

LIEUTENANT ADAM W. BRYANT

**HON. THOMAS S. P. PERRIELLO**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2009*

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, today I recognize Lieutenant Adam W. Bryant of the United States Coast Guard, who went missing in a helicopter collision over the Pacific Ocean on October 29, 2009, along with eight fellow Coast Guard officers. My heart goes out to his parents, Jerry and Nina Bryant, his brother Ben, and all of those who knew and loved Adam. He is sorely missed by his friends, family, community, and fellow servicemembers.

Adam was a graduate of Kenston Forest School in Blackstone, Virginia, and the United States Coast Guard Academy. After completing his mandatory enlistment, he continued his service in the Coast Guard. He had served for 10 years. His family has described him as an intelligent, talented young man who knew from an early age that his calling was service to his country. I know that many will feel his loss deeply, for his accomplishments, his potential, and his role as a loving son, brother, grandson, and nephew. On behalf of Virginia's 5th District, I offer Adam's family my sincerest condolences and thank them for Adam's years of courageous and devoted service.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2009*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, today I missed rollcall vote No. 841, on a motion ordering the previous question on the rule for H.R. 3639, The Expedited CARD Reform for Consumers Act of 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on this rollcall vote.

## THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ISOTOPES PRODUCTION ACT OF 2009

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2009*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3276, the American Medical Isotopes Production Act of 2009. Currently a vast majority of our nation's critical supply of medical isotopes are imported from Canada and the Netherlands. Yet, unforeseeable and unpreventable disruptions and delays in obtaining the isotopes has severely impacted nuclear medical procedure throughout the country.

The American Medical Isotopes Production Act will enable research institutions, like Washington State University in my district, that already have reactors capable of producing low enriched uranium to supply a significant portion of U.S. demand for molybdenum-99 and other medical isotopes. The domestic production of moly-99 will ensure that facilities such as WSU can store isotopes necessary to continue treatment and early detection pro-

grams for cancer, heart disease, and thyroid disease.

Madam Speaker, this bipartisan bill not only will lower the cost and improve medical treatments here at home but it will be a significant step in reducing the United States reliance on foreign energy. The American Medical Isotopes Production Act is a fiscally responsible measure that makes the United States safer, more independent, and will provide hospitals across the country with the resources they need to continue to provide the best healthcare in the world. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3276, the American Medical Isotopes Production Act of 2009.

## HONORING HARRISBURG MASONIC LODGE #325 A.F. &amp; A.M.

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Harrisburg Masonic Lodge #325 A.F. & A.M. in Harrisburg, Illinois upon the dedication of their new facility on November 7, 2009. Additionally, I wish to congratulate them on their 150th anniversary.

The Harrisburg Lodge #325 was granted a charter by the State of Illinois Grand Lodge on October 5, 1859. The charter members were: Green Berry Raum, Worshipful Master; Moses P. McGehee, Senior Warden; Richard N. Warfield, Junior Warden; Benjamin Bruce, Treasurer; John W. Mitchell, Secretary; John S. Eubanks, Senior Deacon; Harvey R. Pearce, Junior Deacon; William G. Sloan, Senior Steward; Charles Nyberg, Junior Steward and Charles A. Towle, Tiler.

Born in Golconda, Illinois, Green Berry Raum led a life of continued service, was a member of the 40th Congress. Mr. Raum practiced law in Harrisburg, Illinois; served in the Union Army during the Civil War as a major in the Fifty-sixth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served in the 40th Congress.

Richard C. Davenport of Harrisburg Lodge #325 A.F. & A.M. became the Grand Master Mason of Illinois, overseeing all Masons in the state. His tenure in that position lasted from 1925 to 1926 and then served as Grand Secretary from 1928–1960. During his term, The Grand Lodge Secretary's office was in the Harrisburg Masonic Lodge, located on North Main and Walnut Streets.

The 2009 officers include Terry Mott, Worshipful Master; Don Leibenguth, Secretary; Richard D. Harper, Treasurer; Bruce Tolley, Senior Warden; Mark Mathis, Junior Warden; Mack Farmer, Senior Deacon; Raymond Gunning, Junior Deacon; Dave Businaro, Marshall; George Knight, Senior Steward; Kerry Jones, Junior Steward; Cameron Brown, Tiler and Lyndel Alexander, Chaplin.

I am pleased to recognize the Harrisburg Masonic Lodge #325 A.F. & A.M. on this special occasion. I extend my best wishes for an enjoyable rededication and grand opening.

## OPPOSING ANY ENDORSEMENT OR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS FACT FINDING MISSION ON THE GAZA CONFLICT

**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2009*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I am proud to be a cosponsor of this essential Resolution, unequivocally opposing any endorsement or further consideration of the Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict.

The United Nations report on the conflict in Gaza is reflective of the original mandate ordering its creation: biased and one-sided. Like all sovereign nations, Israel has not only a right, but moreover, an obligation, to ensure the safety and security of her citizens. Israel's military operation was in response to 8 years during which Hamas terrorists fired more than 10,000 rockets, mortars and missiles at Israeli towns and villages.

Despite these facts, and due to the original mandate that precluded it from drafting an objective report, the Commission concluded that Israel's defensive operation was a war on Gaza's civilian population. This claim is an outright distortion of the truth.

Throughout the Gaza Conflict, Israel went above and beyond—even putting itself at risk—to protect innocent Palestinian civilians. Specifically, Israel dropped leaflets and made phone calls to targeted Palestinian areas to warn citizens they were in danger, even if that meant losing the element of surprise and putting the lives of its own soldiers at risk.

This report ignores evidence that many civilian casualties were a result of Hamas routinely using Palestinian civilians as human shields. Eyewitness testimonies, video and Israeli intelligence reports show that during the operation, Hamas stored weapons in mosques, used hospitals as headquarters, and intentionally endangered Palestinian civilians.

As a member of the Congressional Taskforce on Israel at the United Nations, it troubles me to see yet another biased, unfair attack against the State of Israel. Not only is this report a disgrace to the mission of the United Nations, but it distracts us from the real issue at hand—achieving lasting peace in the Middle East. Israelis, Palestinians and the international community must not lose the focus of this important goal, and must continue working to fight terrorism and support peace.

## HONORING OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Oakdale Irrigation District upon celebrating its 100th anniversary.

In 1853 miners built a small diversion dam off of the Stanislaus River, upstream from Knight's Ferry, and began digging a canal along the right bank of the river to their gravel