

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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CONGRATULATING THE DETROIT SHOCK FOR WINNING THE 2006 WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 488) congratulating the Detroit Shock for winning the 2006 Women's National Basketball Association Championship, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 488

Whereas on September 9, 2006, the Detroit Shock, playing in Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, Michigan, in front of a crowd of 19,671, defeated the Sacramento Monarchs, who were defending their title as the 2005 Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) champion;

Whereas the Detroit Shock fans sold out Joe Louis Arena to cheer for their hometown team in the championship game;

Whereas in Game 5 of the championship series, the Detroit Shock rallied from a first-half deficit of 8 points, beginning the second half with a 10-0 run, to defeat the Sacramento Monarchs with an 80-75 win;

Whereas Deanna Nolan, who led the team with 24 points on 10-of-23 shooting in the final game, was named the WNBA Finals Most Valuable Player;

Whereas the Detroit Shock won the WNBA Eastern Conference 2 games to 1, in the best-of-three-game series over the Connecticut Sun, to earn the right to play in the WNBA championship;

Whereas the Detroit Shock's victory marked the second time in 4 years that the team has succeeded in winning the WNBA championship title;

Whereas the Detroit Shock never lost its confidence, even while the team was trailing by 1 game to 2 in the best-of-five-game championship series;

Whereas the Detroit Shock set WNBA finals records for defensive rebounds with a total of 30 and defensive rebounds in a half with a total of 19;

Whereas Ruth Riley set a WNBA finals record for shot blocks in a half with a total of 4;

Whereas Bill Laimbeer, the head coach of the Detroit Shock, has assured his legacy as one of the great head coaches in professional basketball by winning his second WNBA championship;

Whereas prior to his career as the head coach of the Detroit Shock, Bill Laimbeer enjoyed a career as a National Basketball Association (NBA) All-Star with the Detroit Pistons;

Whereas the city of Detroit celebrated the Detroit Shock's championship on September

12, 2006, and the Detroit City Council recognized the outstanding achievement and perseverance of the Detroit Shock players and coaching staff;

Whereas William Davidson, Managing Partner; Tom Wilson, President and Chief Executive Officer; Craig Turnbull, Chief Operating Officer; Bill Laimbeer, Head Coach; Rick Mahorn, Assistant Coach; Cheryl Reeve, Assistant Coach; Mike Perkins, Athletic Trainer; and everyone associated with the Detroit Shock franchise contributed to the championship win by successfully recruiting, coaching, managing, supporting, and maintaining a WNBA team of high-quality, winning players;

Whereas the Detroit Shock organization has had a beneficial impact on the city of Detroit and the Southeast Michigan community, and Detroit Shock players have served as positive role models for female athletes throughout the State of Michigan; and

Whereas the Detroit Shock fans have contributed to the championship season by supporting the team and giving the team the energy, strength, motivation, and passion to compete in every game in an intensely competitive sport: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress—

(1) congratulates the Detroit Shock for winning the 2006 Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Championship and for their outstanding performance during the 2006 WNBA season;

(2) congratulates Detroit Shock guard Deanna Nolan for winning the 2006 WNBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award;

(3) recognizes and praises the achievements of the Detroit Shock players, coaches, management, and support staff whose hard work, dedication, and resilience proved instrumental throughout the Detroit Shock's championship season;

(4) commends Detroit Shock Head Coach Bill Laimbeer, the Southeast Michigan community, the city of Detroit, and the Detroit Shock fans for their dedication; and

(5) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) each of the Detroit Shock players;

(B) Bill Laimbeer, Detroit Shock Head Coach;

(C) William Davidson, Detroit Shock Managing Partner;

(D) each of the Detroit Shock coaches;

(E) the Honorable Kwame Kilpatrick, Mayor of the city of Detroit;

(F) the Honorable L. Brooks Patterson, County Executive, Oakland County, Michigan; and

(G) the Honorable Jennifer Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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CALL HOME ACT OF 2006

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 2653) to direct the Federal Communications Commission to make efforts to reduce telephone rates for Armed Forces personnel deployed overseas, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 2653

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Call Home Act of 2006".

SEC. 2. TELEPHONE RATES FOR MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES DEPLOYED ABROAD.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Communications Commission shall take such action as may be necessary to reduce the cost of calling home for Armed Forces personnel who are stationed outside the United States under official military orders or deployed outside the United States in support of military operations, training exercises, or other purposes as approved by the Secretary of Defense, including the reduction of such costs through the waiver of government fees, assessments, or other charges for such calls. The Commission may not regulate rates in order to carry out this section.

(b) FACTORS TO CONSIDER.—In taking the action described in subsection (a), the Commission, in coordination with the Department of Defense and the Department of State, shall—

(1) evaluate and analyze the costs to Armed Forces personnel of such telephone calls to and from American military bases abroad;

(2) evaluate methods of reducing the rates imposed on such calls, including deployment of new technology such as voice over internet protocol or other Internet protocol technology;

(3) encourage telecommunications carriers (as defined in section 3(44) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153(44))) to adopt flexible billing procedures and policies for Armed Forces personnel and their dependents for telephone calls to and from such Armed Forces personnel; and

(4) seek agreements with foreign governments to reduce international surcharges on such telephone calls.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ARMED FORCES.—The term "Armed Forces" has the meaning given that term by section 2101(2) of title 5, United States Code.

(2) MILITARY BASE.—The term "military base" includes official duty stations to include vessels, whether such vessels are in port or underway outside of the United States.

SEC. 3. REPEAL OF EXISTING AUTHORIZATION.

Section 213 of the Telecommunications Authorization Act of 1992 (47 U.S.C. 201 note) is repealed.

