

and provide clinical services to children throughout the state.

Community service is also a strong aspect of David Kruger's membership in the Grand Lodge of Virginia, A.F. & A.M., where he has been a member of Norfolk Lodge No. 1 for over 50 years and of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Alexandria, since 1946. In 1991, the Grand Lodge of Virginia awarded Dr. Kruger one of its highest honors, the John Blair Medal for Distinguished Service. The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J., USA also honored David Kruger for his many services to community, state, and nation. He was invested a Knight Commander Court of Honour in 1953 and Inspector General Honorary 1963. After serving as President of the Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia in 1975, Dr. Kruger became the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Virginia in 1985 (13,343 members in 2002). In 1989, he became Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council, 33[deg], S.J., USA (369,474 members in 2002 in 35 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico). In this influential role, he has been central in guiding the development of 161 clinics, centers, and programs throughout the United States. During each year of the two-year period ending December 31, 2000, a total of 57,413 children with language and learning differences received evaluation or therapy. Left untreated, these children would have been permanently handicapped. Dr. Kruger's service has even gone beyond the United States to Canada where he is an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of Canada and the Supreme Council of the International Order of DeMolay, a Masonic group for young men.

At age 80 as he concludes, due to statutory limitation, his service in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, other awards and honors still accumulate to recognize David Kruger's continuing role in bettering the lives of many thousands of children and fellow citizens. David Kruger will never retire from these roles. Given his long record and deep sense of civic, religious, and philanthropic involvement, every American, Mr. Chairman, will continue to be enriched by the life and service of this notable Virginian and American.

TRIBUTE TO THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE AND THE NEW ZEALAND ROYAL AIR FORCE

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a group of individuals who did a great service to our nation. These men are fighter pilots from the Royal Australian Air Force and the New Zealand Royal Air Force who were assigned to United States combat units and served as Forward Air Controllers during the Vietnam War. I would like to honor the following individuals:

Royal Australian Air Force: Wg. Cdr. Col Ackland, Flt. Lt. Ray Butler, Fg. Off. Peter Condon, Flt. Lt. Garry Cooper, Flg. Off. Mac Cottrell, Wg. Cdr. Vance Drummond, Flg. Off. Huck Ennis, Flt. Lt. Brian Fooks, Flt. Lt. Tony Ford, Flg. Off. Frank Fry, Flt. Lt. Dick Gregory,

Flt. Lt. Jack Hayden, Flg. Off. Chris Hudnott, Flg. Off. Dick Kelloway, Flt. Lt. Chris Langton, Wg. Cdr. Peter Larard, Flg. Off. Chris Mirow, Flt. Lt. Ken Mitchell, Flg. Off. Bruce Mouatt, Sqn. Ldr. Graham Neil, Sqn. Ldr. Dave Owens, Wg. Cdr. Tony Powell, Sqn. Ldr. Rex Ramsay, Flt. Lt. Doug Riding, Flg. Off. Dave Robson, Flg. Off. Barry Schultz, Flt. Lt. Bruce Searle, Flt. Lt. Ken Semmier, Flt. Lt. Arthur Sibthorpe, Flt. Lt. Ron Slater, Flt. Lt. Peter Smith, Wg. Cdr. Barry Thomas, Flt. Lt. Gavin Thoms, Sqn. Ldr. Nobby Williams, Flt. Lt. Roger Wilson, Flt. Lt. Bruce Wood.

New Zealand Royal Air Force: Flt. Lt. Murray Abel, Flg. Off. Mike Callanan, Flt. Lt. J.M. Denton, Flg. Off. B.W. Donnelly, Flt. Lt. Ross Ewing, Flt. Lt. Graeme Goldsmith, Wg. Cdr. R.F. Lawry, Flt. Lt. Bryan Lockie, Fg. Off. Darryl McEvedy, Flt. Lt. Dick Metcalfe, Sqn. Ldr. John Scrimshaw, Flt. Lt. G.R. Thompson, Wg. Cdr. Wallingford, Flt. Lt. Peter Waller.

I would also like to recognize Lt. Col. Eugene Rossel and, Flt. Lt. Garry Copper for actively pursuing decorations for these men who served our country in a time of need.

HONORING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE OF JASON JACKSON-HAMPTON

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Jason Jackson-Hampton, a remarkable young man who gave his life on September 5, 2002, while serving with the Almarville, Tennessee, Volunteer Fire Department. He was just 17 years old. Jason touched the hearts of his fellow firefighters when he joined the department as an Explorer. Chief Greg Capps recalled that his young volunteer's positive attitude and ready smile were an inspiration to all who knew him.

