

In negotiating this Agreement, my Administration was guided by the objectives set out in the Trade Act of 2002. Central America and the Dominican Republic constitute our second largest export market in Latin America and our tenth largest export market in the world. The Agreement will create significant new opportunities for American workers, farmers, ranchers, and businesses by opening new markets and eliminating barriers. United States agricultural exports will obtain better access to the millions of consumers in Central America and the Dominican Republic.

Under the Agreement, tariffs on approximately 80 percent of U.S. exports will be eliminated immediately. The Agreement will help to level the playing field because about 80 percent of Central America's imports already enjoy duty-free access to our market. By providing for the effective enforcement of labor and environmental laws, combined with strong remedies for noncompliance, the Agreement will contribute to improved worker rights and high levels of environmental protection in Central America and the Dominican Republic.

By supporting this Agreement, the United States can stand with those in the region who stand for democracy and freedom, who are fighting corruption and crime, and who support the rule of law. A stable, democratic, and growing Central America and Dominican Republic strengthens the United States economically and provides greater security for our citizens.

The Agreement is in our national interest, and I urge the Congress to approve it expeditiously.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 23, 2005.

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CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 109-37)

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY) laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this pro-

vision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the Federal Register for publication, stating that the Western Balkans emergency is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2005. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the Federal Register on June 25, 2004, 69 FR 36005.

The crisis constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting (i) extremist violence in the Republic of Macedonia, and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999, in Kosovo, that led to the declaration of a national emergency on June 26, 2001, has not been resolved. Subsequent to the declaration of the national emergency, I amended Executive Order 13219 in Executive Order 13304 of May 28, 2003, to address acts obstructing implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement of 2001 in the Republic of Macedonia, which have also become a concern. The acts of extremist violence and obstructionist activity outlined in Executive Order 13219, as amended, are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans and maintain in force the comprehensive sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 23, 2005.

HONORING THE FALLEN IN IRAQ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EMANUEL) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, there are 1,917 American military personnel who have given their lives in the service of our Nation in Iraq and Afghanistan. We owe these brave men and women, and their families, a debt of gratitude that can never fully be repaid.

It is our responsibility to honor the ultimate sacrifice that our men and women in uniform have made while serving our country. We often invoke their sacrifices in general. Seldom do we take the time to thank them individually.

My colleagues and I would like to take this hour and recognize these individual heroes on the floor of the people's House, their House. Over the next hour, and continuing next week until we finish, we will read the name and rank of each servicemember who has fallen in the Iraq and Afghanistan theaters of war.

By reading these names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, we hope to ensure that our Nation never forgets their sacrifice, and their families will know that their loved ones will be part of the official CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

As President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, your loved one, "stands in the unbroken line of Patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live, and grow and increase its blessings. Freedom lives, and through it he lives, in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men."

God bless, and keep each of the brave Americans whose memory we now honor.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. FRANK).

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, as I continue, I just want to apologize for the inevitable mispronunciation that may come in. I hope that no one will think that this in any way denigrates the respect and admiration that we have for these brave people and the deep sympathy we extend to their families.

1. Master Sergeant Evander E. Andrews
 2. Specialist Jonn J. Edmunds
 3. Private First Class Kristofor T. Stonesifer
 4. Machinist's Mate Fireman Apprentice Bryant L. Davis
 5. Engineman First Class Vincent Parker
 6. Electronics Technician Third Class Benjamin Johnson
 7. CIA Johnny Michael Spann
 8. Private Giovanni Maria
 9. Electrician's Mate Fireman Apprentice Michael Jakes, Jr.
 10. Staff Sergeant Brian C. Prosser
 11. Master Sergeant Jefferson D. Davis
 12. Sergeant First Class Daniel H. Petithory
 13. Sergeant First Class Nathan R. Chapman
 14. Captain Matthew W. Bancroft
 15. Lance Corporal Bryan P. Bertrand
 16. Gunnery Sergeant Stephen L. Bryson
 17. Captain Daniel G. McCollum
 18. Staff Sergeant Scott N. Germosen
 19. Sergeant Jeannette L. Winters
 20. Sergeant Nathan P. Hays
 21. Staff Sergeant Dwight J. Morgan
 22. Staff Sergeant Walter F. Cohee
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23. Specialist Jason A. Disney
 24. Major Curtis D. Feistner
 25. Captain Bartt D. Owens
 26. Chief Warrant Officer Jody L. Egnor
 27. Staff Sergeant James P. Dorrity
 28. Staff Sergeant Kerry W. Frith
 29. Specialist Thomas F. Allison
 30. Master Sergeant William L. McDaniel II
 31. Staff Sergeant Juan M. Ridout
 32. Specialist Curtis A. Carter
 33. Chief Warrant Officer Stanley L. Harriman

