

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL MALCOM A SHORTER, UNITED STATES ARMY UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 22 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to recognize the outstanding service to our Nation by Lieutenant Colonel Malcom A. Shorter, who will be retiring from the Army on September 30, 2003 after a distinguished career that has spanned over 22 years of dedicated service. Malcom Shorter distinguished himself as a leader who epitomized the modern American professional soldier.

Malcom Shorter's illustrious career as an Infantry Officer embodied all of the Army's values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage.

Throughout his career Lieutenant Colonel Shorter demonstrated his outstanding tactical and operational expertise in numerous command and staff positions both overseas and in the continental United States. Continually serving in positions of ever-increasing responsibility, highlights of his career include serving as an Infantry Company Commander twice, and as a Brookings Congressional Fellow for the United States Army in my office during the 1st session of the 106th Congress. Malcom also served as the Chief of Plans and Operations for the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Benning, Georgia and was responsible for the development of worldwide contingencies and the training of a combined arms combat maneuver brigade focused on South West Asia.

Malcom's talent for solving complex management problems complemented his proven operational skill. While serving as my Military Legislative Assistant, he provided sound policy guidance and operational expertise on the Department of Defense Budget, Military Readiness and Veterans Affairs issues. Malcom's prudent opinions and sound judgment were invaluable in my making good decisions on issues that affect our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Veterans.

As evidence of the quality of Lieutenant Colonel Shorter's leadership, management, and interpersonal skills, he was specially selected to serve as the Deputy Chief of the Army's Congressional Liaison Office in the United States House of Representatives. He was responsible for maintaining liaison with 435 Members of Congress, their personal staffs, and twenty permanent or select legislative committees. During that period, Malcom personally escorted more than 200 Members of Congress on fact-finding missions to over 75 foreign countries. His dedication, candor and professionalism while serving in that capacity earned him the reputation as the best source on Capitol Hill to resolve issues pertaining to the Army.

Accordingly, I invite my colleagues to join in offering our heartfelt congratulations to Lieutenant Colonel Malcom A. Shorter on a career of selfless service marked by his resolute dedication and unwavering integrity. He represents the very best that our great Nation has to offer. We wish Malcom, his wife Joan, and his daughters, Alex and Tori, continued suc-

cess and happiness in all of their future endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. AND MRS. MANIFOLD

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Richard and Carol Manifold were united in marriage on June 13, 1953; and

Whereas, Richard and Carol Manifold are celebrating 50 years of marriage; and

Whereas, Richard and Carol Manifold have demonstrated a firm commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Richard and Carol Manifold should be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family; and

Whereas, Richard and Carol Manifold have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Manifold as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

RECOGNITION OF DR. DAVID HARMON

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. David Harmon of Jerseyville, Illinois for being honored as the Illinois Family Physician of the Year.

Inspired by a family doctor's kindness and compassion, Dr. Harmon went to medical school at Southern Illinois University in Springfield and Carbondale, then did a residency in Davenport, Iowa, spent some time in Roodhouse, Illinois, and moved to Jerseyville in 1987. He has treated patients there ever since.

Nominated for the award by both patients and colleagues, Dr. Harmon is now well known for his kindness and compassion, as well as his dedication to the community. Not only is Dr. Harmon a medical doctor, but he has also served as a professor at Saint Louis University and at the family practice department at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. He is the medical director of the Jerseyville Manor Nursing Home, vice president of the Jersey County Board of Health, a volunteer with the Jerseyville Fire Department, an assistant hockey coach at Jersey High School, and a Sunday School teacher and board member at First United Methodist Church.

Dr. Michael McNair, one of his former students and now one of his partners at Illini Medical Associates praises Dr. Harmon in saying, "He taught me that medicine is not about the technology. It's how you treat people and how much you listen to them." This commitment to the people is exemplary, and could be applied to almost every job in society.

While he admits that the business end of being a doctor has become more difficult in re-

cent years, Dr. Harmon is not ready to retire anytime soon. He plans on being a doctor in Jerseyville for another 20 years, and I would like to wish him the best. The Illinois Family Physician of the Year deserves it.

