

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5293) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 5293, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017, because it fails to support our troops serving overseas. Like the defense authorization bill the House passed last month, the bill uses a budget gimmick to circumvent funding caps passed into law on a bipartisan basis, and by doing so it not only undermines the budget process, it puts our troops at risk. The bill diverts \$16 billion from what our military says is needed to fund our military forces engaged in operations around the globe to purchase ships, planes, end strength, and other items our military didn't request. Consequently, troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan will run out of funds half way through the year and would then rely on Congress passing an emergency supplemental to fill the funding gap. We shouldn't gamble with the troops we send off to battle. It is irresponsible and reckless. They deserve predictable support for the entire year as they execute their missions, particularly in view of the dangers they face. Going forward, I am committed to work with my colleagues to eliminate this funding gimmick to ensure our troops are supported for the full year. We count on these selfless men and women who volunteer to serve in uniform to keep us safe each and every day. They only count on us to provide them the resources they need to do their jobs. That is the least we can do.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF FARM CREDIT

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Farm Credit. The Farm Credit system we know today was established in 1916 under the Federal Farm Loan Act. This law aimed to increase credit to rural family farmers by focusing on providing capitol for agricultural development. This was important to our country primarily due to the fact that, at that time, families who lived and worked on farms made up the largest demographic of the country. While the demographics of our country may have changed

over the past 100 years, the important role Farm Credit plays in our rural communities has not.

Farm Credit has made it a priority over the years to invest in and support the industries and individuals that are vital to the success of rural communities across the country. By supporting the future of the agriculture industry, Farm Credit helps to insure that agriculture and rural communities will continue to be a vibrant, successful and lasting part of our country.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLK MUSEUM OF ART

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Polk Museum of Art. Located in Lakeland, Florida, the Polk Museum is a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate and, for fifty years, has brought works of art to Central Florida by artists most would see only if they could afford to travel to Paris, New York, or Washington, D.C.

The artwork exhibited throughout the Polk Museum of Art includes masterpieces by Pablo Picasso, his lesser-known contemporary and friend, Georges Braque, the renowned nature photographer Ansel Adams, the painter Henri Matisse, and many others.

Additionally, the Polk Museum is free, providing a way for everyone in the community to experience these great works of art. It offers summer camps to encourage the development of artistic skill in our community's youth, as well as classes throughout the year for children and adults alike.

I am proud to recognize the Polk Museum of Art's efforts of 50 years to make our community a place of art and culture. I look forward to supporting this institution in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF DOMINION HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' LACROSSE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the boys' lacrosse team from Dominion High School in my District who recently won the 2016 4A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this extraordinary achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

Dominion's boys' lacrosse team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Dominion boys' lacrosse team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

Dominion High School continued Loudoun's streak of dominance during their 17-4 rout of Western Albemarle during the boys' lacrosse state final. Their undefeated, 21-0 season was a fitting way for this Sterling team to win their first state title. Dominion's depth was exemplified during an impressive 11-1 second half run.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Dominion's boys' lacrosse team for their achievement and representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for roll call votes 308 and 322 on Thursday, June 16, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call votes 308 and 322.

HONORING HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY OONI ADEDEYE ENITAN BABATUNDE OGUNWUSI, OJAJA II, THE OONI OF ILE IFE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the commitment to peace, respect and dignity by His Imperial Majesty Ooni Adeyeye Enitan Babatunde Ogunwusi Ojaja II, The Ooni of Ile Ife.

About four decades ago in the ancient city of Ile-Ife, Ooni Adeyeye was born into the Giesi Ruling House, Ojaja Royal Compound of Agbedegbede in Ile-Ife.

He was named Adeyeye Babatunde Enitan. Ooni Adeyeye Ogunwusi was quietly delivered into the humble family of Prince Ropo and Late Mrs. Margret Wuraola Ogunwusi (Soji Opa family compound, Ile Ife).

His father was a radio and television anchor and presentation star that spanned the entire

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