

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. BARBARA WARREN'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE LGBT CENTER

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Barbara Warren who is celebrating 20 years of service, dedication and hard work at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Center in New York City.

Dr. Warren joined the staff of the center in 1988 as a psychologist and only healthcare professional within the staff of six. Today, the Center has a staff of nearly 80 with a third of those in service to health programs created under her leadership. Dr. Warren is one of the greatest resources to be found at the Center, a font of information and a tireless worker for the LGBT Community and all New Yorkers.

Dr. Warren has created numerous health programs, many the first of their kind, which now serve as examples both nationally and internationally. This array of programs include programs concerning HIV/AIDS, Crystal Meth, Bereavement, Alcohol, Substance and Tobacco Abuse, the Lesbian Cancer Initiative, the Gender Identity Project and the new Center CARE Recovery. Center CARE Recovery is the first licensed, outpatient LGBT-specific alcohol and substance abuse recovery program in New York State. Additionally, Dr. Warren created the Center Youth Program, Youth Enrichment Services (YES), 18 years ago, the first LGBT Youth program in the country, which has grown today to serve countless youth from all over the New York Metro area.

Barbara has been active for many years in helping to secure critically important funding for LGBT social service programs through the New York State Network of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health and Human Services Providers, the National Association of LGBT Community Centers and the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, and is also a Faculty Member at the New York State Academy of Addiction Studies and at the graduate programs of Fordham University, Hunter College, Columbia University and Yeshiva University.

Dr. Warren was the principal writer of the official state-sponsored (NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Service's Training for Counselors) training curriculum, which addresses sensitivity to LGBT-specific needs.

Today I rise to recognize and congratulate Dr. Barbara Warren for 20 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the people of New York and for her groundbreaking work in the field of LGBT Social Services which has set the standard for such programs both nationally and internationally.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, due to medical reasons I missed a series of procedural votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall numbers 192, 193, 194 and 195.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST FLORIDA WAVES UNIT 52

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to honor the Northwest Florida Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services, WAVES, Unit 52 and recognize its members' past, present, and future service to our country.

Women had been serving the war effort for years before they became an official addition to the United States Navy in 1956. Tens of thousands of officers and enlisted women contributed significantly to the Allied success of WWII. After their role in the Navy was legitimized, WAVES National was formed to connect former servicewomen and enable them to share their stories and experiences.

It is with grateful appreciation that I address this organization of valiant women whose participation in the military has evolved from the unprecedented to the exemplary. At a time when the role of women in the war effort was limited, members of WAVES transgressed societal norms by dutifully and commendably serving in the Navy and uniting against the Axis Power. Now, over sixty years later, women serve in every branch of our armed forces. Heroic accounts detailing the patriotism of women both on the battlefield and behind the line have altered the perception of women's role in the military and redefined the archetypal soldier.

The Northwest Florida WAVES Unit 52 consists of 43 members, half of whom served in WWII. Their mission is to encourage "patriotism, loyalty, and devotion to God, country and family." Membership is limited to women and includes those who have served or are currently serving in the Navy, Naval Reserve or other military Sea Services. Additional service is allotted to the community as members engage in various activities that benefit the surrounding area.

The women of Waves Unit 52 have dedicated their lives to preserving the security of every American citizen. In conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month, we recognize the initial women of WAVES for employing a bold determination to serve in the

war effort and celebrate the outstanding service of all the women who decorate its membership. The women of WAVES have exuded exceptional patriotism and valor and the First District of Florida is honored to house this exemplary organization.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Northwest Florida WAVES Unit 52 for its honorable service and dedication.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2008

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2830) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes:

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 2830, "The Coast Guard Authorization Act" and would like to commend Chairman OBERSTAR and Ranking Member MICA for their work on the bill and their efforts in bringing it to the House floor today. The development of this bill has been a long process and a collaborative effort. We are pleased that it is before the House for passage. I would also like to commend Chairman THOMPSON, my colleagues on the Homeland Security Committee and staff for their work on the Port Security section of this legislation. I would like to thank Chairman CUMMINGS and Ranking Member LATOURETTE for theirs on Deepwater and their support of the Port Security provisions in H.R. 2830.

The United States Coast Guard has a broad and important role in homeland security, law enforcement, search and rescue, marine environmental pollution response, and the maintenance of river, Intracoastal and offshore aids to navigation. Yet it has been grossly underfunded and therefore understaffed and under-resourced. This bill provides much needed resources and capacity building to effectuate these changes without compromising security. In addition to increasing funding by \$8.4 billion and the bill provides a much needed increase from 1,500 coast guard personnel to 47,000.

There are many important provisions in the bill but I am particularly pleased with the provisions to improve Port Security, particularly for the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean. Section 419 of the bill authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to station additional Coast Guard assets in the U.S. Virgin Islands for port security and other purposes. Currently, the Virgin Islands are without a coast guard cutter and have to depend on Puerto Rico for use of their vessel. This provision is a step forward in establishing a permanent Coast Guard unit in the Virgin Islands.

Another very important issue to the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean is cruise security. It

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is estimated that 10.6 million Americans took a cruise from a U.S. port in 2007. These ports include locations in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and points throughout the Caribbean. H.R. 2830 includes incident notification requirements that would enhance cruise ship security. This provision would make our ports more secure and thus more attractive to cruise ship travelers.

Enhancing Port Security has been a priority for the Homeland Security Committee and The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007 will give the Coast Guard much needed reform as well as strengthen our homeland security, protection of the marine environment and maritime safety. It reflects our commitment to improving port security.

