

OFFICER FRIENDLY RICHARD
ZIPP—TEXAS LAWMAN, U.S. MA-
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HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, throughout his law enforcement career, fellow Texas officers called him “Officer Friendly.” He spent his entire life in service to America.

Richard Zipp was born in Florida in 1949. He spent his youth in Albany, New York, with his mom, three younger brothers, and aunt and uncle. He moved to Ingleside, Texas, in 1966 and lived with the Harvey Family. He graduated from Ingleside High School in 1968.

Richard served America in combat in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War (1968–1972). He was a platoon sniper and was shot in the shoulder on April 11, 1969. He was later awarded the Purple Heart. Richard was never bitter about the war, but he was proud to serve as a United States Marine.

While in the Marines, he also played TAPS for burials at sea for Marines and sailors on U.S. Naval Ships. When he was honorably discharged from the Marines in 1972, he had already graduated from the International Chief of Police Academy at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Richard joined the Houston Police Department, where he served 20 years in the Houston Police Department Honor Guard continuing to play TAPS for fallen Texas Peace Officers. Richard marched in the Honor Guard for the inauguration of President George Bush Sr., carrying the Texas flag. He participated in the Honor Guard ceremonies for National Police week in Washington, D.C. and Texas.

It was while Richard was on patrol for HPD that he met his wife Nelda.

Richard also found time to be Director of Security for Houston Theater Under the Stars.

After leaving the Houston Police Department, Richard joined the Harris County Texas Sheriff Department where he continued his service in the Honor Guard. He also served as bailiff in the courts, including my court when I was a judge. This is where “Officer Friendly” took care of court security and looked after the jury during trials. His demeanor with juries made them at ease and made them realize their importance to our justice system.

Richard retired in 2003 and he and Nelda moved to Georgetown, Texas. He joined the Williamson County Sheriff’s Department and was Sergeant over courthouse safety and security. Finally, he retired in 2003 after 35 years in law enforcement.

Somewhere along the way, he volunteered to be in charge of security at the weddings of my four children.

Richard and Nelda were active members of the Georgetown Church of Christ, always taking time to visit seniors. He also had a special fondness for the Cherokee Home for Children.

Officer Friendly spent a lot of time helping veterans. He was a member of the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and the American Legion.

Late last year, Richard was diagnosed with cancer. He knew his days were numbered, but had an amazing attitude about it all. He said, “I can wear pain but I’d rather wear peace.”

When I talked to Richard, he was always the positive guy. He let me know that since he

was a Christian, he was anxious to see the Lord.

Officer Zipp died last week.

Last Saturday was Richard’s funeral. His neighbors decorated his front lawn with numerous American flags in his honor. Both the Houston Police Department, Honor Guard and the Harris County Sheriff’s Department Honor Guard helped to conduct the very moving ceremony.

Richard was proud of his service as a Marine.

Richard was proud to be married to Nelda.

He was proud to wear the several badges of a Texas Peace Officer.

He was proud to be an American.

Richard was the true patriot.

TAPS has been played for the final time. This time it was for “Officer Friendly.”

Semper Fi, Richard Zipp, Semper Fi.

And that’s just the way it is.

**UKRAINE CYBERSECURITY
COOPERATION ACT OF 2017**

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SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1997, the “Ukraine Cybersecurity Cooperation Act,” legislation that will lead to greater cooperation between the United States and Ukraine on matters of cybersecurity and require State Department reporting to Congress on best practices to protect against future cyber-attacks.

In recent years, Ukraine has been the target of an increasing number of cyber-attacks that have infiltrated state institutions and critical infrastructure to the effect of undermining its democracy.

It is past time we step up to work with our ally Ukraine in furtherance of our mutual interest in cyber security, the modern battlefield.

Ukraine is a frontline for nation state-directed cyber-attacks, which are potential harbingers of attacks on the United States.

Helping Ukraine strengthen its cyber defenses will not only protect Ukraine from future attacks, but it will also help the United States develop new and more effective technologies and strategies.

As a former member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I am pleased to stand in support of the effort to advance the strategic interests of both the United States and Ukraine on a bipartisan basis.

Cybersecurity is a complex and serious national and economic security issue for any nation.

For years, Ukraine has been under siege from nation-state cyber-attacks that have sought to weaken its government and undermine hopes for an open and democratic society.

The United States must play an important role in this fight.

