

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO THE HUNTINGTOWN HURRICANES

#### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 2, 2011*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate a remarkable team of young women from Maryland's fifth congressional district. The Huntingtown Hurricanes won the 3A Maryland state track and field finals on May 28, becoming the first high school team in Calvert County history to bring home a state championship title. This momentous victory was made all the more significant given the caliber of their competition.

Following an arduous, three day meet at Morgan State University's Hughes Stadium, the Hurricanes edged out John F. Kennedy High School and Catonsville High School, who tied with 47 points, by just one-and-a-half points.

This victory demonstrates that with hard work, determination, and discipline, we can reach our goals. For the past three years, the Huntingtown Hurricanes have placed second in the 3A South Region—a significant achievement—but this year, the team broke through and won the 3A South Region meet on May 21.

Fourteen student-athletes qualified for the state meet, and they remained focused and determined to achieve their dream of victory at the statewide competition.

I want to applaud Head Coach Valerie Harrington and her coaching staff—Mike Henshaw, Jim Hall, Raffaele Simpson and Deb Fillippi—for their dedication and commitment to training these superb student-athletes. And I send my hardest congratulations to the members of the championship team—Cassidy Aley, Linsey Aley, Maia Burke, Diarra Butler, Shania Collins, Erin Dix, Taylor Fallin, Ellie Frazier, Zanae Freeland, Mercedes Jackson, Payton Muse, Leea Parker, Shelby Taylor, and Hanna Weis—on their victory. I'm very proud of these young women, and I congratulate all those involved in bringing home the championship title.

Let me close by echoing Coach Harrington's sentiments after the meet. She proudly stated that this was a banner year and one that will go down in the history of Huntingtown's girls' track and field program. I know that many other women's teams will win the title in the future, but this year's Hurricanes can always hold their heads high and recall that they were the first team to win for Calvert County.

I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this significant accomplishment.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 2, 2011*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Wednesday, June 1, 2011. Had I registered my vote, I would have voted:

Nay on rollcall 380, On Consideration of the Resolution for H.R. 2017—Providing for consideration of H.R. 2017, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

KENNEDY CENTER JUNE 21, 2011 PERFORMANCE SONGS OF LIFE CELEBRATES THE LARGEST RESCUE OF JEWS DURING THE HOLOCAUST WITH THE WORLD-PREMIERE OF THE ORATORIO "A MELANCHOLY BEAUTY"

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 2, 2011*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to announce that on June 21st, the oratorio, *A Melancholy Beauty*, will premier at 8 p.m. at the Kennedy Center in Washington (Concert Hall). The oratorio is a choral-orchestral work for mixed choir, children's choir, symphony orchestra, soloists, narrator, folk vocal ensemble, and indigenous folk instruments. It is dedicated to the Rescue of Bulgaria's 49,000 Jews by ordinary citizens during the Holocaust of World War II. The oratorio traces this event chronologically through the language of music in seven movements.

Songs of Life is an international music festival that reenacts the heroic deeds of little-known events by composing and performing choral-orchestral works for those who have not yet had a voice to sing their song. On the 65th anniversary of the rescue of Bulgaria's Jews, the 1st edition of *Songs of Life* debuted in four cities of Israel and Bulgaria featuring "Sacred Service" by Ernest Bloch with the participation of the Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra, The Raanana Symphonette Orchestra, choirs from Israel, Bulgaria, Canada, and America.

*A Melancholy Beauty* "echoes a thank you, paying tribute to the brave Bulgarian people and offering a source of inspiration, hope and change for people everywhere today," said Kalin Tchonev, who together with his wife, Sharon, founded *Songs of Life* in 2008. No Bulgarian Jews went to the concentration camps during World War II. "This oratorio could not be timelier, when people and nations are burning bridges instead of building them. It inspires its performers and audience to stand up for justice and acceptance in the face of bigotry and hatred."

The oratorio was composed by the award-winning Bulgarian composer Georgi Andreev, who combines classical choral-orchestral music with traditional rhythms and folk styles rarely encountered today. The motet was composed by internationally renowned cantor and composer, Charles David Osborne, while a team of writers penned the libretto, including lyricist Scott Cairns and contributing author Aryeh Finklestein.

"*A Melancholy Beauty* is a major choral-orchestral oratorio that brings 300 superb choristers and instrumentalists to the stage in an unparalleled music celebration," Sharon Tchonev said. This moving oratorio will be conducted by internationally acclaimed choral director Maestro Henry H. Leck. The festival includes performances by the Indianapolis Children's Choir; the Tel Aviv Chamber Choir, Israel; the Philip Kutev National Folklore Ensemble, Bulgaria; the Victor Valley College Singers and the Master Arts Chorale, CA. The oratorio will be accompanied by the National Philharmonic in the Washington and New York performances and by the Boston Modern Orchestra Project in Boston. This coming together of musicians from countries impacted by these crucial events "is intended to redefine freedom and harmony through the power of music," Sharon Tchonev said.

*Songs of Life* invites people to pay tribute to victims and survivors and to speak out against intolerance today by attending one of the following performances of *A Melancholy Beauty*: The Citi Performing Arts Center, Wang Theatre, Thursday, June 23, 2011, 7:30 PM; Boston, The Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center, Sunday, June 26, 2011, 3 PM; New York City.

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

#### HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 1, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2017) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Chair, I rise to support the Clarke-Higgins-Reichert-Capps Amendment.

This bipartisan effort will ensure funding for the country's urban areas involved in preventing and responding to natural disasters and acts of terrorism.

The Urban Area Security Initiative focuses on enhancing preparedness in urban areas.

It does so by directing federal funds to places deemed to be at the highest risk for man-made or natural disasters.

For example, metropolitan Oxnard—located in my congressional district—has been included several times in recent years due to the strategic assets located in the area.

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