CELEBRATION OF BIRTH OF ISABELLA L. MESFUN

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the healthy birth of Isabella L. Mesfun on Sunday, May 25, 2003. I hope Isabella has a life filled with happiness and success.

HONORING GIDEON SOFER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of my colleagues to a remarkable constituent from the Sixth District of New Jersey, Gideon Sofer. This young man has tremendous determination and has recently been recognized as one of America's top ten youth volunteers by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. This distinction carries not only national recognition, but also a \$5,000 award, and \$25,000 in toys, clothing and other juvenile products donated in his name to needy children in his area by Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc.

Gideon has lived most of his formative years with an incredibly painful and often debilitating sickness, Crohn's disease. He has been living with this disease since he was diagnosed when he was twelve. During the last 6 years, he has been thorough numerous surgeries, and has often faced death during the painful procedures. Most people would have just been concerned with their survival, but Gideon has turned his personal suffering into a quest: to educate the public about Crohn's disease.

In 1932, Dr. Burrill B. Crohn, Dr. Leon Ginzburg, and Dr. Gordon D. Oppenheimer published a landmark paper describing the clinical features of what is known today as Crohn's disease.

Crohn's and a related disease, ulcerative colitis, are the main divisions of the group of illnesses called inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). Because the symptoms of these two illnesses are so similar, approximately 10 percent of cases are unable to be diagnosed definitively as either ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease. In both illnesses, there is an abnormal immune response. White blood cells infiltrate the intestinal lining, causing chronic inflammation. These cells then produce noxious products that ultimately lead to tissue injury. When this happens, the patient experiences the symptoms of IBD. The precise cause of the chronic inflammation associated with IBD is not known.

Mr. Speaker, Gideon Sofer is an example to us all. He selflessly offers his energy to the education of the public about Crohn's. Please

join me in recognizing this young man and his achievements.

COMMENDING OUR MILITARY
FORCES, THEIR FAMILY MEM-
BERS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to affirm my unwavering support for H. Con. Res. 177 and H. Res. 201, which this House of Representatives passed in tribute to the men and women who serve our nation, their families, and those businesses and other community members who have supported them through this difficult time in our nation's history.

The purpose of House Concurrent Resolution 177 is "recognizing and commending the members of the United States Armed Forces and their leaders, and the allies of the United States and their armed forces, who participated in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and recognizing the continuing dedication of military families and employers and defense civilians and contractors and the countless communities and patriotic organizations that lent their support to the Armed Forces during those operations."

This bill also passed, by a unanimous vote, House Resolution 201, "expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that our Nation's businesses and business owners should be commended for their support of our troops and their families as they serve our country in many ways, especially in these days of increased engagement of our military in strategic locations around our Nation and around the world."

Tennessee has long been proud of its military heritage, having been nicknamed the "Volunteer State" when thousands of Tennesseans agreed to serve in the War of 1812. There are more than 14,000 men and women serving in the Tennessee National Guard under the leadership of Tennessee Adjutant General Gus Hargett. More than 20,000 additional troops are stationed at Fort Campbell Army Base, which straddles the border between Tennessee and Kentucky. Fort Campbell troops, including the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles, and Guard members and reservists from our state have served proudly in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I am proud to represent Naval Support Activity Mid-South in Millington, Tennessee. Under the direction of Captain Helen Dunn, this unit is very important to the operations of the United States Navy. Our district in Tennessee also includes the Milan Army Arsenal, whose facilities help manufacture much of the ammunition used by the United States Army. Tennessee has many such military and military-support institutions and is home to more than 500,000 military veterans who have served our nation honorably.

Our troops and their families are to be commended and thanked for the sacrifices they have made to protect our nation. Please join with me, Mr. Speaker, in expressing gratitude for employers who have made sacrifices to allow Guard and Reserve troops to leave their

permanent positions to serve our country. We are also appreciative of those civic and community leaders who have come together to support our men and women in uniform and their families at this difficult time in our nation's history. In Tennessee, our communities have come together to show their patriotism and their appreciation for those who are making sacrifices to protect us all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in praising the passage of House Concurrent Resolution 177 and House Resolution 201, saluting our troops, their families, our military-support staff, and community leaders who have shown their appreciation to the men and women who are performing their duty to protect our country.