We all remember with gratitude the stellar work of the U.S. Coast Guard during Hurricane Katrina. Were it not for them many more lives would have been lost. This bill is a down payment on the gratitude we owe them for this and their work in the waters of our Nation. I encourage my colleagues to support the bill and urge its final passage.

CONGRATULATING THE WINONA
STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S COL-
LEGE BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Winona State University Men's College Basketball team, winners of the NCAA Division 11 College Basketball Championship. A proud Warrior myself, I am honored to recognize the accomplishments of the team and its talented members, and to acknowledge the contributions they make to the University and its surrounding community.

I am especially proud of 3 Warriors from Minnesota's Sixth District: Mr. Ryan Gargaro, Mr. Travis Whipple, and Mr. Max Hintz, all of Woodbury. Their tireless hard work and dedication to their teammates and their University set a great example for all Winona State students.

Senior Ryan Gargaro and junior Travis Whipple are also to be commended for their brilliance off the court. Ryan was named to the 2005–2006 and 2006–2007 NSIC All-Academic Teams. Travis was also named to the 2006–2007 Team, and will be a key leader as he returns next season. Max Hintz is a freshman, and our eyes will be on him as he explores his great promise in the years to come.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor as a Winona State University Alum to congratulate the Men's College Basketball team on its second NCAA Division II Championship in its last 3 seasons. The contributions of its players and these Woodbury residents to the program and the greater University community will serve as a constant reminder to prospective and current students of the true pride and honor that goes in to being a Winona State Warrior.

COPPER SALMON WILDERNESS
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3513, the Copper Salmon Wilderness Act. This bill, introduced by my friend, colleague and Dean of the Oregon delegation, Mr. DEFAZIO, would set aside nearly 13,000 acres in the headwaters of the Elk River on the southern coast of Oregon, and designate more than 11 additional miles of the river as either wild or scenic under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

The Copper Salmon area contains one of the Nation's largest remaining stands of low-elevation old-growth forest and in the north fork of the Elk, one of the healthiest salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat trout runs in the continental United States.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot talk about the health of this great river without calling attention to the fact that the Pacific Coast salmon fishermen face one of the largest salmon fishery closures ever recorded in the United States. It is legislation like this that makes us realize the importance of looking into the future and to move in a direction that not only protects the fish, but also the local economy by providing habitat for more fish to flourish and survive into adulthood.

Mr. Speaker, it was poor natural resource management that has helped to create our recent salmon disasters and this bill offers a chance to head in another direction. The Oregon delegation and their friends in California and Washington have worked hard, and worked collectively to make sure that both salmon and our fishermen are protected.

I would like to thank you, Mr. Speaker, for your assistance in the past for disaster relief funds for our 1,200 salmon fishermen. I ask that you keep a watchful eye this season as the salmon fishermen of the Pacific face another closed season, another disaster declaration, and lost revenue.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JACK B.
HOWEY

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Captain Jack B. Howey, a member of my Veterans Advisory Committee who passed away on April 14, 2008.

Captain Howey had 9 years of enlisted service and 18 years of commissioned service in the Active Duty Army, the Army Reserve and the New York Army National Guard. A veteran of the Korean War, he served as an advisor to the South Korean Army. He retired in 1974 from the 204th Engineer Battalion of the New York Army National Guard.

As the Director of the Tioga County Veterans Service Agency and as a member of my

Veterans Advisory Committee, he worked diligently to ensure that fellow veterans were getting all the benefits that they deserved in the quickest way possible. He particularly focused on ensuring that veterans had adequate transportation so that they could get to hospitals and outpatient clinics for medical treatment. He also shared his hard work with others by writing articles in the Owego Pennysaver to alert veterans of any news that might be of use to them.

Captain Howey was born on October 24, 1928 in Oneonta, New York, to the late Morris and Eva Burrell Howey. He leaves behind his wife, Audrey; sister, Maureen; son, Clark; stepdaughters Tammy and Ellen; and stepsons Mark, Tom and Henry. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Maria, Randi, Chance, Andrew, Amanda and Justin, and great-grandchildren: Christian, Justin and Shea.

He was involved in many organizations, including serving as past commander and life-long member of the Owego Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1371 and as a member of the American Legion, Quiet Birdmen, Binghamton Hanger and Harris Hill Soaring Corporation. In addition to his work for veterans, Captain Howey was also an avid pilot who worked as a pilot instructor and examiner.

His exceptional dedication to veterans, as well as his own faithful service to his country and community, is to be commended. I express my deepest sympathies to Captain Howey's family, and the entire Tioga County community, for their loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF SGT. KEVIN
HALL AND THE POLICE UNITY
TOUR

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sgt. Kevin Hall of the Webster Police Department and the Police Unity Tour.

On May 9, 2008, Sgt. Hall will begin a trek to Washington, DC, consisting of 300 miles. He will stop in Liberty Park, New Jersey where he will join about 1,000 officers and continue to our Nation's capitol. The tour will finish in Washington, DC where groups from the north, south and west will converge. On Monday, May 12, the contingent of officers will bicycle to the National Law Enforcement Memorial, to honor all officers who died in the line of duty. This bicycle tour also marks the start of Law Enforcement Week.

Sgt. Kevin Hall has always strived to cheerfully serve and protect his fellow citizens and I am proud to recognize him today. I congratulate Sgt. Hall on joining this important group and I wish him the best in his training and journey. On behalf of the people of the 25th District of New York, I thank Officer Hall for his dedicated service that has been a strong pillar in the community.