

only from his family, but from his community. As one of ten children, Matt grew up in a strong and loving family. When word spread that the Howard family would not be able to attend the Final 4 in Houston, their friends and neighbors donated money to pay for the family's travel expenses. The town raised over \$17,000 and the entire Howard family was able to watch Matt play in-person. Acts of kindness like this from a small East-Central Indiana town never cease to amaze me.

Today I echo the pride of Hoosiers across the state on Butler's strong performance. And I especially congratulate Matt for his leadership and strength of character throughout the tournament.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL
STEPHANIE E. DAWSON SERVICE
AS BRIGADE COMMANDER OF
THE 369TH SUSTAINMENT HAR-
LEM HELLFIGHTERS UNIT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Colonel Stephanie E. Dawson Service as Brigade Commander of the 369th Sustainment Harlem Hellfighters Unit. Col. Stephanie Dawson is the first female officer in New York National Guard history to command a brigade level unit.

Col. Dawson became the Commander of the 369th Sustainment Brigade on October 1st, 2008. Prior to that time, she was the Deputy Commander of the 369th Sustainment Brigade, a position she held for two years. As a Lieutenant Colonel, she commanded the 27th Rear Area Operations Center. Dawson's unit was one of the first New York Army National Guard units to be mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in February 2003 and returned in April 2004.

Colonel Dawson also served as Battalion Executive Officer; Support Operations officer; Ammunition Officer; Maintenance Officer; Tank/Automotive Officer; Material Maintenance Management Officer; 42nd Division, Material Management Center; Commander, Headquarters & Light Maintenance Company; Operations Readiness Platoon Leader; and Automotive Maintenance Platoon Leader.

As executive officer for the 369th Corps Support Battalion during the unit's 9–11 activation, she helped spearhead battalion relief, security, supply, transportation, and other logistics support missions for initial Ground Zero operations. Colonel Dawson was credited and acknowledged by her colleagues and company commanders for her quick and decisive response during the 9–11 attacks on the World Trade Center and their aftermath.

Dawson is a 2007 graduate of the Army War College, as well as the Army's Command and General Staff College and the Combined Arms and Services School. She also completed the Support Operations Course; the Senior Transportation Officer Advanced Qualification Course; the Ordnance Advanced Officer Course; the Ordnance Basic Officer Course; and the Academy of Health Sciences (AMEDD) Officer Basic Course.

Colonel Stephanie Dawson's military honors and awards include the Bronze Star, the Meri-

torious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

In civilian life she is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and works for the Chief Operating Officer for the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey where she is the Chief of Staff of Operations, and has previously served as the Assistant Director of Capital Programs; General Manager and Program Manager for Security Systems at the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey.

Prior to joining the Port Authority, she was an Operations Manager in banking and then held a number of positions at the Department of General Services in New York City. Col. Dawson's civilian education includes a Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Marist College, and a Bachelors of Arts in Economics from Cornell University. Dawson is also a life member of her local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and 369th Historical Society.

Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, April 10 at 1300 hours, Colonel Stephanie E. Dawson will conclude her service as Brigade Commander of the 369th Sustainment Harlem Hellfighters Unit during the Change of Command Ceremony taking place at the 369th Harlem Hellfighters Armory in my 15th Congressional District. Please join me and a very grateful nation in a special House of Representatives salute and thank you to Brigade Commander Colonel Stephanie E. Dawson for her continued distinguished service to the New York Army National Guard and the United States of America.

The 369th Sustainment Brigade is one of nine such support units in the Army National Guard. A Sustainment Brigade provides command and control for combat service and combat service support units which enable the Army's combat teams to fight by providing fuel, ammunition, medical supplies, repair parts, and medical and other services. A Sustainment Brigade can support from one to 10 brigade combat teams depending on the number of service and support units it controls.

The 369th traces its heritage back to the 15th Infantry Regiment of the New York National Guard, an all African-American unit organized in 1916. In 1917 the regiment was sent to France and renumbered as the 369th Infantry, but because American Army officers maintained segregated combat formations, the Soldiers were initially used for supply duties. The French Army, though, was more than happy to have these Soldiers fight for them and in May 1918 the 369th went into the trenches.

Corporal Henry Johnson, a railroad porter from Albany, New York became the first American to win the French Croix de Guerre, when he fought off a German attack on his listening post. During this hand-to-hand combat, Johnson saved another soldier from capture. In tough fighting in France the 369th unit won a regimental Croix de Guerre from the French Army, and 200 individual Croix de Guerre were awarded. The unit also sustained 1,500 casualties and won itself the nickname "Harlem Hell fighters" and the respect of the German opponents and French allies. The 369th saw more frontline service than any other American unit in World War I.

In World War II the unit served as the 369th Anti-aircraft Artillery Regiment, and in the Gulf War of 1991 it served as the 369th Transportation Battalion.

CONGRATULATING CHASE
STIGALL

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chase Stigall and the rest of the Butler University men's basketball team. America watched as the Bulldogs demonstrated hard work and personal sacrifice throughout the NCAA tournament and achieved what many said was impossible. The Dawgs epitomize what the word "team" is all about, and although they did not take home the trophy, they made their state and Bulldog fans across the nation extremely proud. As Andrew Carnegie said, "teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to obtain uncommon results."

I am proud to say that many of the Bulldog players hail from my district. One such young man is Chase Stegall. He was a star player at Chrysler High School in New Castle, and he helped lead his team to victory in the Indiana Class 3A state championship. There is no doubt that his talent also helped advance the Dawgs to the final game of the NCAA tournament. I echo the pride of Hoosiers across the state on Butler's strong performance. And I especially congratulate Chase for his leadership and strength of character throughout the tournament.

REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN JIM
MORAN AT HIS 20-YEAR GALA
CELEBRATION

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. HOYER. My friend and colleague JIM MORAN gave these insightful remarks at his 20-Year Gala Celebration on March 29th.

CONGRESSMAN JIM MORAN'S SPEECH AT HIS 20-YEAR GALA CELEBRATION—MARCH 29, 2011

I have the best job in the world—representing the best educated, most diverse workforce in the strongest economy in the country.

Of course, there's always going to be a gap between what business can produce and what government can provide. In Northern Virginia much of that gap is filled with the personal generosity of most of you in this room. So, on behalf of the beneficiaries of your generosity, let me thank you again for your unselfishness.

After 65 years of life and 30 years in politics, I've come to realize some things that may have not been as apparent when I started out. First of all, the tragedy of so many lives I've come into contact with, didn't occur when they drew their last breath, but rather when they dreamt their last dream. The tragedy of life is what we let die inside us while we live.

Societies have many of the same organic qualities as individuals and what strikes me