

culminating in their legislative contributions to the NDAA we consider here today.

Without question, the Asia Pacific Rebalance constitutes one of America's most important military and security policies. The Chairman and I both represent districts in a state with vast ties to the Asia Pacific—whether political, security, military, economic, cultural, social and even people-to-people exchange. We also have a vibrant Asian American community in our state that is an embodiment of our relationship with this critically important region.

It is within this context that I wish to raise an important issue and one that I feel is central to the Asia Pacific Rebalance. Let me be clear that I feel this issue is both germane to the jurisdiction of this committee and our consideration of the NDAA on the Floor.

As you and our colleagues on this committee are well aware, more than 200,000 young women and girls from throughout Asia and the Pacific, but mainly from Korea, were forced to become sex slaves during World War II by the Imperial Armed Forces of Japan. For over 70 years, these women endured unspeakable and nightmarish ordeals and have yet to receive a formal apology.

There are those who believe that the Comfort Women issue is a controversial historical dispute that is not germane to our committee's jurisdiction or the NDAA. I fundamentally disagree. As a case in point, during President Obama's recent Asia trip a couple of weeks ago, he specifically brought up the Comfort Women issue. At a joint press conference with Korean President Park Geun-Hye, President Obama stated that what happened to the Comfort Women was "terrible and egregious," that these "women deserved to be heard and respected" and that "there should be an accurate and clear account of what happened." President Obama made these remarks in the context of U.S.-Korea-Japan relations and the Asia Rebalance.

The Comfort Women survivors are dying by the day. Of the over 200,000 survivors less than 100 are still alive today. As a matter of valuing women's rights and human rights, these Comfort Women survivors deserve the dignity of a formal apology by the Japanese Government. I further urge Japan to follow the recommendations set forth in H. Res. 121 that was authored by my friend and colleague, Representative MICHAEL HONDA and passed the House on June 30, 2007. Proper resolution to this issue yields the benefit of closer U.S.-Korea-Japan trilateral relations which is critical to countering the North Korean nuclear threat and enhancing security ties with our allies.

Mr. Chair, I wish to reiterate the importance of this issue to our committee, our constituents, our state, our nation and our allies. I urge my colleagues to also offer expressions of support for the Comfort Women survivors.

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CELEBRATING LOU WEINTRAUB

**HON. AMI BERA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2014*

Mr. BERA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lou Weintraub. The oldest veteran in the Sacramento Jewish Community, Lou turned 100 earlier this year and will be

honored at the Jewish Memorial Day Commemoration this weekend for his years of commitment to the Sacramento County community.

Born to Polish immigrant parents in New York in 1914, Lou and his two siblings were children of the Depression. He attended City College of New York, and later the University of Pennsylvania. Soon after, he served as a clinical psychologist in the military for four years during World War II.

A longtime executive with San Francisco's Jewish Community Federation before he retired, Lou has worked with and served on the board of many commissions and nonprofits in the Sacramento region, where he moved in 1989 after meeting his wife.

He continues to be very active, delivering food to the home-bound for Meals-A-La-Car and on the boards of both the Community Services Planning Council and the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library. He is currently the Vice-Chair of the Emergency Food and Shelter Board.

Lou is also an active congregant of Mosaic Law Congregation, attending its Daily Minyan and Shabbat and holiday services. He is known to regularly hold court after the services where at lunch in the social hall he is surrounded by people of all ages taking in his wisdom.

Lou's wife Roslyn summed him up best when she told the Sacramento Bee earlier this year, "What I see about Lou is that he cares more about other people than himself. He's always caring about somebody else."

Thank you, Lou, for caring, and for your continued dedication to the Sacramento area community.

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SUPPORTING THE NAVY EA-18G  
"GROWLER"

**HON. JASON T. SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2014*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) and its Chairman, BUCK MCKEON, on passage of the National Defense Authorization Act FY15 today that includes funding for additional Navy EA-18G "Growler" aircraft as well as language to stretch the EA-18G and FA-18 E/F lines in St. Louis, Missouri.

