

that many citizens and servicemen are grateful for his service and salute him as he ends his term.

PERSIAN NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Nowruz which marks the traditional Iranian New Year and dates back more than 3,000 years. Nowruz, literally meaning “new day,” celebrates the arrival of spring and occurs on the vernal equinox, which this year will happen exactly on Friday, March 20th at 7:44 a.m. eastern daylight time. It symbolizes a time of renewal, harkening the departure from the trials and tribulations of the previous year and bringing hope for the New Year. It is celebrated by more than three hundred million Iranians and other peoples all over the world.

Closer to home, more than one million Iranian Americans of all backgrounds, including those of Baha’i, Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Zoroastrian faiths, will be celebrating Nowruz. Recognizing the cultural and historical significance of this day and in its honor, I express my appreciation for the contributions of Iranian-Americans to American society and wish all those who observe this holiday a happy and prosperous new year.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION ON IMPROVING ACCESS TO LONG-TERM CARE IN THE HOME AND COMMUNITY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution that addresses one of the most crucial health concerns facing our nation: expanding access to quality long-term care in the home and community.

Long-term care is a broad range of health and social services that are used by people who cannot care for themselves because of a physical, cognitive, or mental disability. Eighty percent of long-term care now occurs in the home. The majority of long-term care is provided by family caregivers that are accompanied by community services such as Adult Day Care Programs, home-delivered meals programs, mental health services, and home health workers. Sadly, too many patients and families are enduring the physical, emotional and financial consequences of having poor access to long-term care services.

Madam Speaker, well over 9.4 million adults receive long-term care in the United States of America. And this number is expected to rise. Longer life spans among the chronically ill and disabled, and higher incidences of acquired disabilities from unmanaged conditions such as HIV/AIDS, diabetes, obesity and heart disease will increase our reliance on long-term care.

In little more than two decades, one-fifth of the U.S. population will be age sixty-five or

older. States with significant elder populations—like Florida—know the importance of ensuring that our health care system is well equipped to provide decent and routine long-term care services. However, the increase in demand for long-term care services has not been followed by an increased incentive to effectively address and solve the disparities in access to high-quality long-term care. Amazingly, there has never been a national plan for long-term care, and nearly twenty years have passed since Congress comprehensively reviewed long-term care policy.

The lack of streamlined standards and dominant payment methods for long-term care has left our long-term care system handicapped: depriving countless people of much needed services and placing a tremendous financial and emotional burden on families and caregivers. A significant portion of long-term care is financed with personal funds, and Medicaid is the largest public payer for long-term care. Medicaid and out-of-pocket-spending exclude countless persons from receiving health care service, which can lead to more costly and invasive medical interventions.

Madam Speaker, this is an important bill that must be supported during a critically important time when we are tasked with solving one of the most serious financial and health challenges of our era. This resolution calls for integrating long-term care into health care reform and for making long-term health more affordable.

The resolution regards preventative health and the management of chronic disease as essential components in decreasing the future dependence on long-term care by preventing conditions from becoming permanently debilitating or disabling. And, it encourages collaboration among local, state and federal health care entities to improve working conditions and training for home health aides to lower turnover rates, staff shortages, patient abuse and raising the standard of care.

This resolution supports funding for existing technologies, programs and initiatives that assist informal care givers, and help maintain and improve long-term health services for the disabled and elderly. Lastly, it commits to aiding relevant parties in composing, executing, and economic disparities that limit access to care.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution and to truly invest in the present and future welfare of our nation’s health care system.

GENERATIONS INVIGORATING VOLUNTEERISM AND EDUCATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1388) to reauthorize and reform the national service laws:

Mr. LUJÁN. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the GIVE Act and the amendment offered by Congressman TEAGUE of New Mexico and Congressman KLEIN of Florida. This is a great example of furthering our commitment to

America’s veterans, and I commend Congressman KLEIN and my fellow New Mexican, Congressman TEAGUE, for leading the effort to ensure our veterans have access to resources and programs that will benefit them.

