

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING NAVY QUARTERBACK MALCOLM PERRY ON HIS PERFORMANCE IN THE 120TH ARMY-NAVY GAME

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Malcolm Perry of Clarksville, Tennessee for his extraordinary performance as the quarterback for the Naval Academy in the 120th Army-Navy game.

From the time he was a student at Kenwood High School, Malcolm knew he wanted to play college football and join the military. As the star quarterback at the Naval Academy, he has the rare opportunity to do both. The son of two career Army enlistees with over forty combined years of service, Malcolm enrolled at the U.S. Naval Academy, and he will commission as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps after graduation.

As the senior quarterback and team captain for the Midshipmen, Malcolm capped off the regular season with a spectacular 31–7 win against Army, rushing for a career-high 304 yards—the most rushing yards by any player in the history of the Army-Navy game.

With his outstanding performance in this game, he set the school records for rushing yards (1,804) and yards of total offense (2,831) in a season—quite a feat considering the many great teams that the Naval Academy has fielded in its long and proud history of athletic excellence.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating this young man on his outstanding leadership and accomplishments at the Naval Academy, and we wish Malcolm great success in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING AMERICA'S NEWEST CITIZENS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on January 10, 2020. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals

realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On January 10, 2020, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Melissa June Licupa Pineda, Alexis Almaraz Fierro, Katelyn Alyousif, Rosaura Virginia Gonzalez, Blanca Carrasco, Maria Guadalupe Murillo, Jacqueline Angelica Terry Palacios, Jovanny Las Pinas Minton, Samuel Obiora Izuora, Alicia Cerda, Brenda Cerda, Ignacio Cerda Avalos, Horacio Joseph Vazquez, Kelly-Sue Stone, My Thi Hoa Pham, Maria Elisa Tirado, Arturo Miranda, Jr., Komo Yawa Ouattara, Victoria Izuora, Olena Gorbatenko Therrien, Yulia Vladimir Vorobiev, Alexander Nicholas Vorobiev, Oscar Esteban Magallanes, Liz Chacon, Gerardo Miranda, Edsys Nohemy Yoder, Nga Thu Pham, Myra Espinosa O'Lena, Gertrude N. Manda, and Carl Peter Zmijewski.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on January 10, 2020. They, too, will be American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

IN RECOGNITION OF SOC (SEAL) EDWARD GALLAGHER, USN

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, since the inception of our great Nation, our freedoms were conceived and protected by those willing to defend it with their own blood. It is in the spirit of those warriors that I rise today, to celebrate 20 years of distinguished and faithful military service by one of the greatest warriors our Country has ever known, Special Operations Chief Petty Officer (SEAL) Edward Gallagher, USN.

In 1999, Gallagher enlisted into the United States Navy from Fort Wayne, Indiana, grad-

uating from Basic Training at Navy Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois. After successfully completing Navy Hospital Corpsman “A” school in 2000, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marines Company, 2nd Marine Division in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He also graduated from the Marines Corps Scout Sniper Course in 2002. While assigned to the Marine Corps, Gallagher completed two deployments that included service in Africa, Albania, Iraq and Kosovo.

Always desiring to push himself beyond the normal limits of others, Gallagher joined Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) class 252 in 2005 for 24 weeks of arduous training. After BUD/S, he immediately attended SEAL Qualification Training and Special Operations Combat Medic Course. Upon completion of those courses, Gallagher earned his Navy SEAL Trident and was selected to be stationed at SEAL Team ONE. Later, he was hand chosen to train new SEAL candidates as a BUD/S Instructor at Naval Special Warfare Center. This was followed by orders to be stationed at SEAL Team SEVEN, where he was promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. For his service in the Naval Special Warfare community he has received two Bronze Stars with “V” for Valor, a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals with “V” for Valor, a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and a Combat Action Ribbon.

In 2017, Chief Gallagher returned home after completing his eighth combat deployment. Instead of receiving a hero's welcome, he became the target of a tyrannical witch-hunt. This witch-hunt was led by a few junior SEALs, a completely incompetent NCIS Agent and Navy Judge Advocate General (JAG) lawyers that were hoping to make their careers off court-martialing Gallagher. Despite the numerous illegal and underhanded tactics by the prosecution, Chief Gallagher was found not guilty of all major charges by a jury of his peers on July 1, 2019. Later, President Donald Trump personally intervened to stop the Navy's harassment towards Gallagher and restored his rank to Chief Petty Officer. Realizing the poor treatment and errors that they had made, the United States Navy allowed Chief Gallagher to officially retire on November 30, 2019.

While no one could blame Chief Gallagher if he was angry about the horrible manner in which he was treated at the end of his career, he instead has decided to live free of anger and has forgiven the individuals who have wronged him. I believe this is due to Eddie's faith in God and an amazing woman that keeps him grounded, his loving wife, Andrea. She and their three beautiful children, Treven, Ava and Ryan, have faithfully supported Eddie throughout his numerous deployments and were his biggest advocates during the Navy's foolish witch-hunt. Their love along with his brother, Sean Gallagher, and his parents, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Joseph and Melissa Gallagher have strengthened Eddie throughout his military service; and I congratulate them as well on this special occasion. I

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