

he has devoted countless hours of his valuable time to teaching the history and the lessons of the Holocaust to all Americans and future generations.

Arnold has contributed a great deal to our country through his willingness to take risks in pursuit of better and more efficient ways of manufacturing and his philanthropic devotion to the task of remembrance. I invite my colleagues to join me in expressing our appreciation for Arnold Lorber's many accomplishments and his continuing devotion to making this country a better place.

CORRECTING THE IMMIGRATION LAW

HON. RANDY TATE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. TATE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce a simple piece of legislation designed to fix a major flaw in U.S. immigration law. Over the past decade, the subject of immigration has captured the interest of the American people. This year, it has moved to the forefront of the political arena in Washington, DC. Major bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate to control illegal immigration and reform legal immigration. The bill I bring to the floor today is not a sweeping solution to our immigration woes, but a strong step in the right direction.

From the time of our forefathers, U.S. immigration policy has provided the opportunity for millions of people to come to America to help us build the strongest, most prosperous democracy in the world. In more recent years, however, many have begun to take advantage of our open door policy. Today, some believe that immigration to the United States is a right instead of a privilege.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service estimates that 300,000 people enter the United States illegally every year, and 3.8 million currently live in this country illegally. These people are taking advantage of American generosity and openness without regard for our laws or our principles. Mr. Speaker, that is not what America is all about.

Illegal immigrants come to the United States at the expense of those who choose to play by the rules and come to America legally. Most Americans probably don't even know it, but our laws do not penalize individuals who intentionally cross our borders illegally. Under current law, any individual who enters the United States illegally and is deported is still eligible for legal immigration later. Despite the fact that they have already broken one of our laws, illegal immigrants are provided the same privileges under U.S. immigration law as anyone else.

I am introducing legislation today to put an end to this madness. Under my bill, if an individual breaks our immigration laws by intentionally entering the United States illegally, he or she will never again be eligible for any kind of temporary or immigrant visa. Not 1 year later, not 20 years later, never. We need to use our precious immigration resources wisely instead of wasting them on people who have no respect for American laws.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and to stand up for honesty and integrity. Thank you.

H.R. —

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REVISION TO GROUND OF INADMISSIBILITY FOR ILLEGAL ENTRANTS AND IMMIGRATION VIOLATORS.

(a) ALIENS PREVIOUSLY DEPORTED.—Section 212(a)(6)(A) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(A)) is amended by—

(1) Inserting after "Any alien who" the following: "had the intent to illegally enter the United States and"; and

(2) striking "and who again seeks admission within one year of the date of such deportation";

(b) CERTAIN ALIENS PREVIOUSLY REMOVED.—Section 212(a)(6)(B) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(B)) is amended by—

(1) inserting after "Any alien who" the following: "had the intent to illegally enter the United States and"; and

(2) striking "and (a) who seeks admission within 5 years of the date of such deportation or removal, or (b) seeks admission within 20 years in the case of an alien convicted of an aggravated felony,".

COMMEMORATING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF PHIL RUBENSTEIN

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege for me to wish a good friend and loyal public servant, Phil Rubenstein, best wishes as he celebrates his 80th birthday.

Phil has devoted 53 years to public service within the United States and Ocean County governments. An example to us all, Phil's dedication and creativity have improved the lives of many Americans.

Of course, all commentary aside, Phil Rubenstein's record speaks for itself. From 1943 to 1954 Phil served as the Assistant Chief of the Service Division of the Veterans Administration. He continued his service until 1974 by working as a Social Security Representative in the Northeast. Phil retired from the Federal Civil Service but continued to honorably serve the citizens of Ocean County, New Jersey by assuming the directorship of the Ocean County Office on Aging.

As the director of the Ocean County Office on Aging, Phil has left an indelible impression on our local community and on the lives of senior citizens across the nation.

A few of his more notable accomplishments include: Creating free mammography and prostate cancer screening programs; creating a complete senior citizen complex that among other things established nutrition sites, senior centers, home delivered meal programs, and other outreach programs; the creation of the Ocean County Handicapped and Elderly Transportation Service.

As I deliver these words of praise, I realize that I am only one voice of many that have done likewise. Phil has received, among others, awards from the Governor for "Outstanding Achievement for Innovative Programs for the Elderly", from the New Jersey Association of Freeholders for "Outstanding Service", from the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders for "Distinguished", and three distinguished Federal Service Awards.

