

Those who knew him best lauded his skills as an officer, a person, and most importantly as a father. According to Sgt. J.J. Riani, “the thing that came most naturally to him was being his daughters’ father.” His wife of nearly 25 years described Mr. Caudle as “the best detective there ever was. If there was a crime out there, he could solve it. He lived life to its fullest. He didn’t waste a moment of living. He was always there for his friends, willing to help anybody at anytime for anything.”

Perhaps Mr. Caudle’s legacy can best be described by his children. Daughter Jamie, 15, said, “I think my dad was like probably the coolest parent ever. I could tell him anything. He was not only my father but my best friend. I loved him and he loved me and I know I made him proud.” Older daughter Kristen, 19, said, “Daddies are supposed to be heroes. They’re supposed to be strong. They’re not supposed to die.”

Today we remember a true hero. Steve Caudle put service before self and family ahead of all others. Steve will be missed not only by the people who knew him, but by those in the community that he served with dignity, respect and true heroism.

TRIBUTE TO THE SOMERVILLE ARTS COUNCIL

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2001

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Somerville (Massachusetts) Arts Council and to Cecily Miller, who served as its director for fifteen years. Ms. Miller transformed a small, under-funded coterie of art lovers into a powerful community force. It is no exaggeration to say that Ms. Miller used art to forge community. Somerville has historically been a city of immigrants and working people. During the decade I served as Mayor, Somerville experienced some gentrification but no loss of neighborliness. Cecily Miller played no small part in that achievement. To bring people together, she created ART BEAT, an annual celebration of arts, crafts, music, and dance that draws large, orderly, and animated crowds to our public squares.

In addition to the public festivals, I would like to cite three of her most imaginative projects:

(1) The Garden Awards—each year Somerville gardens are displayed in brilliant photographs, and the gardens are as different as our citizens. Some of the backyards are restrained and minimalist, some explode with flowers and vegetables bursting through chain-link fences. The photograph in my Longworth office shows an exuberant man, in ripe middle age, holding aloft dahlias. People have different ideas of the way they want their own yard to look, but no difficulty in recognizing the beauty of their neighbors’.

(2) The Illumination Tour—Somerville householders illuminate their homes and gardens for the winter holidays. Cecily Miller recognized these decorations as a genuine art form, and organized a trolley tour of the most spectacular installations. Again, she helped citizens to share and celebrate their neighbors’ observances.

(3) The Mystic River Mural—a public housing projects abuts an inter-state highway that

obscures the Mystic River. Cecily Miller raised grant money so that teenagers from the project could work with professional artists on a mural. They covered the barrier with imaginative approaches to the water. Now, instead of graffiti, we see a river and a riverbank: reeds, herons, people fishing, swimming, chatting. Most important, young people learned that they could transform an ugly scene into a thing of beauty.

I regret that Cecily Miller is leaving the Somerville Arts Council. I am deeply grateful for all that she has done for the people of Somerville.

HONORING 21 MEMBERS OF NATIONAL GUARD KILLED IN CRASH ON MARCH 3, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2001

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of the 21 brave men who died while serving their nation. Serving in the military is a tough and demanding job not only for those who choose to serve, but the families who are forced to live without them, who wave goodbye knowing they may never see them again.

I met recently with General Harrison with the Florida National Guard, and we talked about the great work the Guard was doing, all while being called for more and more missions. We are particularly thankful for the Guard in my home state of Florida because of the great support they offer. Whether it’s fighting our wildfires or preparing for our hurricanes, the Guard is always there for us in our time of need.

I speak for my colleagues and all my constituents in thanking every man and woman who puts their life on the line for this country. Not just when tragedy strikes, but for every day that you protect us from harm.

TRIBUTE TO BILL AND CLAUDIA COLEMAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize Bill and Claudia Coleman for their gracious donation to the University of Colorado. On January 16, 2001, University of Colorado president Elizabeth Hoffman accepted their donation, the single largest gift ever given to an American University. The gift, totaling \$250 million, will be used to establish the University of Colorado Coleman Institute for Disabilities. The program will fund advanced research and development of innovative technologies intended to enhance the lives of people with cognitive disabilities.

