

FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION

Authorizes 29 small flood damage reduction projects.

HURRICANE AND STORM DAMAGE REDUCTION AND SHORE PROTECTION

Authorizes the project Mississippi Coastal Improvements Program, Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties, Mississippi.

Authorizes the project West Onslow Beach and New River Inlet (Topsail Beach), Pender County, North Carolina.

Authorizes ten smaller projects for shoreline and streambank protection.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION AND PROTECTION

Authorizes the project for Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island Ecosystem Restoration Project, Chesapeake Bay.

Authorizes 31 smaller projects for aquatic ecosystem restoration and increases the per-project limit for small aquatic ecosystem restoration projects and small project modifications for improvement of the environment to \$10 million.

Authorizes the Corps of Engineers to upgrade the initial electrical barrier and implement additional barriers in and around the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to enhance efforts in keeping the Asian Carp from entering the Great Lakes.

Directs the Secretary to study the potential for hydrologic separation of the Mississippi River basin system and the Great Lakes basin at the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. Directs the Corps to develop a comprehensive plan for restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, in coordination with other Federal agencies and consistent with the Chesapeake Bay Agreement.

Directs the Corps to develop a comprehensive plan for carrying out ecosystem restoration projects within the coastal waters of the Northeastern United States.

STUDY AUTHORITY

Authorizes the Secretary to undertake more than 160 studies for potential future water resource projects, including potential projects for navigation, flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage reduction, environmental restoration, and water supply.

WATERSHED PLANNING

Increases the opportunities for the Corps to facilitate watershed planning and carry out watershed and river basin assessments.

Authorizes the Corps of Engineers to undertake a comprehensive water supply and allocation study for the State of Georgia.

CONGRATULATING ROGERS-LOWELL CHAMBER FOR RECEIVING FIVE-STAR U.S. ACCREDITATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce for receiving a five-star accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. There are 66 chambers in the country to hold this honor and it is the only chamber in Arkansas to earn this recognition, the U.S. Chamber's highest accreditation.

The chamber goes through accreditation every five years. This measures achievement and shows how to reach and maintain industry standards. Accreditation also provides a path to building effective chambers and helps

chambers effectively fight for business. The chamber received a perfect score on five of the nine sections of the review.

The Rogers-Lowell chamber received this award five years ago and is a great example for the state and the country. This honor truly reflects the chamber's enthusiasm and dedication to working on behalf of the Arkansas business community.

This is an honor in which few receive. I am very proud of the Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber for this accomplishment. I am confident the good work will continue and I look forward to celebrating and recognizing its future successes.

HONORING THE WILLIAM LADD CHAPTER OF VETERANS FOR PEACE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the William Ladd Chapter of Veterans for Peace for their 25 years of commitment to the cause of world peace.

Veterans for Peace was founded in 1985 and is comprised of veterans from all across the country. It includes men and women veterans of all eras and duty stations spanning the Spanish Civil War, World War II, the Korean, Vietnam, Gulf and current Iraq wars as well as other conflicts.

The founding and success of the Maine chapter of Veterans for Peace is a story of humanitarianism and cooperation based on collective experience. Twenty five years ago, several Maine Vietnam veterans drew up the organizational documents for what today has become a leading voice for peace in the Nation.

For 25 years, Maine Veterans for Peace have used their unique perspective as veterans to work toward increasing public awareness of the costs of war. They are a constant reminder that non-violent means of problem solving are not just possible, but necessary. They have tirelessly worked to restrain the government from intervening, overtly and covertly, in the internal affairs of other nations, to end the arms race and to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons, to seek justice for veterans and victims of war and to abolish war as an instrument of national policy. To achieve these goals, members of Veterans for Peace use non-violent means and maintain an organization that is both democratic and open.

With their 25th anniversary, the William Ladd Chapter of Maine Veterans for Peace has great cause for celebration. Their successful work and meaningful contributions to the State, the Nation and the world are immeasurable.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the William Ladd Chapter of Veterans for Peace for their outstanding work to change and bring peace to the world.

CONDEMNING TERRORIST ATTACKS IN KAMPALA, UGANDA

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1538, condemning the July 11 terrorist attacks in Uganda, which claimed over 70 lives, including an American citizen, and Delawarean, Nate Henn.

Nate was in Uganda working as a volunteer for Invisible Children, a group dedicated to ending the practice of child soldiers in war. Nate left University of Delaware in 2008 and had been working with Invisible Children ever since. The tribes he worked with nicknamed him "Oteka," which means "The Strong One" and from all the accounts of his work that I have read, he was more than deserving of that name.

This coordinated terrorist attack was both brutal and targeted, taking place in areas of Kampala where many Ugandans and others gathered to watch the World Cup games. This resolution rightfully calls on the administration to work with the international community to address the security threat emanating from Somalia, particularly the al Shabaab terrorist network, which claimed responsibility for these vicious attacks. I am hopeful that we can work together with the international community to eliminate extremism and promote stability and peace in Somalia, and throughout the region.

As a cosponsor of H. Res. 1538, I strongly support this measure and urge my colleagues to join me in condemning the July 11 terrorist attacks and honoring the victims, particularly Nate Henn.

PASSAGE OF NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, the House's endorsement of the National Criminal Justice Commission is a major victory as the bill moves towards final passage. My constituents believe a thorough examination of America's criminal system is needed, and I agree.

Our Nation has approximately 5 percent of the world's population, but roughly 25 percent of the world's prison population. About 1 of every 45 adults is currently behind bars, which is five times the world's average incarceration rate. These rates indicate inconsistencies and flaws within our judicial system. This must change.

African Americans are far more likely to be incarcerated for drug offenses than other groups. We represent only 12 percent of the U.S. population, but 74 percent of America's drug offenders who have been sentenced to prison. This must change.

If we fail to implement effective reform, our Nation will continue to spend more on prisons while depleting already financially stressed State budgets. As significantly, we will not make our communities safer or reduce high recidivism rates.