

CONGRATULATIONS TO COMMANDER PETE RIEHM, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to pay tribute to Commander Pete Riehm on the occasion of his retirement as Commanding Officer of the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Mobile, Alabama.

For the past three years, Commander Riehm has commanded this facility, with its complement of 200 Navy Reserve personnel and 250 Marine reservists, with an incomparable level of leadership and professionalism.

A graduate of the University of Houston, Commander Riehm received his master's degree in military arts and sciences from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Following his commissioning in 1985, Commander Riehm was assigned to the USS *DAHLGREN* (DDG 43) as Missiles Officer and Damage Control Assistant. Following that assignment, he was transferred in 1989 to a new assignment as an officer recruiter in College Station, Texas. In 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, he was stationed in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as the staff liaison to the Royal Saudi Naval Forces.

In 1996, he was transferred to Naples, Italy, and was attached to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) Naval Forces Southern Europe Command. Between 1997 and 1998, he served four months; temporary active duty as naval liaison officer to the Stabilization Force stationed in Sarajevo, Bosnia, and was attached to the staff of the fleet commander during the Kosovo campaign. Just prior to receiving his command in Mobile, Commander Riehm completed more military education courses in Newport, Rhode Island, and then served as Damage Control Assistant on board the USS *IWO JIMA* (LHD 7) during its pre-commissioning, transfer, and shakedown cruises.

Commander Riehm has been recognized for his outstanding performance and career with several awards and decorations, including two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals.

Along with his tremendous involvement in the activities and mission of the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Commander Riehm is also actively involved in his community. A resident of Mobile, Alabama, he has been involved with numerous local organizations, including the Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission, the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, Operation Home Front, the Navy League, and the Alabama Chapter of the Military Officers Association. He also serves as a member of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee, and was part of a group of Navy personnel which worked with Mobile's Forest Hill Elementary School as part of the Partners in Education program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Commander Pete Riehm for his tremendous contributions to the citizens

of the First Congressional District of Alabama, the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Mobile, and the entire United States Navy. The experience and enthusiasm he has brought to his job and the professionalism he has displayed throughout his career are unquestioned and unparalleled.

He has indeed been a genuine asset both to his office and to the United States military, and I am proud and honored to call him my friend. I wish him and his family—his son, Justin, and his daughters, Jessica and Jennifer—much happiness and success as they enter this new phase of their lives.

IN HONOR OF SPECIALIST JAMES O. KINLOW

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Specialist James O. Kinlow who died while serving our country in the war in Iraq.

Specialist Kinlow's family resides in Thomson, Georgia and his family resides in Lincolnton, Georgia. This brave soldier was assigned to A company, 2nd Battalion, 121st infantry regiment, Army National Guard, Valdosta, Georgia.

His life was taken by an improvised explosive device that detonated near his vehicle on July 24, 2005.

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to Mr. Kinlow's family and friends. His service and commitment to freedom will never be forgotten.

HONORING FORMER PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 59TH BIRTHDAY

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise in recognition of the fifty-ninth birthday of former President William Jefferson Clinton, a man whose Presidency was marked by great strides in both global tranquility and economic prosperity.

As a young man, President Clinton was an excellent musician and a scholar, attending Georgetown University, Yale University, and, in 1968, winning a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University.

President Clinton diligently served the citizens of Arkansas as both Attorney General and Governor before he went on to serve the country as a whole as the forty-second President of the United States of America.

The Presidency of Bill Clinton was a period of unprecedented peace and prosperity, marked by America's lowest unemployment rate in modern times, the lowest inflation rate in 30 years, and the highest home ownership rates in our country's history. President Clinton proposed the first balanced budget in decades and left the country with a budget surplus.

President Clinton was a strong leader who improved America's international standing and showed compassion towards people around the world. President Clinton rallied the members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to put an end to ethnic cleansing in the Balkans and played a major role in the effort to end violence in Northern Ireland. His service to the people of the world continues years after his Presidency, including his recent efforts with former President George H. W. Bush in spearheading the United States effort to provide private aid to victims of the devastating tsunami that struck southeast Asia.

It was an honor to serve in the White House under President Clinton, as he helped extend health insurance to millions of uninsured children, placed 100,000 new police officers on the street, passing the North American Free Trade Agreement, reformed welfare, raised the minimum wage, and balanced the federal budget.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentle lady from New York for introducing this resolution, and I join my colleagues in wishing a happy and healthy 59th birthday to our 42nd President and my friend, William Jefferson Clinton.

HONORING JOEY ANDERSON FOR HIS RECENT HEROISM

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joey Anderson of Pea Ridge, Tennessee, for his life-saving actions during a recent trip to Dale Hollow Lake.

On June 17th, two Kentucky youths were visiting the Pleasant Grove Swimming Area. While in the water, one teenager slipped on an unseen ledge and fell into the lake. Her friend went underwater to retrieve her, but he did not resurface.

Joey Anderson quickly responded. In an act showing unwavering courage, he rushed to pull the two drowning victims from underneath the water. After bringing the two youths to the shore, Mr. Anderson administered CPR and revived them. Soon after, emergency workers arrived on the scene and transferred the victims to an area hospital. The youths arrived in serious condition but made a full recovery, thanks to Mr. Anderson's heroic actions.

Joey Anderson's quick thinking and swift action saved the lives of two young people on that day. Middle Tennessee is fortunate to have upstanding citizens like Mr. Anderson. I commend him for his heroism and tremendous service to the community.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO COMMEMORATION OF WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.J. Res. 59, expressing the support of Congress for the establishment of a day to honor the women suffragists who