34. Senior Airman Jason D. Cunningham
35. Technical Sergeant John A. Chapman
36. Sergeant Peter P. Crose
37. Specialist Marc A. Anderson
38. Private First Class Matthew A. Commons
39. Aviation Boatswain's Mate-Handling First Class Neil C. Roberts
40. Sergeant Phillip J. Svitak
41. Chief Petty Officer Matthew J. Bourgeois
42. Staff Sergeant Brian T. Craig
43. Sergeant First Class Daniel A. Romero
44. Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans
45. Staff Sergeant Justin J. Galewski
46. Sergeant Gene A. Vance Jr.
47. Staff Sergeant Anissa A. Shero
48. Technical Sergeant Sean M. Corlew
49. Sergeant First Class Peter P. Tycz II
50. Sergeant First Class Christopher J. Speer
51. Sergeant Ryan D. Foraker
52. Lance Corporal Antonio J. Sledd
53. Private James H. Ebbers
54. Specialist Pedro Pena
55. Sergeant Steven Checo
56. Chief Warrant Officer Thomas J. Gibbons
57. Staff Sergeant Daniel Leon Kisling Jr.
58. Sergeant Gregory Michael Frampton
59. Chief Warrant Officer Mark O'Steen
60. Sergeant Michael C. Barry
61. Operations Officer Helge Boes
62. Specialist Brian Michael Clemens
63. Specialist Rodrigo Gonzalez-Garza
64. Sergeant William John Tracy Jr.
65. Chief Warrant Officer Timothy Wayne Moehling
66. Chief Warrant Officer John D. Smith
67. Private First Class Spence A. McNeil
68. Private First Class James R. Dillon Jr.
69. Navy Petty Officer Third Class Jason Profitt
70. Staff Sergeant John "Mike" Teal
71. Lieutenant Colonel John Stein
72. Senior Airman Jason Thomas Plite
73. First Lieutenant Tamara Long Archuleta
74. Staff Sergeant Jason Carlyle Hicks
75. Master Sergeant Michael Maltz
76. Sergeant Orlando Morales
77. Staff Sergeant Jacob L. Frazier
78. Private Jerod R. Dennis
79. Airman First Class Raymond Losano
80. Sergeant First Class John E. Taylor
81. Captain Seth R. Michaud
82. First Class Petty Officer Thomas E. Retzer
83. Specialist Kelvin Feliciano Gutierrez
84. Sergeant Christopher Geiger
85. Petty Officer First Class David Tapper
- Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES).
- Mr. JONES of North Carolina.
1. Sergeant First Class Mitchell A. Lane
2. Specialist Chad C. Fuller
3. Private First Class Adam L. Thomas
4. Private First Class Evan W. O'Neill
5. Private First Class Kristian E. Parker
6. Lieutenant Colonel Paul W. Kimbrough
7. Navy Petty Officer Darrell Jones
8. Civilian contractor William Carlson
9. Civilian contractor Christopher Glenn Mueller
10. Staff Sergeant Paul A. Sweeney
11. Sergeant Jay A. Blessing
12. Staff Sergeant Thomas A. Walkup Jr.
13. Major Steven Plumhoff
14. Technical Sergeant Howard A. Walters
15. Sergeant Major Phillip R. Albert
16. Technical Sergeant William J. Kerwood
17. Sergeant Theodore L. Perreault
18. Sergeant Roy A. Wood
19. Staff Sergeant Shawn M. Clemens
20. Specialist Robert J. Cook
21. Specialist Adam G. Kinser
22. Sergeant First Class Curtis Mancini
23. Staff Sergeant James D. Mowris
24. Specialist Justin A. Scott
25. Sergeant Danton K. Seitsinger
26. Sergeant Benjamin L. Gilman
27. Sergeant Nicholes Darwin Golding
28. Specialist David E. Hall
29. Staff Sergeant Anthony S. Lagman
30. Sergeant Michael J. Esposito Jr.
31. Command Sergeant Major Dennis Jallah
32. Commander Adrian Basil Szweg
33. Master Sergeant Herbert R. Claunch
34. Specialist Patrick D. Tillman
35. Specialist Phillip L. Witkowski
36. Private First Class Brandon James Wadman
37. Corporal Ronald R. Payne Jr.
38. Chief Warrant Officer Bruce E. Price
39. Petty Officer First Class Brian J. Ouellette
40. Captain Daniel W. Eggers
41. Staff Sergeant Robert J. Mogensen
42. Private First Class Joseph A. Jeffries
43. Corporal David M. Fraise
- Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. NORWOOD).
- Mr. NORWOOD.
44. Lance Corporal Russell P. White
45. Private First Class Daniel B. McClenney
46. Lance Corporal Juston Tyler Thacker
47. Staff Sergeant Robert K. McGee
48. Specialist Julie R. Hickey
49. Specialist Juan Torres
50. Sergeant Bobby E. Beasley
51. Staff Sergeant Craig W. Cherry
52. Sergeant Daniel Lee Galvan
53. Staff Sergeant Robert S. Goodwin
54. Staff Sergeant Tony B. Olaes
55. Specialist Wesley R. Wells
56. Staff Sergeant Alan L. Rogers
57. Staff Sergeant Brian S. Hobbs
58. Specialist Kyle Ka Eo Fernandez
59. Corporal William M. Amundson Jr.
60. Airman First Class Jesse M. Samek
61. Corporal Billy Gomez
62. Specialist James C. Kearney III
63. Sergeant Michael C. O'Neill
64. Corporal Dale E. Fracker Jr.
65. Corporal Jacob R. Fleischer
66. Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. McMahon
67. Chief Warrant Officer Travis W. Grogan
68. Specialist Harley Miller
69. Specialist Isaac E. Diaz
70. Sergeant First Class Pedro A. Munoz
71. Sergeant Jeremy R. Wright
72. Specialist Richard M. Crane
73. Petty Officer First Class Alec Mazur
74. Staff Sergeant Shane M. Koele
75. Captain Michael T. Fiscus
76. Master Sergeant Michael T. Hiester
77. Specialist Brett M. Hershey
78. Private First Class Norman K. Snyder
79. Sergeant Major Barbaralien Banks
80. Master Sergeant Edwin A. Matoscolon
81. Sergeant James Shawn Lee
82. Captain David S. Connolly
83. Specialist Chrystal Gaye Stout
84. Sergeant Stephen C. High
85. Chief Warrant Officer Clint J. Prather
86. Chief Warrant Officer David Ayala

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Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE).

Mr. PALLONE.

1. Major Jay Thomas Aubin
2. Captain Ryan Anthony Beaupre
3. Corporal Brian Matthew Kennedy
4. Staff Sgt. Kendall D. Waters-Bey
5. Second Lieutenant Therrel Shane Childers
6. Lance Corporal Jose Antonio Gutierrez
7. Lieutenant Thomas Mullen Adams
8. Specialist Brandon Scott Tobler
9. Sergeant Nicolas Michael Hodson
10. Lance Corporal Eric James Orłowski