I recently visited the F-18 line in St. Louis, Missouri near my district. Like many Members I have an F-18 supplier in my district. Without additional funding, this line will shut down and we as a nation will lose a national asset including thousands of dedicated and talented workers who make up this defense industrial base.

But the EA-18G is about more than just jobs—it is about supporting our warfighter. The U.S. Navy has clearly stated before Congress this year that it has a requirement for additional EA-18G airborne electronic attack aircraft that are vital to current and future operations—both for the Navy and other services. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the coming weeks, especially on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, to help address this clear Navy and joint war fighting requirement. The warfighter

needs the EA-18G and we in Congress need to continue to support our warfighters.

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SUPPORTING CONTINUED PRODUCTION OF THE EA-18G "GROWLER"

**HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2014*

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) and its Chairman, BUCK MCKEON, and Ranking Member SMITH, on passage of the FY15 Defense Authorization Bill (H.R. 4435) today that includes funding for additional Navy EA-18G "Growler" aircraft as well as language to continue the EA-18G and F/A-18 E/F lines in St. Louis, Missouri.

During this year's deliberations of the President's budget request, the committee received a request from the Navy for an unfunded requirement for 22 additional airborne electronic attack (AEA) aircraft—the EA-18G Growler. The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Greenert outlined the growing need to control the electromagnetic spectrum to support the warfighter. The CNO indicated to the Committee that the current level of AEA aircraft in the Navy inventory was just meeting the operational needs in today's world. However, based on increasing demands and a projected difficult operational environments in the future, the Navy requested 22 additional EA-18G Growlers. It is this Growler that can meet these expanding and stressing AEA operational requirements.

I have a number of constituents that commute to work on the production line in St. Louis, and like many members have F/A-18 suppliers in my district. Without additional funding for EA-18G aircraft, this important production line will shut down and we as a nation will lose a national asset—including thousands of dedicated and talented workers who make up this defense industrial base.

But the EA-18G is about more than jobs—it is about supporting our warfighter. The Navy has clearly made its case before Congress that it has a growing operational requirement for additional EA-18G aircraft that are vital to current and future operations—both for the Navy and other services.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the coming weeks, especially on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, to help address this clear Navy requirement. We need to support our warfighter needs and the EA-18G Growler is key to operating and prevailing in the important airborne electronic attack environment.

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PLANT OF THE YEAR IN NORTH AMERICA

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2014*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate TRW Automotive's Fowlerville, Michigan facility on earning Quality magazine's "Plant of the Year in North America" award for quality, safety and continuous

improvement. Employing more than 200 people, the Fowlerville plant manufactures slip control braking systems. The plant, like all of TRW's, can be recognized for its use of a visual management system that uses a color coded process to track production for safety and quality.

TRW had sales of \$17 billion last year, and supplies dozens of major car manufacturers with safety and component parts. It has more than 65,000 employees globally. The Fowlerville plant, together with its neighboring plant in Fenton, contributed roughly \$360 million in annual sales in 2012. The two plants share a management team, as well as best practices.

With dedicated effort to quality, Michigan manufacturers continue to prove "Made in U.S.A." is not a thing of the past. I am proud of TRW's Fowlerville plant and I am proud of Michigan's manufacturing tradition.

RECOGNIZING THE SUSAN G. KOMEN TWIN TIERS REGION "RACE FOR THE CURE"

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2014*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Susan G. Komen Twin Tiers Region "Race for the Cure" on another successful event this year. This event, which was held for the 16th consecutive year, took place on Sunday, May 18, 2014 in Elmira, New York.

This race is a bold statement of unity among the survivors of breast cancer, the friends and families who support the ongoing search for a cure, and those who are currently fighting this disease. The annual event has raised over \$1 million for projects focusing on cancer research, prevention, and treatment. Seventy-five percent of this money has remained in the Southern Tier, directly benefiting thousands of my constituents.

