

Week, I'd like to recognize the achievements of Francis Payne Bolton and the impact of the Bolton Act on the field of nursing.

Madam Speaker, the Bolton Act of 1943, introduced by Congresswoman Frances Payne Bolton, created the Cadet Nurse Corps. The Corps provided Federal funds to nearly 125,000 nurses during World War II to facilitate their training and greatly increase the wartime supply of nurses and care for American citizens on both the home and war fronts. It also significantly improved post-World War II nursing education, replacing the apprenticeship-type training approach in nursing schools with an academic approach and encouraging nurses to study related areas of public health, pediatrics, psychiatric care, and convalescent care. It further benefitted the nursing field by prompting attention and Federal financial aid to graduate nursing degrees, and contributed to the integration of African-Americans into the nursing field.

Madam Speaker, Francis Payne Bolton was the first woman in Ohio elected to the House of Representatives. She served fourteen consecutive terms and later served as trustee of Lakeside Hospital (Cleveland, OH), Lake Erie College (Painesville, OH), and the Central School of Practical Nursing (Cleveland). Trustees at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, named their School of Nursing in her honor. She died in Lyndhurst, OH, on March 9, 1977.

Madam Speaker, last year, I introduced legislation with the late-Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH) recognizing the 65th anniversary of the Bolton Act. Frances Payne Bolton single-handedly made sure we had enough nurses at home and overseas during World War II, and helped elevate nursing as an important and critical profession. I am honored to recognize her and her contributions during National Nursing Week, and I yield back.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD RETENTION AND COLLEGE ACCESS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 7, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I told the District of Columbia National Guard 547th Transportation Company, who deployed to Iraq last Saturday, that I would introduce two D.C. National Guard bills this week in their honor. Therefore, today I first introduce the District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Act, NGRCA, a bill to permanently authorize funding for a program to provide grants for secondary education tuition to the members of the D.C. National Guard. I also introduce the District of Columbia Executive National Guard Act to give the mayor of the District of Columbia authority to call the D.C. National Guard for assistance with natural disasters and non-security civil disturbances. NGRCA authorizes an education incentive program, recommended by former Major General David Wherley and his successor, Major General Errol Schwartz, who suggested that education grants would be useful in stemming the troublesome loss of members of the D.C. Guard to units, in part, because sur-

rounding states offer such educational benefits. I am grateful that the Appropriations Committee has allocated appropriation funds in some years, with smaller contribution from the District, in the Defense Authorization bill. An authorization is necessary to assure that the D.C. National Guard members receive equal treatment and benefits to other National Guard members on a regular basis, especially with surrounding states that do, in fact, have the higher education benefits we seek for D.C. National Guard members. The Guard for the Nation's Capital is severely under-competing for members from the pool of regional residents, who find membership in the Maryland and Virginia Guards more beneficial. A competitive tuition assistance program for the D.C. National Guard will provide significant incentive and leverage to help counteract declining enrollment and level the field of competition.

The D.C. National Guard, a federal instrument that is not under the control of the mayor of the District of Columbia (but see District of Columbia Executive National Guard Act), is losing personnel to other Guards, partly because it is not able to offer the same level of benefits that adjacent National Guards provide. The federal government supports most other D.C. National Guard functions and should support this small benefit as well.

The small education incentives in my bill would not only encourage high quality recruits, but would have the important benefit of helping the D.C. National Guard to maintain the force necessary to protect the federal presence, including Members of Congress, the Supreme Court, and visitors, if an attack on the Nation's Capital should occur. I am pleased to introduce this bill on the advice of Guard personnel who know best what is necessary.

A strong D.C. National Guard able to attract the best soldiers is especially important given the unique mission of the D.C. National Guard to protect the federal presence in addition to D.C. residents. This responsibility distinguishes the D.C. National Guard from any other National Guard. The D.C. National Guard is specially and specifically trained to meet its unique mission.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING ALL SAINTS ACADEMY 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 7, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional group of young ladies from Breese, Illinois.

The All Saints Academy 8th grade girls volleyball team dominated this year's Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association's Class M state tournament, sweeping through the field to earn the state title. Competing against some of the top teams in Southern Illinois, the ASA team won all three matches in straight sets, knocking off Goreville in the quarterfinals and Pinckneyville in the semifinals, then defeating St. Peter/Paul for the title. The trophy-clinching win was a thrilling 25-22 squeaker.