11. Captain Christopher Scott Seifert
 12. Second Lieutenant Frederick Eben Pokorney Jr.
 13. Sergeant Michael Edward Bitz
 14. Lance Corporal Thomas Alan Blair
 15. Lance Corporal Brian Rory Buesing
 16. Lance Corporal David Keith Fribley
 17. Corporal Jose Angel Garibay
 18. Corporal Jorge Alonso Gonzalez
 19. Staff Sergeant Phillip Andrew Jordan
 20. Lance Corporal Patrick Ray Nixon
 21. Corporal Randal Kent Rosacker
 22. Lance Corporal Thomas Jonathan Slocum
 23. Lance Corporal Michael Jason Williams
 24. Sergeant George Edward Buggs
 25. Specialist Jamaal Rashard Addison
 26. Master Sergeant Robert John Dowdy
 27. Private Ruben Estrella-Soto
 28. Private First Class Howard Johnson II
 29. Chief Warrant Officer Johnny Villareal Mata
 30. Specialist James Michael Kiehl
 31. Private First Class Lori Ann Piestewa
 32. Private Brandon Ulysses Sloan
 33. Sergeant Donald Ralph Walters
 34. Corporal Evan Tyler James
 35. Sergeant Bradley Steven Korthaus
 36. Specialist Gregory Paul Sanders
 37. Hospital Corpsman Third Class Michael Vann Johnson Jr.
 38. Private First Class Francisco Abraham Martinez-Flores
 39. Staff Sergeant Donald Charles May Jr.
 40. Lance Corporal Patrick Terence O'Day
 41. Corporal Robert Marcus Rodriguez
 42. Major Gregory Lewis Stone
 43. Major Kevin Gerard Nave
 44. Gunnery Sergeant Joseph Menusa
 45. Lance Corporal Jesus Alberto Suarez del Solar
 46. Sergeant Roderic Antoine Solomon
 47. Sergeant Fernando Padilla-Ramirez
 48. Lance Corporal William Wayne White
 49. Private First Class Michael Russell Creighton-Weldon
 50. Private First Class Diego Fernando Rincon
 51. Corporal Michael Edward Curtin
 52. Sergeant Eugene Williams
 53. Staff Sergeant James Wilford Cawley
 54. Sergeant Michael Vernon Lalush
 55. Captain Aaron Joseph Contreras
 56. Sergeant Brian Daniel McGinnis
 57. Specialist Brandon Jacob Rowe
 58. Specialist William Andrew Jeffries
 59. Sergeant Jacob Lee Butler
 60. Lance Corporal Joseph Basil Maglione III
 61. Lance Corporal Brian Edward Anderson
 62. Private First Class Christian Daniel Gurtner
 63. Master Sergeant George Andrew Fernandez
 64. Captain James Francis Adamouski
 65. Specialist Matthew George Boule
 66. Chief Warrant Officer Erik Anders Halvorsen
 67. Chief Warrant Officer Scott Jamar
 68. Chief Warrant Officer Eric Allen Smith
 Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY).
 Ms. WOOLSEY.
 69. Sergeant Michael Francis Pedersen
 70. Specialist Donald Samuel Oaks Jr.
 71. Sergeant First Class Randall Scott Rehn
 72. Sergeant Todd James Robbins
 73. Staff Sergeant Nino Dugue Livaudais
 74. Specialist Ryan Patrick Long
 75. Captain Russell Brian Rippetoe
 76. Private First Class Chad Eric Bales
 77. Corporal Mark Asher Evnin
 78. Corporal Erik Hernandez Silva
 79. Staff Sergeant Wilbert Davis
 80. Captain Edward Jason Korn
 81. Captain Benjamin Wilson Sammis
 82. Captain Tristan Neil Aitken
 83. Private First Class Wilfred Davyrussell Bellard
 84. Specialist Daniel Francis Cunningham Jr.
 85. Private Devon Demilo Jones
 86. Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith
 87. Captain Travis Allen Ford
 88. Corporal Bernard George Gooden
 89. First Lieutenant Brian Michael McPhillips
 90. Sergeant Duane Roy Rios
 91. Specialist Larry Kenyatta Brown
 92. Staff Sergeant Stevon Alexander Booker
 93. First Sergeant Edward Smith
 94. Private First Class Gregory Paul Huxley Jr.
 95. Private Kelley Stephen Prewitt
 96. Staff Sergeant Lincoln Daniel Hollinsaid
 97. Lance Corporal Andrew Julian Aviles
 98. Corporal Jesus Martin Antonio Medellin
 99. Second Lieutenant Jeffrey Joseph Kaylor
 100. Private First Class Anthony Scott Miller
 101. Specialist George Arthur Mitchell Jr.
 102. Corporal Henry Levon Brown
 103. Private First Class Juan Guadalupe Garza Jr.
 104. Private First Class Jason Michael Meyer
 105. Staff Sergeant Robert Anthony Stever
 106. Staff Sergeant Scott Douglas Sather
 Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER).
 Ms. SLAUGHTER.
 1. Gunnery Sergeant Jeffrey Edward Bohr Jr.
 2. Staff Sergeant Terry Wayne Hemingway
 3. Staff Sergeant Riayan Augusto Tejada
 4. Corporal Jesus Angel Gonzalez
 5. Lance Corporal David Edward Owens Jr.
 6. Specialist Gil Mercado
 7. Private First Class John Eli Brown
 8. Specialist Thomas Arthur Foley III
 9. Corporal Armando Ariel Gonzalez
 10. Specialist Richard Allen Goward
 11. Private First Class Joseph Patrick Mayek
 12. Corporal Jason David Mileo
 13. Corporal John Travis Rivero
 14. Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Todd Arnold
 15. Specialist Roy Russell Buckley
 16. Chief Warrant Officer Robert William Channell Jr.
 17. Lance Corporal Alan Dinh Lam
 18. Specialist Edward John Anguiano
 19. Sergeant Troy David Jenkins
 20. First Lieutenant Osbaldo Orozco
 21. Specialist Narson Bertil Sullivan
 22. First Sergeant Joe Jesus Garza
 23. Sergeant Sean C. Reynolds
 24. Private Jason L. Deibler
 25. Chief Warrant Officer Brian K. Van Dusen
 26. Chief Warrant Officer Hans N. Gukeisen
 27. Corporal Richard P. Carl
 28. Lance Corporal Cedric E. Bruns
 29. Lance Corporal Matthew R. Smith
 30. Lance Corporal Jakub Henryk Kowalik
 31. Private First Class Jose F. Gonzalez Rodriguez
 32. Staff Sergeant Patrick Lee Griffin Jr.
 33. Lance Corporal Nicholas Brian Klieboeker
 34. Specialist David T. Nutt
 35. Master Sergeant William L. Payne
 36. Corporal Douglas Jose Marencoreyes
 37. Specialist Rasheed Sahib
 38. Captain Andrew David LaMont
 39. Lance Corporal Jason William Moore
 40. First Lieutenant Timothy Louis Ryan
 41. Lieutenant Nathan Dennis White
 42. Sergeant Kirk Allen Straseskie
 43. Lieutenant Colonel Dominic Rocco Baragona

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. HINCHEY).