SEC. 4. PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANTS.

Pursuant to section 3006 of Public Law 109-171 (47 U.S.C. 309 note), the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information of the Department of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, shall award no less than \$1,000,000,000 for public safety interoperable communications grants no later than September 30, 2007 subject to the receipt of qualified applications as determined by the Assistant Secretary.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF A NATIONAL EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Commerce be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 335) supporting the goals and ideals of a National Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of the disease and to foster understanding of the impact of the disease on patients and their families, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 335

Whereas epidermolysis bullosa is a rare disease characterized by the presence of extremely fragile skin that results in the development of recurrent, painful blisters, open sores, and in some forms of the disease, in disfiguring scars, disabling musculoskeletal deformities, and internal blistering;

Whereas approximately 12,500 individuals in the United States are affected by the disease;

Whereas data from the National Epidermolysis Bullosa Registry indicates that of every one million live births, 20 infants are born with the disease;

Whereas there currently is no cure for the disease;

Whereas children with the disease require almost around-the-clock care;

Whereas approximately 90 percent of individuals with epidermolysis bullosa report experiencing pain on an average day;

Whereas the skin is so fragile for individuals with the disease that even minor rubbing and day-to-day activity may cause blistering, including from activities such as writing, eating, walking, and from the seams on their clothes;

Whereas most individuals with the disease have inherited the disease through genes they receive from one or both parents;

Whereas epidermolysis bullosa is so rare that many health care practitioners have never heard of it or seen a patient with it;

Whereas individuals with epidermolysis bullosa often feel isolated because of the lack of knowledge in the Nation about the disease and the impact that it has on the body;

Whereas more funds should be dedicated toward research to develop treatments and eventually a cure for the disease; and

Whereas the last week of October would be an appropriate time to recognize National Epidermolysis Bullosa Week in order to raise public awareness about the prevalence of epidermolysis bullosa, the impact it has on families, and the need for additional research into a cure for the disease: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of a National Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of epidermolysis bullosa;

(2) recognizes the need for a cure for the disease; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States and interested groups to support the week through appropriate ceremonies and activities to promote public awareness of epidermolysis bullosa and to foster understanding of the impact of the disease on patients and their families.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GYNECOLOGIC CANCER EDUCATION AND AWARENESS ACT OF 2005

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1245) to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers, with a Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendment, as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2005" or "Johanna's Law".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.

Section 317P of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b-17) is amended—

(1) in the section heading by adding "(JOHANNA'S LAW)" at the end; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(d) JOHANNA'S LAW.—

"(1) NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a national campaign to increase the awareness and knowledge of health care providers and women with respect to gynecologic cancers.

"(B) WRITTEN MATERIALS.—Activities under the national campaign under subparagraph (A) shall include—

"(i) maintaining a supply of written materials that provide information to the public on gynecologic cancers; and

"(ii) distributing the materials to members of the public upon request.

"(C) PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.—Activities under the national campaign under subparagraph (A) shall, in accordance with applicable law and regulations, include developing and placing, in telecommunications media, public service announcements intended to encourage women to discuss with their physicians their risks of gynecologic cancers. Such announcements shall inform the public on the manner in which the written materials referred to in subparagraph (B) can be obtained upon request, and shall call attention to early warning signs and risk factors based on the best available medical information.

"(2) REPORT AND STRATEGY.—

"(A) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report including the following:

"(i) A description of the past and present activities of the Department of Health and Human Services to increase awareness and knowledge of the public with respect to different types of cancer, including gynecologic cancers.

"(ii) A description of the past and present activities of the Department of Health and Human Services to increase awareness and knowledge of health care providers with respect to different types of cancer, including gynecologic cancers.

"(iii) For each activity described pursuant to clauses (i) or (ii), a description of the following:

"(I) The funding for such activity for fiscal year 2006 and the cumulative funding for such activity for previous fiscal years.

"(II) The background and history of such activity, including—

"(aa) the goals of such activity;

"(bb) the communications objectives of such activity;

"(cc) the identity of each agency within the Department of Health and Human Services responsible for any aspect of the activity; and

"(dd) how such activity is or was expected to result in change.

"(III) How long the activity lasted or is expected to last.

"(IV) The outcomes observed and the evaluation methods, if any, that have been, are being, or will be used with respect to such activity.

"(V) For each such outcome or evaluation method, a description of the associated results, analyses, and conclusions.

"(B) STRATEGY.—

"(i) DEVELOPMENT; SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 3 months after submitting the report required by subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall develop and submit to the Congress a strategy for improving efforts to increase awareness and knowledge of the public and health care providers with respect to different types of cancer, including gynecological cancers.

"(ii) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strategy under clause (i), the Secretary should consult with qualified private sector groups, including nonprofit organizations.

"(3) FULL COMPLIANCE.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2008, the Secretary shall ensure that all provisions of this section, including activities directed to be carried out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration, are fully implemented and being complied with. Not later than April 30, 2008, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that certifies compliance with the preceding sentence and that contains a description of all activities undertaken to achieve such compliance.

"(B) If the Secretary fails to submit the certification as provided for under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall, not later than 3 months after the date on which the report is to be submitted under subparagraph (A), and every 3 months thereafter, submit to Congress an explanation as to why the Secretary has not yet complied with the first sentence of subparagraph (A), a detailed description of all actions undertaken within the month for which the report is being submitted to bring the Secretary into compliance with such sentence, and the anticipated date the Secretary expects to be in full compliance with such sentence.

"(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out this subsection, there is authorized to be appropriated \$16,500,000 for the period of fiscal years 2007 through 2009."

Mr. BARTON of Texas (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, let me thank again everyone who has made this legislation