

assist the Commission in carrying out its duties under this Act.

(d) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The chairperson of the Commission may procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code.

SEC. 8. REPORTS OF COMMISSION.

The Commission shall prepare and submit to Congress an annual report on the programs, projects, and activities on the Commission for the prior year.

SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2001 and 2002.

(b) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations under subsection (a) are authorized to remain available until expended.

TRIBUTE TO THE WOMEN'S OVERSEAS SERVICE LEAGUE AND WOMEN WARTIME VOLUNTEERS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2000

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing the efforts of the Women's Overseas Service League (WOSL) and in honoring the many women who have selflessly volunteered to assist our armed forces during time of war. In World War I, more than 90,000 civilian women served as volunteers and nearly 350 women gave their lives in this effort. Women served in both World Wars, the Korean War, Vietnam, the Gulf, and in many other conflicts. As these women returned to the United States, however, they came home without the benefits that male soldiers received. Because these women were not considered "veterans," their contribution to the Armed Forces was, until recently, practically unnoticed.

Mr. Speaker, women played many important roles in the WOSL. Women ran recreation centers, created libraries for the military, taught in hospitals and schools, and worked as journalists. By participating in these humanitarian activities, these women risked their lives and their health. In recognition of the great services these women provided our Armed Services, a memorial freeway in California was named in their honor on May 29, 2000.

The Women's Overseas Service League honors and recognizes the women who have graciously volunteered for their country. Currently, the WOSL supports the Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C. and Freedoms Foundation Youth Leadership Seminars at Valley Forge. WOSL offers scholarships for young women pursuing military careers and has vigorously supported events such as the creation of the Civilian Women Volunteers All Wars Memorial Highway. The WOSL's dedication to women veterans and volunteers has made a large impact in keeping the memory of these individuals alive and ensuring strong support of women in the military for the future.

Mr. Speaker, groups such as the Women's Overseas Service League have started to spread awareness of women in the military.

The Civilian Women Volunteers All Wars Memorial Freeway is the beginning in honoring women who have served our country. Nevertheless, it is only a beginning. The women who gave their time, their health and their lives deserve our recognition and our gratitude for their outstanding contribution to our Armed Forces and to our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the women volunteers who have served so valiantly.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2000

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 416, on Wednesday, July 19,

I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

CELEBRATING THE 98TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. MARGARET OWENS ON JULY 26, 2000

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2000

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, today I not only congratulate Margaret Owens as she turns ninety-eight years old on Wednesday, July 26, 2000, but also I celebrate the dedication and achievement that marks her place in the history of this great nation.

Born on July 26, 1902, Margaret Owens finished her high school education at Saint John's Academy in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. She attended Mount Saint Bernard Ladies College for a year before pursuing training at Mount Saint Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Niagara Falls, New York. Margaret received \$100.00 per month as a private duty nurse from 1925 until September 1944, when she began serving the United States Army as a General Duty Nurse. After Basic Training, she was stationed in the United Kingdom where she petitioned English Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, to allow American hospitals behind enemy lines in France and Germany. Though initially unsuccessful, she eventually gained permission to cross the English Channel and set up medical facilities. Margaret was transferred to the front line in December 1944 where she initiated, organized and supervised a one-hundred twenty-four bed surgical block in the 201st General Hospital in Verdum, France. In June 1945, she was transferred to Weisbaden, Germany, where she served valiantly with the 317th Station Hospital.

Mrs. Owens is a true American hero. Her persistence and selfless service provided emergency medical care and attention to thousands of men and women who served abroad during World War II. In recognition of this dedication, Mrs. Owens was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal with one Bronze Star and the World War II Victory Medal.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I congratulate Mrs. Owens on her life of service and achievement. Mrs. Owens truly has a cause for celebration and I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating her. Mrs. Owens, as you celebrate ninety-eight wonderful years, we wish you a happy birthday and all the best in the years to come.

JOB CORPS EXPERIENCE PAYS OFF FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2000

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the good work that is being done by the Job Corps program that is run by the Department of Labor. The Job Corps serves low-income young women and men, ages 16 through 24, who are in need of additional educational, vocational and social skills training, and other support services in order to gain meaningful employment, return to school or enter the Armed Forces.

I am proud that my district is home to the Keystone Job Corps Center of Drums, Pennsylvania. At a Job Corps advisory meeting in Pennsylvania earlier this year, a member of the Transportation Communications International Union, or TCU, which represents many Job Corps employees, presented me with an e-mail written by Dawn Day, a young woman from rural Maine. Ms. Day recently graduated from the Potomac Job Corps Center, and I think she provides an excellent example of the good results that this program produces. I would like to enter a portion of that e-mail into the RECORD.

Between my salary and my moving I should make over \$50,000 this year. This is a way more money than I have ever dreamed of making.

My first knowledge of TCU was at a conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, where I met with students from other schools. From there I contacted the TCU to set up an interview. The interviewer, Tom Huster, told me about a student in Florida who was making \$14.22 an hour and my jaw hit the ground. I told a friend "I'm going to have a job like that when I leave here." Little did I realize that one year later, I would have a job exactly like that in Jacksonville, Florida. Now, one more year later, I have a job paying about \$45,000 to \$50,000 per year in New York. I never could have imagined that TCU would open such great doors for me.

Before PJCC and TCU, I was working in a fish factory in a tiny town in Maine making \$5.33/hour. When the opportunity was upon me to go to TCU in St. Louis, I thought of a zillion reasons why I shouldn't go. The small-town girl in a big city, you know, the usual excuses associated with change. But there was one thing that made me realize I had to go. I never wanted to look back and say "What if" and know I didn't even try. I knew I could always come home but I may not always have an opportunity to do anything like this ever again. So, I was soon on a plane and on my way to TCU.

The best advice to a student interested in TCU would have to be stay focused. There will be many mountains which you will have to climb in order to reach your goals. But I