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On December 3, 2008, Calvin College lost a visionary leader and wise friend. He is to be honored and recognized for his outstanding devotion and service as a member of the military, a Calvin College professor, and president and friend.

Again, I commend the gentleman from Michigan for introducing this resolution and urge my colleagues to support it.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 91, to honor the life and service of William Spoelhof, president emeritus of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I am honored to represent Calvin College and am very thankful for its excellent education efforts. I am also proud to say that I attended Calvin College, and served as a professor of Physics at Calvin College.

Dr. William Spoelhof was born in 1909 in Paterson, New Jersey, and passed away on December 3, 2008, at the age of 98.

William Spoelhof graduated from Calvin College in 1931, and began teaching social studies at the middle school level. In 1937, he received his Masters of Arts degree, and began his doctoral studies at the University of Michigan.

During World War II, Dr. Spoelhof enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and served our country in the Office of Strategic Services. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal by the Navy for this service. Also, for his contributions in liaison

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William Spoelhof was married to Miss Angeline Nydam in 1935, and they had three children, Robert Spoelhof, Elsa Scherphorn, and Peter Spoelhof. Ange, as Dr. Spoelhof lovingly called his wife, passed away in 1994, after almost 60 years of marriage.

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On a personal note, Dr. Spoelhof recruited me from the University of California at Berkeley to teach Physics at Calvin College. I am deeply grateful for his guidance and for leading me to teach at a wonderful, Christian liberal arts college.

Dr. Spoelhof lived a life of gratitude, and desired to bring God glory in all he did. On December 3, 2008, the Calvin College community lost a visionary leader and wise friend. He is to be honored and recognized for his outstanding devotion and service as a member of the military, a Calvin College professor and president and friend.

It is with sincere admiration to him, and gratitude to God, that I pay my respects to Dr. Spoelhof on a life well lived, and I urge my colleagues to join me in doing so.

Mr. CASSIDY. I yield back my remaining time.

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 91, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the reso-

lution (H. Res. 77) congratulating the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia, for more than 100 years of service and leadership to the United States.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 77

Whereas, on March 14, 1908, Virginia Governor Claude A. Swanson signed into law legislation for the establishment of the new State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Fredericksburg, Virginia;

Whereas in 1938, the institution was renamed Mary Washington College in honor of Mary Ball Washington, the mother of President George Washington;

Whereas in 1970, the Virginia General Assembly approved full coeducational status for Mary Washington College, and men were enrolled as resident students for the first time;

Whereas in 2004, the Virginia General Assembly approved university status to the institution, changing its name to the University of Mary Washington;

Whereas the University of Mary Washington enrolls over 5,000 students and employs over 1,000 full-time and part-time faculty and staff;

Whereas in 2008, U.S. News and World Report ranked the University of Mary Washington as third among public, southern, master's degree-granting schools;

Whereas the University of Mary Washington has been led by eight presidents: Edward H. Russell (1908-1919), Algernon B. Chandler, Jr. (1919-1928), Morgan L. Combs (1929-1955), Grellet C. Simpson (1956-1974), Prince B. Woodard (1974-1982), William M. Anderson, Jr. (1983-2006), William J. Frawley (2006-2007), and Judy G. Hample (2008-);

Whereas the University of Mary Washington offers 43 degree programs, including 32 undergraduate programs, 4 graduate programs, 7 education specialist programs;

Whereas in its centennial year, the University of Mary Washington conferred more than 1,200 master's and bachelor's degrees;

Whereas the University of Mary Washington Interscholastic Athletic Program sponsors 23 NCAA Varsity Teams, and the student-athletes on these teams have won five Individual and Team National Championships, produced 245 All-America Selections and more than 100 Academic All-Americans, and won more Conference Championships than any other school in the Capital Athletic Conference; and

Whereas in 2009, the University of Mary Washington begins a new century of academic excellence, service to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and leadership to the world in producing people of insight, wisdom, character, and accomplishment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia, for more than 100 years of leadership and service to the Fredericksburg area, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS) and the gentleman from California (Mr. McKEON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members

may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 77 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. POLIS. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 77, which celebrates the University of Mary Washington's 100 years of service and leadership.

Founded in 1908, the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Fredericksburg eventually became what is now known as the University of Mary Washington. Beginning with just 110 students, the school has grown into a prestigious university worthy of its namesake.