During times of crisis and economic hardship, Americans have always joined together to overcome obstacles. The GIVE Act will provide Americans with the tools to get our country back on track by working in their communities. Americans of all ages have always responded to the call of service in times of crisis, and this legislation helps Americans to respond to this call by creating new opportunities to serve. This amendment ensures that those who are no strangers to service to our nation—our veterans—are included in this bill.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this amendment to put veterans back to work and train them for civilian careers. This addition would provide support to veterans in their pursuit of education and professional careers, and assist disabled and unemployed veterans with transportation needs. This is an important step in moving forward with constructive legislation that gives due respect to those who have given so much. I thank Congressman TEAGUE and Congressman KLEIN for their efforts on behalf of our nation’s veterans and urge an aye vote.

A TRIBUTE TO BRENDA GALLOWAY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Brenda Galloway of Pasadena, California. Every March we celebrate Women’s History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our nation’s women. Accordingly it is my privilege to highlight Mrs. Galloway as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

Originally from Kentucky, Brenda has lived in Pasadena with her husband Bill for the last forty years. Together they run the family business, Summit Enterprises, which invests in residential commercial properties in the San Gabriel Valley and trains local youth for careers in real estate. A tireless community leader, Brenda has devoted herself to improving the region’s arts and educational systems with a blend of energy, enthusiasm, and humility. Her volunteer work began as a young girl running school paper drives and has grown to include an astounding collection of Southern California non-profit organizations.

In addition to serving on the Board of Directors for the Pasadena YMCA and the La Salle High School Board of Trustees, she has been involved the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation, the L.A. County Commission of Children and Families, the Pasadena Police Department Olympic Committee, Jack & Jill of America, and the Jackie Robinson Memorial Celebration. She is particularly active with the CASA Glamour Gown program, which provides prom gowns and accessories to girls in foster care throughout Los Angeles County.

Showing great care and dedication to the community, Brenda has been involved with several organizations. While devoting herself to these great organizations, Brenda and her

husband have also hosted charitable events at their home for many nonprofit groups, such as the Pasadena Playhouse, the Pasadena AIDS Service Center, and the National Park Service's African American Experience Fund. Their generosity extended to Pasadena City College as well, with whom they endowed a Sculpture Garden Plaza in 2000.

Mrs. Galloway's charitable efforts have garnered much deserved recognition in the community. She has been awarded with a lifetime membership to the NAACP for her membership recruitment and fundraising efforts, received a Campus and Community Special Recognition award from PCC in 1999, and was deemed a "Contemporary History Maker" in 2003 by the Pasadena Museum of History. Most recently, the Pasadena Playhouse honored Brenda for her work in the promotion of cultural diversity at the third annual Sheldon Epps Theatrical Diversity Project Celebration, of which she is a founding member.

Brenda's impact on the Pasadena community is a testament to her innate compassion for the people around her. Her steadfast dedication and selfless service are an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Mrs. Brenda Galloway.

CONGRATULATING TROOPER
NICHOLAS L. LEWIS

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Trooper Nicholas L. Lewis and Dispatcher Sonia M. Banks from the Portsmouth Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol for being recognized as Ohio's Trooper and Dispatcher of the Year. For the first time both of these prestigious award winners are from the same post. Also, for the second year in a row, the State of Ohio's Trooper of the Year patrols in the Second Congressional District.

Trooper Lewis, a graduate of the 144th Academy Class, has been assigned to the Portsmouth Post since February of 2007. Trooper Lewis resides in McDermott with his wife, Elizabeth and their two children. In October, Lewis was honored with the Ace Award for finding five stolen vehicles and has had much success in the Criminal Patrol Program. Nick's Post commander, Lieutenant Mike Crispin best describes him as truly believing in the Ohio State Highway Patrol's mission of saving lives and taking drugs off the street.

Dispatcher Banks has worked at the Portsmouth Post since 2003, after being told of the position by a friend—who recommended that she would be perfect for it. Dispatcher Banks lives in Minford with her husband, Chris and their two sons. Recently, Banks was instrumental in the Post's ability to communicate with each other during a bomb scare on a barge and a school shooting, when she worked to acquire a dedicated cell tower for operations.