- Mr. HINCHEY.
44. Specialist Nathaniel A. Caldwell
 45. Private David Evans Jr.
 46. Private First Class Jeremiah D. Smith
 47. Major Matthew E. Schram
 48. Staff Sergeant Brett J. Petriken
 49. Private Kenneth A. Nalley
 50. Sergeant Keman L. Mitchell
 51. Staff Sergeant Michael B. Quinn
 52. Sergeant Thomas F. Broomhead
 53. Staff Sergeant Kenneth R. Bradley
 54. Specialist Jose A. Perez III
 55. Specialist Kyle A. Griffin
 56. Specialist Michael T. Gleason
 57. Specialist Zachariah W. Long
 58. Sergeant Jonathan W. Lambert
 59. Sergeant Atanasio Haro Marin Jr.
 60. Private First Class Branden F. Oberleitner
 61. Petty Officer Third Class Doyle W. Bollinger Jr.
 62. Sergeant Travis L. Burkhardt
 63. Private Jesse M. Halling
 64. Sergeant Michael E. Dooley
 65. Private First Class Gavin L. Neighbor
 66. Specialist John K. Klinesmith Jr.
 67. Staff Sergeant Andrew R. Pokorny
 68. Private First Class Ryan R. Cox
 69. Specialist Joseph D. Suell
 70. Private Shawn D. Pahnke
 71. Sergeant Michael L. Tosto
 72. Private Robert L. Frantz
 73. Private First Class Michael R. Deuel
 74. Staff Sergeant William T. Latham
 75. Specialist Paul T. Nakamura
 76. Specialist Orenthial Javon Smith
 77. Sergeant First Class Gladimir Philippe
 78. Specialist Cedric Lamont Lennon
 79. Private First Class Kevin C. Ott
 80. Lance Corporal Gregory E. MacDonald
 81. Specialist Andrew F. Chris
 82. Specialist Richard P. Orengo
- Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM).
- Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota.
1. Specialist Corey A. Hubbell
 2. Corporal Tomas Sotelo Jr.
 3. Sergeant Timothy M. Connaway
 4. First Sergeant Christopher D. Coffin
 5. Corporal Travis J. Bradachnall
 6. Private First Class Edward J. Herrgott
 7. Private First Class Corey L. Small
 8. Specialist Jeffrey M. Wershow
 9. Sergeant David B. Parson
 10. Staff Sergeant Barry Sanford Sr.
 11. Specialist Chad L. Keith
 12. Private Robert L. McKinley
 13. Sergeant First Class Craig A. Boling
 14. Sergeant Melissa Valles

15. Lance Corporal Jason Tetrault
16. Sergeant Roger Dale Rowe
17. Sergeant First Class Dan H. Gabrielson
18. Specialist Christian C. Schultz
19. Specialist Joshua M. Neusche
20. Captain Paul J. Cassidy
21. Sergeant Jaror C. Puello-Coronado
22. Sergeant Michael T. Crockett
23. Lance Corporal Cory Ryan Geurin
24. Specialist Ramon Reyes Torres
25. Petty Officer Third Class David J. Moreno
26. Sergeant Mason Douglas Whetstone
27. Specialist Joel L. Bertoldie
28. Second Lieutenant Jonathan D. Rozier
29. Sergeant First Class Christopher R. Willoughby
30. Sergeant Jason D. Jordan
31. Sergeant Justin W. Garvey
32. Corporal Mark Anthony Bibby
33. Specialist Jon P. Fettig
34. Specialist Brett T. Christian
35. Captain Joshua T. Byers
36. Staff Sergeant Hector R. Perez
37. Private First Class Raheen Tyson Heigher
38. Corporal Evan Asa Ashcraft
39. Sergeant Juan M. Serrano
40. Specialist Wilfredo Perez Jr.
41. Sergeant Daniel K. Methvin
42. Private First Class Jonathan M. Cheatham
43. Specialist Jonathan P. Barnes
44. Sergeant Heath A. McMillin
45. Specialist William J. Maher III
46. Sergeant Nathaniel Hart Jr.
47. Captain Leif E. Nott
48. Specialist James I. Lambert III
49. Private Michael J. Deutsch
50. Specialist Justin W. Hebert
51. Staff Sergeant David L. Loyd
52. Specialist Ronald D. Allen Jr.
53. Specialist Farao K. Letufuga
54. Sergeant Leonard D. Simmons
55. Staff Sergeant Brian R. Hellerman
56. Private Kyle C. Gilbert
57. Specialist Zeferino E. Colunga
58. Private First Class Duane E. Longstreth
59. Private First Class Brandon Ramsey
60. Private Matthew D. Bush
61. Sergeant Floyd G. Knighten Jr.
62. Specialist Levi B. Kinchen
63. Staff Sergeant David S. Perry
64. Private First Class Daniel R. Parker
65. Staff Sergeant Richard S. Eaton Jr.
66. Private First Class Timmy R. Brown Jr.
67. Sergeant Taft V. Williams
68. Sergeant Steven W. White
69. Private First Class David M. Kirchhoff
70. Specialist Eric R. Hull
71. Specialist Kenneth W. Harris Jr.
72. Staff Sergeant Bobby C. Franklin
73. Lieutenant Kylan A. Jones-Huffman

74. Private First Class Michael S. Adams
75. Specialist Stephen M. Scott
76. Private First Class Vorn J. Mack
77. Private First Class Pablo Manzano
78. Specialist Darryl T. Dent
79. Lieutenant Colonel Anthony L. Sherman
80. Specialist Rafael L. Navea
81. Sergeant Gregory A. Belanger
82. Staff Sergeant Mark A. Lawton
83. Kristian E. Parker
84. Sergeant Sean K. Cataudella

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Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO).

