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**TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHNNY WINTERS**

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**HON. CARRIE P. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2002

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mr. Johnny Winters for his long-time and selfless commitment to the South Florida community. Mr. Winters is the founder and executive director of Get Out And Live (GOAL), Inc., which has provided 30 exceedingly accomplished years of social, educational, cultural and religious activities for homebound handicapped adults.

Mr. Winters' tremendous entrepreneurship and dedication have resulted in the servicing of over 50 handicapped clients and a nationwide membership of over 4,000.

He is an awe-inspiring motivational speaker to handicapped and non-handicapped students in private and public schools. His compassion extends to educating students in special education classes to prepare them for future challenges. He has also made radio appearances on the Larry King Talk Show to further his cause.

It is not surprising that Mr. Winters' humanitarianism has been recognized on several occasions. His work has been acknowledged with awards from numerous fraternal, civic, religious and governmental organizations. For example, on February 27, 1988 he was the honored guest at the Miami Shores Mayor's Ball, where he received the Mayor's Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Handicapped People of Miami Shores. He has also received the Legion of Honor Award from the Miami Shores Kiwanis Club.

Recently, the city and citizens of North Miami celebrated Mr. Winters' humanitarian commitment by proclaiming Sunday, April 21, 2002, "Johnny Winters Day". I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Mr. Johnny Winters for his outstanding service to our community. We are fortunate to have noble citizens like him to provide essential services and support to our society.

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**PAYING TRIBUTE TO JANICE STRAUSS**

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**HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2002

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Janice Strauss, teacher and child advocate, upon her retirement.

Jan was born on December 17, 1946 in Pittsburgh, PA to Dorothy and Fred Little. The family moved to Niagara Falls, NY on June 6, 1952. Jan is the eldest of 5 children, Kathleen, Michael, Douglas and Nancy being her siblings. She taught herself to read at four years of age and taught her youngest sister, Nancy to read at four. Jan went to St. John de la Salle Catholic School until 8th grade, and then finished her public school education at Niagara Wheatfield Schools. She was an exchange

student to Ecuador during the summer between her junior and senior years. This is when her love of Spanish and other cultures began to flourish.

Jan went to Harpur College where she majored in Spanish and graduated in January 1968. It was at Harpur that she met her future husband Geoffrey. They were married on May 18, 1968 and they have two children, Micah and Alicia. Jan earned her Masters of Arts in Teaching Spanish at SUNY Binghamton in 1970 and is certified to teach Spanish. She is also a certified English As A Second Language Teacher.

Jan is first and foremost a "people person." When she was a senior in high school, she convinced her mother that they should take care of her maternal grandmother in their home. She also insisted in bringing her grandmother-in-law into her home rather than put her in a nursing home. When her daughter Micah was born, the lack of credible information about breastfeeding led her to enter into a rigorous training program to become a La Leche League Leader to help other nursing mothers. Over the years, she has welcomed numerous foreign exchange students into her home to enjoy and learn about their cultures and make them feel welcomed and loved in our country. As her children entered public school, wanting to increase the value and quality of the public school experience for children, she became involved in the PTA holding various offices on the local and regional levels. To advocate for the rights and dignity of children, residents and employees, she ran for and won a position on the Union-Endicott School Board.

Next to being a mother, the ultimate example of her love of children and people is her teaching. She cares about each student, always striving to help each student succeed, even those students "written off" by others. She considers any student's lack of success a personal loss.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to salute Jan for her many years of distinguished services and devotion to our community. She has left a fine mark in the teaching profession and our community and I join her family, colleagues and friends in thanking her and wishing her all the best on her well-deserved retirement.

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**TRIBUTE TO JIM SIX**

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**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2002

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the patriotic efforts of one of my constituents. In 2001, Gloucester County Times columnist Jim Six was able to return to a Texas woman a dog tag believed to have belonged to her brother, a Marine who was captured by the Viet Cong in 1968 and who reportedly died in a prisoner of war camp in 1970. His body has never been recovered. Six, through the efforts of an acquaintance, bought more than 400 dog tags from vendors in Vietnam in 1993 and is attempting to find more matches.

I would like to submit a list of the names on the dog tags for the RECORD.

A.C. Aalseth, Thomas A. Abe, R.D. Ahrens, Kem R. Akers, Paul J. Albano, Norman

Allen, G.B. Alleyne, Clayton J. Anderson, John R. Anderson, Robert C. Anderson, Jr., Russell A. Anderson, Albert Annunziata, J.E. Armistead, W.J. Armstrong, Raymond E. Armstrong, E.M. Arnold, L.D. Arrowood, Ludwig B. Aske, and Larry D. Aveline.