Cognitive disabilities are associated with a number of conditions, such as mental retardation and developmental retardation. “This will make CU the international center of excellence in developing adaptive assistance tech-

nologies, based on advanced biomedical and computer science research and computer science research, for people with cognitive disabilities,” Hoffman said.

Bill is the founder and chairman of BEA Systems of San Jose, California, and his wife Claudia, is a former manager with Hewlett Packard. An Air Force Academy graduate and former executive with Sun Microsystems, Bill said the idea for the donation came from a tour of CU’s Center for LifeLong Learning and Design. Bill and Claudia are no strangers to cognitive disabilities. They have a niece with the disability, and they understand the benefits and the promise new technologies offer.

The Coleman’s plan to play an active role in the institute. They said the “incredibly strong” team of researchers at CU played a decisive role in the decision to give the University the endowment. “We have witnessed the challenges this population faces every day with problem solving, reasoning skills and understanding and using language,” Bill said. “I passionately believe that we as a society have the intelligence and the responsibility to develop technologies that will expand the ability of those with cognitive disabilities to learn, to understand and to communicate,” he added.

Mr. Speaker, this is an unprecedented gift by both Mr. and Mrs. Coleman. Their generosity and vision will help countless Americans now and in the future. For that, they deserve the thanks and praise of this body.

RECOGNIZING THE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT RECENTLY SIGNED BY THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, TOGETHER WITH PARTNERS IN ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY

HON. ALAN B. MOLLOHAN

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2001

Mr. MOLLOHAN. Mr. Speaker, over the past several weeks, we have been painfully reminded of how heavily our economy relies on affordable, abundant energy. The events that we’ve experienced—from massive supply disruptions in the west to sharp price increases in the east—also have opened many eyes to the need to devise a sound national energy policy.

Along with a number of my colleagues in this House, I have long advocated the benefits of more fully incorporating coal into America’s energy mix. The abundance and value of our nation’s coal reserves are well-documented, and are absolutely key to moving our country toward the desirable goal of greater energy independence.

That is why I am pleased by the memorandum of understanding signed January 30, 2001, in Morgantown, W.Va., between partners in government, industry and academia. They have pledged to team together on coal research, development and commercialization initiatives—initiatives which will enable West Virginia to build on its role as a leader in the search for national and international energy solutions.

I would like to recognize the signatories to this memorandum, beginning with our distinguished former colleague, the Honorable Robert E. Wise Jr., who now serves as governor

of the State of West Virginia. Joining Governor Wise in ratifying this landmark agreement were David C. Hardesty Jr., the president of West Virginia University; Patrick R. Esposito Sr., the president of Augusta Systems Inc., on behalf of the tenants of the Collins Ferry Commerce Center; and Ralph A. Carabetta, deputy director of the National Energy Technology Laboratory, or NETL.

These officials, and the organizations they serve, are to be commended on their efforts to more fully integrate NETL-developed technologies into the marketplace. Their memorandum of understanding re-affirms Senator ROBERT C. BYRD's foresight in promoting energy research, and will further capitalize on his success in building a strong fossil-fuel portfolio at NETL.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to salute the partners in this agreement, and to wish them much success in their new collaboration.

IN HONOR OF THE SUCCESS OF ST. MICHAEL AND UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise in congratulations to the success of St. Michael Hospital in maintaining the tradition of high quality, community health care.

Last year, the life of St. Michael Hospital, a full service community hospital, was threatened by a buyer who sought to close it. Without notice, patients were told to find other physicians, wards were closed, ambulance service was stopped and units were shut down. Once the community learned of the pending closure, they sprang into action to save St. Michael. A massive effort began. Neighborhood residents spoke out, the City Council supported, doctors and nurses worked tirelessly and my office filed an amicus brief to prevent the closure, supported by hundreds of constituents.

Today, St. Michael Hospital is not only in stable condition, but growing its services and expanding its facility. Not even a year after it stood at the brink of closure, it is now in the middle of plans to increase the size of the emergency room by 50 percent. Construction will begin in a few months to allow the hospital to create more treatment areas for trauma patients. Later this month, two renovation projects are slated to begin. A new inpatient gero-psychiatric ward was opened last December after renovation was completed on the fourth floor. St. Michael has even started a shuttle service for patients without transportation.

