

the well-being of our oceans. It should not have taken millions of gallons of oil destroying the Gulf to have served as a wakeup call that our ocean waters are treasures that must be preserved and protected. The workers who risk their lives every day on oil rigs to provide for America's energy needs knew how vital these oceans were. So did those of us who enjoy the bounty of shrimp and oysters harvested from the sea. The dolphins, sea turtles and pelicans and thousands of species dependent on the health of our waters were already aware about the precarious state of our oceans.

Oil-soaked beaches in the Gulf now threaten the livelihoods of thousands of small business owners and fishermen as well as wildlife on and below the water's surface. British Petroleum was drilling in waters owned by the American people. The ocean belongs to all of us collectively, and none of us as individuals—or corporations. Even before this disaster, they were in a crisis, thanks to coastal development and sprawl, pollution, overfishing and an absence of government leadership.

I am pleased to support this resolution to highlight the many benefits the ocean provides. The oceans are an economic, ecological and cultural resource that we in Congress and the international community must exercise the proper stewardship over for our future generations. I urge my colleagues to take up this responsibility that has been entrusted to us and honor our oceans by supporting H. Res. 1330.

COMMENDING THE PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the work of a distinguished group of veterans and volunteers who continue to serve the men and women of our military and their families. The Patriot Guard riders can be seen at nearly every event celebrating our long tradition of military service to the Nation in Missouri's Eighth Congressional District.

It is difficult to miss the Patriot Guard riders, with their motorcycles emitting a low rumble en route to a Memorial Day ceremony, a welcome home celebration, a Veterans Day event or a military funeral. Their presence is always a respectful tribute to those who serve in uniform, and they are frequently a comfort to the families who have lost loved ones in the course of duty.

The members of the Patriot Guard do every day something that too few Americans take time for: they are always, always available to our troops, our veterans and our military families. They mark the service of Americans who have left their homes and risked their lives to defend our freedoms.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, I think it is important and fitting to single out such examples of service to our country. With honor and with dignity, the Patriot Guard riders are a source of constant support to our servicemembers, past, present and future. They are also a source of inspiration to young Americans considering a future in the service

of our Nation, and I am very proud to thank them for all their efforts.

RECOGNITION OF THE MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF LYNRYD SKYNYRD

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, in the music world, it is challenging enough for a band to record one hit song, much less become a voice for an entire region and a true icon. That is why Congressman CONNIE MACK and I are pleased to jointly recognize the accomplishments and patriotic spirit of the legendary Lynryd Skynyrd.

From humble beginnings, Lynryd Skynyrd has become one of the most revered and accomplished bands in the history of music, having sold nearly 30 million records worldwide in the last four decades. Through their live performances and the music and songs still played on radio stations around the world every day, the members of Lynryd Skynyrd have established themselves as timeless artists who transcend any one musical era or generation.

As validated by their induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2006, Lynryd Skynyrd has had a seminal impact on the development of rock and country music and a profound influence on the career development of many artists who followed in their creative footsteps.

Through their collective voices, the band has become a beacon for regional identity and pride in the American South. This is perhaps best epitomized by the song "Sweet Home Alabama," an anthem so universally identified with the State of Alabama that it is the official motto displayed on license plates.

Since their start in Jacksonville, Florida, in the late 1960s, Lynryd Skynyrd has been a spokesman for the everyday working man and woman, the friends and neighbors of their formative years. Their ability to capture a unique part of the American spirit has given their music emotional meaning to many fans and built a legacy that continues to grow year after year.

Amid triumph and loss, these sons of the South have evolved from band to close-knit family. A tragic airplane crash in 1977 claimed original members Steve Gaines, Cassie Gaines, and lead singer Ronnie Van Zant, but Ronnie's brother Johnny carried on the tradition as the new vocalist. Devoted fans also remember and cherish the contributions of Allen Collins, Leon Wilkerson, Billy Powell, and Ean Evans. Today, led by core members Johnny Van Zant, Gary Rossington, Rickey Medlock, and Michael Cartellone, Lynryd Skynyrd continues to share an unbreakable bond with the fans they count as family as well.

Lynryd Skynyrd has been a generous supporter of our men and women in the Armed Forces for many years. The band has long understood that our military personnel bravely and unselfishly stand guard over our everyday security and freedom. They have enthusiastically raised money for military families and played countless shows for our service members in uniform. Their song "Red, White, and

Blue" was written as a tribute to the men and women who serve in the defense of freedom.