I want to congratulate Coaches Tricia Winter and Don Bedard on this year's success. I especially want to congratulate the members of

the state championship volleyball team from All Saints Academy: Jade Beckmann, Rachel Boeckmann, Chelsea Crocker, Julie Deiters, Holland Hempen, Haley Johnson, Bailey Kampwerth, Merideth Kloeckner, Abby Luebbers, Maddie Mensing, Shannon Mensing, Jessica Peters, Gabrielle Schnieder, Kari Wiegmann and Megan Zurliene. They have achieved great things for their school and their community, and I want to wish them all the best in the future, both on the court and in the classroom.

FOSTERING RESILIENCE IN AFRICAN AMERICAN YOUTH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 7, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, as today is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, I rise to introduce a resolution highlighting the importance of identifying and nurturing the factors that contribute to the healthy development of African American youth, and their ability to achieve equal levels of physical and mental development enjoyed by their peers.

Throughout my life and tenure in Congress, I have always advocated protecting the rights of minorities. I stand before you today to promote the strength, health and well-being of African American youth, who are faced with many adversities.

African American youth are disproportionately exposed to many risk factors such as poverty, neighborhood violence, and a wide range of health conditions. These risk factors coupled with continued cultural oppression limit resilience in African American youth. Resilience is a dynamic, multidimensional practice involving the interaction between individuals and their environments within the context of family, peers, school, community, and society, across space and time.

It is our responsibility to acknowledge and understand the legacy of cultural oppression and racial discrimination that African American youth encounter in their daily lives. In doing so, we must also research how these components relate to resilience and various types of behavioral and emotional development.

Madam Speaker, this resolution is not only meant to seek support in this matter but also to generate awareness and collaboration toward resilience research among federal agencies and non-governmental organizations, such as the American Psychological Association, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, and Mental Health America which have endorsed this resolution.

It is vital that we provide the necessary tools to chart a path to success for African American youth.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in taking a stand against the cultural oppression and racial discrimination that many African American youth encounter by supporting this resolution.

CONGRATULATING TOKAY HIGH SCHOOL FOR COMPETING IN THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 2009

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise today to congratulate the students of Tokay High School in Lodi, California for winning their regional Science Bowl competition, hosted by the Department of Energy. The National Science Bowl is an academic competition testing students' skills in math and science. Only 67 high schools from around the country are asked to participate in this National Competition, and Tokay students recently visited Washington, DC to compete in the national finals. Math, science, and technology education are keys to our nation's future, and Tokay's students are an example of excellence. I hope that Tokay students continue to participate in the National Science Bowl and that I see them back next year.

IN TRIBUTE TO DANNY GOKEY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 2009

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Danny Gokey, who over the past several months has captured the hearts and minds of the entire country—especially the people of the Fourth Congressional District of Wisconsin.

Danny's quest to be the next "American Idol" is a love story. In a sense, it is even magical. His wife, Sophia, encouraged him to audition for Idol. Ironically, shortly after his audition he suffered the tragic loss of his beautiful wife, Sophia, at the age of 27. In memory of his wife, he established Sophia's Heart Foundation, whose mission is to make a positive impact on students' lives through a Music and Arts Program. Musical instruments will be donated to students that otherwise would be unable to afford them. The Sophia L. Gokey Scholarship Fund will donate \$1,000 scholarships to high school students who face challenges in pursuing their dreams. In spite of Danny's loss, he has continued to perform courageously and professionally each week while confronting both physical and mental challenges presented by this competition.

Danny has been singing since childhood. Prior to "American Idol", he served as Praise and Worship Director for Faith Builders International Ministries, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I have been told that Danny's favorite quote is "unshakeable faith is faith that has been shaken". He has overcome obstacles, personal tragedies and still continues to work toward his dream. His love for the church, family, music and life are an inspiration to all of us. His musical gifts along with his desire to find new hope, after experiencing such loss, is inspiring.

Madam Speaker, in Milwaukee, there is an enormous amount of enthusiasm and support

for our 28-year-old "hometown hero". I am honored to pay tribute to this very impressive young man who Milwaukee views as their very own "idol". Go, Danny go!

