

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FORT PULASKI NATIONAL MONUMENT LEASE AUTHORIZATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2011

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support passage of S. 535, the Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act, which would allow the Savannah Bar Pilots 10-year leases for their operating base on Cockspur Island which they have used continuously in cooperation with the National Park Service since 1940. I also would like to thank Chairman HASTINGS and Chairman BISHOP for holding hearings and bringing this bill to the Floor today.

The Savannah Bar Pilots were founded in 1864, making them one of the nation's oldest pilots associations. Since then, they have helped Savannah grow into the nation's fourth largest seaport and fastest growing port on the East Coast. Bar Pilots assist cargo ships navigating the Savannah River and guide them 20 miles upriver to either the Georgia Port Authority's Garden City Terminal or Ocean Terminal, both of which make up the Savannah Port.

The Bar Pilots' expertise is essential in helping ships reach the terminals. Every cargo ship above 200 gross tons—which is nearly every ship that calls on the Port of Savannah—must have a bar pilot on board. After an incoming ship contacts the pilots and a meeting is established, the pilots depart from their operating base on Cockspur Island and are ferried on one of several pilot boats up to 12 miles offshore to the “pilotage grounds.” There they board the cargo ship and safely guide them through the channel. Cockspur Island is the ideal location for the operating base, situated just inside the mouth of the Savannah River separating the north and south channel. Other than this location, there is no other available land near the Savannah River entrance from which the pilot boats can quickly and efficiently reach the pilotage grounds in the Atlantic. If the pilots are forced to move, they would have to move inland, leading to longer transit times and ship delays, increased safety risks in stormy weather, and increased fuel usage. The Bar Pilots' use of the Park Service land is a unique situation in which the pilots provide a crucial public service and also act as good neighbors to one of Coastal Georgia's most treasured historic sites.

S. 535 will allow the Bar Pilots to have 10-year leases with the National Park Service. Bar Pilots have been using this land since 1940 under a Special Lease Permit agreement, sometimes having to renew the permit on a year-to-year basis. The National Park Service, the Bar Pilots, and local authorities have worked together to draft this language which will save all parties involved time and paperwork. Additionally, the language protects

the integrity of the park and Fort Pulaski National Monument. The language explicitly states that the rental fee paid by the Bar Pilots will be based on a fair market value and be subject to change by the Secretary of the Interior if property preservation, maintenance, or repair require increased outlays. This bill is identical to H.R. 4773, also titled the Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act, which passed the House during the 111th Congress.

I thank Chairman HASTINGS and Ranking Member LUJÁN for their support of S. 535, and I urge my colleagues to pass the bill.

HONORING JEREMIAH THOR
SANCHO

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 9, 2011

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of Jeremiah Thor Sancho, a Specialist with the United States Army, who laid down his life for our freedoms on October 13, 2011, while performing his duties in the Kandahar Province of Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mr. Sancho was a JRROTC Member and 2006 Graduate of Palm Bay High School, who honorably served his country as a member of the A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York.

Mr. Sancho's military decorations include: The Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Army Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, and the National Defense Medal.

Jeremiah, or “Jerry” as he was better known to friends and loved ones, is survived by his wife, RaiAnne Sancho; his loving parents Janet and Bernardo Diaz; Sister, Jaell Diaz; Brothers Bernardo “E.J.” Diaz, Jovon A. Diaz; Aunt, Darlene Caraballo; Uncle, Edward Anthony Izquierdo; Grand Parents, Edward Izquierdo, Enrique Diaz, Gary and Jeannie Boyer; Mother-in-law, Sharon Bocco; Father-in-law, Joe Bocco; Brother-in-law, Joseph Bocco; Sister-in-law, Catherine Bocco; and many more friends and family members. Several hundred people attended the memorial service that was conducted at the First Baptist Church of Melbourne in Melbourne, Florida on October 28, 2011.