The people who probably thank Phil the most, however, are all of those who benefit

from the results of his hard work. Most notable are the senior citizens who need access to transportation to receive medical care. Every day over 650 people across the Nation are able to utilize this service.

I could continue with a litany of other awards and accomplishments that Phil has earned. Instead, I will end here and say this. Phil, on this day—the day before your 80th birthday—I give you my best wishes and hopes for another rewarding and successful year. Happy birthday.

GEORGIANS SUPPORT SOLDIERS IN BOSNIA

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues in the House recent action taken by the House of Representatives of the State of Georgia. While many Georgians expressed significant reservations with regard to the Clinton administration policies leading to the deployment of ground troops on the Balkan Peninsula, it is clear that American citizens and their leaders are unified in support of our courageous men and women serving in the region. Now that our men and women are fully deployed and committed to the mission given to them by the Commander in Chief, it is imperative that we provide the material support necessary to insure the safe and successful completion of this peacekeeping effort.

H.R. No. 791

By: Representatives Bunn of the 74th, Heckstall of the 55th, Hembree of the 98th, Mueller of the 152nd, Brown of the 130th and others

A RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the American troops in Bosnia and Herzegovina urging President Clinton and the Congress to give the troops sufficient resources to ensure their well-being; and for other purposes.

Whereas, President Clinton has dispatched American troops to assist in supervising the fragile peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina; and

Whereas, those American men and women along with their NATO counterparts are experiencing severe hardship and facing real personal danger in order to protect the former combatants and their respective civilian populations in that tragic region; and

Whereas, those brave men and women deserve not only our moral support but also the real material support necessary to ensure their safety in a hostile environment.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives That the members of this body express their confidence that the American troops deployed in Bosnia and Herzegovina will acquit themselves professionally and honorably, pledge their unserved support for the American troops, and pray that their mission will bring a return of peace and prosperity to the citizens of the region.

Be it further resolved That the members of this body urge the President and Congress to provide the United States contingent with the resources and support necessary to ensure the success of their mission and their early safe return home.

Be it further resolved That the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of

this resolution to President Clinton, the presiding officers of the House of Representatives and Senate, the majority leader of the Senate, and the Secretary of Defense.

AMERICA'S UNSUNG HEROES

HON. SONNY CALLAHAN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, during his State of the Union Address this week, President Clinton recognized one of the heroes from last year's bombing in Oklahoma City. I believe this was a tradition begun by former President Reagan but regardless who started it, it is a practice which has great merit.

For all across America, there are countless unsung heroes—men and women, boys and girls—who rise to whatever occasion is necessary to lend a helping hand to one of their fellow citizens.

Such was the case in the early morning hours of New Year's day in the city of Robertsedale, AL. Then, one of my constituents, Mr. Floyd Smith, saw that his neighbor's house trailer was engulfed in flames and without regard for his own safety, rushed in to save the lives of this family.

If it were not for Mr. Smith, George and Doris Hammock, and their grandson, Adam, would no longer be with us today.

Clearly, Floyd Smith didn't wake up intending to be a hero that day. Like most Americans, he probably had other things on his mind on this first day of the new year.

But when he saw his neighbors were at risk, he raced over to try to awake the Hammocks by beating on the walls of their trailer. Then he helped the family escape the burning home through the window.

Once the Robertsedale Fire Department arrived, it took 45 minutes to totally extinguish out the fire. The Hammocks lost everything—their home, their clothes, their possessions—but thanks to Floyd Smith, they didn't lose the one thing which is truly irreplaceable—their lives.

Just like so many other heroes, Floyd Smith deserves to be recognized for his outstanding act of bravery. He put the life and well-being of others above his own. And he did so not because it was politically popular, but because it was the right thing to do.

Mr. Smith is truly an American hero and he deserves to be praised for his outstanding acts. Everyone can learn from his example and because of it, the Hammocks now have an opportunity to live out their New Year's resolutions with many more to come.

On behalf of the people of south Alabama, I salute Mr. Floyd Smith, and ask that a copy of this statement be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

TRIBUTE TO MAJ. GEN. EARL G.
PECK, USAF, RETIRED

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a man

who has served his country and his State for almost 50 years, Maj. Gen. Earl G. Peck. I have had the privilege of working with Earl for a number of years on issues of concern to veterans.