As representatives of timeless American values and champions of working class heroes, Lynryd Skynyrd continues to entertain and inspire millions of fans across the world. Along with Congressman MACK, I find it highly appropriate that the people's House takes time to recognize this classic band for lasting contributions not just to the world of music, but to American popular culture as a whole.

CHANCELLOR BERGLAND RETIREMENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to honor Dr. Bruce Bergland and to him well upon his retirement from his position as Chancellor of Indiana University Northwest. Dr. Bergland's many years of service in the field of education have had a tremendous positive impact on numerous students and educators within the community of Northwest Indiana and across the nation. In honor of Chancellor Bruce Bergland, a retirement reception was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at the Savannah Center located on the campus of Indiana University Northwest in Gary, Indiana.

Dr. Bruce Bergland's professional career began with his passion for education. His truly impressive resume reflects his many years of service in numerous capacities within the collegiate education field across the United States. Following his graduation in 1966 from Iowa University, where he received a Bachelor's degree in psychology, Bruce went on to pursue his doctoral degree in counseling at Stanford University. After graduating in 1970, Dr. Bergland took a position at Northwestern University and became the Assistant Professor of Education and Psychology. Bruce's career then led him to the University of Colorado at Denver, where he served in numerous capacities from 1972–1995. His many positions during his tenure included: Executive Vice Chancellor, Interim Dean, Vice Chancellor for Planning, and Associate Professor of Education. In 1995, Dr. Bergland decided to move on and became the Executive Vice Chancellor and Professor of Psychology at the University of Hawaii, West Oahu. Next, in 1997, Bruce's career led him to Trinity College in Vermont, where he served as the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Professor of Basic and Applied Social Sciences, and Academic Dean.

Chancellor Bergland started his tenure as Chief Executive Officer at Indiana University Northwest (IUN) on July 1, 1999. Dr. Bergland's main goal from day one was to develop a "shared vision" for the university by reaching out to faculty and students, as well as community and business leaders, in order to develop a strong sense of the economic and cultural needs of IUN. Chancellor Bergland has successfully maintained this steering committee which provides a continuous effort for the future growth and development of the university. Among his many accomplishments at IUN, Bruce has also initiated the Diversity Programming Group, established

the Office of Institutional Research and the Office of Contracts and Grants, initiated IUN's participation in the Academic Quality Improvement Process Accreditation, and established a new College of Health and Human Services.

Additionally, Bruce selflessly gives of his time to the community of Northwest Indiana and has been involved in the following civic activities: Northwest Indiana Quality of Life Council, South Shore Arts, Urban League of Northwest Indiana, Lake Area United Way, Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana, Tradewinds, Gary Educational Development Foundation, Mayor's Hall of Fame Advisory Committee, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Northwest Indiana Empowerment Zone, Northwest Indiana Forum, and University Club.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Chancellor Bruce Bergland for his lifetime of leadership, service, and dedication to the institution of education. He has touched the lives of countless students and educators, as well as many citizens of Northwest Indiana through his civic endeavors. For his true service and uncompromising dedication, Chancellor Bruce Bergland is worthy of the highest praise, and I ask that you join me in wishing him well upon his retirement.

THE SACRIFICES OF THE SPECIAL FORCES

HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Mr. KISSELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of our Nation's greatest military resources, the Special Forces. These brave patriots routinely endure harsh conditions in very austere environments to defend our Nation's freedoms.

I was fortunate to have met Bert Caswell. Bert is a Congressional Visitor Center Tour Guide and has a heart for the military and our wounded warriors. Immediately after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Bert began using his gift of poetry to help comfort those who mourn.

Soon after, Bert decided to write poetry for the military and wounded warriors to commemorate their sacrifices.

I was particularly impressed with a poem he wrote in honor of the United States Special Forces. These quiet professionals live by the motto of "for, by, and through." They proudly serve at the point of the Nation's military operations conducting a wide range of missions in support of the country they love.

Today I ask my colleagues to recognize the tremendous sacrifices of America's Special Forces with Bert Caswell's poem.

THE SPECIAL FORCES

IN HONOR OF THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL FORCES

All Across Our Nation, People Sleep Well
... All Because of Such Men, of Such
Strength and Such Faith Then, Whose
Time is Served in Hell ...

All across our Nation ...
People sleep well!
All because of such men of faith ...
Whose fine hearts do swell!
Men of such Strength In Honor ...

