

Major General David F. Wherley, Jr., and his successor, Major General Errol Schwartz, who suggested that education grants would be useful in stemming the troublesome loss of members of the D.C. Guard to other units, in part because surrounding states offer such educational benefits to their Guards. I am grateful that the Appropriations Committee has provided funds in some years, most recently in 2010. Authorizing funding is necessary to ensure that D.C. National Guard members receive the same treatment and benefits as other National Guard members, especially those in states which provide the higher education benefits we seek for D.C. National Guard members. The Guard for the Nation's Capital has a severely limited ability to compete for the pool of regional residents, who find membership in the Maryland and Virginia Guards more beneficial. A competitive tuition assistance program for the D.C. National Guard will provide significant incentives and leverage to help counteract declining enrollment and level the field of competition. The D.C. National Guard is a federal instrument that is not under the control of the mayor of the District of Columbia, which we are trying to change for local emergencies. The federal government supports most other D.C. National Guard functions and should support this small benefit as well.

The small education incentives in my bill would not only encourage high-quality recruits, but would have the important benefit of helping the D.C. National Guard to maintain the force necessary to protect the federal presence, including Members of Congress and the Supreme Court, and visitors if a terrorist attack should occur. I am pleased to introduce the bill based on the advice of Guard personnel, who best know what is necessary.

It is especially important for the D.C. National Guard to be able to attract the best soldiers, given the unique mission it has to protect the federal presence here, in addition to D.C. residents. This responsibility distinguishes the D.C. National Guard from all other National Guards. The D.C. National Guard is specially trained to meet its unique mission.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

CONGRATULATING JAN GONG

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent Jan Gong and congratulate her as she is named a finalist in the Intel Science Talent Search 2011. The Intel Science Talent Search is America's most prestigious science competition for high school seniors. Jan is one of only 40 finalists nationwide.

Jan's project, "The Effect of High Glucose Levels On Morphine Signaling in *Mytilus Edulis*: Novel Implications for the Treatment of Obesity and Diabetes," studied the addictive nature of sugar by using blue mussel as an animal model and found that high levels of glucose can regulate morphine receptors and cause morphine release, suggesting that sugar can be addictive. She also found that high levels of glucose can greatly increase the release of nitric oxide (NO), whose metabolites can contribute to vascular damage, but that naloxone, which counteracts the effects of morphine, and L-NAME, a NO synthase inhib-

itor, can block the effect of glucose on NO release.

As a student at Garden City High School, Jan has participated in numerous science research programs including, Columbia University Science Honors Program, Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY), Research Science Institute and Intel Science Talent Search. In addition, Jan has perfect SAT score, is first in her class of 275 at Garden City High School where she is captain of both the math team and the varsity fencing team, president of the Latin Honors Society, and principal cellist in the chamber orchestra. She has been recognized by the National Honor Society, American Chemistry Society, and Latin Honors Society and is a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist.

As a senior member of the Education and Workforce Committee, I am truly impressed by Jan's accomplishments. I am pleased to see that Jan values not only her education, but also service and volunteerism within her community. In her spare time, Jan volunteers at the Winthrop University Hospital, arranges concerts at nursing homes and helps her fellow students as a peer tutor. Jan also expresses a deep affinity for the arts as an accomplished cellist. She has performed as the Principal Cellist with the Metropolitan Youth Concert Orchestra and has received perfect scores for five consecutive years during her participation with the New York State Scholastic Music Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride and admiration that I offer my congratulations to Jan Gong and commend her dedication to education and science.