By not adequately responding and adapting to these cyber-threats in Eastern Europe, our nation is both letting down an ally as well as failing to take proactive steps to protect itself.

Standing strong with our trusted allies in the cause of freedom is liberty’s best defense.

I am proud to work with my colleague, Congressman BOYLE, in encouraging cooperation

between the United States and Ukraine on this front, and look forward to continuing to work with members of the Foreign Affairs Committee to keep our focus on this 21st century battle.

I urge all Members to support H.R. 1997, the “Ukraine Cybersecurity Cooperation Act.”

**COLORADO THIRD CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT 2018 OLYMPIANS TRIB-
UTE**

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the athletes from Colorado’s Third Congressional District who are competing in the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea. The dedication, passion, and spirit of these 21 men and women prove that they are some of the best our nation has to offer, and they serve as a model for young adults all around the world. I am proud to recognize these athletes for their impressive achievement:

Competing in Alpine Skiing: David Chodounsky, Wiley Maple, Alice McKennis, and Mikaela Shiffrin;

Competing in Bobsled: Nathan Weber;

Competing in Cross-Country Skiing: Simi Hamilton and Noah Hoffman;

Competing in Freestyle Skiing: Aaron Blunck, Alex Ferreira, Gus Kenworthy, Keaton McCargo, and Torin Yater-Wallace;

Competing in Nordic Combined: Ben Berend, Bryan Fletcher, Taylor Fletcher, and Jasper Good;

And competing in Snowboarding: Mick Dierdorff, Arielle Gold, Hagen Kearney, Jake Pates, and Meghan Tierney.

While I am here to acknowledge the athletes that hail from my home district, I would like to thank every member of Team USA for their continued contribution to their sports and communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize each of these accomplished athletes. Their talent, hard work, and commitment has allowed them to compete on an international platform and I have no doubt they will make our nation proud. I want to thank them for representing the United States and Colorado’s Third Congressional District and I wish them luck as they prepare for their upcoming competitions.

**HONORING LESSIE MOSES OF
MILTON, WEST VIRGINIA**

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Lessie Moses. Lessie, who just turned 98 years old this past November, served as a Rosie the Riveter during World War II, working on airplanes in Ohio. Lessie was born and raised in her beloved hometown of Milton and is the oldest of nine children.

Lessie was part of the workforce that carried the nation while the men were at war, providing the warfighter the equipment they needed to get the job done. Lessie answered the

call when their nation asked and served in 1943 and 1944 on the home front to make sure our troops were well equipped. Lessie is a local pioneer of the Rosie movement in my district, and I am honored to recognize her achievements and help keep this history alive. We owe a debt of gratitude to all of the heroes of World War II.

May God bless Lessie, and I thank her for all she has done for the people of the great state of West Virginia and her community of Milton, and for her service to our nation.

**PROSECUTION OF PERPETRATORS
OF GENOCIDE OR WAR CRIMES**

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3851, the War Crimes Rewards Expansion Act, which targets perpetrators of genocide or war crimes, and commend my friend VIRGINIA FOXX for authoring it. The War Crimes Rewards Program, administered by the State Department, has helped apprehend perpetrators of atrocity crimes on the run from the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. But our current law does not explicitly authorize rewards to enable prosecutions in the United States or domestic courts in other countries. This bill would make it clear rewards can be used to support domestic prosecutions.

Tribunals like those for the Former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda have done yeoman's work and we should continue to support them. That is why I have called for the United States to support and help stand up a Syria war crimes tribunal. But domestic courts are also essential for prosecuting perpetrators. With so many fugitive terrorists who committed atrocity crimes in Iraq or Syria, and can be tried in the domestic courts of their home country or another country, this legislation is especially timely.

I support this bill and encourage my colleagues to do likewise.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I call on the Senate to finally vote on and pass H.R. 390, the Iraq and Syria Genocide Emergency Relief and Accountability Act.

This House passed it unanimously last June 6 and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously passed it last September 19. The Committee Chairman, Senator CORKER, has since been holding it hostage and will not permit it to proceed to the full Senate for a vote.

The bill would authorize the State Department and USAID to direct some aid to Christians, Yazidis and other religious and ethnic minorities targeted for genocide to enable them to survive in their ancient homelands. It would enable oversight to ensure the career bureaucrats are fully implementing the policy of the Administration and provide clear, detailed authorization for appropriations.