C.W. Baney, Jr., A.W. Bardley, Homer T. Barker, David E. Barton, W.H. Batia, R.J. Baxler, Michael W. Becktel, Morral Bennett, K.J. Berman, L.E. Bethel, John D. Betlock, Ronald L. Binford, Mark D. Black, Paul T. Bobenrieth, R.O. Boehnke, Jr., F. Bonafede, David J. Bonner, Walter W. Booth, R.W. Botelho, Daniel A. Bouchard, B.A. Bounds, D. Braddy, Jr., Scott R. Bradley, Darnell L. Branch, T.C. Breshears, Jr., T.O. Brock, T.F. Broderick, C.D. Brown, Clarence Brown, Harold E. Brown, V. Brown, W.R. Brown, Jackie R. Broyles, Ralph L. Bruner, James T. Buckman, F.L. Burnett, and Vernon E. Bush, Jr.

J.L. Calderon, G.A. Campbell, R.S. Campbell, K.T. Caruso, Ronald G. Castor, E.C. Chamberlin, Jr., Dennis E. Chapin, I.L. Chase, J.E. Clark, J.W. Clary, L.D. Clouse, L.L. Conley, M.R. Cooksey, Robert L. Cosgrove, Jr., J.B. Cothran, William J. Cotton, Ronald Creach, Charles T. Crews, E.G. Croft, Michael T. Cross, Garry W. Cummings, T.A. Curd, R.T. Curry, and John Crazy Bear.

Ronald G. Damn, Michael N. Damon, Ernest C. Davis, F.G. Davis, H.B. Davis, J.B. Davis, R.P. Dechicchis, J.L. Degee, Donald E. Deister, D.D. Delair, Thomas D. Delany, Robert L. Dickson, G.W. Dietz, La-Verne E. Dietz, Jr., Roosevelt H. Dillard, Edwin K. Dodd, Jr., R.O. Dorfer, C.E. Druex, D.R. Dudek, K.J. Dudley, Carlton T. Dunn, and Thomas L. Dutton.

T.J. Egan, Robert S. Emerling, Steven T. Evans, and William F. Evans.

R.D. Fairbairn, G.C. Falk, Russell C. Farver, A.F. Felch, Francis Fernandez, Jr., Randell B. Finch, G.A. Fink, Clayton C. Fladie, W.H. Fleck, R.N. Fletcher, Curtis J. Franklin, John E. Fox, W.K. Fox, John E. Frederick, Joseph A. Freehorn, J.E. Frye, Jr., and E.M. Fujihara.

Danny R. Gaddis, John A. Galhert, John R. Gantner, Santos Garza, Jr., Dale K. Graham, E.J. Graham, R.E. Gibbs, Ernie P. Gilliam, S.D. Gilliland, R.J. Ginder, M.T. Giorsetti, Howard Gist, Jr., William F. Glendenon, James R. Golding, Herbert E. Gonzalez, M.K. Granten, Ronnie B. Grimes, D.W. Guffey, Robert P. Gunton, Jr., and Carlos Gutierrez.

J.J. Hagan, Tony R. Hall, D.W. Hammond (matched/returned), Larry Hardin, Harley D. Harless, S.W. Hart, Willis Hart, A.L. Haulcy, Jimmy L. Heavin, Theodore L. Helm,

D.R. Henderson, James F. Henderson, G.M. Hendrickson, Jesus Hernandez, Jr., Dave Heyboer, T.S. Hickman, T.D. Hobart, S.R. Hobley, Junior Hodge, B.R. Holcomb, F. Hollier, Jr., Donald P. Hoover, L. Hopkins, Jr., Robert C. Horman, G.A. Howe, John F. Howley, James L. Huff, and Ronald D. Hurst. M.T. Ispocogee.

Carl L. Jackson, James Jackson, L.D. Jacobson, R.E. James, William B. James, R.G. Jauouay, Steven C. Jefferson, John F. Jenkins, E.C. Jenson, Claude L. Johnson, David I. Johnson, Michael H. Johnson, Milton Johnson, R.M. Johnson, Ronald Johnson, Danny L. Jones, Linwood E. Jones, and R.A. Jones, Jr.

G.L. Kavelaras, V.J. Kemerer, Robin S. Kent, Roland H. Kiersey, Jr., J.J. Kimbrough, Jr., Robert L. Kirk, M.C. Klepac, T.M. Knutson, Clyde K. Kobbeman, K.R. Krueger, and T.L. Kyle.

