

As had all of those Montford Point Marines
 . . .
 All in their most magnificent shades, shades
 of Black and Green . . .
 For only The Few, Shall Ever Be United
 States Marines!
 As a Nation's dark deep past so convened!
 All in what discrimination so really means!
 As throughout all of those generations,
 and all of those tears and pain upon a Na-
 tion!
 But, To Be A United States Marine!
 But, some dreams never die as so it seems!
 To walk so proudly and wear those brilliant
 shades of Green!
 And to go so boldly forth,
 all in your most heroic course!
 As A United States Marine!
 And even though what we so did to them was
 a disgrace as seen,
 these fine heroes would not so lost pace,
 these Marines!
 As they so heroically marched off into that
 shadow of death with high esteem!
 While, all of their most brilliant hearts so
 gleamed!
 OohRah!
 Because, discrimination is no match for A
 United States Marine!
 With the world at its edge,
 as Mankind bled . . .
 To Save The World, all in those magnificent
 shades of black and green!
 So that into a future, A King Among could
 so speak of his Dream!
 Because, no more fiercer warrior has so been
 seen!
 Than, all of those Magnificent Montford
 Point Marines!
 As I pity those poor Japanese,
 who had to so face all of their most heroic
 screams!
 As Jesse Owens,
 had already laid the ground work in Ger-
 many it seems!
 When, the second wave came crashing in as
 seen!
 Bringing a setting sun in the land of the Jap-
 anese!
 As what their fine hearts for our country tis
 of thee would mean!
 All in that Pride,
 that which so dwells deep inside of being a
 United States Marine!
 As their courage and their faith,
 put our Nation one step closer to that place!
 Where all of our forefathers' hearts had so
 truly dreamed!
 For all men are created equal all in this
 golden theme!
 So on this day,
 look around you and pray and so say thank
 all of these Marines!
 All in their most magnificent shades of
 Black and Green!
 Whose courage and undying faith,
 so made this our world a much better place
 all of these Marines!
 Listen closely, can you but not hear the lib-
 erty bell!
 Ringing out for the freedoms that they so
 fought for across the shores so well!
 For all these magnificent men where On
 Point,
 as our Lord God knows so very well!
 All in their most magnificent shades of
 Black and Green!
 All of these Magnificent Montford Point Ma-
 rines . . .
 As time and history would tell!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EL PASO
 YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the El Paso Youth Symphony Orchestra (EPYSO) and their Diplomatic International Cultural Exchange Tour.

From June 25th through July 2nd, the EPYSO will partner with the Mexican national youth symphony, Sinfonica Esperanza Azteca, in a regional tour that will take them to prestigious venues in southern California. The journey will culminate with a performance aboard the USS *Midway*, honoring veterans and soldiers.

The recognition of the tour would not be complete without mentioning the talented orchestra behind it. This year, Maestro Phillip Gabriel Garcia and his students will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the respected and accomplished EPYSO. With over 3,500 students taught and 200 shows performed, it is amazing to consider that just two decades ago, Phillip was a senior at Hanks High School when he first started this orchestra. EPYSO is now playing nationally in front of thousands. Its philanthropic motive of discovering hidden talent and potential in students throughout the city is also noteworthy.

With the tour underway, the band is focused on providing a phenomenal show. Mayor John Cook and Maestro Garcia have worked with the El Paso musicians to promote the message that they are a band against bullies. Their musical compositions come with a moral that bullying in schools must stop. Their song "I Am Not a Bully" will not only demonstrate and promote equal and fair school policies, but also display to our Mexican counterparts that Americans are more sympathetic than many in the international community label us.

Bullying is an unacceptable and growing problem in our schools. Bullying in all forms is unacceptable and social networks like Facebook and Twitter have only added fuel to the fire. All students suffer when bullying is tolerated, and we need to change if we want to see our youth progress as a generation. Our goal should be to provide students with a safe academic environment where students are comfortable and focused on their social and educational goals. Additionally, as a father and a grandfather, I would not want to witness any child being harassed or picked-on. Being bullied, especially at a young age, has a serious implication on a child's early social development that will negatively impact them for the rest of their lives. Thankfully many activists—like the students in the EPYSO and others—are combating this growing problem.

I am proud of the Diplomatic International Cultural Exchange Tour. As the EPYSO travels across the Southwest with their Mexican counterparts, I hope that their message of tolerance will be one which the cities they visit will embrace and share in their communities.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES
 ON H.R. 4348, SURFACE TRANS-
 PORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF
 2012, PART II

SPEECH OF

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Black Motion to Instruct.

This motion is a step back for highway safety, and a step back for our country. This country has done a lot to improve highway safety in the last thirty years. We've mandated safety belt use. We've addressed our many of our most dangerous intersections and developed better signage and more visible traffic signals. And we created a federal mandate that raised the drinking age to 21.

But there are new challenges—and distracted driving is one of the most important. This motion is exactly the opposite of what we should be voting on.

We should be doing everything in our power to encourage responsible driving and protect lives. Couching this argument in the 10th amendment is simply cover for irresponsible legislation.

There are numerous grant programs throughout the federal government that provide funding for states based on national policies that Congress wants to advance. To single out a safety program is totally out of left field—or rather, right field in this case.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this motion.

CONGRATULATING MS. STEPHANIE
 ODOM ON THE OCCASION OF
 RECOGNITION AS A UNITED
 HEALTH FOUNDATION DIVERSE
 SCHOLAR

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great pleasure to congratulate Ms. Stephanie Odom for being honored as a United Health Foundation Diverse Scholar. Ms. Odom's unwavering commitment to academic excellence in the field of science, deem her worthy of this recognition.

The United Health Foundation began highlighting Diverse Scholars in 2007 as an initiative to increase the quantity of deserving, yet underrepresented individuals entering the health workforce. In 2009, the Foundation sought to further engage scholars with access to resources by hosting a forum in our Nation's capital with representatives from government, academia, and various industries.

Ms. Odom is a native of Macon, North Carolina. She has excelled at Edward Waters College as an undergraduate biology major. Currently in her second year of education at Edward Waters, Ms. Odom has consistently achieved Dean's List honors by maintaining a minimum 3.5 GPA since her freshman year. As a result, she is a member of the prestigious national honor society, Phi Eta Sigma.

She credits the United Health Foundation scholarship with assisting her goal of completing post-secondary education. She is a