

at Fort Gordon, Georgia, for their service and dedication to the United States.

I want to commend Representative PAUL BROUN of Georgia for sponsoring this legislation which has drawn wide support of other Members as cosponsors, including a great number of non-Georgians.

Mr. Speaker, Fort Gordon has been an important site of Army training for more than 60 years. Initially a training area for newly formed combat divisions preparing for battle in World War II, the 4th Infantry, the 26th Infantry, and the 10th Armored Divisions trained at the then-Camp Gordon before they were deployed to combat in Europe and distinguished themselves in hard fighting across France, the Low Countries, and Germany.

After the war, the newly designated Fort Gordon became the home of the Army's Signal Corps. In every conflict since, from Korea through today's wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Fort Gordon has trained Army combat communicators in their essential combat duties.

This is why it is, therefore, right and proper that we recognize Fort Gordon, the home of the Army Signal Corps, for its outstanding contributions to our Nation. I urge all Members to support this resolution.

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

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, at this time I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 206, as amended.

The question was taken.

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

Ms. BORDALLO. 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.

HONORING 373RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL GUARD

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 940) recognizing and honoring the National Guard on the occasion of its 373rd anniversary.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 940

Whereas the National Guard celebrates its 373rd birthday on December 13, 2009;

Whereas the National Guard and its citizen-soldiers have participated in all major American conflicts, most recently Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas the National Guard is the oldest component of the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas the National Guard has served with distinction as America's first line of defense against natural and man-made disasters within the United States;

Whereas Colonial and State militias were the precursors to the National Guard;

Whereas the militia stood their ground during the opening shots of the Revolutionary War at Lexington Green and Concord Bridge in 1775;

Whereas more than 164,000 members of the militia from the 13 colonies served under the command of George Washington during the Revolutionary War;

Whereas in 1824, the 2nd Battalion, 11th Regiment, New York Artillery became the first military organization in the United States to adopt the title "National Guard";

Whereas during the Mexican War of 1846-1848, more than 70 percent of the total manpower effort was from citizen-soldiers through volunteer militiamen;

Whereas the Union and Confederate Armies relied heavily on militias and volunteer regiments during the Civil War of 1861-1865;

Whereas, on April 15, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln invoked the Calling Forth Act of 1792 and ordered 75,000 militiamen into Federal service for 90 days;

Whereas during the Spanish-American War in 1898, over 160,000 National Guardsmen volunteered for active duty;

Whereas a group of National Guardsmen from Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas were called the "Rough Riders" and were led by Lieutenant Colonel and future United States President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt;

Whereas in 1902, Major General Charles W. Dick, commander of the Ohio Division of the National Guard and a member of the United States House of Representatives, became president of the National Guard Association;

Whereas the Militia Act of 1903 created the modern National Guard and affirmed the National Guard as the primary organized combat Reserve force of the Armed Forces;

Whereas in World War I, the National Guard made up 40 percent of the United States combat divisions;

Whereas the National Defense Act of 1920 established the Army of the United States, to consist of the Regular Army, the Organized Reserve Corps, and the National Guard, when called into Federal service;

Whereas an amendment to the National Defense Act enacted on June 15, 1933, established the National Guard of the United States as a Reserve component of the Army;

Whereas the National Security Act of 1947 established the Air National Guard as a Reserve component of the Air Force;

Whereas more than 300,000 members of the National Guard, including 18 infantry divisions, participated in World War II;

Whereas more than 138,000 members of the Army National Guard and more than 45,000 members of the Air National Guard were called to active duty during the Korean War;

Whereas almost 23,000 members of the Army and Air National Guard were mobilized for two years of active duty during the Vietnam War;

Whereas more than 70,000 members of the Army and Air National Guard were called upon to participate in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm in 1990 and 1991;

Whereas since the attacks on September 11, 2001, hundreds of thousands of members of the Army and Air National Guard have been called upon by their States and the Federal Government to provide security at home and combat terrorism abroad; and

Whereas more than 50,000 members of the Army and Air National Guard were deployed in the Gulf States following Hurricane Katrina in 2005: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) thanks the members of the National Guard for their service in response to the attacks on September 11, 2001, and their continuing role in homeland security and military operations;

(2) supports providing the National Guard with the necessary resources to ensure its readiness;

(3) expresses its condolences and gratitude to the families of those members of the National Guard who have lost their lives through their dedication and commitment to the freedom and security of the United States while serving in the National Guard; and

(4) honors and supports the compassionate, courageous, and dedicated members of the National Guard who serve a critical role in protecting the United States and its citizens' freedoms and treasured liberties.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. ROONEY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Guam.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Guam?