For 117 years, St. Michael Hospital (formerly St. Alexis) has done a remarkable job of tending to the health of Clevelanders. It has provided high quality health care to hundreds of thousands of patients, no matter their color, country of origin, age or ability to pay. Over 20 percent of its patients are unable to afford health care, but they are treated at St. Michael.

Our community has long known the institution's strength of compassion, and we are now so lucky to witness its strength of determina-

tion and resilience. St. Michael has rebounded with new medical care programs, an increase in patient volume and an improved financial situation. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the work of St. Michael Hospital and the University Hospital Health Network which came to its rescue. I ask that you join with me in congratulating all who have brought St. Michael Hospital back to life.

CONGRATULATING WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION JOHNNY "THE QUIET MAN" RUIZ

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2001

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate, Johnny "The Quiet Man" Ruiz, a young man from my district, for winning the World Boxing Association Heavyweight title this past weekend in Las Vegas. I do not stand here today to boast about the athletic prowess of a world class champion but rather to commend Johnny for the grace and dignity with which he has carried himself throughout his climb to the upper echelons of the boxing world.

As the first Latino heavyweight world champion, Johnny is truly a hometown hero to the people of Chelsea, Massachusetts. Johnny was a hero long before his upset victory over four-time champion Evander Holyfield on Saturday evening. Last August, after losing a very close and controversial decision to Holyfield, Johnny came home from Las Vegas to find hundreds of his supporters waiting on his doorstep to cheer his arrival. They knew they already had a champion among them.

Like many young husbands and fathers throughout the country, Johnny spends his free time coaching Little League baseball, Pop Warner Football and is actively involved in the parent's group at his children's school. That is the man that is the new heavy weight champion. That is Johnny Ruiz. Like many of his neighbors, Johnny Ruiz is a hardworking family man, who proudly represents a city of hard working people. Johnny just happens to go to work at the Somerville Boxing Club under the watchful eye of his trainer Norman Stone.

Years from now we will surely be hearing many stories about the boxing triumphs of this heavyweight champion from Chelsea. People will talk about how they used to watch him run by their house or storefront while he was training. We will hear about rematches and world rankings. However, there is one story that stands out in my mind. On the evening of the first Holyfield-Ruiz fight, the then-WBA champion Holyfield was hosting a postfight victory party at the Paris Hotel. Accompanied by his boyhood friends, Ruiz, an exhausted and defeated challenger walked through the many reporters, cameras and Holyfield fans to extend a congratulatory hand to his most recent opponent. This gesture caught Holyfield by surprise more than Johnny's overhand right last Saturday night. The champion told Johnny "that was the most class an opponent has ever shown after a fight". That story truly embodies Johnny Ruiz.

It is reassuring to know that behind all the hype and trash talking in professional sports

there are still athletes out there who are true gentlemen. There are still men like Johnny "The Quiet Man" Ruiz: a neighborhood kid who had a little bit more talent and worked a little bit harder to get his shot. More importantly, he never forgot his roots—he never forgot the neighborhood and city he was fighting from. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate "the neewww WBA heavyweight champ of the worlllldd Johnny Ruiz!!!"

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the Peace Corps as it celebrates its 40th Anniversary.

The Peace Corps is a powerful symbol of America's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass roots level in the developing world and at home.

Today, its volunteers are working to bring clean water to communities, teach children, help start new small businesses, and stop the spread of AIDS.

Since its beginning, in 1961, more than 161,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 134 countries. These are people who are dedicated and committed to making this a better world.

After serving and teaching in other countries, Peace Corps volunteers return to the U.S. with a greater understanding of other cultures and peoples.

It is truly a mutually beneficial cross-cultural exchange.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the thousands of Peace Corps volunteers, past, present, and future, and in commanding the Peace Corps for empowering and encouraging progress around the world for the past four decades.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH M. HOEFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2001

Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday March 5, I missed two votes numbered 26 and 27. I missed these votes on account of illness. If present, I would have voted "yea" on both suspension bills.

OPPOSING NATIONAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION OR NATIONAL TEACHER TESTING

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2001

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation to forbid the use of federal funds to develop or implement a national system of teacher certification or a national teacher test.