

Moreover, Iowans know that such lists are ultimately beside the point. They understand that the important people in all of our lives are the family members, friends, and neighbors who make our communities home. What Iowa is for its citizens who have gathered here in Washington and who will gather throughout the State this year for similar events is a celebration of Mid-American values of home and country.

Our country's greatness resides in no small part in the particular virtues of each of the 50 States that are the pluribus that make our unum. This summer, on the Capitol Mall and in our cities and towns, Iowa is celebrating its unique contribution to our United States. All are welcome to join in.

TRIBUTE TO DR. CARL F. EIFLER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 1996

Mr. FARR, of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has not only served his country as a U.S. Army colonel but his community, in Monterey County, CA, for the past 75 years. Dr. Carl F. Eifler is a living legend who is today celebrating his 90th birthday.

Dr. Eifler has led a distinguished life. He joined the Army in 1922 at 15, but was honorably discharged 2 years later when his age was discovered. Eifler later reenlisted with the Army Reserves. His service during WWII was unmatched. He was the commander of the first special agents to operate behind enemy lines, and participated in a number of heroic acts. The developer of training techniques still in use to this day, Eifler helped save more than 200 downed airmen, transported the first captured Japanese pilot from enemy territory and led a special team whose mission was to kidnap a prominent German scientist working on development of the atomic bomb for his country—though the plan was abandoned when the United States invented its own atomic bomb. In 1943, Eifler was successful in rescuing nine survivors from a crashed B-24 bomber, after taking over an unarmed patrol boat no less.

Eifler's daring WWII rescues have earned him numerous honors. He was awarded a Purple Heart, inducted into the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame, and presented with the William Donovan Award by the Veterans of the Office of Strategic Services, whose previous recipients include Ronald Reagan and George Bush. And most recently, Eifler was recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Due to an injury sustained in the line of duty, Eifler retired in 1947. However, his post-war achievements are worthy of praised as well. He went on to earn a bachelor of divinity degree and a doctorate in psychology. Following, Eifler served as chief psychologist for the Monterey Department of Public Health in the mental health division from 1964–73.

The above lists of accomplishments which Dr. Eifler has attained are only part of the reason for this tribute to an exceptional man. His outstanding heroism, leadership, and lifetime dedication are truly admirable and are the main reasons we recognize him today, on his

90th birthday. I know I am speaking for all of my constituents when I say that we are lucky to have benefited from Dr. Eifler's service to his country.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 1996

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, today it is with great pleasure that I pay tribute to the largest history museum in the northeast on its 50th anniversary, Old Sturbridge Village. Nestled in the small New England community of Sturbridge, MA, Old Sturbridge Village is an outdoor history museum and recreated village that tells the story of everyday life in a rural New England town during 1830's.

Old Sturbridge Village is a composite New England town displaying the various aspects of several communities of the 1830's. The museum was founded by Albert, Cheney, and George B. Wells as an outgrowth of the family's extensive collection of antiques. Old Sturbridge Village first opened to the public on June 8, 1946, with 81 visitors touring the village. Today the nonprofit educational institution boasts more than 435,000 visitors yearly and 100,000 pieces in its collection of antiques documenting New England's past.

Mr. Speaker, this year Old Sturbridge Village is celebrating its first half-century as the region's premier living history museum recreating in lively fashion the important period in American history between 1790 to 1850. For nearly 50 years a historically costumed staff has reenacted the daily work activities and community celebrations of a rural 19th-century town for thousands of children and adults alike.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the achievements of Old Sturbridge Village in its attempt to provide modern Americans with a deepened understanding of their own times through a personal experience with New England's past. By visualizing what moved the men and women of prior generations, Old Sturbridge Village has for 50 years shed light on Americans as they attempted to act, believe, and build the future of America. Congratulations to Old Sturbridge Village on its 50th anniversary.

LEXINGTON AND CANADA: INDEPENDENCE WITH TOGETHERNESS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 1996

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, as we prepare to celebrate July 4th, our Independence Day, it is important to reflect upon the fact that our struggle for independence was not the only one. In fact, our achievement of independence often served as a magnet for those seeking the richness of freedom for which our forefathers selflessly fought.

On Saturday, July 6, Lexington, MI, will be holding its Annual Independence Day Parade.