MINORITY BUSINESS ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009 SUMMARY

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 2009

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, this bill breaks down barriers for minority and women owned businesses through amending the Small Business Act to allow for greater participation in the Disadvantaged Business Assistance Program. It also makes permanent increases made by the Obama Administration for greater bonding capacity in addition to broadening the definition of contract bundling so that small businesses are better able to compete for and secure government contracts.

Modify the Small Business Administration's Disadvantaged Business Program to allow for greater minority participation by raising the personal net worth (PNW) threshold and allowing firms to complete a federal contract before losing the assistance of the program.

Make permanent the Surety Bonding Guarantee increase made in H.R. 1.

Broaden the definition of contract bundling to force contracting officers to break up large contracts to increase small business participation.

Increase oversight of contract bundling by allowing the SBA Administrator to review any contract they feel is bundling and allow OMB to mediate any disputes between parties.

Increase the government wide small business procurement goal to 25%.

Prohibit contracting officers from coding a minority business in any more than one other minority category to make reporting numbers more accurate.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GEORGE VANDE WOUDE

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 2009

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Dr. George Vande Woude. After a long and successful career in cancer research, Dr. Vande Woude has recently decided to retire from his administrative post, and I appreciate the opportunity to recognize him and his body of work.

Dr. Vande Woude earned his Master of Science degree and doctorate from Rutgers University. Early in his career, he served the federal government as a research virologist for the United States Department of Agriculture at Plum Island Animal Disease Center, and shortly after began a long tenure at the National Institutes of Health. Initially, he joined the National Cancer Institute as Head of the Human Tumor Studies and Virus Tumor Biochemistry Sections. Thereafter, he served in a

variety of different organizations within the Institute from 1972 until 1999, when he was selected to be the first Director of the newly created Van Andel Research Institute in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dr. Vande Woude's commitment to public service and improving the health of our nation has undoubtedly saved many lives. His pioneering research has resulted in new ways to isolate and detect cancer cells, and has led to earlier treatments and interventions. By identifying the biological players in cancer tumor progression and development, Dr. Vande Woude and his laboratory have supported expansive research which was instrumental in finding innovative strategies to eliminate harmful cancer cell precursors.

Dr. Vande Woude has made significant and substantial contributions to our current understanding of the molecular biology of cancer. His career is peppered with many firsts, including being the first to use recombinant DNA technology to isolate certain retroviruses and compare their behavior. He was first to determine the structure and sequence of DNA precursors which are instrumental in the development of cancer. His laboratory was first to demonstrate that a normal gene could be activated as a cancerous gene. These findings provided a foundation for the search for active cancerous cells (oncogenes) in tumors. His long-term studies of the *mos* oncogene have led to the first direct connection between cancer cells and the enzymes which regulate cell cycles. Equally important was his discovery of the human *met* oncogene that is involved in a wide range of cancers and has become a leading candidate for new cancer therapies. There are numerous other advancements which have emerged from Dr. Vande Woude's laboratory, all of which have helped the healthcare community understand how to combat cancerous tumors and address their risks even prior to development.

His efforts have gone beyond personal excellence. Over the years, Dr. Vande Woude has mentored more than 70 postdoctoral fellows, students, and visiting scientists. By investing in future generations, he has inspired countless researchers, and his legacy will last far beyond his personally prolific research.

Dr. Vande Woude has been honored as an elected Fellow of both the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences, and is a recipient of the National Institutes of Health Merit Award, the Robert J. and Claire Pasarow Foundation Award for Cancer Research, and a Lifetime Achievement Award in Technology Transfer from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He has also served on advisory panels too numerous to name and authored and edited hundreds of research articles and other publications.

Undoubtedly, "retirement" for Dr. Vande Woude will be in name only, as he continues to keep a fierce pace of life and contribute in a variety of ways to the advancement of science and the education of future generations. He will maintain a role at the Van Andel Institute as a Distinguished Scientific Fellow and head of the Laboratory of Molecular Oncology. Grand Rapids has been blessed by his leadership at the Van Andel Institute, and the world will note and remember his contributions to science and education for generations to come.