

Guards in the 50 states operate under dual federal and local jurisdiction. Yet only the President and the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard currently have the authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard for local and national purposes, respectively. Today, the most likely need for the D.C. National Guard here would be for natural disasters and to restore order in the wake of civil disturbances. The mayor, who knows the city better than any federal official and who works closely with federal security officials, should be able to call on the D.C. National Guard for local natural disasters and civil disturbances, after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard. The President should be focused on national matters, including homeland security, not local D.C. matters. Homeland security authority, with respect to the D.C. National Guard, would remain the sole province of the President, along with the power to nationalize the D.C. National Guard at will. It does no harm to give the mayor this authority for civil disturbances and natural disasters. However, it could do significant harm to leave the mayor powerless to act quickly. If it makes sense that governors would have control over the mobilization and deployment of their National Guard, it makes equal sense for the mayor of the District of Columbia, with a population the size of a small state, to have the same authority.

The mayor of the District of Columbia, as head of state, should have the authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard in instances that do not rise to the level of homeland defense activities. My bill requires that the mayor only deploy the D.C. National Guard after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard. The bill is another important step toward completing the transfer of full self-government powers to the District of Columbia. Congress itself began with the passage of the Home Rule Act of 1973, when it delegated most of its authority to the District of Columbia. The bill follows that model.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE HEROES OF THE BATTLE OF CRETE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am reintroducing legislation to honor and recognize the heroes of the Battle of Crete and commend the PanCretan Association of America for preserving and promoting the history of Crete and its people.

During the Battle of Crete in May 1941, Allied forces and the people of Crete joined together to fight against an advancing Nazi army. Although unsuccessful in defeating the Nazi invaders, this coalition of forces inflicted enormous casualties to the airborne Nazi assault, resulting in more than 3,700 German troops killed and the destruction of multiple transport aircraft. In addition to these losses, the Allied forces were able to hold off the Nazi victory long enough to ensure that the German army would face a harsh and destructive winter as it proceeded to Russia.

This resolution observes the memory of the brave men and women who perished and honors the living that fought in the Battle of Crete.

TRIBUTE TO THE NOVI WILDCATS

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division 1 State Champion Ice Hockey team from Novi High School. On March 12, 2011 the Novi Wildcats won the first state championship in the team's 13 year history with a 4–0 shutout over the Orchard Lake St. Mary's Eagles.

Following a successful regular season in the Central Division of the Kensington Conference in the Kensington Lakes Athletic Association the Wildcats claimed both the division and conference titles before narrowly dropping the KLAAs crown to the Lakes Conference champion, Howell by a slim 4–3 margin.

Novi's first pre-regional game, played at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, produced a 6–0 win against South Lyon and paved the way to play long time rival Detroit Catholic Central in their 2nd pre-regional matchup. The Wildcats squeaked by the Shamrocks in a hard fought contest, winning 4–3. Moving on to regional competition the Wildcats savored the chance to avenge the earlier loss KLAAs nemesis Howell. This time Novi iced the Highlanders 3–0, happy to let Howell have the KLAAs trophy as the Wildcats pursued the bigger prize.

Head Coach Todd Krygier's skaters advanced to quarterfinal action at Perani Arena in Flint. This matchup pitted brother against brother as Todd Krygier's Wildcats decimated younger brother Bryan Krygier's Clarkston Wolves, 9–1. Coach Krygier along with Assistant Coaches Jim Lewis and Travis Malott brought the Green and White back to Compuware to face off against Lake Orion in the semi-final round. The Wildcats didn't allow the Dragons a goal and came away with a 3–0 win.

Advancing to the championship, Novi met the storied Orchard Lake St. Mary's on the ice for the first time ever. The Wildcats convincingly rose to their final challenge and soared to a 4–0 victory raising the Division 1 trophy in triumph.

Mr. Speaker, with a regular season record of 24–5–1, the Wildcats carried an astounding 171 goals while giving up only 61 and a play-off run of 6–0 with 29 Goals compared to 4 for their opponents, the 2011 Novi Wildcats deserve to be recognized for their determination, achievement and spirit and I am very proud of their effort. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Wildcats for obtaining this spectacular title and honoring their devotion to our community and country.

TRIBUTE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF CHAMBERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of the City of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. They well deserve recognition for their generous and humane extension of a

helping hand to their sister city, Gotemba, Japan.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those in Japan who are coping with the aftermath of a truly tragic disaster. We stand in support of our friends and allies in Japan who are doing everything they can to recover from the devastating earthquake and tsunami.

In my district, the Mayor of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Pete Lagiovane, announced this week that his city will offer assistance to their sister city in the wake of the earthquake and tsunami that has devastated Japan. While fortunately the people of Gotemba were not as severely impacted as those in the northeast part of Japan, they are dealing with heavy hearts for their friends, families, and countrymen as well as serious disruptions to their power supply and transportation system.

Mayor Lagiovane has offered assistance in a joint effort to assist Gotemba in providing relief to the victims of the earthquake and tsunami. He put forward the idea of starting a local relief fund with the proceeds going to Gotemba to disburse as they see fit.

Chambersburg and Gotemba have been sister cities for 50 years. Their relationship started when a Japanese student at Penn Hall and Wilson College returned home after World War II. The student wanted to maintain a bond with Chambersburg, so she and her son came back and conducted several meetings with the city council and established a sister city relationship in 1960. The two cities have exchanged visits every 5 years since then.

The spirit of sisterhood and love between these two cities—separated by thousands of miles and a vast ocean—encapsulate the attitude we should all have toward our fellow man. I commend Chambersburg for their selfless attitude and generosity.

WISHING THE UW MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM THE BEST OF LUCK

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today is St. Patrick's Day—a day that is universally associated with good luck. Calling on my Irish heritage, I would like to convey continued good luck to the University of Washington men's basketball team. This past weekend they won the Pac-10 Championship and tomorrow they seek to continue their run in the NCAA tournament when they open against the University of Georgia.

Good luck and go Dawgs.

HONORING NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the outstanding service The National Exchange Club provides the citizens of Dallas County, Texas.

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