

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JACQUELINE JACKS AS THE 2012 WASHINGTON COUNTY ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to recognize Jacqueline Jacks as the 2012 Washington County Rookie Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Jacks has impacted the lives of many through her contributions as Educator of Students with Exceptionalities. Above all, she has earned the fondness and respect of her students and the school community. Driven by her passion for teaching and her love for children, Ms. Jacks is a positive force behind each student's growth of mind, giving them the confidence, knowledge, and inspiration necessary for success.

Ms. Jack's childhood dream was to teach and inspire others, and it was not until after raising her three children that this dream came to fruition. Her story demonstrates that it is never too late to pursue your dreams; it continues to inspire her pupils and her three children, Taryn, Clinton, and Ashton.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Jacqueline Jacks on her achievement and contributions in the Washington County School District. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Ms. Jacks, and we wish her all the best.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300–132, the national debt was \$4,801,405,175,294.28.

Today, it is \$15,236,279,221,858.36. We have added \$10,434,874,046,564.08 dollars to our debt in 16 years. This is \$10 trillion in debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION RELATING TO DEBT LIMIT INCREASE

SPEECH OF

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.J. Res. 98 disapproving of President Obama's request to increase the statutory debt limit of the United States. Though, I voted against the original bill authorizing this request, the Budget Control Act, I stand firmly in opposition to any increase in the debt limit and have been opposed in increases since 2005.

Madam Speaker, reckless spending is crushing our economy. It must stop and we cannot continue to give a blank check with no strings attached to the powers that be. These powers, Republican and Democrat alike, have spent this country in to a fiscal catastrophe.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to eliminate duplicative programs, wasteful spending, and reforming the way Congress does business. For example, I have recently introduced the Citizen Legislator Act and the Biennial Budgeting Act. These bills are starting the dialogue to create the fundamental changes so desperately needed in Washington as demanded by our constituents. Congress must be honest with itself and honest with the American people when discussing the defining issue of our time.

HONORING VADM JAMES A. ZIMBLE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor VADM James A. Zimble, MC, USN, who passed away December 14, 2011 at age 78.

Throughout his career in the United States Navy, Admiral Zimble was unrelenting in his dedication to his country and fellow service members. After earning his degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Dr. Zimble joined the Navy in 1955. Completing an internship at St. Albans Hospital, Dr. Zimble decided to pursue undersea medicine and spent a tour aboard the fleet ballistic missile submarine USS *John Marshall*. The valuable skills he acquired there paved the incredible career that followed.

Dr. Zimble served as the CO of the Naval Regional Medical Center in 1978 before becoming the Medical Officer of the Marine Corps in 1981 and then the Fleet Surgeon for Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Most notably, VADM Zimble served as the Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy from 1987 to 1991,

where he presided over disestablishment of the Naval Medical Command and the return of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). In addition, Dr. Zimble managed the deployment of the hospital ships *Mercy* and *Comfort*, the Fleet Hospitals, and Medical Department personnel for the Gulf War.

Upon his retirement in 2004, Dr. Zimble moved to New London, Connecticut, where he lived with his wife Mona.

Admiral Zimble's commitment to the health of the military and their families touched the lives of millions. Please join me in honoring this extraordinary man.

RECOGNIZING DELANIE PRITCHARD AS THE 2013 WASHINGTON COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Delanie Pritchard as the 2013 Washington County, Florida Teacher of the Year.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." It is with great honor that I recognize Delanie Pritchard for her ability to not only teach, but to involve and engage those around her. The best teachers are those who not only educate, but those who strive every day to actively engage their pupils. Mrs. Pritchard embodies this spirit. She is an educator, a mentor, and a role model to those she serves.

Her greatness extends well beyond her title as Teacher of the Year—it lies in the hearts and minds of the students who have been deeply affected. Through her passion and dedication, Mrs. Pritchard has proven herself to be among Northwest Florida's finest teachers. The Washington County School District is honored to have her as one of its own.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Pritchard has taught in various capacities. Whether she was teaching in the classroom at Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys and Vernon Place juvenile facilities; teaching on the field as Physical Education Instructor at Hutchinson Beach Elementary, Surfside Middle School, and Roulhac Middle School; or teaching from behind a desk as Guidance Counselor at Roulhac Middle School, Mrs. Pritchard's impact in molding the minds of her students has been felt, not only by the educational system, but also by the entire community. Since 2004, Mrs. Pritchard has counseled and advised the students of Roulhac Middle School, and it is in this role that the Washington County School Board recognizes her for her outstanding contributions.

Mrs. Pritchard is also a proud wife and mother. She has been happily married for almost 25 years to Ross Pritchard, and they have two daughters, Meredith and Michelle. Her dedication to Northwest Florida and her family is commendable.

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Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Delanie Pritchard on her achievement and her exemplary service in the Washington County School District. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mrs. Pritchard, and we wish her and her family all the best.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS' WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 2011 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Women's Volleyball Team.

This talented group of young women truly represents the epitome of athleticism, dedication, and perseverance as the team placed 2nd in the country in the Division I NCAA Tournament. This marked the first time in history that this Illini organization has made it to the finals of this competition.

I would like to also congratulate Kevin Hambly, the head coach, as well as his fellow coaches and staff members who helped guide the 2011 Women's Volleyball Team to accomplish greatness. Mr. Hambly was recently named the National Coach of the Year by Volleyball Magazine. In addition, this publication named Michelle Bartsch as a first-team All-American and Colleen Ward as a second-team All-American. I would also like to note that 11 of the young women on the 2011 Women's Volleyball Team placed among the top 60 in each of their recruiting classes.