C.E. Lames, Ernest C. Lammer, John F. Langowski, Jr., Gene O. Lanier, Jr., Ronald L. Lantrop, T.L. Laplaunt, C.P. Leary, John E. Leavister, D.J. Lee, Harry Lerner, W.D. Lidster, P.F. Linneman, Eddie C. Lipscombs, I.B. Livingston, Thomas E. Lloyd, J.W. Logan, Isaac Lopez, R.D. Loveridge, and Charles J. Lyons.

Bruce A. Magnuson, John D. Mahonet, J.M. Mangano, Donald E. Mannig, A. Marcha, W.W. Marragos, William L. Marshall, Daniel L. Martin, William M. Martin, J.P. Martinez, R.S. Martinez, David A. Mayzlik, G.E. McCrillis, Jr., William S. McCune, Roger W. McDonald, Charles A. Mcduffle, R.T. Mcgettigan, Duckey McKnight, John P. Mcniel, Thomas Mesa, William G. Meyer, R.C. Mickels, B.J. Mihneski, F.M. Miller, Jr., N.J. Minucci, K.L. Mokern, C.F. Momillen, James Money, Salvador Montes, Jr., E. E. Montor, Lindy N. Moore, James N. Morgan, Kenneth D. Morgan, T.R. Morley, Franklin F. Morris, Jr., Carl J. Morton, W.D. Moss, Danny L. Murphy, David R. Murphy, Monty D. Murphy, and D.L. Myers.

F. Nagy, P.E. Nance, Phillip E. Nash, F.F. Nives, and George C. Noland,

R.A. O'Conner, Michael L. O'Mary, and Richard D. Ortega.

Richard B. Palmer, James A. Parker, J.W. Peavy, J.L. Pell, Joseph E. Peters, D.V. Phillips, Paul C. Phillips, W.L. Phillips, P.L. Phipps, David K. Pickard, R.E. Pierson, Gale V. Pinkston, P.L. Plander, Michael J. Polly, A. Potter, D.C. Powell, A. D. Prater, T. A. Press, M.E. Price, Marvin E. Price, and C.J. Pummel.

W.E. Queale.

Edward E. Raiche, Bertrand Randolph, T.G. Ray, Malcolm S. Read, K.R. Reed, Jackie L. Replogle, L.B. Reynolds, Franklin Rhodes, Vincent A. Richardson, James Riley, R.J. Risk, W.T. Ritenour, Joseph P. Rizzi, E. Robertson, Jr., J.F. Robertson, Jr., Isaac R. Robinson III, Lewis W.L. Robinson, Eugene J. Ruthman, and William F. Ryder.

G. Sanchez, M. Sanchez, J. Santiago, R.J. Schimes, R. Schlaier, W. Schlipf, S.D. Sears, Lonie S. Sedlacek, C.F. Seiler, L.H. Sewell, H.A. Shafer, J.J. Sheridan, David S. Sherrad, R.A. Shoemaker, Loreece Sigler, Jack W. Simmons, R.L. Simpson, R.B. Sims, Robert R. Slusher, Charles L. Smith, F.F. Smith, G.T. Smith, Gary A. Smith, Michael L. Smith, Robert L. Smith, Richard C. Smoldt, R.D. Spalding, Lyleh Spear, L.M. Spears, Larry A. Stedenburg, R.B. Steinberg, Phillip M. Steiner, Stephens, William H. Stewart, E. Strange, James L. Stowell, and G.R. Suter.

Raul Tamez, Jerry L. Taylor, William D. Tedhow, E.M. Telenko, Bruce R. Thomas, David J. Thomas, Donald Thomas, Edward L. Thompson, Al V. Tindell, Bobby W. Todd, D.A. Toomai, Julias A. Torrence, D.J. Traina, Ainulfo P. Torres, Fred E. Trueblood, and Jeffrey S. Tucker.

Vern F. Vannier, W.L. Vanryzin, W.S. Vetter, Zane C. Vinton, and Wayne A. Volk.

W.E. Wakefield, E.P. Walbridge, Barry L. Walker, J.C. Walker, D.C. Wallace, Jacob Jr. Wallace, J.L. Waller, J.F. Ward, Rocky D. Washburn, Tin Watts, R.H. Webb, Robert L. Weddington, Terrence G. Weller, S. Westmorelan, M.H. Wharton, Joseph D. White, M W. White, K.E. Wihtmer, Russell P. Wild, Richard A. Wiler, George W. Williams, Richard J. Willsher, Donald P. Wilson, Robert M. Wilson, R.E. Wingrove, A.L. Winslow, J.L. Wood, B.E. Woodman, Phillip E. Woronick, and Christolar Wright.