This year, the village of Lexington has declared that July 6th will be recognized as "Canada Day," out of respect for the Canadians that contributed to the development of Lexington. In the 1830's, many Canadians came to the United States, and to Lexington in particular, to escape a political struggle in their old homeland. They contributed to the growth of Lexington, which was originally known as "Greenbush," but was renamed as Lexington in 1842 in honor of the American Revolution.

People of Canadian heritage have been a significant part of Lexington's population. In fact, as early as 1850, one-third of the village's population had actually been born in Canada. That proud heritage continues through the present day with many of Lexington's residents, including the parade's Grand Marshall Philomena Falls, having a chance this year to specifically celebrate their Canadian heritage.

Next week Canada herself will be ably represented at the festivities by The Honorable Mike Bradley, major of Sarnia, Ontario, Mr. Joe Mills of the Royal Canadian Legion, and a color guard of the Royal Canadian Legion. I want to join all the people of Lexington in extending a very warm welcome to our Canadian friends.

Mr. Speaker, independence is special. The freedom that we have from independence can never be equaled. But our independence provides us with special opportunities for togetherness—togetherness with those who joined in our struggles to gain or maintain our freedom, or who on their own fought for a freedom very similar to our own. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in wishing the people of Lexington the very best as they celebrate Independence Day.

SUPPORT FOR DURHAM CENTER ALTERNATIVE BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCE

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 1996

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support alternative schools across our nation, and to highlight the Durham Center alternative based learning experience [ABLE] located in Tigard, OR. The ABLE program is offered by the Tigard-Tualatin School District's 21st Century Academy and provides education, support, and job seeking assistance to students like Denise Saavedra who struggled through high school and is the mother of a 2-year-old child. Denise, at age 20 is the first one in their family to graduate from high school and has learned firsthand about the value of an education and the ABLE program. The education and tools she has received through ABLE will better prepare her and open more doors for her as she seeks employment. She will be better qualified to compete in the job market and to financially support herself and her child.

There are many stories like that of Denise Saavedra. Many young people drop out of high school for reasons ranging from teen pregnancy to problems with fitting in. That is why it is so important for us to invest in alternative schools, such as the ABLE program, which provide an option for young people to go back and get their high school diploma in

a welcoming environment. Without alternative schools, many young people such as Denise would not have the opportunity to obtain her high school diploma. I urge my colleagues to continue supporting funding for alternative schools.

CAMPUS SECURITY ACT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 1996

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, today Mr. GOODLING and I have introduced a House Resolution dealing with the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act.

On June 6, 1996, the Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning held a hearing with respect to the issue of campus crime. We were particularly interested in hearing about the Department of Education's implementation of Section 485(f) of the Higher Education Act, known as the Campus Security Act of 1990.

The Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act signed into law by President Bush required colleges and universities throughout the United States to provide their students information on campus crime statistics and school policies related to campus security. This was a first step in providing students necessary information if they were to protect themselves from becoming victims of campus crime.

During the course of the hearing, some concerns were raised that colleges and universities were not accurately reporting their crime statistics. In addition, several witnesses did not believe that the Department of Education considered the enforcement of the Campus Security Act a priority.

The resolution we have introduced today directs the Department of Education to make the monitoring of compliance and enforcement of the provisions of the Campus Security Act a priority of the Department. It is imperative that colleges and universities comply with the requirements of the Campus Security Act and the Department of Education needs to give priority status to their enforcement responsibilities if we are going to accomplish our goal of protecting students from crime on our Nation's college campuses.

INTRODUCTION OF CAMPUS SECURITY ACT

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 1996

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, today Mr. McKEON and I have introduced a House resolution dealing with the Student Right To Know and Campus Security Act.

During the 101st Congress, we enacted the Student Right To Know and Campus Security Act, which called on colleges and universities throughout the United States to provide their

students information on campus crime statistics and school policies related to campus security. This information has been provided to students since September 1, 1992, but too many students continue to fall victim to campus crimes.

As students arrive on campuses across the United States, many for the first time, they will be caught up in the excitement of meeting other students, settling into their classes, and the overall enjoyment of college life. They will give little thought to the possible dangers which exist on college campuses. That's why it is imperative that colleges and universities provide students with accurate and complete data with respect to crime trends on campus and security precautions which will help students from becoming victims.