TRIBUTE TO KRYSTAL MIZE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise before this body of Congress to pay tribute to Krystal Mize of Pueblo, Colorado, for her incredible achievement at the University of Southern Colorado. Krystal is the deserving recipient of the Threlkeld Prize for Excellence for her success in the field of psychology and today I would like to recognize her accomplishment before this nation.

Krystal, a single mother of three boys, is not only dedicated to her education but also donates her time to work as a peer mentor, psychology lab assistant and tutor. Krystal is the true embodiment of the "American Dream", having overcome adversity to achieve the highest of goals. She has proven to her family, the community and most importantly, herself that she can succeed.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Krystal Mize's achievements before this body of Congress. It is the work of people like Krystal that makes the community of Pueblo strong. It is truly an honor to praise Krystal's hard work, and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

DANIEL ESPINOZA, "LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR" SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNTIES LABOR COUNCIL

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Daniel Espinoza on receiving the "Labor Leader of the Year" Award from the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the working women and men of our community.

From the age of eighteen, Daniel has participated in and supported organized labor. He joined Theatrical Stage Employees, IATSE Local 122, in 1977 and been an active officer for the past 16 years. In 1993, Daniel became the youngest elected Business Representative in the history of Local #122 and is currently serving his fifth term. In addition, he serves on the Executive Board for the San Diego-Impe-

rial Counties Labor Council, and is a founding member of the United Labor Foundation.

Daniel has established a reputation of vigorously representing the members of Local 122 while still being responsive to the needs of the employer and their constant struggles with decreased funding for the arts. His commitment and dedication to the working men and women in the entertainment industry has led to successful organizational efforts at a number of San Diego area entertainment venues, including the La Jolla Playhouse, the California Center for the Arts Escondido, and the Audio Visual Technicians for the San Diego Marriott Marina and the Coronado Island Marriott Resort. Under his leadership, Theatrical Stage Employees #122 has increased its jurisdiction and stature in the San Diego entertainment community, and has more than doubled its membership.

Daniel Espinoza exemplifies the high values, standards, and principles of the hard-working men and women who are represented by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council. I offer my congratulations to him on his receipt of the "Labor Leader of the Year" Award.

IN HONOR OF MONSIGNOR
EDWARD J. HAJDUK

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Monsignor Edward J. Hajduk for his years of service to St. Henry's Church and the people of Bayonne, Newark, and Elizabeth. Monsignor Hajduk celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, June 1 at St. Henry's Church in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Monsignor Hajduk has led a long life of commitment and service to congregations throughout Bayonne, Newark, and Elizabeth area. Ordained on May 30, 1953, Monsignor Hajduk first served at the Sacred Heart Church in Lyndhurst, New Jersey, where he was a parochial vicar for sixteen years. During his time at Sacred Heart, Monsignor Hajduk was the assistant director and moderator of the Catholic Youth Organization of Bergen County, a teacher at the Immaculate Conception High School, and a professor of Theology at Felician College.

In 1969, Monsignor Hajduk was appointed by Archbishop Boland to serve as the youth director of the Archdiocese of Newark, where he worked until 1971. The Monsignor then served as administrator of St. James Church in Newark, where he played a vital role in reorganizing the parish. In 1979, Monsignor Hajduk was named chaplain to Pope John Paul II and given the title of Reverend Monsignor. In 1984, Monsignor Hajduk became a pastor at St. Hedwig's Church in Elizabeth, where he served for twelve years. During his service at St. Hedwig's, Monsignor Hajduk undertook the task of renovating the interior of the church. The Monsignor was elected dean of the Elizabeth Deanery, and asked by Archbishop McCarrick to lead a city-wide study of the future of the church in Elizabeth.

Born and raised in Bayonne, Monsignor Hajduk returned to Bayonne in 1992 to serve