There was no objection.

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

I rise in support of House Resolution 940, introduced by my colleague from Ohio (Mr. LATTA), which recognizes the 373rd birthday of the Nation's military first responders, our National Guard.

On December 13, 2009, we will celebrate the enormous contributions that our Nation's citizen soldiers and airmen have contributed to our national defense for over 300 years. Our forefathers relied on its citizen soldiers to protect this young Nation, and today we continue to rely on our citizen soldiers to protect the values and the rights that Americans enjoy today.

Our men and women in the National Guard not only volunteer to serve overseas in our Nation's defense, they are also an integral part of our local communities, providing assistance, support, and protection to their neighbors and loved ones in cases of natural and man-made disasters within the United States.

The history of the National Guard began back during the early days of our Nation. The colonists adopted the English militia system which required all males between the ages of 16 and 60 to bear arms and contribute to the defense of their community. In those early years, the militia provided the first line of defense in our Nation, which continues to this very day.

Throughout our Nation's conflicts, the National Guard has been an integral part of our country's national defense. During World War I, the National Guard made up 40 percent of America's combat divisions. The National Defense Act of 1933 established the National Guard as a reserve component of the Army, and the National Defense Act of 1947 established the air component of the National Guard as a reserve component of the Air Force.

More than 300,000 members of the National Guard participated in World War II, over 180,000 members of the National Guard participated in the Korean War, and nearly 23,000 members of the National Guard deployed in support of the Vietnam War. More than 50,000 members of the National Guard were deployed to the Gulf States in support of Hurricane Katrina. Today, Mr. Speaker, almost a quarter of a million members of the National Guard have been mobilized in support of Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

So, today, we are here to express our appreciation to those who serve in the National Guard and their families, who are also making a contribution in defense of our Nation, and we are here to express our gratitude and respect to those of the National Guard who have given their lives in defense of our Nation. Our sympathy and our prayers are with their families and their loved ones, and their sacrifices will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, as a former Lieutenant Governor of Guam, I came to rely on the National Guard to be always there, always ready to respond to local issues. On September 11, the National Guard immediately responded to the new and urgent national requirement to protect our airports. The National Guard is a critical component of our national defense. And I am also proud to represent the Guam National Guard, which has the most membership per capita in any other State National Guard in this country.

So I urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 940 and join us as we wish America's National Guard a very happy birthday.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 940, which recognizes the service and sacrifices of the members of the Army and Air National Guard on the occasion of the 373rd anniversary of the National Guard.

I want to commend Representative ROBERT LATTA of Ohio for sponsoring this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, America is such a dynamic, forward-moving, ever-changing Nation that few institutions can survive for long unless they repeatedly prove their worth and are capable of changing to meet new challenges. For more than 300 years, the National Guard has repeatedly demonstrated its worth and value to this Nation in the

crises of peace and war. The courage, commitment, and sacrifices of the National Guard members have been an integral part of every war this Nation has ever fought.

These citizen soldiers most recently have accepted an entirely new role in our national security and enthusiastically transformed themselves and their units from a ready Reserve to an operational Reserve, where repeated deployments to combat have become the norm and not the exception.

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While providing significant combat power to support ongoing wars, the Guard has remained true to its mission: to support the individual States in times of natural disasters. With this dual requirement to support not only the Nation, but also the people of the States from which they come, the National Guard is indispensable to the well-being, safety, and security of all Americans. This is why it is, therefore, right and proper that we recognize the National Guard for 373 years of outstanding service.

