

HONORING ADRIENNE HALL

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, today I rise with my fellow Co-Chair of the Women's Caucus, Congresswoman CATHY MCMORRIS ROGERS, to join with the members of the Kennedy School Women's Leadership Board in their salute to our friend, Adrienne Hall. As we applaud the heights to which women have ascended, whether that is Speaker of the House or President of Harvard, we would like to highlight the many advocates who labored for our benefit. As our generation tallies its contribution to the advancement of women and girls in America and around the world, we proudly recognize the role played by Adrienne Hall. Adrienne has been tireless in her devotion to advancing the status of women.

Adrienne is also a trailblazer of entrepreneurship. Not only in her professional career, but also in her service to the community has she been a fountain of creativity. She currently chairs the board of the Women Presidents' Organization, but her fingerprints are found on many of the most respected and effective women's organizations in the world, including the role she played as a founding member of the Committee of 200 and her involvement and leadership in the International Women's Forum and the Leading Women Entrepreneurs of the World.

Adrienne has also been a seminal part of the Women's Leadership Board at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. This organization supports Harvard's efforts to attract, train and nurture women to become effective leaders around the world. It is fitting that Harvard has established the Adrienne Hall Women's Mentorship Fund to honor Adrienne in perpetuity and to continue the mentorship and leadership she has embodied. The Mentorship Fund will ensure that her tenacity in pursuit of equal opportunity and justice continues for women in generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE LAW
ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and heartfelt gratitude that I take this time to honor the brave men and women of our law enforcement services. It is with the deepest admiration that I pay tribute to the men and women throughout Northwest Indiana and the entire country who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Each year, the Highland, Indiana Fraternal Order of Police, Donald R. Sheppard Lodge Number 122, and the Highland Police Department honor these individuals for their courage and their commitment to protecting their communities at all costs. Annually, two fallen officers of the Highland Police Department, Officer Donald R. Sheppard, killed in the line of duty in November 1971, and Officer Robert J. Markley, killed in the line of duty in March 1978, are remembered for their service to the Highland community and for their sacrifice.

This year, the Highland Fraternal Order of Police and the Highland Police Department will recognize these fallen heroes, as well as all of the law enforcement officers across the United States, who have given their lives for the protection of our great country. These fine men and women will be honored at a memorial service during Law Enforcement Memorial Week, on Saturday, May 12, 2007, at the Highland Town Hall/Police Department.

As a nation, we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the men and women of the law enforcement community. Currently, there are over 870,000 law enforcement officers in the United States. Each day, these selfless individuals start their shifts with one goal in mind: to serve and to protect the citizens of their communities. The one constant they face is the uncertainty of what each day will bring, knowing all too well that in any situation, there is the potential for danger. Still, these everyday heroes honor the commitment they have made to the people they serve.

Law enforcement officers throughout the nation have always exemplified dedication and loyalty, not only to those they serve, but to each other as well. Throughout the United States, many law enforcement organizations will hold memorials to honor their fallen brothers and sisters. In Indiana alone, more than 345 officers have been killed in the line of duty, while the total number of fallen officers in the United States is over 17,900.

These real life heroes are remembered for their courage and bravery as they gave their lives to protect their communities and our way of life. These men and women exemplify the valor and strength of our country and its citizens.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending and acknowledging the men and women of the law enforcement community, both in Northwest Indiana and throughout the United States. I also ask that you join me in honoring the memory of all fallen law enforcement officers throughout the United States, especially Officer Donald R. Sheppard and Officer Robert J. Markley, for making the ultimate sacrifice for their communities. These selfless individuals are worthy of the highest honor and respect.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LEE ROBerson

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, today I rise in tribute to a special life that ended this week after 97 years of service to the Lord Jesus Christ. Dr. Lee Roberson, longtime pastor of the Highland Park Baptist Church and founder and Chancellor Emeritus of Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tennessee, persevered in faith for years to reach the world, teach and preach the Gospel and inspire generations to be bold in their work for the Lord here on earth. Dr. Roberson made significant contributions to all aspects of our society and leaves a great legacy of service to others for all in our nation to follow.

In his presence, you felt as though you were with Moses himself. Steadfast and deliberate, Dr. Lee Roberson made a mark on this world

and lifted up the Kingdom of God. Rarely will you meet a man who made a greater impact on the world around him than Dr. Roberson. We stand on his shoulders at the foot of his Savior's cross thanking God for his life and knowing that heaven will be even more glorious when we meet him there. We celebrate his 97 years of life.

U.S. TROOP READINESS, VETERANS' HEALTH AND IRAQ ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the conference report to H.R. 1591, the "U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health and Iraq Accountability Act."

For far too long this administration, with no oversight from the previous Republican-led Congresses, has committed our precious resources to this war without a sufficient plan to win the peace. It sent our soldiers to war without adequate armor and equipment. It wasted billions of taxpayers' dollars in sole-source contracts and lost suitcases of cash.

This war also has severely hampered our readiness should a military operation become necessary somewhere else in the world. Top Army officials have acknowledged that the demands placed on the military mostly because of the war in Iraq have caused critical shortages in the number of available ground troops and equipment. With the President's surge of troops in Iraq, we are at a crisis point.

The mismanagement of this war must not continue. The false promises must end. The administration's free pass must be revoked.

H.R. 1591 provides critical funding for American soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan while establishing a necessary timeline for the redeployment of U.S. forces from Iraq. It also directs the president to certify that the Iraqi government is making progress in meeting certain benchmarks. While the timeline is not as strong as the one previously passed by this body, I believe that we are moving in the right direction.

The bill includes \$2.1 billion more in funding than the president requested for military health care and \$1.8 billion more than the President's request for veterans' health care. The Walter Reed scandal showed the potential for far more widespread problems across the military health care system if we do not act now to take better care of our war veterans. More troops are returning home injured than our government predicted or was prepared for, and the system runs the risk of being stretched thin. Taking care of the men and women who have battled with the stars and stripes on their shoulders is more than a feel-good issue, it is a moral issue.

When Americans enlist in the Armed Forces, they are assuming the responsibility of defending our country. They do so with the belief that their country will assume the responsibility of taking care of their injuries as attentively and humanely as possible. Today, we are taking steps to ensure that what happened at Walter Reed will not happen anywhere else.

I also want to commend the conferees for including \$50 million for Ground Zero workers