Jason graduated from Smyrna High School last May. Through his dedication, hard work and natural leadership abilities, he attained the rank of second lieutenant in the school's ROTC Program and planned to join the U.S. Army.

He loved McDonald's double cheeseburgers and fries, perks he enjoyed at the fast-food restaurant where he worked.

Firefighters from every municipal and volunteer fire department in Rutherford County, Nashville, Watertown, Fairview and Brentwood attended the memorial service. During the funeral procession, children and adults saluted as his casket, carried atop a fire engine, passed by.

During his inaugural speech, President John F. Kennedy inspired Americans to, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." Jason Jackson Hampton's life was a portrait of service and dedication to his family, friends, co-workers and Nation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO: DEPUTY JOE SCOTT AND DEPUTY DAVID HARRISON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to take this opportunity to honor Deputies Joe Scott and David Harrison of Montrose County Sheriff's Office for a selfless act of courage they displayed on June 13, 2002. Deputy Scott and Deputy Harrison have just recently received the prestigious "Life Saving" medal on August 9, 2002 in recognition of their bravery and conduct in a time of crisis.

On June 13, 2002, Deputy Scott and Deputy Harrison saved the life of a suicidal woman who was attempting to drown herself in the rapids of Spring Creek near a culvert that runs under Spring Creek Boulevard in Montrose, Colorado. Without any regard for their own personal safety, Deputy Scott and Deputy Harrison jumped into the water and pulled the woman to safety. The two officers maintained their composure during a time of adversity and conducted themselves in a fashion that has brought honor to themselves, to their profession, and to the entire community of Montrose County.

Only last week, citizens throughout the country will recognize the horrible tragedy that occurred just one year ago on September 11, 2001. We recognized the men and women who died in the attacks, and those who gave their lives to save others. While the tragedy of September 11 deserves our full attention and reflection, I would also like to take the time to recognize all individuals throughout the country, who like Deputy Scott and Deputy Harrison, have devoted their lives to protect and serve their fellow citizens.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Deputy Joe Scott and Deputy David Harrison of the Montrose County Sheriff's Office before this body of Congress and this nation as outstanding deputies with impeccable character. The citizen's of Montrose County, CO and Americans throughout the nation should be honored to have officers like Deputy Joe Scott and Deputy David Harrison who faithfully serve their communities and their country every day.

IN RECOGNITION OF LARRY J. BURKS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a good friend and an outstanding citizen of Tyler, Texas—Larry J. Burks—who recently was honored by the Garden Club of America as the recipient of its prestigious award, the Jane Righter Rose Medal. A second generation rose grower/processor, Larry is known throughout the rose industry for his dedication to rose advocacy at the local, state and national levels. This medal is awarded for outstanding achievement in rose culture through the propagation of new

roses, development of community rose gardens of educational value, exhibitions by amateur gardeners, or unusual rose collections of special merit.

This medal could not have been awarded to a more deserving person in the rose industry. Larry is a Board Member and the only two-term president of All America Rose Selections, Inc., and a Board Member of the Fund for the United States Botanic Garden. His efforts in the 1980s resulted in the rose's designation as the National Floral Emblem of the United States, and he was instrumental in the establishment of a National Rose Garden. Groundbreaking for this two-acre garden adjacent to the United States Botanic Garden took place in 2001. His leadership also was evident in raising the funds to remodel and reopen the National Botanical Garden on the National Mall.

Larry serves as vice president of Certified Roses, Inc., of Tyler. This employee-owned corporation is the second largest processor of roses in North America, annually providing up to five and one-half million rose bushes of all varieties. His company is a constant force in producing new rose hybrids and new market development, and he assists both domestic and international hybridizers in plant evaluation and the naming and marketing of new roses. In recognition of his achievements, he has received several All America Rose Selections awards.

Larry has been an active member of the American Rose Society and Texas Nursery and Landscape Association, and he is past president of the Texas Rose Research Foundation. He is also active in the Texas Rose Festival Association in Tyler, the Tyler Rose Museum, Order of the Rose and Texas Rose Society.

With 2002 declared by Congress as the Year of the Rose, Larry will help carry forward this theme, and I can think of no one more devoted to this cause nor more deserving of our recognition and appreciation. Larry has helped raise our national awareness of the rose as an important symbol to our country. His work has benefitted our Nation's Capital, the State of Texas, and his hometown of Tyler. Mr. Speaker, I am so proud of the accomplishments of my dear friend, and I know that my colleagues join me today in congratulating him on this award—and expressing our Nation's gratitude for the work Larry Burks has done to promote this beautiful National flower and to encourage civic involvement in this worthy cause.

