

COMMENDING COMCAST MIAMI ON
COMCAST CARES DAY 2010

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Comcast Cares Day, an annual day of service that is one of the largest single-day volunteer efforts in the country. Comcast is an active and engaged member of the Miami-Dade community and supports its well-being through annual volunteer activities.

This year's event will be the ninth annual company-wide day of service. Since 2001, Comcast employees have given more than 500,000 hours of service to more than 725 non-profit community partners across the country. In recognition of the efforts of their employees, The Comcast Foundation has also contributed \$8 million to its community partners in support of their year-round work in our communities.

Comcast Miami has announced the Edgar J. Hall Special Populations Center as the recipient of Comcast Cares Day 2010. Edgar J. Hall Special Population Center is part of the City of Hialeah's Recreation and Community Services Department, which provides recreational programs for adults with disabilities, particularly the developmentally disabled. It is home to the largest Special Olympics delegation in Miami-Dade County.

On April 24th more than 600 employees and their families will start Comcast Cares Day at Bucky Dent Park in the City of Hialeah. Projects include the planting of a food garden, a grounds and building make-over, and new upgrades which will increase accessibility for the disabled.

I wish to recognize Comcast and their employees for their dedication to serving the community, and I congratulate the Edgar J. Hall Special Population Center and the City of Hialeah for being this year's beneficiary of Comcast Cares Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

For Tuesday, April 13, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 196 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1222), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 197 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1041), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 198 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1042).

For Wednesday, April 14, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 199 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1236), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 200 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4994), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 201 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3125), "no" on rollcall vote No.

202 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1249), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 203 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1246).

For Thursday, April 15, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 204 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1248, which provides for consideration of H.R. 4715), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 205 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1062), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 206 (on motion to refer H. Res. 1255, raising a question of the privileges of the House), "no" on rollcall vote No. 207 (on Shea-Porter amendment to H.R. 4715), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 208 (on motion to recommit H.R. 4715 with instructions), "no" on rollcall vote No. 209 (on passage of H.R. 4715), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 210 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1242), "no" on rollcall vote No. 211 (On motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4851, the Continuing Extension Act).

HONORING ARTHUR E. KATZ

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Arthur E. Katz, a 1963 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy and a longtime resident of Sandy Springs, Georgia. As I'll explain in a moment, tomorrow, April 23, 2010, is a very special day for Arthur. But first, allow me to tell you a bit more about this man who has lived a quintessentially American life.

After his graduation from the Academy, Arthur Katz served with distinction in the United States Coast Guard, eventually rising to the rank of Lieutenant, Junior Grade. In 1965 and 1966, he was stationed in Vietnam as the Commanding Officer of the USCGC Point Cypress. While some here today may not know it, the duties of the Coast Guard often take its men and women far from American shores.

For his leadership at the helm of the Point Cypress, Arthur received the Bronze Star, one of our nation's highest military honors. Arthur's Bronze Star was accompanied by the Combat Distinguishing Device in particular recognition of his masterful handling of the Point Cypress in a vicious firefight with several Viet Cong junks in June of 1966. His quick thinking and well executed strategy led to the destruction or disabling of all enemy craft in that action without a single American casualty.

Arthur later returned to civilian life, earning an MBA from Rutgers University and running his own small business. He has volunteered countless hours for the local community over the years, including his time on the Board of the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta and as the President of Emanu-El synagogue in Sandy Springs. Today, he and his wife of forty-six years are the proud forebears of three children and seven grandchildren.

And tomorrow, on April 23, 2010, Arthur will be inducted into the Wall of Gallantry at the United States Coast Guard Academy. According to the Academy's own description, the Wall of Gallantry provides "a regular reminder to Cadets and the public of the scope of responsibilities and sacrifice demanded of Coast Guard officers throughout history."

So even as he is recognized for his distinguished service in the Coast Guard, Arthur Katz will continue to serve as an inspiration to future generations of Coast Guard officers. This is a fitting and much deserved honor for a man to whom we all owe an enormous debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid.

Arthur Katz has exemplified the American spirit in service to his country, his community, his family, and his faith. Such a life carries an honor all its own, and it is my distinct privilege to recognize him here today.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH AD-
VISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF
SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009-2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

American history, a resonant prize of the past, is a call to duty for the future. The leaders who established freedom in America have been succeeded by equally adroit and faithful men and women. One such individual is the retired Colonel Bill Knudsen, who served in the Air Force for 23 years, spanning the Vietnam and the Cold Wars. The recipient of six Air Medals, Mr. Knudsen flew along Vietcong trails to monitor sensors, directed flights in Thailand, and spent three