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of their valor, courage and sacrifice, Sergeant Charles Todd Caldwell.

1. Staff Sergeant Cameron B. Sarno
2. Staff Sergeant Joseph Camara
3. Private First Class Christopher A. Sisson
4. Technical Sergeant Bruce E. Brown
5. Specialist Jarrett B. Thompson
6. Specialist Ryan G. Carlock
7. Staff Sergeant Joseph E. Robsky Jr.
8. Sergeant Henry Ybarra III
9. Master Sergeant Kevin N. Morehead
10. Sergeant First Class William M. Bennett
11. Sergeant Trevor A. Blumberg
12. Specialist Alyssa R. Peterson
13. Staff Sergeant Kevin C. Kimmerly
14. Specialist James C. Wright
15. Sergeant Anthony O. Thompson
16. Specialist Richard Arriaga
17. Captain Brian R. Faunce
18. Staff Sergeant Frederick L. Miller Jr.
19. Sergeant David Travis Friedric
20. Specialist Lunsford B. Brown II
21. Specialist Paul J. Sturino
22. Specialist Michael Andrade
23. Captain Robert L. Lucero
24. Sergeant First Class Robert E. Rooney
25. Specialist Kyle G. Thomas
26. Sergeant Darrin K. Potter
27. Staff Sergeant Christopher E. Cutchall
28. Sergeant Andrew Joseph Baddick
29. Specialist Dustin K. McGaugh
30. Specialist Simeon Hunte
31. Private First Class Analaura Esparza Gutierrez
32. Command Sergeant James Blankenbecler
33. Private First Class Charles M. Sims
34. Specialist James H. Pirtle
35. Second Lieutenant Richard Torres
36. Private First Class Kerry D. Scott
37. Specialist Spencer Timothy Karol
38. Staff Sergeant Christopher W. Swisher
39. Specialist Joseph C. Norquist

