

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREECE'S INDEPENDENCE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, today, as we commemorate the 190th anniversary of Greece's independence, we not only reaffirm the ties that link our two great nations together as allies, but we also honor the accomplishments of so many Greek Americans who have made their home in New Hampshire and their immeasurable contributions to the Granite State.

One such Greek American who has dedicated his life to enhancing our community through public service is my friend, Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas. Throughout his service as an Alderman, State Senator, and Mayor, he has dedicated his life to ensuring that we leave a better state to our children and grandchildren. Mayor Gatsas embodies the hard work, dedication, and fortitude that so many Greek Americans exemplify in our community.

This is a great day for Mayor Ted Gatsas, his wife Cassandra, and all Greek Americans who call New Hampshire home. I wish him the very best and many more years of service to our state.

LYCOMING COLLEGE BICENTENNIAL CHARTER DAY

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Bicentennial Charter Day of Lycoming College. Chartered on April 2, 1811, Lycoming College is a national liberal arts and science institution located in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The College is one of the fifty oldest colleges in the nation.

Lycoming College was founded in 1812 as the Williamsport Academy for the Education of Youth in the English and other Languages, in the Useful Arts, Science and Literature. From its inception, the Academy educated both men and women, and has provided students with financial aid.

The Reverend Benjamin Crever is credited with founding Lycoming College. Crever was a circuit-riding Methodist preacher who alerted the Baltimore Conference to the sale of the Academy, and in 1847 the Baltimore Conference purchased the Academy, subsequently opening the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary. Of the four schools Rev. Crever founded, Lycoming is the only one left operating as an educational institution.

During the term of the school's ninth President, Dr. John W. Long, Lycoming College be-

came an accredited institution. In 1929, Williamsport Dickinson Seminary became the first accredited junior college in Pennsylvania, taking the name Williamsport Dickinson Junior College. The College then became a four-year college of the liberal arts and sciences in 1947, still under the leadership of Dr. Long. Lycoming College took its name in 1947 with reference to the local county and Native American word meaning "great stream."

In 1989, Lycoming College President Dr. James E. Douthat ushered in an era of increased enrollment and revised curriculum. Today, the school has more than 16,000 alumni and is recognized as a tier-one institution by U.S. News and World Report. Lycoming College provides undergraduate education to more than 1,400 students, offering over 30 majors culminating in a Bachelor's Degree of either Arts or Sciences.

Mr. Speaker, as a graduate of Lycoming College, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor this institution of higher learning on the anniversary of its Bicentennial Charter Day. Lycoming College's commitment to education for all, regardless of gender or financial situation, is to be commended. The College has continued to grow in influence and educational prowess since the Charter on April 2, 1811.

COTTONWOOD INC. AND ABILITYONE

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Ms. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, the first priority of this Congress must be getting the American people back in the work place. I rise to support one program that is doing just that.

Today in Lawrence, Kansas the men and women at Cottonwood Inc., are manufacturing tie-down straps that our military uses to secure cargo in trucks, humvees, planes, ships and any other means of transportation.

But what makes Cottonwood particularly noteworthy, isn't just that they have been awarded the gold medal for excellence from the Defense Logistics Agency for 9 consecutive years, but that through the AbilityOne program many of the men and women assembling and packaging the tiedown straps have developmental disabilities.

The AbilityOne program provides employment opportunities to those who have severe disabilities by directing the Federal Government to purchase products and services from participating community-based nonprofit agencies that are dedicated to training and employing individuals with disabilities.

The Kansans employed through this program are making significant contributions as citizens to our armed services and are productive members of the Lawrence community.

I proudly support Cottonwood, the AbilityOne Program and its workers in Kansas

for making a difference in unemployment among people with disabilities both in Kansas and throughout the country.

HONORING MR. SANFORD BEECHER

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Mr. Sanford Beecher to celebrate 50 years of practicing law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Sanford D. Beecher, Jr. was born on August 13, 1932. "Sandy" as he is more commonly known, was raised in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania and attended The Episcopal Academy.

After high school Sandy attended Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts. Upon graduation from Amherst, Sandy served our country in the U.S. Army's European Occupation of Germany from 1954-1956. After returning home, Sandy enrolled in the law program at the University of Pennsylvania, being admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1961.

Sandy began his law career at Duane Morris & Heckscher in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, being admitted to the bar in 1961. Today he is "of counsel" to Klemeyer, Farley & Bernathy LLC in Milford, Pennsylvania.

Sandy married Sally Coder in 1954, and is the proud father of five children: Sharon, Susan, Sanford III, Stacey, and Sarah, and has been blessed with eleven grandchildren: Ryan, April, Tess, Gabe, Luke, Christian, Corey, Clayton, Emily, Claire, and Julia.