It is undeniable that the women on this team all serve as role models for community that I represent, and it is honors such as these that make me incredibly proud to call the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign my alma mater.

BLACK JANUARY IN AZERBAIJAN

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, as the Co-Chairman of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, I rise today to join with the people of Azerbaijan to commemorate the tragic events of "Black January."

On January 19, 1990, approximately 26,000 Soviet troops stormed Azerbaijan's capital city of Baku in tanks and armored vehicles. That night, the Soviet military bulldozed innocent Azeris and opened indiscriminate fire on peaceful demonstrators, including women and children. According to Azerbaijani sources, as a result of these merciless acts 131 people were killed, 611 were injured, 841 were arrested, and 5 went missing.

The Human Rights Watch report "Black January in Azerbaijan" states that "among the most heinous violations of human rights during the Baku incursion were the numerous attacks on medical personnel, ambulances, and even hospitals." The report concludes that the vio-

lence used by the Soviet Army constituted an exercise in collective punishment and that the punishment inflicted on Baku by Soviet soldiers may have been intended as a warning to nationalists, not only in Azerbaijan, but in other Republics of the Soviet Union.

In their honor, every January 20, thousands gather in Martyr's Cemetery in Baku to honor the dead and the nation's commitment to independence and freedom. In doing so, it is clear the victims of "Black January" did not perish in vain.

Far from crushing the spirit of Azeris, the atrocities of Black January instead consolidated the rising independence movements in the country and united the Azerbaijani nation in its quest for freedom. Today, Azerbaijan is a critical and strategic ally of the United States and is preparing to celebrate 20 years of diplomatic relations with the United States.

It is my honor to thank the Azerbaijani people for their friendship and to offer my thoughts and prayers to the families of those who gave their lives for the independence of Azerbaijan. I encourage my colleagues to visit the very moving memorial to Black January in Baku that honors the memories of those killed in these attacks by the Soviet military and to join with me today in standing with Azerbaijanis as they commemorate this tragedy.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTY PIPPIN AS THE 2012 WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Christy Pippin as the 2012 Washington County School District Related Employee of the Year. Christy Pippin is a Teacher's Aide for Kate M. Smith Elementary School in Washington County, where she has proudly served since 2000.

Mrs. Pippin's childhood dream was to teach, and at the early age of fifteen her passion was further ignited when she began work at a daycare. She continued inspiring and educating others throughout high school and college. In 2000, her dream to become a full time paraprofessional came to fruition as she began her work at Kate M. Smith Elementary School.

Christy Pippin's passion for and dedication to the students has impacted the lives of many. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mrs. Pippin, and we wish her, her husband Chris, and their two children, Sarah-Grace and Riley, all of the best.

DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION RELATING TO DEBT LIMIT INCREASE

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, it comes as no surprise that my colleagues on the other

side of the aisle are opening the second session of the 112th Congress by once again driving us to the brink of default. By voting to disapprove of the debt limit increase, the Majority is ignoring essential actions like extending the Payroll Tax Cut and unemployment benefits. The American people have called on Congress to create jobs, reduce the deficit, and grow the economy. Today's resolution does none of these and hurts the American economy by politicizing the debt limit increase. Now is the time for the House Majority to bring to the floor critical pieces of the President's American Jobs Act that would spur small business growth, rebuild our school and transportation infrastructure, and prevent layoffs in crucial jobs like teachers, firefighters, and police officers.

Vote "no" on this irresponsible legislation.

HONORING MS. ALEX VAN HOOF'S CLASS 1A CROSS COUNTRY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of a talented individual from Bloomington, IL. Alex Van Hoof recently placed 2nd in the class 1A Illinois cross country state meet. She finished the 3 mile course in an astounding 17 minutes and 18 seconds. This time also breaks her old record, which was the school record, by 9 seconds. I would also like to congratulate her coach Tom Engelhorn for his hard work with his team and with Alex. This young lady has represented herself, her school and her community in an exemplary fashion and I want to join with all the members of this House in wishing her continued success in her athletic and academic endeavors.

THE PULMONARY FIBROSIS RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to a cause of great importance, the fight against Pulmonary fibrosis. Pulmonary fibrosis is a disorder of the lungs that, over time, deprives its victims of their ability to breathe normally. An estimated 200,000 Americans currently suffer from Pulmonary fibrosis, and 48,000 additional cases are diagnosed each year. Sadly, the disease claims 40,000 lives every year, yet there is no known cause, and even worse, no cure. Despite the prevalence of Pulmonary fibrosis, it remains virtually unknown to the public.

That is why I was proud to cosponsor the Pulmonary Fibrosis Research Enhancement Act in the past, and why I believe it is important to do so again in the 112th Congress. This bill would require the creation of a National Pulmonary Fibrosis Registry to collect data, expand research for prevention, and generate much needed awareness for the individuals who suffer from Pulmonary fibrosis,

and the loved ones who care for them. It would also create a national advisory board that would report to Congress, convene a national summit, and foster greater coordination among federal agencies to better facilitate information in an effort to better understand the disease.

The Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis is a group of dedicated individuals who together

are working to raise awareness in the hopes that one day we can discover the cause of Pulmonary Fibrosis, as well as a treatment and cure. In August 2011, the Coalition held an inaugural walk/run to raise money for Pulmonary Fibrosis in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The event was a great success. Over 270 people participated, and they raised over \$28,000.

The Pulmonary Fibrosis Research Enhancement Act is a crucial step in the fight towards increasing public awareness and understanding of the disease. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this worthy cause, and this important piece of legislation.