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IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
JEREMY HAYNES

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true patriot and American hero, Captain Jeremy Haynes. On August 5, 2014, Captain Haynes was critically wounded while serving our country in Afghanistan. Captain Haynes will be honored for his outstanding contributions to the United States Army and to our great nation at the Third Annual Ceola Alexander Memorial Prayer Breakfast on May 2, 2015 in Arlington, Georgia.

A native of Albany, Georgia, Captain Haynes attended Calhoun County Schools and Early County Schools before graduating from Dougherty County High School. He was commissioned into the Quartermaster Corps at Georgia Military College in 2004, and graduated cum laude from Fort Valley State University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. Most recently, Captain Haynes earned a Master of Science degree in Management magna cum laude from the Florida Institute of Technology in 2013.

Captain Haynes has distinguished himself through a number of previous assignments, including Platoon Leader & Executive Officer, 421st Quartermaster Company (Riggers), U.S. Army Reserves in Fort Valley, Georgia; Battalion Logistics Officer, 3rd Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Commander, 623rd Quartermaster Company (Riggers), 82nd Sustainment Brigade (Airborne); Training with Industry, American Red Cross National Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; and Instructor at the United States Army Logistics University in Fort Lee, Virginia.

During his extensive military career, Captain Haynes has been honored with a multitude of awards, among them the Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Freedom Campaign Medal, Combat Action Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachute Rigger Badge, German Jump Wings, and the Norwegian 30K Road Mark Badge.

On August 5, 2014, Captain Haynes' life was changed forever. While acting as an Aide-de-Camp to Major General Harold Green among a delegation of Coalition and Afghan Forces, a member of the Afghan army opened fire upon the group, critically wounding Captain Haynes and more than a dozen others.

After suffering gunshot wounds so severe that they required numerous surgeries and left him in a coma, Captain Haynes woke up to find that his legs would not move. Adding even more mental anguish to his physical trauma, he also discovered that Major General Green had been killed. But despite the extremity of his injuries, both physical and emotional, Captain Haynes has not only returned to the loving arms of his wife and six children, but he also took his first steps since the attack just before last New Year's Eve.

His example reminds us all just how deeply the men and women in the Armed Forces give of themselves on our behalf, and how much they are willing to endure, both physically and mentally, to safeguard our cherished liberties. Captain Haynes sets an extraordinary standard of altruism to emulate and for his sacrifices, we shall forever be grateful.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife, Vivian, the more than 730,000 people in Georgia's Second Congressional District, and all Americans, in extending our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Captain Jeremy Haynes. Captain Haynes' courageous leadership among his peers and his enduring dedication to our country showcase an individual of truly noble character. The impact of his valor and sacrifice are deeply felt within the hearts of those whose paths he crosses, and we wish him all the best as he continues to touch the lives of those in his community. May his future endeavors reward and inspire him, as he has inspired us.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE NEW JER-
SEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICI-
PALITIES

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the New Jersey State League of Municipalities on its 100th anniversary this year. This incredible milestone and the League's efforts to support New Jersey's local governments are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Born out of the need for a statewide alliance supporting and representing the common interests of local governments, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities was conceived and formally authorized by state statute Chapter 163, Laws of 1915. Trenton Mayor Frederick W. Donnelly served as the League's first president, along with three vice presidents, a 14-member executive committee (now known as the executive board) and an executive secretary (known today as the executive director). Over the years, the organization's structure has remained the same. In its 100th year, Piscataway Mayor Brian Wahler serves as League President.

Evidence of its success, the League has grown immensely since its formation. Begun with 51 charter member municipalities, today the voluntary association boasts a membership of all 565 of New Jersey's municipalities, representing more than 560 mayors and 13,000 elected and appointed officials. Its headquarters, moved from Princeton to Trenton in 1921, continued to expand and was housed in several buildings before settling in its current location in 2007. For 100 years, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities has evolved and grown to meet the changing, complex needs of local government.

Through its legislative activity, the League continues to be the leading voice on municipal affairs and an effective advocate on behalf of New Jersey's communities. Its services, programs and resources, particularly its annual conference and monthly magazine, are invaluable resources to local officials, providing out-

lets to share issues, solutions and ideas. Throughout its history, the League has successfully fought for greater local autonomy, improved local governance and the protection of municipal rights. Its achievements and influence are immeasurable.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in recognizing the New Jersey State League of Municipalities as it celebrates 100 years of local government collaboration. The New Jersey State League of Municipalities continues to represent a commitment to good government.

PROVIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT VIC-
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HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month and call attention to legislation I reintroduced this morning that will help to ensure that victims of sexual assaults can seek and receive permanent protection from their attackers.

By way of background, Nicole Norberto, a constituent of mine from Jackson, New Jersey and for whom the bill is named, was raped at the age of 15 by an acquaintance. While seeking prosecution of the attacker and appropriate restraints to protect herself, Nicole was advised by a court clerk in her home county that she could not request a permanent restraining order from the judge because she was not in a "dating relationship" with her attacker.

As a result, Nicole's no-contact order, which offered her a significant means of protection from her attacker, ended when her attacker was released from government supervision. To remedy this situation, the New Jersey state legislature adopted legislation (Chapter 133 of the laws of 2007) to extend the right of permanent protection to all victims of sexual abuse.

In my state, Nicole's Law closed a gaping loophole and the bill I introduced today will provide victims across the country with the same protections.

Mr. Speaker, the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) estimates that approximately 2/3 of assaults are committed by someone known to the victim and 38 percent are a friend or acquaintance. Nicole's Law will ensure all victims have the option of obtaining a permanent restraining order—and the peace of mind it provides.

In addition to requiring states to ensure their laws afford victims the option of seeking a permanent restraining order, my bill will allow a judge to, essentially, default to permanent protection instead of issuing protection orders which expire on a specific date or upon termination. In other words, if the offender would like the order removed, the burden is on the offender to ask for its removal, rather than on the victim to ask for its continuance.

Mr. Speaker, RAINN states that 68 percent of sexual assaults are not reported to police and 98 percent of rapists will never spend a day in jail.

By offering victims added protection and support, we can enable them to have greater