Sandy is an active member of the community having served as President of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, the Pike County Ducks Unlimited, and the Pike County Bar Association. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Mercy Community Hospital and is an active member of The Church of the Good Shepherd, St. John the Evangelist.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sandy Beecher on his 50 year law career and ask my colleagues to join me in praising his commitment to his family, his community, and our nation.

KATHERINE MOORE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Katherine Moore for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Katherine Moore is a 8th grader at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Katherine Moore is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and

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perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Katherine Moore for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING THE SERVICE
OF MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM D.
RAZZ WAFF

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major General William D. Razz Waff, who was promoted from Brigadier General to Major General by the United States Army Reserve on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

MG Waff began his military career by attending the Virginia Military Institute and then the University of Mississippi, where he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Music Degree in 1976. He was commissioned through the Ole Miss Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Regular Army branch as a Distinguished Military Graduate Second Lieutenant in the Adjutant General's Corps. MG Waff served in active duty for four years at Fort Jackson, South Carolina: as the Executive Officer of the Advanced Individual Training Company; as Battalion Adjutant for the 11th Battalion, 4th Advanced Individual Training Brigade; as Executive Officer and Commander for the Fort Jackson Headquarters Company; and as Executive Officer/Adjutant of the Military Enlistment Processing Station.

After his service in active duty, MG Waff joined the United States Army Reserve. He has served in a number of commendable leadership positions across the country, which include: Training Officer of the 477th Personnel Service Company; G1 for the 1st Brigade, 85th Division; command of the Second Simulation Group, 1st Brigade, 85th Division; Chief of Staff of the 88th Regional Readiness Command; and Brigadier General for the Deputy Commanding General of the 99th Regional Readiness Command.

Major General Waff is a decorated hero with numerous accolades, which include: the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters; the Army Achievement Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster; the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with the Gold Hourglass Device; the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, and the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal.

Currently, MG Waff is the Commanding General of the 99th Regional Support Command, where he is responsible for administrative, logistical, and facility support for more than 46,000 Army Reserve Soldiers in 439 units at 361 USAR centers and maintenance facilities in 13 states. Prior to his current duty assignment, MG Waff was the Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army Human Resources Command in Fort Knox, Kentucky, Alexandria, Virginia, and St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in recognizing Major General William D. Razz Waff for his commendable dedication in protecting and serving the United States of America.

KAREN VILLAGRANA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Karen Villagrana for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Karen Villagrana is a 11th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Karen Villagrana is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Karen Villagrana for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS
ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I don't believe anyone in this House supports truly duplicative or redundant regulation—and we should all be prepared to eliminate the headache and expense of unnecessary red tape wherever we find it. But that's not what's happening here.

In 2009, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit found in the National Cotton Council vs. EPA case that pesticides are pollutants whose discharge into our waterways is governed by the Clean Water Act. Today's legislation proposes to overturn that ruling and exempt pesticides from the Clean Water Act on the grounds that pesticides are already subject to registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

FIFRA registration is conditioned upon a finding that an approved pesticide "will not generally cause unreasonable adverse effects on the environment". While FIFRA registration weighs the costs and benefits of pesticide use nationally, it does not involve local assessments. For example, it does not consider whether a waterway is used for fishing or for swimming—or whether a waterway is already impaired. Indeed, with over 1000 waterways in the United States currently known to be impaired because of pesticide contamination, it is manifestly clear that FIFRA registration alone has not been sufficient to protect our nation's water.

For that reason, while I support efficient and effective regulation, I do not believe that exempting pesticides from the Clean Water Act is the answer to making sure our citizens have access to clean water. I urge a no vote.

JUDITH GONZALEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Judith Gonzalez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Judith Gonzalez is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Judith Gonzalez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Judith Gonzalez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS ON U.S.-TURKEY RELATIONS AND TURKISH AMERICANS

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Caucus on U.S.-Turkey Relations and Turkish Americans of which I am proud to serve as Co-Chair with Congressmen ED WHITFIELD, STEVE COHEN and GERRY CONNOLLY.

The Congressional Caucus on U.S.-Turkey Relations and Turkish Americans, otherwise known as the Turkish Caucus, was established nearly a decade ago by Representatives WHITFIELD, KAY GRANGER, and Robert Wexler to provide a platform for members of Congress to foster dialogue with our staunch ally, the Republic of Turkey, and in recognition of the valuable contributions made by Americans of Turkish descent to our society.

The Turkish Caucus and the Turkish Coalition of America, an educational organization serving to advance understanding on U.S.-Turkish issues, will be celebrating this important milestone today with a "Turkish Caucus Day."

The Turkish Caucus, established by two dozen members a decade ago, has grown into a formidable bipartisan caucus. In the last Congress, over a quarter of the total membership of the House had joined the Turkish Caucus. Today, in the 112th Congress, it has 106 members.

The important friendship between the United States and Turkey has proven enormously important since the beginning of the Cold War