

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO THE FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Ferris State University Men's Ice Hockey Team upon their runner up finish in the 2012 NCAA Frozen Four Men's Ice Hockey Championship.

This year's Bulldog team made the first showing in school history in an NCAA championship game and won the school's second-ever Central Collegiate Hockey Association regular-season championship as well as a Midwest region crown. Along the way, the Bulldogs saw significant moments of success, including an impressive 15-game unbeaten streak during the regular season. Accomplishments of this magnitude can only be achieved through teamwork and a shared determination amongst players, coaches, and staff.

Several individuals were recognized for their personal achievements throughout the 2011–2012 hockey season. Bulldog's head coach Bob Daniels received the 2012 Spencer Penrose Award as the Division I Men's Ice Hockey National Coach of the Year. Bob's leadership and guidance were crucial in developing skillful and dedicated players that could meet and surpass the season's challenges.

Ferris State's Tommy Hill, the team's senior co-captain, received the NCAA Elite 89 award. This award recognizes athletes that have reached the pinnacle of achievement by competing for a national championship as well as achieving the highest academic standard among peers. Teammates Kyle Bonis and Chad Billins were also recognized and named to the 2012 NCAA Frozen Four All-Tournament Team for their significant efforts during the Frozen Four games.

On behalf of the Fourth District of Michigan, I congratulate the 2011–2012 Ferris State Bulldog's Men's Ice Hockey Team on their monumental and record-setting season.

PIONEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Pioneer Fire Company No.1 of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, which will celebrate its 145th anniversary on April 21, 2012.

In 1867, merchants and citizens of Hazleton established the first volunteer fire company to protect the lives and property of their neighbors. Two years later, the borough council elected fifteen members and formally established the Pioneer Fire Company No. 1 of Hazleton. The company responded to their first

fire at the Bramer household on July 5, 1869 at 1:45 p.m.

Additionally, the pioneers have always been active within the community. After raising funds, the pioneers bought the first Hazleton community ambulance which began serving the community on July 2, 1952. They are also charter members of the Hazleton Little League and sponsor a team yearly.

Mr. Speaker, for the last 145 years, the Pioneer Fire Company No. 1 has proudly served the citizens of Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Therefore, I commend all those pioneers who have given so unselfishly and to all those who have gone on to their eternal rest.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRINCE WILLIAM FOREST PARK

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 75th Anniversary of Prince William Forest Park. Located in southern Prince William County, Virginia, Prince William Forest Park is a natural oasis just outside Washington D.C.

Established in 1936, Chopawamsic Recreational Demonstration Area (RDA) was constructed as a Great Depression area federal relief program. Recreational Demonstration Areas were built across the country, largely near urban areas to combat unemployment and to provide recreational opportunities for poverty stricken urban poor. Work on the park also provided employment. Depression era job programs, including the Civilian Conservation Corps and Works Progress Administration contributed the labor to build the parks roads, cabins, lakes and other facilities. For decades, Chopawamsic RDA provided outdoor recreational and education opportunities to the urban youth of our nation's capital.

Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, and the United States entrance into the war, Chopawamsic RDA served as training grounds for covert operatives of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). A precursor to today's Central Intelligence Service, OSS was a highly secretive wartime agency that waged covert activities behind enemy lines during World War II. Chopawamsic's forests and cabin infrastructure located in a rural area just an hour from Washington, D.C. provided an ideal location to train spies for the war effort.

After the War, the Park was renamed Prince William Forest Park in 1948. Today, the Park provides miles of hiking and biking trails, camping, picnic spots and many programs for school aged children. Prince William Forest Park is truly one of the special natural resources in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

I encourage my colleagues to join with me in commemorating Prince William Forest Park's 75th Anniversary.

TO COMMEMORATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HADASSAH

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

Hadassah is a voluntary women's organization whose members dedicate their time to creating a stronger relationship with Israel, while ensuring Jewish continuity in the world. With over 300,000 members in total, they are one of the largest women's volunteer organizations in the world.

Hadassah was founded by Henrietta Szold in 1912, a woman whose life's work was shaped by the ignorance, injustice, and anti-semitism she faced every day. In founding Hadassah, Henrietta gave the Jewish people a means to unify and fight back against these trepidations and hatreds. Ultimately, she played an integral role in unifying Jewish people all over the world, something that was desperately needed in the midst of the Shoah (Holocaust).

From the time of its establishment, Hadassah has managed to accomplish many goals. In 1918, the organization sent medical units across the globe to provide American medical care to people of all races, creeds, and ethnicities. Hadassah was also instrumental in organizing the rescue of thousands of children during Germany's darkest years, bringing them to safety in the land of Palestine. This act, along with many others helped to further the development of the modern state of Israel.

The Hadassah Organization's humanitarian efforts have become a pivotal part of our society and should never be forgotten. I am honored to be speaking on the organization's behalf today, and on behalf of the thousands of people Hadassah managed to help over the last 100 years.

PROVIDING FOR AWARD OF GOLD MEDAL TO JACK NICKLAUS

SPEECH OF

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to a golf legend, devoted philanthropist, husband, father and grandfather, Jack Nicklaus. Known as "The Golden Bear," Jack Nicklaus has continually set an admirable example of excellence, not only emulated by generations of golf fans, but by those who value sharing their success by giving back to others. As someone who shares the experience of growing up in Central Ohio and attending The Ohio State

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