At a hearing this month before the Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning we heard testimony that called into question compliance with the Campus Security Act by colleges and universities across the country, as well as, its enforcement by the Department of Education.

The resolution we have introduced today directs the Department of Education to give priority to the monitoring of compliance and enforcement of the provisions of the Campus Security Act. Congress enacted this law to protect students, but for that to happen, the law needs to be complied with honestly and completely. The Department of Education has the responsibility for ensuring this compliance, and if we hope to protect our students as envisioned when the law was adopted, the Department needs to give priority status to this responsibility.

TRIBUTE TO KERRY P. HEIN AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 1991

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 1996

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Kerry P. Hein American Legion Post in Rocky Point, Long Island, NY, founded 5 years ago to honor the memory of CWO Kerry P. Hein, who gave his life in service to America on February 27, 1991, while serving in Operation Desert Storm. Hein was a resident of Sound Beach, on Suffolk County's North Shore, and was the only Long Island resident to die in the Persian Gulf war.

Founded in 1991 as America's first Desert Storm post, the Kerry P. Hein American Legion Post No. 1991 honors the Army medivac helicopter pilot who was shot down over Kuwait just 1 day before the cease-fire was declared in the Persian Gulf war. It was shortly after Hein's death that World War II veteran Fred Denninger of Middle Island was inspired to establish the new American Legion post to honor Hein while serving the many veterans living in the communities surrounding Rocky Point.

With the help of other veterans, including but not limited to Ron Libonati, Mike Cutrone, Harold Cases, Frank Devine, and Tom Peppard, the Kerry P. Hein American Legion Post received its permanent charter from the

National American Legion Command on July 27, 1992. It received its New York State charter on August 6 of that same year.

Beginning with 54 charter founders, the Kerry P. Hein Post now boasts 137 members from the North Shore communities of Brookhaven and Riverhead towns. One of those inaugural members is Hein's grandfather, James Coneely, who visits area schools to talk to young students about patriotism and the role of the American Legion. Because of its distinction as the only Desert Storm post, it has also attracted membership from throughout Long Island and America, and from as far away as Puerto Rico and Australia.

The Kerry P. Hein Post was assigned number 1991 to signify three historical acts; it was the year Hein died and when the post was founded, but also to pay tribute to the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor that drew America into World War II.

Kerry Hein was born in Queens, NY, and grew up in Sound Beach. In 1987, he joined the U.S. Army Reserve, completed basic training at Fort Jackson, SC, then received a bachelor of science in aeronautical studies from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida. He was assigned to the 348th Medical Detachment in Daytona, where he served until July 1989, and ultimately rose to the rank of sergeant. After completing the Rotor Wing Aviator Course at Fort Rucker, AL, Hein was commissioned a warrant officer and accepted an opportunity to serve on active duty.

Hein served in Operation Desert Storm with the 507th Medical Company, flying air ambulance helicopters that removed wounded soldiers from the battlefield under enemy fire. He was killed in action during the waning moments of Operation Desert Storm while flying a helicopter rescue into the Kuwaiti battlefield. The medivac helicopter pilot was posthumously promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 2 and received numerous battlefield honors, including the Purple Heart, Conspicuous Service Cross, Kuwait Liberation Medal and Army Commendation Medal.

Hein is survived by his wife, Laura, daughter Melissa, and son Christopher, who was born 2 months after his father's death. Hein was buried in Calverton National Cemetery on Long Island, near his hometown, with full military honors.

Along with the American Legion post in Rocky Point, the 77th U.S. Army Reserve Command [ARCOM] located on route 25A in Rocky Point was named in Hein's memory. During Operation Desert Storm, 3,400 soldiers from the 77th ARCOM served in the Persian Gulf. Also renamed in Hein's memory was New York Avenue, the main thoroughfare in Sound Beach. Other memorials include a walkway at Armed Forces Plaza in Hauppauge, Suffolk County's seat, and a helipad at Fort Hood in Mexia, TX.

These eponymous tribes are just a modest recognition of the sacrifice and service that Kerry P. Hein offered America, a small measure of the gratitude we owe these men and women who gave their lives for this country. For generations to come, these tributes will serve to remind all Americans that freedom does not come without cost, that the liberty we all enjoy was paid for with blood of men and women like Kerry P. Hein.