Breast cancer affects millions of individuals in the United States each year, including countless friends, family members, and neighbors in my congressional district. For far too long, this disease has taken away our loved ones; an estimated 40,000 people will die from breast cancer this year. As a nation, we must continue to support every victim of breast cancer and show steadfast resolve in our efforts to find a cure for this disease.

Thanks to the hard work of Komen Twin Tiers Region staff and over 200 volunteers, more than 1,000 people participated in this year's "Race for the Cure." Every person involved in the event displayed their unwavering determination to finding a cure for breast cancer and supporting those affected by this disease.

I especially appreciate the work of Scott Heffner and Megan Burns, co-chairs of the race, who were primarily responsible for the success of this event. I am confident that the hard work of dedicated individuals like Scott and Megan will continue to benefit victims and survivors of breast cancer as we continue working together toward a cure for this horrible disease.

HONORING ISAAH HUTSON SALINAS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2014*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Isaiah Hutson Salinas. Isaiah is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 152, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Isaiah has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Isaiah has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Isaiah has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Isaiah planned and coordinated a project to remove the asphalt shingles from a hiking shelter at Jay Cooke State Park in Carlton, Minnesota, and replace them with a metal roof.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Isaiah Hutson Salinas for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

BOW YOUR HEADS IN HONOR OF ALL THE FALLEN THIS MEMORIAL DAY

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2014*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, on this Memorial Day I rise in honor and remembrance, and gratitude for all of those families of the Armed Forces who gave That Last Full Measure in the name of Freedom. Carry them with you in your hearts this holiday and say a prayer for all of them and their families. I ask that this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

BOW YOUR HEADS

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

Bow your heads . . .  
 And close your eyes . . .  
 And say a prayer for all those girls and guys . . .  
 And all of those families who now so cry!  
 Our most brilliant of all men and women of the military,  
 our GI's!  
 Army, Navy, Air Force, and The United States Marines,  
 no greater gift can so be seen!  
 And this Memorial Day,  
 please . . . please . . . please remember why!  
 We are free,  
 so you and I!  
 And remember that throughout the world,  
 all in such deep dark cold ground lies some-  
 one's little boy or girl!  
 Who But For The Greater Good,  
 so gave That Last Full Measure in all they  
 could!  
 As the angels up in heaven began to cry!  
 Thank them for the gifts they gave!  
 Thank them for teaching us all how heroes  
 behave!

On this Memorial Day!  
 As all of those families,  
 so wipe the tears away!  
 And all of those children at night,  
 with tears in eyes so lie awake!  
 Now bow your heads . . .  
 And close your eyes . . .  
 Upon, your knees!  
 Say a prayer,  
 for all of these most heroic girls and guys!  
 And all of those families,  
 who now so cry!  
 And why we are free,  
 I bid you please remember why!  
 Bow your heads!  
 Amen!

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

SPEECH OF

**HON. JERRY MCNERNEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2014*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4435) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Chair, I want to thank Chairman MCKEON and Ranking Member SMITH for their work on this critical legislation, The National Defense Authorization Act.

I believe that it is our sacred obligation to help the men and women who served our country find good-paying jobs in today's economy and transition seamlessly from active duty to the civilian labor market. The men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces receive first class training in the military and develop skills that are valuable in the civilian workforce. Too often, they return home and find it challenging to obtain employment.

The underlying bill authorizes a pilot program to connect civilian employing agencies with service members who are leaving the military and entering the civilian workforce. I offered an amendment that requires the Secretary of Defense to consider how those agencies will work with state and county Veterans Affairs offices, as well as National Guard offices.

Some of the most valuable resources and information that troops and veterans receive come from their local VA and National Guard offices. Their dedicated professionals have experience and expertise on the front lines and understand the unique needs of service members and veterans.

By coordinating these services, we can more fully assist veterans in a seamless transition from military service to civilian life—and we can start that by helping them find good wage jobs.

Our veterans have earned the thanks of a grateful nation when they return home, and employers can and will benefit from the skills, discipline, and professionalism veterans possess.

I want to thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for including my amendment in this en bloc package.