

releasing innovative and unique designs that have become so easily recognizable on roads worldwide. Harleys are known as the pre-eminent motorcycle both in this country and around the world and have become a staple of the U.S. Armed Services as well as police and fire departments throughout the country.

Harley-Davidson will be celebrating its 100th birthday this August in its hometown of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This three-day event will include festivities on Lake Michigan, a never-before-seen exhibit of sketches, videos, clay models, and mock-up motorcycles demonstrating various stages of the design used process by Harley-Davidson's Styling and Engineering departments, as well as a parade of 10,000 Harleys through downtown Milwaukee.

The national celebration will have events leading up to the grand celebration in cities across America including Las Vegas, Nashville, Indianapolis, and Dearborn. I want to invite all Harley-Davidson enthusiasts, young and old, to come out and take part in this once in a lifetime event.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this great American company by cosponsoring this resolution.

RECOGNIZING R.G. MORRIS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to acknowledge the impeccable motor carrier safety record of Mr. R.G. Morris of Blue Springs, Missouri. Mr. Morris is a professional motor carrier operator for Yellow Transportation.

According to the most recent information from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, large trucks drove 7 percent of all vehicle miles traveled. In motor vehicle crashes, large trucks represented 9 percent of vehicles in fatal crashes, 3 percent of vehicles in injury crashes, and 5 percent of vehicles in property-damage-only crashes.

Mr. Morris reached a safety milestone when he recently surpassed one million miles driven without a preventable accident. This outstanding achievement, obtained by few drivers, demonstrates Mr. Morris' commitment to safety. To put this accomplishment in perspective, the average car driver would have to travel around the world forty times to equal this milestone.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. R.G. Morris for reaching this noteworthy milestone. I am proud to have a constituent as dedicated to highway safety as he is, and I wish him continued safe driving in the future.

TRIBUTE TO ABINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Abington Senior High School as the recipient of the 2003 Harris Wofford Award pre-

sented by Youth Service America and the State Farm Companies Foundation.

The Harris Wofford Award, named for former US Senator Harris Wofford of Pennsylvania, was established in 2002 for the first annual State Farm Awards Luncheon as part of the 13th Annual National Service-Learning Conference. This award honors Harris Wofford's life long "mission of making service to others the common expectation and common experience of every young person in America".

An award like this is long overdue for Abington Senior High School since they have been dedicated to community service for years. The service-learning program, which started in 1995, has encouraged the student body to take an active interest in helping the community. The positive impact this program has had on the community as well as the students is immeasurable. The 60,000 hours that students spent last year helping the community is an outstanding accomplishment. As a proud parent of two Abington Senior High School alumni, I am sincerely honored to be able to recognize the students of Abington for their dedication and commitment to helping others. Programs like these not only help the community but also teach our youth the power of working together and helping others.

NATO ALLIED COMMAND TRANSFORMATION

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member wishes to note the establishment of Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk, Virginia, on June 19, and to congratulate Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., the commander of U.S. Joint Forces Command, on his appointment as the first Supreme Allied Commander Transformation.

The establishment of the first functional strategic command for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is an important step for the Alliance as it reforms its command structure to better carry out the missions needed to defend its member countries against today's threats. Allied Command Transformation replaces the old Allied Command Atlantic, which had been responsible for keeping open sea lanes between North America and Europe during the Cold War. Today, NATO faces a more pressing task: transforming allied forces from static formations designed for territorial defense to expeditionary forces able to deploy wherever needed to combat security threats. By locating Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk, home to U.S. Joint Forces Command, the transformation lessons being learned by the U.S. military can be shared with our NATO allies.

The establishment of Allied Command Transformation is an important part of the new NATO command structure, which reduces the number of NATO headquarters from 20 to 11 and eliminates geographic responsibilities. This leaner, deployable command structure will allow the Alliance to command missions wherever the member countries decide that NATO is needed.

This Member wishes to commend to his colleagues the attached speech by Lord Robert-

son, the Secretary General of NATO, at the ceremony to commission Allied Command Transformation on June 19, 2003.

REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO, LORD ROBERTSON, AT THE CEREMONY TO THE COMMISSION OF THE NEW ALLIED COMMAND TRANSFORMATION

Admirals, Generals, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a unique ceremony, because we are not only welcoming a new commander—we are also changing fundamentally the very nature and purpose of this strategic headquarters. Indeed, we are creating a new organisation all together. That, in the history of this great Alliance, makes this a very special day.

Our first task is to thank the man who has led Allied Commander Atlantic since last October—Admiral Sir Ian Forbes. Admiral Forbes, your predecessor, General Kernan, once described Allied Command Atlantic as NATO's bridge to the future. When you took command of this headquarters, you vowed to continue that mission. You have done so and with true distinction. Your staff here at Norfolk has nothing but the highest praise for the work you have done here. That is an most important testimonial.

Let me add my own thanks, and congratulations, for the important work you have done here since January 2002, first as Deputy and then as Acting Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic. You have provided sound leadership in Norfolk through a critical period of concluding SACLANT's successful mission and defining the role—and I might add, daring role—this new command will play in the Alliance. We will continue to value your leadership as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Transformation.

