

Swanson. His tour of duty took him around the globe and included the Mediterranean, the Pacific and the Atlantic. Randy was discharged in 1946.

After serving his nation, Randy returned to his job in Warm Springs. While there, he met the love of his life, Sarah Leverett. They were happily married for 46 years until she passed away in 1993. Randy has two children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Randy worked at the Warm Springs foundation for 47 years. During the time he was there, Randy worked as a grocery store clerk and manager, food buyer, chef, purchasing agent and even managed a golf course in his spare time. Additionally, he served on the county school board for 10 years.

Currently residing at the Elmcroft of Roswell Senior Living Community, Randy has continued to attend to the needs of his friends and neighbors. For three years running, Randy has been voted by his peers as Valentine King. He currently is President of "The Elmcroft Elder Statesman."

On June 3 of this year, Randy will celebrate his 90th birthday. For all of his years of service to our community and nation, the people of Georgia's Sixth District sincerely thank him.

TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR  
KENNETH M. QUINN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn for being named the twenty-third recipient of the Iowa Award by Iowa Governor Terry Branstad. This is a remarkable and well-deserved achievement for one of the finest citizens in Iowa's 168 year history.

The Iowa Award is the highest citizen award attainable from our great state. Established in 1948 by Governor Robert Blue and the Iowa Legislature, the Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation bestows the Iowa Award approximately every half decade through a self-financed event. The foundation was created "to encourage and recognize the outstanding service of Iowans" in numerous fields and to recognize the "merit of their accomplishments in Iowa and throughout the United States."

Knowing Ambassador Quinn and counting him as a close friend, I can think of no more deserving Iowan to be formally recognized for his service to our state, nation, and world as a whole. Kenneth will formally join this elite class of Iowans, including President Herbert Hoover, Dr. James Van Allen, Vice President Henry Wallace, and Dr. Norman Borlaug, when Governor Branstad presents Ambassador Quinn with the Iowa Award at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates in Des Moines later this month.

Mr. Speaker, I have lauded Ambassador Quinn's astounding biography, service, philanthropy, and heroism previously in this hallowed chamber and I am privileged to reiterate that sentiment today. Ambassador Quinn has dedicated his life and his talents to assisting those in all corners of the globe and words cannot express the extent of his positive impact left on his colleagues, the State of Iowa, and countless individuals around the world. It

has been one of the greatest honors of my career to represent and assist Kenneth in all that he does and his selection by Governor Branstad to receive the Iowa Award is affirmation that I am far from alone in my effusive praise and appreciation. I invite my fellow Members of Congress to join me in thanking Ambassador Quinn for his decades of unwavering service and to congratulate him as the people of Iowa proudly count him among our state's most storied and influential citizens.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF ELAINE JANSON

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Elaine Janson, a true leader in our community who has served China Lake for over thirty years and the past ten years of her life to the students of the Sierra Sands Unified School District in California.

Receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and a Masters in Public Administration from California State University, Bakersfield, Elaine began work as a clerk for the Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) China Lake, located in Ridgecrest, California. In 1974, she became an administrative officer in the School of Education and the Department of Physics at the University of Southern California, but returned to NAWS China Lake in 1978 to head the Corporate Budget Division in the Office of the Comptroller where she was responsible for formulating and executing the base's budget of \$1 billion.

Through the Office of General Counsel, Elaine founded the Commercial Applications and Transfer Office, which was responsible for negotiating patent license agreements, as well as cooperative research and development agreements. She was awarded the Commander's Award in 1993 for these efforts. She negotiated landmark agreements in both the intellectual property and educational partnership areas as well for NAWS. Elaine is also a founding member of the NAWS Business Development Office, which works to expand the base's work and bring additional jobs and business to our community. During this period, she was a founding member of the China Lake Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptroller, serving as its Vice President, and has been members of multiple other organizations, including the Federal Laboratory Consortium, the Technology Transfer Society and the Association of University Technology Managers. Not only did Elaine dedicate time serving NAWS, she also plays a leadership role in the Ridgecrest community, serving on the Ridgecrest United Way of California board and the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association. She retired after 33 years in Federal service with the United States Navy, but Elaine's passion for service did not end there.

Elaine has spent the last ten years with Sierra Sands Unified School District where she began in 2003 as the Chief Financial Officer. Later, she moved on to serve as the school district's Assistant Superintendent for Business and Assistant Superintendent for Construction.

Over the period of her tenure, she not only oversaw the district budget, but also supervised maintenance and operations, transportation, food service, and warehouse departments. Her work with Superintendent Joanna Rummer also helped secure significant Federal funds to replace Murray Middle School and modernize Burroughs High School to ensure our students are able to obtain a world-class education in modern buildings. Additionally, during a period in which the entire nation experienced one of the worst economic climates, Sierra Sands Unified School District remained fiscally solvent and maintained the integrity of its outstanding academic programs.

If anything personifies Elaine's service, it is her passionate advocacy for her students in the school district. I have enjoyed working with Elaine to promote Sierra Sands Unified School District, its students, and our Ridgecrest community. I will miss our frequent visits and the See's Candies that Elaine always brings with her, but I know she is looking forward to spending more time with her husband, James, and their 14 children and grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful community, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Elaine for her outstanding service and wishing her a happy retirement as she begins this next chapter of her life.

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4435) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Chair, I rise to thank Chairman MCKEON and Ranking Member SMITH for agreeing to include three of my amendments into this en bloc package. Those amendments are numbered "43", "81", and "140", respectively.

Grayson Amendment No. 43 will reinsert a worthwhile provision from the introduced version of H.R. 4435, requested by the Department of Defense, that was omitted from the bill text marked up in committee.

This amendment provides the authority and discretion necessary to return personal property that is retained as evidence in connection with an investigation into a sexual assault involving a member of the Armed Forces.

After the conclusion of all legal, adverse action, and administrative proceedings related to an incident, should a victim desire to have certain personal belongings returned to him or her, our Armed Forces will now have the ability to fulfill that request.

As we all know, one of the primary goals of the American judicial system is to produce outcomes that will "make the victim whole." Sometimes, Madam Chair, one important thing that we can offer a victim is to return items that he or she may cherish, which may have