Bruce S. York, Matthew L. Zechmeister, Hal F. Zehr, Michael J. Zent, and J.J. Ziros.

and Joetta Mial on being named Women of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Cynthia and Joetta were awarded this distinguished honor for their excellence in business ethics and volunteerism through a philosophy which parallels that of the Girl Scout movement. Currently Cynthia is the Vice President of Government Relations at the University of Michigan. Joetta is a retired Ann Arbor Huron High School principle, and began her career as a teacher in the school system. Both women are intensely involved as leaders in the community, serving as members of numerous organizations to enhance the well-being of the Ann Arbor population. Their dedication should serve as inspiration to the entire community, reminding us that service is an important part of American life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Cynthia Wilbanks and Joetta Mial on being named Women of Distinction. We wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN OPERATION APPRECIATION

##### HON. BILL LUTHER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2002

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the contributions of Operation Appreciation, an organization whose hard work has helped improve the lives of those entrusted to protect our nation.

Operation Appreciation was the direct result of a loving mother, Diana Low, and her two sons, Cody and Casey, wanting to show their gratitude for the men and women in charge of keeping this great nation safe. Diana wanted to teach her children the importance of voicing their thanks and admiration. She has no idea that this lesson would unite people from all over the country in the simple goal of saying thank you.

After September 11th, I launched a similar program known as Letters from the Homeland. This program called on the people of Minnesota to write letters to the soldiers overseas. The outpouring of support was remarkable.

Operation Appreciation took the idea to the next level. Through the efforts of the Low family, Operation Appreciation began with the heartfelt words of appreciation from children and then expanded to include classrooms in Minnesota. Now, similar letter writing campaigns have started in California, Illinois, Arizona and, Wisconsin. Thousands of children have voiced their gratitude for the men and women serving our nation in Afghanistan.

Initiatives such as Operation Appreciation and Letters from the Homeland are an excellent way to tell the men and women in the armed forces their efforts are not going unnoticed. From the kids in the classroom to the soldiers in the field, everyone benefits.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the individuals involved in Operation Appreciation for their exceptional work in conveying the nation's support for our military personnel.

BILL AND CAROL ELLIS CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF NEWS WORK IN PARMER COUNTY

##### HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2002

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call my colleagues' attention to the remarkable careers that Bill and Carol Ellis have accomplished in the newspaper business in Parmer County. This year marks the 40th year that Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have served news consumers in Parmer County.

Mr. Ellis' newspaper career began on the West Coast before he moved to Parmer County. He has served as news editor of the Friona Star. He later became managing editor of the publication. He and his wife, Carol, now own the publication through which they have served Parmer County residents well for 40 years. Bill and Carol Ellis also own the Bovina Blade, another publication that serves Parmer County residents.

Bill and Carol Ellis, throughout their careers, have kept Parmer County residents informed about important issues affecting them, their communities and beyond. They have given their readers a better understanding and a greater appreciation for their communities. Although their talents could have taken their careers to larger-circulation publications, Parmer County remained home, which has been to the benefit of the readers of the Bovina Blade and Friona Star.

I would like to extend to Bill and Carol Ellis my thanks for their dedication to Parmer County residents, and I wish them well in their continued service to the public through providing informative and insightful coverage of Parmer County communities.

#### ASSAULT ON INDEPENDENT MEDIA IN KAZAKHSTAN

##### HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2002

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express concern for the fate of an independent media in Kazakhstan. On May 21 several unidentified men forcibly entered the offices of the Sol-Dat newspaper—one of the few remaining independent opposition papers in Kazakhstan. The men severely beat two journalists in the office, destroyed and stole equipment and told the beaten journalists that this was only a warning. Police who arrived on the scene further confiscated equipment and files.

The very next day, another independent newspaper in Almaty, "Delovoye Obrozreniye" was firebombed.

What did these newspapers do to deserve this fate? They dared to criticize President Nazarbayev. In recent years President Nazarbayev has made a concerted effort to shut down his opposition by denying dissent voices any means of expression. He has also put political opponents in jail and driven others into exile. All this, despite repeated assurances to President Bush and the international community that he would preserve an independent media and free expression for the citizens of Kazakhstan.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO CYNTHIA WILBANKS AND JOETTA MIAL

##### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2002

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cynthia Wilbanks