Long-standing traditions, combined with rigorous scholarship, enable the University of Mary Washington to provide one of the finest liberal arts educations in the Nation. Offering more than 40 undergraduate majors, four graduate programs and seven education specialist programs, UMW is highly ranked in every publication. The university is committed to academic excellence, and according to the "Fiske Guide to Colleges," UMW is described as "one of the premium or premiere public liberal arts colleges in the country." During its centennial year alone, UMW conferred more than 1,200 degrees.

With more than 5,000 enrolled students, the University of Mary Washington turns out students capable of extending their classroom knowledge into their communities and the world. UMW has a strong reputation of service, with 20 alumni currently serving in the Peace Corps. In fact, for the sixth year in a row, the Peace Corps has named the university to its annual list of "Top Producing Colleges and Universities." The spirit of service has benefited the community and the students well as they prepare to tackle the challenges of our increasingly globalized world.

When the university community came together to celebrate its century of existence and achievement last year, it renewed its commitment to excellence and success. As the university looks ahead to its future, may it continue to link its students and its community to the great tradition of its past and promise of its future.

Mr. Speaker, I, again, congratulate the University of Mary Washington and urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 77, congratulating the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia, for more than 100 years of service and leadership to the United States.

The University of Mary Washington was founded in 1908 and has become an

institution of higher education that links traditions of the republic to innovations at the leading edge of pedagogy and research. Mary Washington has one of the leading public liberal arts colleges in the country, as well as a graduate and professional school.

The University of Mary Washington was originally founded as a women's college and was designated as the women's college for the University of Virginia in 1944. In 1970, Mary Washington College transitioned to a co-educational college and was designated "University of Mary Washington" in 2004 to reflect the inclusion of its growing graduate programs.

Located in Fredericksburg, Virginia, approximately 4,000 undergraduate students are enrolled at Mary Washington's main campus, located on Marye's Heights, which played an important role in the 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg.

In addition, approximately 1,000 students and adults attend the graduate and professional school located in nearby Stafford County. Students from 43 different countries are enrolled in 40 different majors and programs of study at Mary Washington.

The University of Mary Washington is ranked in every major selective guide publication. It was ranked fourth in its class by U.S. News and World Report, in the top ten nationally in Peace Corps alumni, and has a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet on the faculty. It was listed among Kiplinger's magazine "100 Best Values in Public Colleges in 2009." Mary Washington was also named as one of the Nation's best colleges and universities by the "Fiske Guide to Colleges" and is said to have "gained a reputation as one of the premium public liberal arts colleges in the country."

Last year, the University of Mary Washington celebrated their centennial anniversary. For over 100 years, the university has provided America's students with a quality education and opportunity. The institution's link to both history and innovation has provided students with the unique and irreplaceable learning environment.

I am happy to join my good friend and colleague, Representative WITTMAN, in congratulating the University of Mary Washington and ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I'm happy to yield to the gentleman who represents the First District of Virginia, who represents the University of Mary Washington, Mr. WITTMAN, for as much time as he may consume.

Mr. WITTMAN. I would like to thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 77, honoring the University of Mary Washington on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

On March 14, 2008, Virginia Governor Claude A. Swanson signed legislation that established what eventually became the University of Mary Wash-

ington. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the University of Mary Washington on its achievements over the past century.

Initially a small teaching college for women, the institution was renamed the University of Mary Washington in honor of Mary Ball Washington, the mother of President George Washington and a resident of the First District of Virginia. Currently, the University of Mary Washington has an enrollment of over 5,000 students, offers 43 degree programs, and consists of two campuses. The main campus is located in historic Fredericksburg, and the College of Graduate and Professional Studies is located in Stafford, Virginia.

The University of Mary Washington has been recognized nationally as a leading liberal arts college, and the U.S. News and World Report ranked its masters programs fourth among southern public schools.

The University of Mary Washington combines rich traditions with state-of-the-art technology to provide one of the best undergraduate liberal arts educations in the country. It also offers a variety of internships and study abroad programs that connect students locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

I am pleased to recognize the important contributions made by the University of Mary Washington to the Fredericksburg region, the Commonwealth, and the Nation. I congratulate the University of Mary Washington as it celebrates its 100th anniversary, and I wish the university continued success in providing an outstanding education to the students of the Commonwealth and the Nation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the University of Mary Washington by supporting House Resolution 77.

Mr. McKEON. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 77.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 146) designating March 2, 2009, as "Read Across America Day."

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.