40. Specialist James E. Powell
 41. Private First Class Stephen E. Wyatt
 42. Specialist Donald L. Wheeler
 43. Private Benjamin L. Freeman
 44. Specialist Douglas J. Weismantle
 45. Private First Class Jose Casanova
 46. Lieutenant Colonel Kim S. Orlando
 47. Corporal Sean R. Grilley
 48. Staff Sergeant Joseph P. Bellavia
 49. Private First Class John D. Hart
 50. First Lieutenant David R. Bernstein
 51. Staff Sergeant Paul J. Johnson
 52. Private First Class Paul J. Bueche
 53. Specialist John P. Johnson
 54. Captain John R. Teal
 55. Sergeant Michael S. Hancock
 56. Specialist Jose L. Mora
 57. Specialist Artimus D. Brassfield
 58. Staff Sergeant Jamie L. Huggins
 59. Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Buehring
 60. Private First Class Rachel K. Bosveld
 61. Private First Class Steven Acosta
 62. Sergeant Aubrey D. Bell
 63. Private Jonathan I. Falaniko
 64. Specialist Isaac Campoy
 65. Sergeant Michael Paul Barrera
 66. Private Algernon Adams
 67. Second Lieutenant Todd J. Bryant
 68. Specialist Maurice J. Johnson
 69. First Lieutenant Joshua C. Hurley
 70. Private First Class Karina S. Lau
 71. Staff Sergeant Paul A. Velasquez
 72. Private First Class Anthony D. Dagostino
 73. First Lieutenant Brian D. Slavenas
 74. Chief Warrant Officer Bruce A. Smith
 75. First Lieutenant Benjamin J. Colgan
 76. Staff Sergeant Joe Nathan Wilson
 77. Sergeant Ross A. Pennanen
 78. Sergeant Ernest G. Bucklew
 79. Sergeant Joel Perez
 80. Specialist Frances M. Vega
 81. Specialist Darius T. Jennings
 82. Sergeant Keelan L. Moss
 83. Specialist Brian H. Penisten
 Mr. EMANUEL.
 1. Specialist Steven Daniel Conover
 2. Staff Sergeant Daniel A. Bader
 3. Private First Class Rayshawn S. Johnson
 4. Sergeant Francisco Martinez
 5. Specialist Robert T. Benson
 6. Sergeant First Class Jose A. Rivera
 7. Sergeant Paul F. Fisher
 8. Specialist James A. Chance III
 9. Specialist James R. Wolf
 10. Sergeant Scott C. Rose
 11. Command Sergeant Major Cornell W. Gilmore I
 12. Chief Warrant Officer Kyran E. Kennedy
 13. Captain Benedict J. Smith
 14. Staff Sergeant Paul M. Neff II
 15. Staff Sergeant Morgan DeShawn Kennon
 16. Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth
 17. Private Kurt R. Frosheiser
 18. Staff Sergeant Mark D. Vasquez
 19. Staff Sergeant Gary L. Collins
 20. Sergeant Nicholas A. Tomko
 21. Specialist Genaro Acosta
 22. Specialist Marlon P. Jackson
 23. Specialist Robert A. Wise
 24. Staff Sergeant Nathan J. Bailey
 25. Private First Class Jacob S. Fletcher
 26. Sergeant Joseph Minucci II
 27. Specialist Irving Medina
 28. Sergeant Timothy L. Hayslett
 29. Sergeant Warren S. Hansen
 30. Private First Class Damian L. Heidelberg
 31. Specialist Ryan T. Baker
 32. Specialist William D. Dusenbery
 33. Sergeant Michael D. Acklin II
 34. Specialist Eugene A. Uhl III
 35. Sergeant First Class Kelly Bolor
 36. Chief Warrant Officer Erik C. Kesterson
 37. Chief Warrant Officer Scott A. Saboe
 38. Sergeant John W. Russell
 39. Specialist John R. Sullivan
 40. Second Lieutenant Jeremy L. Wolfe
 41. Specialist Jeremiah J. DiGiovanni
 42. Private First Class Joey D. Whitenier
 43. Captain Pierre E. Piche
 44. Private First Class Richard W. Hafer
 45. Chief Warrant Officer Alexander S. Coulter
 46. Captain James A. Shull
 47. Staff Sergeant Dale A. Panchot
 48. Captain Nathan S. Dalley
 49. Private Scott Matthew Tyrrell
 50. Captain George A. Wood
 51. Specialist Joseph L. Lister
 52. Corporal Gary B. Coleman
 53. Private First Class Damian S. Bushart
 54. Specialist Robert D. Roberts
 55. Specialist Rel A. Ravago IV
 56. Command Sergeant Major Jerry L. Wilson
 57. Staff Sergeant Eddie E. Menyweather
 58. Chief Warrant Officer Christopher G. Nason
 59. Corporal Darrell L. Smith
 60. Specialist David J. Goldberg
 61. Specialist Thomas J. Sweet II
 62. Sergeant Ariel Rico
 63. Staff Sergeant Stephen A. Bertolino
 64. Specialist Aaron J. Sissel
 65. Specialist Uday Singh
 66. Chief Warrant Officer Clarence E. Boone
 67. Specialist Raphael S. Davis
 68. Sergeant Ryan C. Young
 69. Specialist Arron R. Clark
 70. Private First Class Ray J. Hutchinson
 71. Private First Class Jason G. Wright
 72. Specialist Christopher Jude Rivera Wesley
 73. Specialist Joseph M. Blickenstaff
 74. Staff Sergeant Steven H. Bridges
 75. Specialist Todd M. Bates
 76. Staff Sergeant Richard A. Burdick
 77. Private First Class Jerrick M. Petty
 78. Staff Sergeant Aaron T. Reese
 79. Specialist Marshall L. Edgerton
 80. Private First Class Jeffrey F. Braun
 81. Sergeant Jarrod W. Black
 82. Staff Sergeant Kimberly A. Voelz
 83. Specialist Rian C. Ferguson
 84. Private First Class Kenneth C. Souslin
 Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) beginning with the names reading from 2004.
 Mrs. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, Specialist Nathan W. Nakis.
 1. Specialist Christopher J. Holland
 2. Sergeant Glenn R. Allison
 3. Private First Class Charles E. Bush Jr.
 4. Private First Class Stuart W. Moore
 5. First Lieutenant Edward M. Saltz
 6. Major Christopher J. Splinter
 7. Captain Christopher F. Soelzer
 8. Sergeant Benjamin W. Biskie
 9. Command Sergeant Major Eric F. Cooke
 10. Sergeant Michael E. Yashinski
 11. Staff Sergeant Thomas W. Christensen
 12. Staff Sergeant Stephen C. Hattamer
 13. Specialist Charles G. Haight
 14. Specialist Michael G. Mihalakis
 15. Staff Sergeant Michael J. Sutter
 16. Captain Ernesto M. Blanco
 17. Private Rey D. Cuervo
 18. Sergeant Curt E. Jordan Jr.
 19. Specialist Justin W. Pollard
 20. Sergeant Dennis A. Corral
 21. Specialist Solomon C. "Kelly" Bangayan
 22. Captain Eric Thomas Paliwoda
 23. Specialist Marc S. Seiden
 24. Captain Kimberly N. Hampton
 25. Specialist Luke P. Frist
 26. Private First Class Jesse D. Mizener
 27. Chief Warrant Officer Ian D. Manuel
 28. Sergeant Jeffrey C. Walker
 29. Chief Warrant Officer Aaron A. Weaver
 30. Staff Sergeant Craig Davis
 31. Specialist Michael A. Diraimondo
 32. Specialist Nathaniel H. Johnson
 33. Chief Warrant Officer Philip A. Johnson Jr.
 34. Sergeant First Class Gregory B. Hicks
 35. Specialist Christopher A. Golby
 36. Staff Sergeant Ricky L. Crockett
 37. Sergeant Keicia M. Hines
 38. Staff Sergeant Roland L. Castro
 39. Sergeant Edmond Lee Randle Jr.
 40. Specialist Larry E. Polley Jr.

- 41. Private First Class Cody J. Orr
- 42. Master Sergeant Kelly L. Hornbeck
- 43. Private First Class James D. Parker
- 44. Specialist Gabriel T. Palacios
- 45. Chief Warrant Officer Brian D. Hazelgrove
- 46. Chief Warrant Officer Michael T. Blaise
- 47. Specialist Jason K. Chappell
- 48. Private First Class Ervin Dervishi
- 49. Staff Sergeant Kenneth W. Hendrickson
- 50. Sergeant Randy S. Rosenberg
- 51. Sergeant Keith L. Smette
- 52. Specialist William R. Sturges Jr.
- 53. Staff Sergeant Christopher Bunda
- 54. Chief Warrant Officer Patrick D. Dorff
- 55. First Lieutenant Adam G. Moon-ey
- 56. Sergeant Travis A. Moothart
- 57. Sergeant Cory R. Mracek
- 58. Sergeant First Class James T. Hoffman
- 59. Second Lieutenant Luke S. James
- 60. Staff Sergeant Lester O. Kinney
- II
- 61. Captain Matthew J. August
- 62. Staff Sergeant Sean G. Landrus
- 63. Private First Class Luis A. Moreno
- 64. Private First Class Holly J. McGeogh
- 65. Sergeant Eliu A. Miersandoval
- 66. Corporal Juan C. Cabral Banuelos
- 67. Private First Class Armando Soriano
- 68. Second Lieutenant Seth J. Dvorin
- 69. Specialist Joshua L. Knowles
- 70. Staff Sergeant Richard P. Ramey
- 71. Sergeant Thomas D. Robbins
- 72. Sergeant Elijah Tai Wah Wong
- 73. Master Sergeant Jude C. Mariano
- 74. Private First Class William C. Ramirez
- 75. Sergeant Patrick S. Tainsh
- 76. Specialist Eric U. Ramirez
- 77. Private Bryan N. Spry
- 78. Specialist Christopher M. Taylor
- 79. Private First Class Nichole M. Frye
- 80. Specialist Michael M. Merila
- 81. Specialist Roger G. Ling
- 82. Second Lieutenant Jeffrey C. Graham
- 83. Sergeant First Class Henry A. Bacon

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BERRY).

