

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF
IOWA HAWKEYE FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. LOESACK. Madam Speaker, today, I am introducing a Resolution to honor the University of Iowa Hawkeye football team for the great success they had on the football field during the 2009 season. The team began the season by winning its first nine football games, which set a new team record for consecutive wins to start a football season. The Hawkeyes finished the regular season with 10 wins and two losses, leaving them ranked seventh in both the final Associated Press and USA Today rankings, tied for second in the Big Ten Conference, and were invited to play in the 2010 FedEx Orange Bowl against the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. The game was very well competed by both schools, but with stellar defense and an exciting offensive performance, the University of Iowa Hawkeye football team won the game 24–14.

Through hard work and great success on the football field, the University of Iowa Hawkeye football team received numerous awards and won over many new fans. Through this Resolution, I hope to congratulate the 2009 University of Iowa Hawkeye football program for bringing honor to the team, the University of Iowa, the city of Iowa City, and the State of Iowa.

HONORING THE COLLINSVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BOWLING
TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Collinsville High School girls bowling team.

This outstanding and competitive group captured the Illinois High School Association's state championship in February by bowling a team total of 12,450 points, or an average of 207.5 per bowler. This is the first Collinsville High School championship since 1992 and the first girls state championship in the school's history. Special recognition went to Collinsville High School senior Frannie Steiner who bowled the top individual score at the state finals, finishing with a 229.7 average.

I join with the Members of this House in commending coach Sean Hay on his outstanding work with this team and congratulating the members of the Illinois state championship bowling team: Frannie Steiner, Katie Beauchamp, Lisa Graham, Brittany Warner, Sara Bell, Liz Huffman, Amber Burns and Elizabeth Beauchamp. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for one additional project funding request that I made and was included within the text of H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project: Ground Warfare Acoustical Combat Systems of Netted Sensors

Project Amount: \$5,000,000

Account: RDTE—Navy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GWACS Defense, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Suite 191, 4500 South, 129th East Ave., Tulsa, OK 74134

Description of Request: Combat systems are required that can detect, locate, discriminate and give precision targeting data of hostile fire to blue forces in a netcentric environment. Additionally, multi sensor systems are required that can help IFF, create total battlespace situational awareness both in open and urban terrain, and provide precision targeting data for combined and integrated fire support. Funds will be used to accelerate the completion of a new technology that is critical and urgently needed for small arms detection and location for future procurement for force protection and situational awareness at all command levels in open and urban terrain operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" BE REPEALED IN 2010

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution that recognizes the Senate Armed Services Committee's hearing on Don't Ask, Don't Tell, and the testimony of Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the hearing, as an important first step towards equality in the Armed Forces. Furthermore, my resolution expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that this discriminatory law should be repealed in 2010.

There are an estimated 66,000 gay and lesbian service members currently on active-duty, serving in all capacities around the world to protect our nation and advance our interests. The misguided policy known as Don't Ask, Don't Tell is yet another enemy to fight at a time when we are strained in two wars. In 2009 alone, we lost 428 service members to Don't Ask, Don't Tell at the estimated cost of over \$12 million. We cannot allow the strength and unity of our military to suffer from a destructive force within. Don't Ask, Don't Tell is irreconcilable with the values that our great

nation was built on and the values that our Armed Forces embody.

The Senate Armed Services Committee's recent hearing on Don't Ask, Don't Tell was indeed historic, being the first Senate hearing on the issue in 17 years. My resolution recognizes the great significance of Defense Secretary Gates and Admiral Mullen's testimonies, which sent a clear signal across the nation and through the military ranks that discrimination is not a value of our Armed Forces. Furthermore, it urges the Pentagon working group to deliver an implementation plan to Congress as soon as possible while ensuring that the needs and concerns of all service members are taken into consideration, and strongly recommends that the Senate Armed Services Committee and House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Military Personnel include active-duty service members in their upcoming hearings regarding Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

While a majority of the American people support open service by gay and lesbian members of the Armed Forces, there are those who would like to see the policy kept in place. Don't Ask, Don't Tell should be repealed swiftly and replaced with a policy of non-discrimination and inclusion once and for all.

Madam Speaker, the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell is long overdue. It is my sincere hope that President Obama, the Department of Defense, the U.S. military, and Congress will do everything in their power to allow gay and lesbian Americans to serve openly as soon as possible. I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution and to join me in working to bring about the full and final repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell this year.

HONORING THE CHICAGO CHAPTER
OF THE AMERICAN VETERANS
FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chicago Chapter of the American Veterans for Equal Rights, AVER, an organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, on the occasion of the City of Chicago's annual Salute to LGBT veterans.

Founded in 1992, the Chicago Chapter of AVER provides support to LGBT veterans in the Chicago metropolitan area. Members of AVER have served in every war from World War II to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Each year, AVER members march in Chicago's Memorial Day Parade and in Chicago's Gay Pride Parade. By doing so, AVER members bear witness to the fact that gay and lesbian Americans have served throughout our history to defend the United States in time of war and to preserve our freedoms and democracy.

AVER fights not only for LGBT veterans but also for gay and lesbian soldiers currently serving in our Armed Forces, especially those who are in harms way in Iraq and Afghanistan. AVER members travel to Washington every year to lobby members of Congress for an end to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.