Who spend such time in Hell!
All in the defense of our Nation ...
Such a fine equation, of great men I do tell!
Of such persuasion, who without hesitation!
Our Nation, so bless well!
Who shall not fail!
The noblest of now!
For all in times of war ...
There are but only those, who insure ...
The Very Bed of Freedom, all the more!
Who do what must be done!
These Fine Shining Sons!
All out upon their heroic ways, what they
have done!
Proven and Prepared!
Vigilant, as there ... they are ready to
achieve!
All in what their fine hearts, so believe!
For there are such Forces ...
Who can change the very course this, of a
war!
Who, all in the dead dark of night ... our
Freedom so ignite ...
As they so enforce this!
Men of Courage, Men of Might! Standing
Strong, Standing Tall! Ever bright!
Answering, our Nation's, most solemn call!
Who so come and leave, and so scorch this!
Who all in times of war. ... "FEAR" as
they so divorce this!
As are heard ...
ALL OF AMERICAN'S, BRAVEST OF ALL
VOICES!
All in the midst of hell, are but our Special
Forces ...
Who so make, the most courageous of all
choices!
The United States Special Operations
Forces!
ALL IN THE DARK DEAD OF NIGHT ...
ONE HELL OF A SIGHT!
As all through their MOST magnificent veins
...

Their heroic blood, so courses!
Oh what a sight, 'OH WHAT A FORCE, THIS!
A TEAM OF SUPERMEN!
SOMETHING, YOU JUST CAN'T COM-
PREHEND!

THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL FORCES

The kind of guys, Batman ... wishes he
could be!

A Tour of 'De Force This, so complete!
The very Centurions of The Free!
Jumping from the air, coming out of the seas
...

Strength In Honor, all in what they believe!
Men of Might, Men of Faith, whose Brave
Hearts will not wait ...

As the impossible, they achieve!
Almost like make believe!

As they will not wave!
Burning Bold, Burning Bright!
Bringing a better day, all in this fight!
With, but their shining hearts ... rising to
new heights!

With Hearts full, of Courage Burning Bright!
Like From Heaven sent, Freedom's Angels,
who avenge!

Fighting the darkest, and the most vilest of
all men ...

From where our freedom, so starts ... and
so begins!

Day or Night, the most brilliant of all sights
...

As all those wrongs, they right!

All for one, as their fine hearts ignite!

Burning Bold, and Burning Bright ...

To Win That Battle, That Fight!

Crashing through walls, as their hearts of
steel will not pause!

Jumping from the sky, almost as if they
could fly ...

Jumping from buildings high, and the trees
...

All so at ease, ready to die!

Yea, Superman ... aint got nothing on you
...

Terminators, who are Freedom's creators!
Making The Enemy, Feel Their Disease!
America's Who's Who!
All for The Home of The Brave, and The
Free!
Who live and die, so Splendidly!
Who, Freedom so insure!
Giving arms and giving legs, and their fine
lives as have they!
A Band of Bothers! Who but gave, That Last
For Measure!
Our Lord's, greatest of all treasures! 'Oh to be
like you!

The Bravest of The Brave!
America's real Who's Who!
The Truest of The True!
Pushing the very limits ...
Of what man can do! Yea that's you!
The United States Special Operations Forces
...

Are but the very heart, of That Red, White,
and Blue ...

Strength In Honor!

God Bless your families, God Bless You!

Oh, what a fine shadow you so cast!

But, All They Ask?

Is for us to stand behind you!

For as long, as your fine hearts as yours ...

Sing, your most heroic songs out on your
course ...

Then, this our Nation of the Free ...

Shall forever be!

Out on Freedom's course ...

Found all in this force!

The Special Forces!

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DR. CAROLYN MOSLEY

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Carolyn Mosley for her pervasive efforts in human rights and bettering the health of Americans and the honor she received, becoming an inductee as a Fellow in the National League for Nursing's Academy of Nursing Education.

Since beginning her service in the health sector Mosley has provided inspired leadership and dedication in health care education through her service as Dean of UA Fort Smith's College of Health Sciences and her work on numerous health and human advocacy boards and councils. Mosley's many honors include induction into the Hall of Fame of the Louisiana State Nurses Association for her tireless efforts in the field of nursing.

Dr. Mosley's service continues beyond her office, serving as a member on numerous boards and organizations in the community. Her commitment to Fort Smith, Sebastian County and the State of Arkansas is something we are very grateful for.

Arkansans are blessed to have such an outstanding public servant and scholar who is dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of individuals throughout America. I ask my colleagues today to join with me in congratulating Mosley on her achievements in health care and her induction as an Academy Fellow.