General Peck began his military service in 1948 and served for more than 36 years in the U.S. Air Force. He was a command pilot with more than 7,000 hours in fighters, bombers, tankers, and trainers. Earl received numerous military decorations, including the Defense and Air Force Distinguished Service Medals, the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star, the Vietnam Service Medal with four campaign stars and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

During his distinguished military career, Earl held many different positions. He served as Chief of Staff, Strategic Air Command; Director, Intelligence and Space Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Deputy Commander, Sixth Allied Tactical Air Force, Izmir, Turkey; Chief, Office of Air Force History; Commandant, Squadron Officers School; Commander, 3902d Air Base Wing; Chief, Special Air Operations, Vietnam; and many others as a squadron pilot and staff officer.

When the general left the Air Force in 1985, he could have sat back and enjoyed his retirement. But as so often is the case with veterans, Earl continued to contribute to his community.

Since his retirement, he has been active in the Retired Officers Association, the Air Force Association, and the Order of Daedalians. He is also a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and Paralyzed Veterans of America.

In 1989, Earl was appointed as the Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. Immediately preceding his appointment, he was Director of the Florida Division of Veterans' Affairs, the department's predecessor.

As an advocate for Florida's veterans, Earl has worked to improve the quality of life for all of the State's 1.73 million veterans. The resources of the department has increased by 400 percent, providing increased services to veterans. During his tenure, veterans' homes have been constructed in Lake City and Daytona Beach and more are planned. He has worked to elevate the VA's understanding of Florida's problems and to improve the resources and facilities available to our veterans. He has always been a valuable resource for our congressional delegation in Washington.

Earl is the outgoing President of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs. Secretary Jesse Brown presented Earl with the Secretary's Award for Outstanding State Director—a well-deserved honor.

In 1994, I was honored by the Association as "Man of the Year." I know he was instrumental in my selection for this award and I am grateful for his support.

As Earl prepares to retire from the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, I wanted to wish him the best of luck in his retirement. Although he may be retiring, I know Earl will remain a strong advocate for Florida's veterans.

GEORGE DYKSTRA: A GREAT
AMERICAN

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the life of George Dykstra, known as Mr. Sparta to people in the town he called home. George Dykstra lived a great American life: In good times and bad, he was always there to serve his family, his neighbors, and his country.

Born in Fulton, IL, in 1921, George grew up in Prospect Park, NJ. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps for 7 years and received a Purple Heart while serving in the Pacific Theater as a sergeant during World War II, which included action in Guadalcanal and the Philippines. After the war, George finally settled down and moved to the township of Sparta in the heart of Sussex County, NJ. Little did George know that he would dedicate the next 50 years of his life to serving the citizens of this small, mountainous town. Whether it was the Sparta VFW Post, the North Jersey Midget Football League, flood victims in Wilkes Barre, PA, or planting flowers in front of the municipal building, George Dykstra was there to lead the way or just lend a helping hand. According to Monsignor Charles C. Cassidy, the retired pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Church in Sparta, "everything he did was for someone else."

George also made significant contributions through his service in municipal government. He was a member of the Sparta Township Council for 18 years, including four terms as mayor. It was through this venue that I first met George and came to know him as a straight-shooting, thoughtful, and caring man. Whether it was keeping tabs on the Superfund sight at A.O. Polymer or acting as a sounding board for local veterans as a valued member of my Veterans Round Table, George didn't tinker around the edges, he always got right to the point. He was someone I could trust. Sparta Councilwoman Dolores Blackburn put it perfectly when she said that "he cannot be replaced. The things he did were well-intentioned, whether you agreed with him or not. He was our local color."

I could not possibly name all of the organizations that George Dykstra was involved in during his years in Sparta, he was literally a part of everything that went on in the town. According to Pat, his wife of 22 years, "he just loved Sparta. He always wanted to stay here." David Ferguson worked along side George as Sparta's township manager and wholeheartedly agrees, stating that "He is 'Mr. Sparta.' I don't know anyone who cared more and loved Sparta more than George. He was the most dedicated individual I have ever known toward his community. He had a heart of gold and we all loved him." His fellow councilman, Michael Devine, aptly described him as "straightforward, uncomplicated and reliable as a man could be." Sparta always counted on George to come through for the community and he never let them down—he was a sure thing.

George Dykstra had a way with everyone—even reporters. Carole Hartman covered George for 4 years with the Sparta Independent and the New Jersey Herald and found out