I urge all Members to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield at this point 3 minutes to the sponsor of this resolution, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA).

Mr. LATTA. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, it is very appropriate that we assemble here today on December 7, "a day that will live in infamy," words that were spoken by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on this House floor 68 years ago tomorrow. On that December 7, the United States lost many courageous, dedicated, heroic, compassionate men and women when the Pacific fleet was attacked at Pearl Harbor by forces of the Imperial Japan Navy.

I rise today in support of House Resolution 940, which I introduced last week on December 1.

As it has already been pointed out very eloquently about the background of the National Guard, the Guard dates its origins back to December 13, 1636, when the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony ordered existing militias to be organized into three regiments. Since then, the National Guard has fought in every major American conflict. From the shot that was heard around the world at Lexington Green and later at Concord Bridge in April of 1775 to our men and women who are standing strong today and fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq, the National Guard and its citizen soldiers have been there for us no matter what, always ready, always there.

The National Guard is the oldest component of the Armed Forces of the United States. The National Guard's number one priority is the security and

defense of our homeland at home and abroad. Americans have relied on their National Guard for more than three-and-a-half centuries, even before the United States existed.

I want to thank all past and present members of the National Guard for their service and response to the attacks on September 11, 2001, and their continuing role in homeland security and military operations around the world.

In today's world, it is essential that we honor and support all of our service-members who have sacrificed so much for us to ensure that our freedoms and liberties are secure in the United States. We need to support and provide our men and women of the National Guard and all the Armed Forces with the necessary resources to ensure their readiness and success.

As the National Guard's official song goes, "Defending freedom, protecting dreams, this is the spirit of what it means to me. For my God and my home that I love: I Guard America, Guarding America, America."

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would like to yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON).

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend from Florida for yielding on this very important bill.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Resolution 940, a resolution that recognizes and honors the National Guard on its 373rd anniversary. The National Guard has a long and proud history as the oldest component of our Armed Forces.

The roots of the National Guard date back to our early colonial and State militias, which were vital during the Revolutionary War. It was the National Guardsmen who made up the Rough Riders in the Spanish-American War. More recently, on this date the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, and the Greatest Generation went to war. And it is fitting that we pass this resolution today in memory of all those who served, but in particular those who were in the National Guard.

More than 16 million Americans fought in World War II, and about 2 million of them are still alive today, but they are dying at a rate of about 900 a day, according to the Department of Defense. The National Guard have made up 40 percent of the U.S. combat divisions and included 300,000 members and 18 infantry divisions in World War II.

Since the establishment of the National Guard, men and women have served valiantly in every American conflict, including our recent efforts in the Middle East in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As the father of a former National Guardsman who has served in Iraq with the Army, I have the greatest respect and gratitude for the National Guard

and the job that they perform. Earlier this year, I had the privilege to travel to Iraq and Afghanistan to meet many of our soldiers and leaders on the ground, and it was there I witnessed the National Guard firsthand.

I commend and thank the National Guard and all of our men and women in uniform for their selfless service to their country. And I urge my colleagues to support the National Guard and our troops and vote in favor of this important legislation.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 940.

The question was taken.

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

Ms. BORDALLO. 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.

RECOGNIZING THE AIR FORCE AND DYESS AIR FORCE BASE ON ACHIEVING ENERGY SAVINGS

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 845) recognizing the United States Air Force and Dyess Air Force Base for their success in achieving energy savings and developing energy-saving innovations during Energy Awareness Month, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 845

Whereas the United States Air Force operates 84 major installations and 82 minor installations worldwide and is supported by an employee base of approximately 700,000 persons, which includes regular and Reserve component members and civilian employees;

Whereas the Air Force mission requires a global presence that provides a rapid response capability and strategic positioning of its assets;

Whereas the Air Force is the largest user of energy in the Federal Government since Air Force aircraft consume significant quantities of energy in executing their mission and keeping the United States and its allies safe;