Madam Speaker, I am very thankful once again to have Ohio's Trooper of the Year patrolling the Second Congressional District.

And, I am equally thankful for having the Dispatcher of the Year in the Second District as well. Congratulations Nick and Sonia, I wish you both continued success in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I regret that I missed rollcall vote no. 128, 129 and 130. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all three votes.

TRIBUTE TO BOBBY GOODWIN

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bobby Goodwin's remarkable life of selfless service. I was deeply saddened to learn of his passing and honor his memory today on the floor of the people's House.

Bobby W. Goodwin was born in Flemingsburg, Kentucky on March 22, 1939 to the late Lawrence and Edith Goodwin. He was a graduate of New Castle High School, Class of 1958. A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Bobby leaves behind a wonderful family that will undoubtedly miss him.

A veteran of the United States Army, Bobby retired from the Ford Motor Company in Indianapolis after 35 years of service. He owned Goodwin Bail Bonding and admirably served the New Castle Police Department, being named Outstanding Police Officer of the Year in 1974.

Ever active in the community, Bobby served on the New Castle City Council and was a member of several organizations, including the local Republican Party, VFW and American Legion. At the time of his passing, Bobby served as Head Doorkeeper in the Indiana House of Representatives.

Though Bobby sadly has passed away, he leaves a strong legacy that will continue to serve as a powerful example to all who knew him. I offer my sincere condolences to his loving wife Ann Jo, daughter Kathie, and sons Michael, Gary, and Tony.

TRIBUTE TO AFRICAN PASSAGES

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the National Park Service on the dedication of its newly installed museum exhibit African Passages, which will be housed at the Fort Moultrie Visitors' Center in Sullivan, South Carolina. It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge this scholarly contribution to our historical memory.

Historians estimate that slave ships brought 200,000 to 360,000 men, women, and children

into Charleston's harbor. Between 1707 and 1799—when arriving ships carried infectious diseases—their free or enslaved passengers were quarantined either aboard ship or in island "pest houses." This painful history makes Sullivan's Island a gateway through which many African Americans can trace their entry into America. This exhibit thoughtfully examines the role of Sullivan's Island as a quarantine station during the international slave trade when Charleston was the main port of entry for captive Africans in North America.

The exhibit includes the haunting Middle Passage charcoal of Thomas Feelings and the exuberant Gullah art of Jonathan Green. West African objects, leg shackles and an 1803 slave identification badge are among the artifacts on display, which are on loan from the collection of the Avery Research Center for African American Culture at the College of Charleston.

The historical display also includes the story of Priscilla and her 7th generation granddaughter's return to Sierra Leone, which spans three centuries and provides a modern day link from Charleston across the Atlantic. The narrative of Priscilla places a stronger human element on the hundreds of thousands of persons oppressed by slavery. We owe a great debt to historians Edward Ball and Joseph Opala whose scholarship uncovered this timeless tale.

I would also like to acknowledge journalist Herb Frazier, who wrote the text; Studio Displays of Charlotte, NC, who created and installed the exhibit; and the Committee of Descendants, which provided an early investment for the project in 2004. In addition, I would like to thank Michael Allen of the National Park Service. The Remembrance Committee of Charleston has also been instrumental with the completion of the project. Their contributions and service to this initiative are greatly appreciated.

Legendary conductor of the Underground Railroad, Harriet Tubman said, "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." The election of President Barack Obama has brought long due historic change to our country. It is important, however, to also pay homage to the singular events that defined a country and its people. This exhibit seeks to engage not only the Charleston community, but also the American community about its painful past, which I believe is a prelude for a brighter future for our country.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating the dedication of African Passages in Sullivan, South Carolina. I commend the community and all the stakeholders for their hard work and vision to bring this exhibit to fruition.

A TRIBUTE TO LORNA KHAN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Lorna Khan.

Lorna Khan was born in Guyana in South America. She had her elementary and secondary school training in Guyana and migrated to the United States to pursue college