MAJOR GENERAL RICHARD F.
GILLIS

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sadness, and that of the entire Robins Air Force Base community in Middle Georgia, over the passing of my good friend, retired Major General Richard F. (Dick) Gillis.

General Gillis commanded the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center at a critical time in our country's history and that of Robins, and he carried out that mission as he did all his assignments: with outstanding patriotism, competence, and leadership. Uniquely among

commanders, he served this center in three separate positions: as the director of maintenance, as the ALC vice commander, and as ALC commander.

The current ALC commander, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, said it exceptionally well: "General Dick Gillis was a courageous leader during a period of great change in our Air Force. His foresight and wisdom made this a better place to live and work. We'll all miss him."

During his command General Gillis made Robins a less likely candidate for base closure by bringing in the Joint STARS mission; by working hard to assure future workloads; by preventing a reduction in force when other ALCs were losing work force; by working on aerospace industry expansion and educational enhancement in the Middle Georgia area. Gen. Gillis led the center very ably during the critical times of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and during the Persian Gulf War.

General Gillis was a command pilot with more than 5,000 hours. While assigned to Tan Son Nhut Air Base, South Vietnam, General Gillis flew 100 combat missions in RF-101A/C aircraft. Over his 38 year Air Force career, General Gillis' military awards and decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device and oak leaf cluster, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster, Combat Readiness Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with five service stars, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with eight oak leaf clusters, Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Mr. Speaker, General Gillis was a great commander of Robins, a great American, and he will be missed so very much. It is most appropriate that his burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery on October 15. Our country has lost a strong leader, and I am proud to have known him and worked with him.

HONORING SAN LUIS OBISPO FIRE
CHIEF ROBERT F. NEUMANN

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring my constituent, Fire Chief Robert "Bob" F. Neumann for his significant contributions to our Central Coast community. This past May, Chief Neumann retired from the San Luis Obispo City Fire Department.

Chief Neumann entered the field of fire fighting in 1968 as a firefighter, and served our community as a Fire Inspector, Fire Engineer, Fire Dispatcher, Fire Captain, Fire Battalion Chief and Fire Marshal and became Fire Chief in 1991. Chief Neumann obtained degrees in Fire Science and Soil Science at Cuesta Community College and California Polytechnic State University, both of which are located in the 22nd congressional district.

In 1985, Chief Neumann served as the City's Operation Section Chief on the 50,000 acre, Las Pilitas Fire that threatened the City of San Luis Obispo. For the 48 hours that it took to contain this fire Chief Neumann supervised 20 Type-I and 2 Strike Teams. A series of storms combined with a loss of water-shed caused by the Highway 41 Fire in 1994, resulted in extensive flooding in the downtown area of San Luis Obispo in February of 1995. Throughout the 48 hours when the floods ran through the City, Bob served as Fire Incident Commander and helped to avert disaster. Significant moments in Bob's career, during which he displayed exemplary service were also seen in the Highway 58 fire in August of 1996. During this natural catastrophe Bob essentially served as Deputy Branch Director of the organized command structure.

The City of San Luis Obispo has been most fortunate to have been served by Chief Neumann for 27 years. I am proud to congratulate Bob on his remarkable record of achievement during his 34-year career.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
DAVE HAMIL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to memorialize the Honorable Dave Hamil of Sterling, Colorado, who passed away on July 27, 2002. Dave Hamil was an exceptional man who spent his life serving his community and his nation.

Dave Hamil's story is a great American story. As a child, Dave attended a one-room school on Colorado's Eastern Plains. In 1925, he graduated from Logan County Industrial Arts High School as the Student Body President.

After graduating with honors from Hastings College in 1930, Dave returned to Logan County, where he started a farming and ranching business. In 1933, he married Genevieve Robinson. Dave and Genevieve were married 64 years. The couple had three children, Jo Ann, Don and Jack.

In 1938, the same year he was first elected to the Colorado House of Representatives, Mr. Hamil helped organize the Sterling section of the Highline Electric Cooperative. This brought electricity to the farms and ranches of Logan County for the very first time.

During his tenure in the legislature, Mr. Hamil served as Speaker of the Colorado House for five years, from 1951 to 1956. Among his accomplishments were locating the Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs and extending Interstate 70 west through the Eisenhower Tunnel and into Utah.

In 1956, President Dwight Eisenhower appointed Hamil as administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). He was so talented in that capacity, when Richard Nixon was elected president, he asked Dave to return to the post. Mr. Hamil continued to serve as the REA administrator during the Ford and Carter administrations.

Between the Eisenhower and Nixon administrations, Dave was appointed by Colorado Governor John Love to serve as Director of Institutions for the state. There he used his exceptional management skills to create one of the best mental health systems in the nation.