Jerry will be remembered by those who admired him as a fun loving, avid comic-book fan, gamer, and budding artist. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

There's no greater honor than to lay your life down for another. Jeremiah T Sancho paid the ultimate sacrifice and we'll always remember him for that. We've lost another great

American, and he will be truly missed. Jerry is a true hero.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 9, 2011

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

December 6, 2011

Rollcall vote 889, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 10) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, and for other purposes—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 890, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 10) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, and for other purposes—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 891, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, To amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet—I would have voted “aye.”

December 7, 2011

Rollcall vote 892, On Motion to Instruct Conferees, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 893, On Motion to Close Portions of Conference, To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 894, On Motion to Instruct Conferees, Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 895, Johnson of Georgia Part B Amendment No. 2, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 896, Schrader of Oregon Part B Amendment No. 3, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 897, McCarthy of New York Part B Amendment No. 5, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

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Rollcall vote 898, Jackson Lee of Texas Part B Amendment No. 6, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 899 Moore of Wisconsin Part B Amendment No. 7, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 900, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, To amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 901, On Passage, To amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law—I would have voted “aye.”

December 8, 2011

Rollcall vote 902, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of H.R. 1633, the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 903, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of H.R. 1633, the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 904, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Synthetic Drug Control Act—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 905, On Approving the Journal—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 906, Rush of Illinois Amendment No. 1, On agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 907, Christensen of the Virgin Islands Amendment No. 2, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 908, Markey of Massachusetts Amendment No. 4, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 909, Waxman of California Amendment No. 5, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 910, Al Green of Texas Amendment No. 8, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 911, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, To establish a temporary prohibition against revising any national ambient air quality standard applicable to coarse particulate matter, to limit Federal regulation of nuisance dust in areas in which such dust is regulated under State, tribal, or local law, and for other purposes—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 912, On Passage, To establish a temporary prohibition against revising any national ambient air quality standard applicable to coarse particulate matter, to limit Federal regulation of nuisance dust in areas in which such dust is regulated under State, tribal, or local law, and for other purposes—I would have voted “aye.”

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 9, 2011

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. A beautiful Sunday morning on December 7, 1941 in O’ahu, Hawaii was darkened by a surprise and brutal attack on the United States Naval Station at Pearl Harbor.

More than 2,400 Americans lost their lives that day while over 1,200 suffered from injuries protecting not only the base and the country they loved. The attack led to the entry of the United States into World War II, the most transformative event of the 21st century. In addressing the Congress the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D.

Roosevelt said that “yesterday, December 7, [is] a date which will live in infamy.” Today we remember those who sacrificed their lives that day in the defense of our country and honor the patriots who continue to carry the memory of this day through their daily lives.

Mr. Speaker, the attack on Pearl Harbor brings back the same emotions we experienced on September 11, 2001. We were stunned, shocked, horrified, but united in our resolve to protect our homeland and defeat our adversaries. Long Beach, California, which is located in my district, played a critical role in this effort. It was one of the leading centers of military activity on the West Coast. Along the Pacific coast of Long Beach were several Navy shipbuilding and repair yards, Coast Guard stations, supply depots, and transport facilities. It is no exaggeration to state that Long Beach was a critical component of the “Arsenal of Democracy” that was the United States.

Mr. Speaker, the war that began on December 7, 1941 with the attack on Pearl Harbor ended on August 15, 1945, with Japan’s unconditional surrender. In keeping with our national character, the United States did not gloat in victory, extract reparations from a vanquished foe, or occupy and oppress a conquered people. Rather, the United States helped Japan rebuild its economy and transform itself into a great democracy. The peace treaty that was signed on September 2, 1945, on the decks of the U.S.S. *Missouri* ushered into being a friendship that grows stronger and more important with every passing year. Japan is now one of our strongest allies and major trading partners.

As we reflect on the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, let us remember the sacrifices of the men and women who perished that day in defense of the land we love.