

Kentucky. I submit their names here for the record: Heather Livingstone, of Winneconne, Wisconsin; Suzie Smith, of Florence, Kentucky; Michele Tuchfarber, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Rebecca Bell, of Taylor Mill, Kentucky; Lisa Geiman, of Cold Spring, Kentucky; Julie Cowens, of Cold Spring, Kentucky; Amy Mobley, of Harrison, Ohio; Bridget Flanagan, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Kristin Polosky, of Bobtown, Pennsylvania; and Jessica Jenson, of Barberton, Ohio. I also recognize Assistant Coaches Brian Neal and Chris Gramke.

Mr. Speaker, in this era when we worry about role models for our children, I am proud to know these young women. They have proven that athletics can help instill values like hard work, discipline, and teamwork. I know that young people all over the Commonwealth and across the Nation will recognize the achievements of NKU Women's Basketball and follow their example. As for myself, I am looking forward to another exciting season of Norse basketball in 2000–2001.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE
UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

HON. CHRIS CANNON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce legislation to reauthorize the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. This spring will mark 7 years of success for the Museum, which is visited by millions of people each year through its acclaimed exhibitions, education opportunities, publications, and outreach programs. Created by a unanimous act of Congress in 1980, the Museum continues to receive strong support and recognition.

In addition to its primary mission of advancing and communicating knowledge of Holocaust history, the Museum offers an opportunity for its visitors to reflect upon the moral and spiritual questions raised by the Holocaust. The success of the Museum clearly demonstrates the public's deep interest in contemplating and gaining valuable lessons from the Holocaust.

Some of the key accomplishments that illustrate the exceptional success of the Museum over the past 7 years include:

Nearly 14 million visitors, of which 3.7 million have been children. In addition, 61 heads of state have visited, along with 2,000 foreign officials from 130 nations.

In response to public demand, the development of educational and scholarly outreach, with the Museum sponsoring travel exhibitions in 27 cities over the past several years.

Over 1.5 million visits to its web site each year.

Educational materials and programs serving 25,000 educators across the United States annually.

Recognition internationally as a center for Holocaust research and remembrance. There continues to be a dramatic growth in its collections, including more than 35,000 artifacts, 12 million pages of archival documents, 65,000 photographic images, oral histories from over 6,000 individuals, a library of over 30,000 volumes in 18 languages, and a renowned registry of Holocaust survivors and their families with a total of 165,000 listings.

Invaluable references service to the public, with the Museum's archival, photo, historian's office, and library staff responding to over 18,000 requests each year for information, guidance, and services.

These exceptional accomplishments clearly demonstrate the Museum's extraordinary adherence to public service and the success it has achieved both on the National Mall and across the United States. The passage of time continues to deepen the urgency and importance of the Museum's role in the United States and its powerful mission of carrying the legacy of Holocaust remembrance, education, and conscience forward into the 21st century. With its commitment to education and service, this Museum is key to strengthening our ability to understand history's painful lessons, to helping us overcome the worst of human impulses, and to improving our future.

As a member of the Museum's Council I am proud to introduce this legislation and I urge my colleagues to join me, and the 24 original cosponsors, in supporting the mission of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and its enduring role in our society.

THE U.S.S. "HOGA"

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce a bill which authorizes the use of a vessel to transport the naval harbor tug USS *Hoga* to Port Everglades, Florida, for use as a memorial to veterans and provide vocational seamanship training.

This bill will carry out the longstanding intent of Congress in preserving and protecting historic landmarks and national monuments. The USS *Hoga* is recognized by the United States Park Service as a national monument, and appears in the national register of historic places. Unfortunately, the USS *Hoga* is no longer seaworthy, and cannot safely be towed on the open sea. If towed through the water, it may fall apart, and we stand to lose this national monument forever. Thus, I encourage you, Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues here in Congress, to support this initiative that will allow a means to transport the USS *Hoga* on a transporter vessel, enabling the ship to arrive undamaged to the state of Florida.

Veterans have long been the thread holding together our nation, defining American independence, and ensuring American freedom. Despite the high concentration of World War II veterans in Florida, with the majority of them calling South Florida home, the state of Florida is the only coastal state without a commemorative World War II warship. This legislation will assist the USS *Hoga* Association in transporting the USS *Hoga* to its final resting place at the New River in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, in the next two decades, the last of the World War II veterans will have passed on. As an immobile World War II veteran, the USS *Hoga* will be a place for future generations to pay homage to those who fought bravely under the United States flag. The USS *Hoga* is indeed a national treasure, and will serve many additional uses in the state of Florida. Currently, boatyards are un-

deremployed, and fewer Americans consider a calling to defend our great country. In addition to being a memorial, the USS *Hoga* will be used to train students in seamanship duties and promote national defense by preparing young Americans for service in the United States Navy.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, let me say that I take a great deal of pride in the fact that South Florida boasts one of the nations highest percentage of World War II veterans. I would also like to commend the USS *Hoga* Association for the tremendous work and effort it has contributed to attain this goal. As we approach the 60 year mark commemorating the beginning of World War II, I ask that we fulfill a small request made by Florida veterans to aid them in transporting a tribute to those citizens who fought for our country.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill.

CONGRATULATING THOSE INVOLVED IN THE FLORENCE, WISCONSIN FOOD, FUN AND FITNESS SUMMER PROGRAM

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to offer my enthusiastic congratulations before the U.S. House to all those involved in the Florence, Food, Fun and Fitness Summer program. Their hard work and innovative efforts have improved the health of our young people and deservedly garnered accolades and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Sunshine Award for Child Development.

Everyone who is a part of the Food, Fun and Fitness program should feel a great sense of pride—not only for being honored by the USDA and others, but for genuinely enhancing the health and quality of life of our children. Thanks to this program, the kids involved have learned countless new life lessons, from a new understanding of the importance of food and where it comes from to the new friendships and wisdom they have shared with the seniors who have joined with them in this program.

This program is the direct result of a successful partnership between Florence Nutrition Program Educator Katie Tartar and the University of Wisconsin Extension, Florence School District, Florence Sheriff's Department, General Colin Powell and America's Promise, the Family Resource Center of Florence County, County Activity Co-op, Spread Eagle Sporting, the Master Gardener Association and the residents of Chapin Heights Apartments.

Mr. Speaker, the Florence Food, Fun and Fitness program is a shining example of what communities can achieve by bringing all their resources to bear in a common effort. It is a program I believe other American communities should look to and emulate.

To the folks in Florence, congratulations, thank you, and keep up the great work!