

that experience occurred through an immersion in nature or through exposure to an unfamiliar culture.

Recipients of the 2008 Congressional Award have time and again shown their dedication to community, having learned the value of making a difference for the greater good. They are dedicated to all they do, striving for improvement while setting goals for personal achievement. I commend them as individuals of inspiration, a group worthy of the highest praise.

I would like to make special recognition of Caroline McMullen from Chesterland, Ohio. Caroline is a driven individual, having the conviction to reach out and achieve her goals. Her profound dedication to public service is integral to the betterment of her community; her actions are exemplary. As a fellow Ohioan, I am extremely proud of Caroline's accomplishments.

The following are honored recipients of the 2008 Congressional Award:

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AIR FORCE TANKER DECISION

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the Air Force's decision to award the tanker contract to EADS/Northrup Grumman (NG) instead of Boeing.

I understand that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) is reviewing that award and a decision is expected this week.

I wanted to highlight that the footprint of the EADS tanker is 53 percent larger than the Boeing version, requiring much more military construction money for larger runways, taxiways, and hangars.

Further, Boeing would create 28,707 jobs per year at full production, at least twice as many U.S. jobs as EADS/NG, which would support an estimated 14,353 jobs if it were to win the contract. Boeing's KC-767 would create twice as many U.S. jobs as EADS/Northrup. The EADS award will result in "loss" of new jobs.

At a time when unemployment is skyrocketing in the US, I believe we should be fighting to maintain as many jobs here in the US instead of sending them overseas.

It has come to light that the Air Force did not review the impact of the contract award on US jobs and I believe this is an important component given that should the contract go to EADS/NG, we would be sending billions of American taxpayers' money overseas at a

time when the US economy is faltering. I question whether the EADS tanker provides the best value for our military and the American taxpayer.

I do not support this contract being awarded to EADS because of its adverse affects on American jobs and I question whether it will meet the long term requirements of our military.

SARATOGA COUNTY BLOOD DRIVE

HON. KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend two organizations from my home district, the State Employees Federal Credit Union (SEFCU) and American Red Cross Adirondack Saratoga Chapter, who are partnering to sponsor a community blood drive to help save lives in my district on Monday, June 23. The blood drive will be held at the Saratoga Springs Public Library in Saratoga Springs, New York.

The theme for the event is "Give Some Red and Help Save Some Green." In keeping with its commitment to the community and the environment, SEFCU will plant a tree for every donor who gives blood on the 23rd. This is one in a series of blood drives within the "Give 'n Take" Campaign, which schedules community-based blood drives throughout the calendar year to highlight the importance of donating blood. I note its significance because:

Only about 5 percent of the population in the United States donates blood, though about 60 percent of the population is eligible.

Just one pint of blood can help save as many as three lives.

Approximately every 2 seconds, someone in America needs blood. Every day, about 34,000 donations are needed to help save the lives of cancer patients, accident victims and children with blood disorders in the United States.

Approximately 1 out of 3 people will need blood in their lifetime.

Type O blood can help anyone in need. All patients can receive Type O during an emergency when there is no time to test a patient's blood type.

Donors can give blood every 56 days.

The American Red Cross Adirondack Saratoga Chapter is dedicated to saving lives and helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. It is led by a volunteer board of directors with 250 other volunteers and 10 paid employees. The local Red Cross is supported by community donations and provides services to Warren, Washington, Saratoga, Hamilton and southern Essex counties. Last year the Red Cross ran 650 aquatic courses and 1,048 first aid and CPR courses, collected over 19,000 units of whole blood, helped deliver 230 emergency messages for members of our armed forces, and assisted more than 1,200 neighbors who were affected by local disasters.

I am proud to call on residents in New York's 20th Congressional District to join these two partners to help save lives.