

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THAILA SCHUG HONORED FOR HER GOLD MEDAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE 2012 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA COMPETITION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Thaila Schug for her dedication to proving and showing patriotism in her community.

Thaila's essay was entered into competition by Unit 14, and she won the 2012 American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida gold medal for Class III (7th and 8th grade). Thaila wrote the winning essay, on the topic of "How Can I Show My Patriotism in My Community", while she was an eighth grader at St. Paul's Catholic School in St. Petersburg, Florida.

I want to express to my colleagues how very excited I am for Thaila and her tremendous accomplishment. She is a superb example of the student leaders developing in the 13th District of Florida, which I have the privilege to represent. It is with great pride that I congratulate her on this great occasion.

When you think of a patriotic deed, what do you think of? You may believe it's sacrificing your life in war or standing up for your belief and pride in our country, but our lives have been influenced by patriotism even in our own communities. American pride is American duty and only we can sustain that. Since our own people make it possible to celebrate America as it is today, we need to represent what we are in the action we undertake.

In my community, the simple actions are the most memorable. Patriotism in my community is shown by saying the Pledge of Allegiance every day before school and stopping to acknowledge the National Anthem at sports events and saluting and thanking those in our country who have served in the Army. Not only can these be ways to show one's patriotism, but I can show the pride I have in my country by collecting food and donations for the Salvation Army or by even giving clothes or help to those families who are struggling. In addition, folding the American flag at the end of school and singing the National Anthem before participation in sports are also ways that we can show our patriotism in our community. Also, many people in my community get together once a year to see football games like Army versus Navy. Just by showing your support for our troops in this way shows your appreciation for our country in a way you enjoy. It doesn't have to be an action you don't want to do. If you enjoy baking, you can give your neighbor cupcakes with American flags on top for Fourth of July or if your passion is playing an instrument, play for those who want to listen.

Not only can you show your patriotism in these ways, one way I showed my patriotism is when I went to my mother's work to see

our returning troops come home from war. It was so touching to see what people did for freedom, but what I didn't realize is that other workers were looking toward me with disbelief that I was there showing my country that I respect and thank our troops for every day they had served. Just by showing up, I revealed my patriotism to those returning home and to me that was the best way I could have shown it.

TRIBUTE TO ALVIN KEITH TERRY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to pay tribute to Alvin Keith Terry, posthumously, and the many contributions he has made as a dedicated citizen of Essex County and a committed professional to the improvement of healthcare for the people of Newark and the surrounding area.

Alvin spent more than 30 years at the University of Medicine and Dentistry (UMDNJ), rising to the role of Business Manager at the medical center. A product of the Newark Public Schools and a graduate of East Orange High School, Alvin later attended both Kean and Rutgers University. As a student and later as a young professional, Alvin's work ethic and keen sensibility to financial management laid the foundation for a career in business and for a long and impressive career at UMDNJ, working his way up through the ranks to become a chief executive at UMDNJ.

Alvin's career serves as a shining example to his children, his family and others, a myriad of ways to contribute to healthcare, aside from a career as a physician, nurse or clinical professional. Alvin's work and commitment contributed to UMDNJ, remaining not just in the community, but of the community. Alvin and my family, particularly my father, The Honorable Donald M. Payne, Sr., shared a love and commitment to healthcare and to UMDNJ. My father, and I at his side, hosted several Health and Wellness Expos at UMDNJ. My father's goal, my goal, and Alvin's goal was to ensure the very best in healthcare was available for the people of Newark and Essex County.

We salute Alvin and the Terry family, including his brother, Darrell K. Terry, Chief Operating Officer of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey and a former UMDNJ employee, who, along with many members of the Terry family, continue to make healthcare a career of choice and commitment. Under the tutelage of Alvin, the oldest Terry brother, the Terry family continues to have a pivotal role on healthcare in Essex County and in Newark. Alvin's imprint has left an indelible mark on healthcare in Newark and Essex County. On behalf of the people of Essex County and certainly the people of Newark, we are grateful. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I know my fellow members of the House of Representatives agree that Alvin Keith Terry, has been an integral part of the growth and development of UMDNJ, and healthcare in general, serving the people of Essex County and particularly, the people of Newark. This tribute recognizes his life's work, namely a stellar career and a personal commitment to improve the lives of others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I missed my connecting flight into Washington yesterday afternoon. As a result, I was absent from the House floor during last night's three rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 588, H.R. 291, and H.R. 507.

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SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 588, the Vietnam Veterans Donor Acknowledgment Act of 2013. This legislation will permit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to display and recognize donor contributions at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center. Other memorials located on the National Mall, including the MLK Memorial and FDR Memorial, include engraved walls of donors. By allowing recognition of major donors at the Visitor Center, this will allow the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to reach its goal of raising \$95 million in private funds to complete construction of the Education Center at the Wall.

It is in our national interest to make sure there is a place to properly honor the fallen and pay the proper respects to all Americans who so proudly display the values of honor, service and duty by wearing our country's uniform. The Education Center at The Wall will be just that place. Passing this legislation will help fulfill our responsibility to ensure that future generations understand the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have answered the nation's call to duty for more than 200 years, as well as the living legacy of service carried forward by today's military.

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