

the global terrorism network. I believe this news is significant in proving that the al Qaeda our troops are fighting in Iraq is inseparable in the front on the global war on terrorism.

Our troops are fighting to protect American families. Stopping the terrorists in Iraq, which Zawahiri and bin Laden have identified as the central front in the global war on terrorism, is vital to this effort. Our troops' courageous efforts in Iraq are working, and we must support our brave men and women in uniform to defeat this enemy who promotes mass murder.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th.

COMMEMORATING CJ MARTIN'S BIRTHDAY AND IN SUPPORT OF CJ'S HOME PROTECTION ACT

(Mr. ELLSWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the birthday of CJ Martin. I say commemorate because he would celebrate his fourth birthday tomorrow. Instead, CJ was taken from his family and our community by a killer F-3 tornado that struck his great grandmother's home in Eastbrook manufactured housing community.

CJ and the other 24 victims might have been saved had they only had a warning that they needed to protect themselves.

Mr. Speaker, I was the sheriff of Vanderburgh County when this tornado hit. I saw firsthand the devastation that it caused and what severe weather can bring to the families and the communities that they touch. That experience resulted in my introduction of CJ's Home Protection Act, H.R. 2787.

The bill simply requires manufactured homes to come equipped with life-saving NOAA weather radios. Like a smoke detector, these inexpensive devices can provide families with the warning they need to take action and protect themselves.

Today, as we remember CJ's birthday, I encourage my colleagues to honor his life by cosponsoring this important public safety measure.

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BOYD AND OLDHAM COUNTY NAMED SCHOOLS TO WATCH

(Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the academic achievements of two schools in Kentucky's Fourth District. Boyd County Middle School in Ashland and North Oldham Middle School in Goshen were recently recognized by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform as "Schools to Watch."

The National Forum selected 59 schools nationwide to receive this prestigious honor. Schools were chosen based on three criteria: academic excellence, responsiveness to the needs and interests of young adolescents, and commitment to helping all students achieve at a high level.

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with educators from these schools during their visit to Washington, DC. I was impressed by the commitment of these educators. And though they face innumerable challenges in their classrooms, they are dedicated to providing each student with the highest quality education possible. I am proud to know that these exceptional teachers are educating future generations of Kentuckians. I applaud their hard work and thank them for their leadership, enthusiasm, and dedication.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 15 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1145

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. COHEN) at 11 o'clock and 45 minutes a.m.

REPORT ON H.R. 3093, DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND JUSTICE, AND SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2008

Mr. MOLLOHAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-240) on the bill (H.R. 3093) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

RECOGNIZING THE MARINES OF COMPANY M ON THEIR 25TH ANNUAL REUNION

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 541) recognizing the Marines of Company M (or "Mike Company") of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division on the occasion of their 25th Annual Reunion, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 541

Whereas the Marines of Company M (or "Mike Company") of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division served honorably and heroically in the Republic of Vietnam from July 1965 to October 1970 in defense of freedom, liberty, and political self-determination for the South Vietnamese people;

Whereas, during this period of more than five years, 137 Marines of Mike Company were killed in action and more than 1,000 were wounded in action;

Whereas, in recognition of its outstanding service, numerous unit awards were bestowed upon Mike Company, including—

- (1) Presidential Unit Citation Streamer with two Bronze Stars;
- (2) Navy Unit Commendation Streamer;
- (3) Meritorious Unit Commendation Streamer with two Bronze Stars;
- (4) National Defense Service Streamer;
- (5) Vietnam Service Streamer with two Silver Stars and three Bronze Stars;
- (6) Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Streamer; and
- (7) Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Civil Actions Streamer;

Whereas the Marines of Mike Company have formed the Mike 3/7 Vietnam Association to honor the memories of their fallen comrades, celebrate the lives of their surviving comrades, express profound appreciation to their families and loved ones, recognize their monumental sacrifices and achievements, and immortalize their contribution to the Marine Corps legacy of courage, patriotism, and military excellence for the edification of, and emulation by, future generations;

Whereas, in pursuit of this goal, the Marines of Mike Company, along with their families, friends, and loved ones, decided to hold an annual reunion, with the first reunion having taken place on November 10, 1983, the 208th birthday of the Marine Corps; and

Whereas Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the Marines of Mike Company for their selfless dedication to duty and their admirable display of courage under fire: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, on behalf of a grateful nation, recognizes and commends the Marines of Company M (or "Mike Company") of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division on the occasion of their 25th Annual Reunion, which is being held this year in the District of Columbia.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 955(b)NOTE), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the National Council on the Arts:

Ms. MCCOLLUM, Minnesota