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, Chief Warrant Officer Matthew C. Laskowski.

- 1. Chief Warrant Officer Stephen M. Wells
- 2. Specialist Michael R. Woodliff
- 3. Petty Officer Second Class Michael J. Gray
- 4. Captain Gussie M. Jones
- 5. Private First Class Matthew G. Milczark
- 6. Sergeant First Class Richard S. Gottfried
- 7. Specialist Edward W. Brabazon

- 8. Private First Class Bert Edward Hoyer
- 9. Specialist Christopher K. Hill
- 10. Staff Sergeant Joe L. Dunigan Jr.
- 11. Specialist Jason C. Ford
- 12. Captain John F. "Hans" Kurth
- 13. Specialist Jocelyn "Joce" L. Carrasquillo
- 14. Private First Class Joel K. Brattain
- 15. Sergeant Daniel J. Londono
- 16. Sergeant First Class Clint D. Ferrin
- 17. Sergeant William J. Normandy
- 18. First Lieutenant Michael R. Adams
- 19. Master Sergeant Thomas R. Thigpen Sr.
- 20. Specialist Tracy L. Laramore
- 21. Sergeant Ivory L. Phipps
- 22. Private First Class Ricky A. Morris Jr.
- 23. Private First Class Brandon C. Smith
- 24. Private First Class Ernest Harold Sutphin
- 25. Corporal Andrew D. Brownfield
- 26. Specialist Doron Chan
- 27. Specialist Clint Richard "Bones" Matthews
- 28. Corporal David M. Vicente
- 29. Private First Class Jason C. Ludlam
- 30. First Lieutenant Michael W. Vega
- 31. Specialist Matthew J. Sandri
- 32. Major Mark D. Taylor
- 33. Private Dustin L. Kreider
- 34. Private First Class Christopher E. Hudson
- 35. Lance Corporal Andrew S. Dang
- 36. Private First Class Bruce Miller Jr.
- 37. Staff Sergeant Wentz Jerome Henry Shanaberger III
- 38. Lance Corporal Jeffrey C. Burgess
- 39. Specialist Adam D. Froehlich
- 40. Lance Corporal James A. Casper
- 41. Private First Class Leroy Sandoval Jr.
- 42. Master Sergeant Timothy Toney
- 43. Private First Class Sean M. Schneider
- 44. Specialist Jeremiah J. Holmes
- 45. Master Sergeant Richard L. Ferguson
- 46. Lance Corporal William J. Wiscowiche
- 47. Private Brandon L. Davis
- 48. Private First Class Cleston C. Raney
- 49. Specialist Michael G. Karr Jr.
- 50. Specialist Sean R. Mitchell
- 51. First Lieutenant Doyle M. Hufstедler
- 52. Private First Class Dustin M. Sekula
- 53. Private First Class William R. Strange
- 54. Lance Corporal Aric J. Barr
- 55. Private First Class John D. Amos
- II
- 56. Corporal Tyler R. Fey
- 57. Private First Class Geoffrey S. Morris
- 58. Specialist Philip G. Rogers

- 59. Sergeant Michael W. Mitchell
- 60. Sergeant Yihiyh L. Chen
- 61. Specialist Robert R. Arsiaga
- 62. Specialist Stephen D. Hiller
- 63. Specialist Ahmed Akil "Mel" Cason
- 64. Specialist Israel Garza
- 65. Corporal Forest Joseph Jostes
- 66. Specialist Casey Sheehan
- 67. Specialist Scott Quentin Larson Jr.
- 68. Sergeant David M. McKeever
- 69. Private First Class Christopher Ramos
- 70. Corporal Jesse L. Thiry
- 71. Lance Corporal Matthew K. Serio
- 72. Lance Corporal Shane Lee Goldman
- 73. Private First Class Moises A. Langhorst
- 74. Private First Class Christopher R. Cobb
- 75. Private First Class Ryan M. Jerabek
- 76. Lance Corporal Travis J. Layfield
- 77. Lance Corporal Anthony P. Robert
- 78. Private First Class Benjamin R. Carman
- 79. Lance Corporal Marcus M. Cherry
- 80. Second Lieutenant John Thomas Wroblewski
- 81. Lance Corporal Kyle D. Crowley
- 82. Staff Sergeant Allan K. Walker
- 83. Private First Class Deryk L. Hallal

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Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO).

- Mr. SERRANO.
- 1. Sergeant Gerardo Moreno
 - 2. Sergeant Lee Duane Todacheene
 - 3. Petty Officer Third Class Fernando A. Mendez-Aceves
 - 4. Staff Sergeant George S. Rentschler
 - 5. Specialist Tyanna S. Felder
 - 6. Captain Brent L. Morel
 - 7. Sergeant First Class Marvin Lee Miller
 - 8. Private First Class Christopher D. Mabry
 - 9. Sergeant First Class William W. Labadie Jr.
 - 10. Specialist Isaac Michael Nieves
 - 11. Staff Sergeant William M. Harrell
 - 12. Lance Corporal Phillip E. Frank
 - 13. Lance Corporal Levi T. Angell
 - 14. Lance Corporal Christopher B. Wasser
 - 15. Corporal Nicholas J. Dieruf
 - 16. Lance Corporal Michael B. Wafford
 - 17. First Lieutenant Joshua M. Palmer
 - 18. Specialist Jonathan Roy Kephart
 - 19. Sergeant Felix M. Delgreco
 - 20. Corporal Matthew E. Matula
 - 21. Lance Corporal Elias Torrez III
 - 22. Corporal Michael Raymond Speer
 - 23. Private First Class Chance R. Phelps
 - 24. Private First Class Eric A. Ayon

