bed in-patient facility, David Simpson Hospice House overlooking Lake Erie. Hospice of the Western Reserve is the longest-serving hospice and the largest non-profit hospice in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Hospice of the Western Reserve at its 34th Annual Meeting as it celebrates its long-standing service to the people of Northern Ohio and looks forward to many more years of quality care to its patients and their families.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, since late 2009, the Army Corps of Engineers has been working on a study of the Great Lakes and Mississippi Interbasin—

"To evaluate options and technologies to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River."

Recently, the Corps indicated this study may not be completed until March 2016.

When it comes to aquatic invasive species, 7 years is 7 years too long.

Senator SHERROD BROWN of Ohio introduced and passed an amendment to the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, ensuring that the Corps finishes their study no later than July 1, 2014.

Further, the amendment ensures that the Corps fully examines the feasibility of all options, including permanent hydrological separation.

I can't help but stand here today and express my sincere disappointment for the missed opportunities in the legislative vehicle before us.

The Energy and Water Appropriations bill that we consider on the House floor this week is not only missing this vital amendment, but its priorities are way out of whack.

The bill increases funding for the Nation's nuclear weapons stockpile, as well as for fossil fuels programs and nuclear energy research and development.

Meanwhile, funding would be reduced for a wide range of very important activities including: Army Corps of Engineers projects, Energy

Department science programs, advanced energy research, defense and non-defense environmental cleanup activities, nuclear non-proliferation programs, and most renewable energy programs (including solar, wind, water and geothermal programs).

But, to the point at hand—the Great Lakes and the terrifying prospect that we might continue standing still on this issue of invasive species prevention.

First and foremost, I must recognize the hard work and bipartisan effort from the Senators, including Senator DURBIN, and am hopeful that this provision is preserved throughout the appropriations process.

After all, this amendment does not tell anybody what to do.

It simply recognizes the urgency of the Asian carp threat to the Great Lakes and compels the Corps to quicken its study of solutions in the face of a potential catastrophe that no one wants.

The Great Lakes make up 20 percent of our fresh water and are home to a fishing and boating industry worth 7 billion dollars annually.

The Lakes are a priceless treasure for the millions of people who live in the region.

We must do all we can to encourage a speedy creation of an action plan to block Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes.

In 1998 the late Senator Paul Simon predicted wars would be fought over water.

Let us not pretend this is near as drastic as war.

But, at the same time, let us not neglect or fail to acknowledge that the importance of today's actions will weigh heavily on the successes of tomorrow. I urge the Committees to preserve and protect Senator BROWN's amendment and hope that the final Energy and Water package looks far better for our land, air and water than it does today.

DYLAN BEKEMEIER OF REPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL WINNING THE MISSOURI CLASS 3 STATE INDIVIDUAL GOLD CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dylan Bekemeier from Republic High School for winning the Missouri Class 3 State Individual Golf Championship.

Dylan should be commended for all of his hard work throughout the regular season and bringing home the individual state title to his school, family and community. At the State Golf Championships in Springfield, Dylan won the individual state title with an impressive second round showing of 68, 4 under par. His total score was 140. Completing his sophomore year means Dylan will be a force to be reckoned with in Missouri high school golf in the coming years.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dylan Bekemeier, the Missouri Class 3 State Golf Champion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 5th, 2012, I was absent during roll-call vote No. 315 due to a family medical issue. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on the McClintock of California Amendment No. 3.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL BRIAN L. TARBET

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and dedication of Major General Brian L. Tarbet, the Adjutant General of the Utah National Guard. He has served his country as a member of the Utah National Guard for over 30 years. As the Adjutant General for the Utah National Guard, General Tarbet has been responsible for over 7,000 soldiers and airmen for the past 12 years.

General Tarbet began his military career as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve in 1973. After being a member of the ROTC program and earning his bachelor of arts degree in political science from Utah State University, General Tarbet served on active duty from 1973 to 1975. General Tarbet then joined the Utah Army National Guard as a First Lieutenant and received his juris doctorate from the University of Utah in 1978. During the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, General Tarbet commanded over 4,500 troops providing security in Salt Lake City, just months after the September 11 terrorist attacks heightened security concerns surrounding high profile events. He has led the Utah National Guard through many deployments of soldiers and airmen supporting operations around the globe.

I invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating the accomplishments of this incredible man who placed service to his country above that of his own ambitions. Major General Brian L. Tarbet is a great example of the men and women who have served or who are currently serving our country in the various branches of the Armed Forces. I am grateful to every member of the military for the great sacrifice that they make every day.

IN RECOGNITION OF H.E. MINISTER FADY ABOUD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize H.E. Minister Fady Abboud, Minister of Tourism for the Republic of Lebanon and to welcome him to the City of Cleveland.

Born on March 21, 1955, Minister Abboud graduated from the International School of Choueifat. In 1976, following a year of service

in the military, he began studying at the University of Westminster. Minister Abboud and his wife of 26 years, Sarah-Lilianna, have two children, Faddy and Joanne.

Fady Abboud had a successful career in industry, working in the packaging, plastic engineering, general machines and metal processing, and food businesses. In 1982, he was named Chairman of General Packaging Industries. In 2002, he was elected as President of the Board of the Association of Lebanese Industrialists. Minister Abboud is also a member of the American Lebanese Chamber of Commerce and the International Chamber of Commerce.

Abboud was appointed as the Minister of Tourism in November 2009. Since his appointment, Minister Abboud has turned the office's focus to sustainable tourism in order to promote the different regions of Lebanon.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in welcoming H.E. Minister Fady Abboud to the City of Cleveland.

D-DAY REMEMBRANCE

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Second Annual Recognition and Remembrance ceremony being held in Delmar, NY by the D-Day Remembrance Association. It is truly a commendable event to honor those who sacrificed so much in order to return freedom and democracy to Europe in one of the most courageous and awe-inspiring military operations ever conceived.

The D-Day Remembrance Association hosts this event to remember and honor the events of those several days and particularly the servicemembers who stormed the beaches, airdropped behind enemy lines, and supported the invasion from sea. As a result of the efforts of this remarkable collection of volunteers, and many others like it across the nation, these annual gatherings create new treasured memories for all veterans, their children, grandchildren and others who recognize and appreciate the significant contributions and sacrifices that the "Greatest Generation" made in name of freedom.

The Battle of Normandy was fought during World War II in the summer of 1944, between the Allied nations and German forces occupying Western Europe. Almost 70 years later, the Normandy Invasion, or D-Day, remains the largest seaborne invasion in history, involving nearly three million troops crossing the English Channel from Great Britain to Normandy in occupied France.

On June 6, 1944, 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline to fight Nazi Germany. General Dwight D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which "we will accept nothing less than full victory." By the end of the first day, the Allies had gained a foothold in Normandy. The cost of D-Day was high—more than 2,500 were killed and 8,500 wounded—but more than 100,000 Soldiers began the march across Europe to defeat Hitler. I am in awe of what they accomplished during this period that can only be described as Hell on Earth.