H.R. 390 also authorizes the State Department and USAID to support organizations conducting criminal investigations into ISIS perpetrators of atrocity crimes and collecting evidence that can be used in domestic courts and tribunals. This advances our counter-ter-

rorism initiatives and justice for the victims. The House voted on H.R. 390 and the Senate should be given the same opportunity.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI MARINE LANCE CORPORAL (LCPL) EDWARD JOE DYCUS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Marine Lance Corporal (LCpl) Edward Joe Dycus who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on February 1, 2012, during Operation Enduring Freedom. LCpl Dycus gave his life when he was mortally wounded by a member of the Afghan Security Forces in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. LCpl Dycus was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

LCpl Dycus grew up in Greenville, Mississippi. He attended Riverside High School. LCpl Dycus joined the United States Marine Corps in November 2010. Eric Harmon, a friend and fellow student of LCpl Dycus, said he was a humble person who respected his elders. Eric said, "everyone appreciated LCpl Dycus' sweet and soft-spoken nature. He was a great representative for the City of Greenville, his school, and the state of Mississippi."

LCpl Dycus' funeral was held at the Riverside High School gym. Eric said he will never forget that day because hundreds of residents lined the highway all the way from the gym to the Greenville Cemetery. The procession was led by the Patriot Guard Riders. "That is something I had not ever seen before," Eric said. "The outpouring of love and support from the community forever touched the hearts of his family and all of us who were there."

Theresa Carol Dycus, LCpl Dycus' mother, said her son joined the military because he wanted to serve our nation. "I was behind him in his decision," Theresa Carol said. "He was an awesome son who was loved by his family, friends, and community." She also remembers the day of the funeral when the town came to pay their respects. "The town just stopped," Theresa Carol said. "Greenville came together to support our family during our painful loss."

LCpl Dycus is survived by his father, Randy Dycus; his mother, Theresa Carol Dycus; his stepfather, Franky Drury; his brother, Rodney Lee Frothingham Dycus; his three sisters, Stephanie Marie Dycus Johnson, Laura Elaine Dycus, and Martha Carol Agnes Dycus; his brothers-in-law, Chris Tice and Joseph Adams Johnson; his five nieces and nephews, Hayden Tice, Kaution Tice, Ryder Tice, Caleb Johnson, and Cayden Johnson.

LCpl Dycus' service and sacrifice to protect the freedoms we all enjoy will not be forgotten.

CONGRATULATING MR. WESLEY JENSEN ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Wesley Peder Jensen on his 100th birthday.

Born on February 6, 1918, Wesley has lived a full life, filled with adventure and service. He has witnessed many extraordinary historical events, from the Great Depression to the technology boom.

Wesley is part of the greatest generation. He served our country in the United States Army as a Tech Sergeant from 1942 through the end of World War II in September of 1945. During that time, he served in Australia and New Guinea.

In his dedication to his country and his community, Wesley has continued to make the world around him a better place throughout his lifetime.

I join with his family, friends, and Washington's Eighth District in congratulating him on this special occasion and wishing him a wonderful birthday.

HONORING THE GRADUATING SENIORS ON THE BUFFALO STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize four exceptional members of the senior class at Buffalo State College, Malik Turner, J.O. Spence, Mike Henry, and Rey Jordan. As members of the Buffalo State men's basketball team, these students are known as dedicated athletes and scholars. Their leadership and hard work has stood out among their peers and in our community. I commend these young men for their academic and athletic dedication and congratulate them on the completion of their college careers.

Malik Turner played for Buffalo State as a forward and majored in Sociology. Malik comes from New York, New York where he attended NIA Prep High School.

J.O. Spence comes to Buffalo State from his hometown of Limon, Costa Rica. A graduate of Bayard Rustin High School, J.O. played guard for the Buffalo State Bengals. He will be earning his degree in Health and Wellness.

Coming from Syracuse, New York, Mike Henry is a graduate of West Genesee High School. At Buffalo State he played the positions of forward and guard. He will earn his degree in individualized studies.

Rey Jordan is a Buffalo native who graduated from McKinley High School. He majored in Economics while succeeding as a guard on the Buffalo State Bengals.

Handling the responsibilities of being a student athlete is an incredible challenge, and all four of these students handled this challenge exceptionally. As an alumnus of Buffalo State, I will be proud to call them fellow alumni.