25. Staff Sergeant Don Steven McMahan
 26. Specialist Michelle M. Witmer
 27. Specialist Peter G. Enos
 28. Private First Class Gregory R. Goodrich
 29. Staff Sergeant Toby W. Mallet
 30. Specialist Allen Jeffrey "A.J." Vandayburg
 31. Staff Sergeant Raymond Edison Jones Jr.
 32. Sergeant Elmer C. Krause
 33. Airman First Class Antoine J. Holt
 34. Specialist Adolf C. Carballo
 35. Specialist Justin W. Johnson
 36. Sergeant William C. Eckhart
 37. Private First Class George D. Torres
 38. First Lieutenant Oscar Jimenez
 39. Lance Corporal Torrey L. Gray
 40. Corporal Daniel R. Amaya
 41. Chief Warrant Officer Lawrence S. Colton
 42. Chief Warrant Officer Wesley C. Fortenberry
 43. Private First Class Nathan P. Brown
 44. Sergeant Major Michael Boyd Stack
 45. Lance Corporal Robert Paul Zurheide Jr.
 46. Lance Corporal Brad S. Shuder
 47. Private Noah L. Boye
 48. Corporal Kevin T. Kolm
 49. Staff Sergeant Victor A. Rosaleslomeli
 50. Specialist Richard K. Trevithick
 51. Sergeant Christopher Ramirez
 52. Specialist Frank K. Rivers Jr.
 53. Staff Sergeant Jimmy J. Arroyave
 54. Sergeant Brian M. Wood
 55. Specialist Dennis B. Morgan
 56. Specialist Michael A. McGlothlin
 57. Specialist Marvin A. Camposiles
 58. Private First Class Clayton Welch Henson
 59. First Lieutenant Robert L. Henderson II
 60. Sergeant Jonathan N. Hartman
 61. Staff Sergeant Edward W. Carman
 62. Lance Corporal Gary F. Van Leuven
 63. Lance Corporal Ruben Valdez Jr.
 64. Lance Corporal Michael J. Smith Jr.
 65. Captain Richard J. Gannon II
 66. Corporal Christopher A. Gibson
 67. Private First Class Leroy Harris-Kelly
 68. First Sergeant Bradley C. Fox
 69. Specialist Christopher D. Gelineau
 70. Corporal Jason L. Dunham
 71. Private First Class Shawn C. Edwards
 72. Staff Sergeant Cory W. Brooks
 73. Petty Officer Third Class Nathan B. Bruckenthal
 74. Petty Officer Second Class Christopher E. Watts
 75. Petty Officer First Class Michael J. Pernaselli
 76. Staff Sergeant Stacey C. Brandon

77. Staff Sergeant Billy J. Orton
 78. Chief Warrant Officer Patrick W. Kordsmeier
 79. Captain Arthur L. "Bo" Felder
 80. Specialist Kenneth A. Melton
 81. Lance Corporal Aaron C. Austin
 82. Sergeant Sherwood R. Baker
 83. Sergeant Lawrence A. Roukey
 84. Staff Sergeant Abraham D. Penamedina

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the distinguished Members from both sides of the aisle who have participated tonight. I would also like to thank the veterans and their families who have contacted my office to express their support for this effort, and other Members' office.

Unfortunately, a single hour is not enough time to recognize each of our fallen citizens. My colleagues and I will continue this tribute on Monday evening for as many tomorrows as it takes to properly thank those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their Nation.

I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of my colleagues to thank the brave men and women who continue to serve our Nation in both Iraq, Afghanistan, and overseas. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families in these times.

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REPUBLICAN AGENDA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DENT). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, in this Special Order, we are going to focus on two things. I am first here to speak a tribute to a very good friend of mine and then I will share the rest of the hour with my colleagues.

TRIBUTE TO LOIS BRITT

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of a true leader and my friend, Anne Lois Britt. On June 4, just 3 weeks ago, Lois Britt passed away in her sleep. Not only did her family lose a devoted and caring matriarch but Lois' passing marked a serious loss for my State. Lois' first love was to her family and grandchildren, Ralph and Luke, but she loved and treated the betterment of rural North Carolina like it was her second family. She touched the lives of so many, and words cannot express what she meant to those around her. Throughout her nearly 50-year career, Lois was able to work for, and with, the things she loved—her family, people, education, agriculture, and Duplin County.

Lois was born and reared in Duplin County, North Carolina. Duplin County is in the rural eastern part of North

Carolina. However, Lois could see from an early age, if given just a few resources, the citizens of Duplin County could do and achieve wonderful things. She was determined to improve the lives of everyone she knew, and she knew almost everybody. So after earning her bachelor's degree from East Carolina University and graduating from North Carolina State with a master's degree in adult education, she returned home to begin her life's work.

Once back in Duplin, she started with the extension service, working in 4-H, home economics and community development. For more than 33 years, she helped mold 4-H'ers, families, and co-workers into positive, productive citizens. To put into perspective how much she meant to the 4-H community, I would like to tell you a story I heard from one of her closest friends. It is customary in North Carolina to have one large family Bible that you keep records, newspaper clippings, and any general memorabilia about your family. One common item usually found in Duplin County family Bibles was the children's 4-H certificates. For 33 years, Lois Britt signed every single 4-H certificate awarded. You see, Lois was a part of everyone's family in some way or another. Countless people in Duplin County credit Lois and the skills they gained under her 4-H and extension leadership for the success they have enjoyed in life.

While she was doing what God had put her on earth to do, helping others, Lois' career began to take off. In 1976, she was promoted to county extension director. She held this position for 14 years and was the first woman in North Carolina's history to serve in that capacity.

After leaving the county extension in 1990, she worked until 2000 with Murphy Family Farms as vice president for public relations. Additionally, she was a member of the board of the North Carolina Pork Council and was vice president of the National Pork Producers Council. It was through her work in pork and agriculture that Lois and I first became friends. We worked together in the North Carolina State Senate and here in the House of Representatives on a number of projects to improve and bolster the pork industry in our home State. We did not always see eye to eye on every issue, but I always knew where she stood and I admired her for that.

It was during her time with Murphy Brown Farms and the North Carolina Pork Council that Lois became a national spokesperson for her industry. She gained national notoriety in her field as an effective and creative leader. People looked up to Lois and respected what she had to say. Although she never ran for public office, I suspect Lois could have held any elected position she wanted due to her leadership, compassion, and understanding of complicated issues.