Whereas the Air Force has a comprehensive energy policy and strategy that identifies the imperative to eliminate waste, conserve resources, and seek new, alternative sources of energy;

Whereas October of each year is Energy Awareness Month throughout the Federal Government, and the Air Force's theme for fiscal year 2010 is "Energy Solutions...Fueling the Mission";

Whereas the theme "Energy Solutions...Fueling the Mission" highlights the

importance of energy to the Air Force's overall mission to "Fly, Fight, Win" and supports the Air Force energy plan to reduce demand, increase supply, and change the culture to make energy a consideration in everything they do;

Whereas Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas, is one of just three Air Force installations recognized by the Department of Energy as a 2009 Federal Energy and Water Management Award Winner;

Whereas Dyess Air Force Base has developed several energy-saving initiatives, including a system that employs a pond and an ice plant through which water is circulated and then used to cool the installation during the hot summer months, reducing the energy used by the B-1 simulator campus by over 30 percent, and saving Dyess Air Force Base more than \$239,000;

Whereas through a partnership with two companies, Dyess Air Force Base was able to take previously unusable water to the base through an abandoned pipeline for use on the installation's golf course, thereby saving more than 160 million gallons of water a year;

Whereas the hangar lights at Dyess Air Force Base were replaced with new electronic dimming lights, which have saved 9,734 million BTUs and \$209,000; and

Whereas in 2008, Dyess Air Force Base energy managers, engineers, and contracting officials reduced energy consumption by 16.5 percent and saved more than \$1 million: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the energy savings and innovations achieved by the United States Air Force;

(2) honors the leadership of the 7th Bomb Wing at Dyess Air Force Base for their energy savings; and

(3) congratulates Tom Denslow, Danny Dobbs, Ron Miller, and TSgt (Sel) Daniel Thatcher of the Department of the Air Force, Dyess Air Force Base, and Steve Dumont of the Department of the Air Force, Air Combat Command, for their efforts to reduce energy use in support of the missions of the 7th Bomb Wing and the 317th Airlift Group and to make Dyess Air Force Base a model of efficient energy use.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. ROONEY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Guam.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Guam?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support House Resolution 845, recognizing the United States Armed Forces and Dyess Air Force Base for their success in achieving energy savings and developing energy-saving innovations.

I would like to thank my colleague and former neighbor, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, for his work in bringing this resolution to the floor.

The Air Force pledge to become more energy efficient has facilitated both re-

sourceful engineering projects and simple solutions, such as the installation of new electronic dimming lights in hangars at Dyess Air Force Base.

While the projects at Dyess Air Force Base range in size and scope, the end result is a 16.5 percent reduction in energy usage at a savings of over \$1 million in 2008. The diligence exhibited by the Air Force and leadership at Dyess Air Force Base serves as a good example of what can be achieved in energy savings, not only at other bases, but in government facilities, private businesses, and personal households.

The men and women at this base in Abilene, Texas, continue to display a commitment to conserve energy and remain faithful stewards of the taxpayers' money. They accomplished all of this without sacrificing their ultimate mission to "Fly, Fight, Win."

So Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the United States Air Force and Dyess Air Force Base for their successes in energy conservation by supporting House Resolution 845.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 845, which recognizes the United States Air Force and Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, for their innovative approaches and success in achieving energy savings. I want to commend Representative RANDY NEUGEBAUER of Texas for sponsoring this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, as the largest user of energy in the Federal Government, the Air Force has been a national leader in seeking ways to conserve energy, eliminate waste, and seek alternative sources of energy at its 166 large and small installations around the world. Within this exemplary group of military installations, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, was just one of three Air Force installations recognized by the Department of Energy as a 2009 Federal Energy and Water Management Award winner. In earning this distinction, Dyess Air Force Base personnel reduced energy consumption by more than 16 percent and saved over \$1 million without sacrificing mission accomplishment in any way.

This is why it is, therefore, right and proper that we recognize the Air Force and Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, for their leadership and outstanding accomplishments in energy stewardship.

I urge all Members to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would like to yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Texas, the sponsor of this resolution, Mr. NEUGEBAUER.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the