Admiral Giambastiani—or Admiral "G", as you are already known here—this is your first day on the job. But you have already made history, as the first commander of the new Allied Command Transformation. This is an honour that is well deserved. I would like to congratulate you, as well, on this appointment.

In the coming years, Admiral, you will have a key role to play in shaping NATO's transformation. It is a transformation that has already begun, and the establishment of this Command—ACT—is proof positive.

ACT will shape the future of combined and joint operations. It will identify new concepts, and bring them to maturity. It will then turn these transformational concepts into reality; a reality shared by the entire NATO Alliance. And it will do so in close cooperation with the U.S. Joint Forces Command co-located here, to ensure that NATO's transformation stays in lock step with the changes taking place in the United States.

Indeed, the creation of a new permanent command here in Norfolk—one dedicated solely to transformation—demonstrates the investment NATO is making in preparing itself for 21st century operations.

This Command underscores NATO nations' commitment to a continuous, permanent process of transforming and modernising our armed forces.

ACT is, in a very real sense, both the symbol of the new NATO, and the architect that will shape its future. It will play an invaluable role in ensuring that the Atlantic Alliance can continue to defend the security and interests of its members against threats and challenges which we cannot even imagine today.

ACT is a symbol of this Alliance's confident embrace of the future and its challenges.

Admiral Giambastiani, as I said last week to NATO Defence Ministers in Brussels, your new title, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, means that you more than

anyone else will personify the critical importance this Alliance places on transforming its capabilities for the 21st century. An awesome responsibility. But welcome nevertheless to the NATO family.

**SUPPORT INCREASED
TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT**

HON. ANÍBAL ACEVEDO-VILÁ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives is fortunate to have the leadership and commitment to critical transportation investment in Chairman DON YOUNG, Ranking Member JIM OBERSTAR, Subcommittee Chairman TOM PETRI, and Subcommittee Ranking Member WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI. As Congress moves toward consideration of the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century, we need to provide the necessary increased investment to meet the growing needs of surface transportation. I am confident that with the strong leadership on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the reauthorization process will provide growth in the surface transportation program in order to ensure safe and efficient surface transportation networks.

Investment in surface transportation is critical to our economy, the environment, and quality of life. Transportation related investment produces new jobs and is directly related economic activity. Investment in efficient transportation networks also relieves and prevents congestion, a serious environmental challenge and costly burden facing regions throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Transportation investment goes beyond moving people and goods and providing fertile ground for economic growth and prosperity. Transportation is about safety and the health of our citizenry, whether they travel on highways, urban arteries, subways, bikes or as pedestrians.

Puerto Rico has tremendous mobility related challenges that we are addressing through an important partnership between the Commonwealth, Congress, and the federal government. While Puerto Rico is a small island only 100 miles by 30 miles in size, our population is nearing 4 million people.

Puerto Rico has one of the highest vehicles per mile of road ratio in the world. Congestion and related economic and environmental problems are a serious challenge facing Puerto Rico. Geographical constraints, a growing population, and economic growth all necessitate significant continued transportation investment.

Puerto Rico is nearing the completion of Phase 1 of the New Start Tren Urbano project in metropolitan San Juan. I will seek authorization of Phase 2 of this important project, for transportation that will enable necessary continued growth in the program so that safe, efficient intermodal networks result throughout.

Through adequate investment, we can build today to meet the increasing demands of the future. Investment in transportation infrastructure produces more than highways, new start light rail projects, or high-speed ferryboats. Transportation investment is also about safety, economic development and quality of life. I urge my colleagues to support the leadership

of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee who will fight for necessary investment in transportation to meet the growing needs of tomorrow by necessary investment today.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT PATRICK

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan, an outstanding citizen and one of our state's enduring treasures, Robert Patrick. I am proud to recognize Mr. Patrick in the United States Congress for his invaluable contributions and dedicated service to the people of Arkansas County and the nation.

Mr. Patrick was born and raised in DeWitt, which is located in the same county where I was raised. While he was still a teenager, Mr. Patrick left the small community where he grew up to serve his country in the United States Navy. After returning home from his distinguished military service, Mr. Patrick married his lovely wife Doris, a fellow Arkansas County native.

Mr. Patrick built a successful career as an energetic and successful salesman traveling the country to make a living and support his family. He, Doris and their two children, Pam and Kevin, lived in locales as varied as California, Missouri and even Connecticut, where the Patrick family owned and operated a sports and hobby shop.

As Mr. Patrick neared retirement age, he and Doris decided to move back to her hometown, St. Charles, where his dedication to community service took root. Just two years after moving to St. Charles, Mr. Patrick was elected mayor, and it seems like he hasn't rested since.

Personally, I think of him as the consummate utility man—and not because he has worked tirelessly to upgrade the natural gas, water and sewer infrastructure in St. Charles. Rather, just like a good utility player on a baseball team that's willing to play any position in the field to help his team, Mr. Patrick has been willing to do anything to improve his town. He has done everything from securing a full-time police officer for St. Charles to erecting the city's annual Christmas light display.

Mr. Patrick embodies everything that's wonderful about living in small town America. He has generously shared his time and talent with the citizens of Arkansas County and it's a better place to live because of him. On behalf of Congress, I salute Mayor Robert Patrick of St. Charles, and thank him for his tireless service to his community, his state and his nation.

**HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
MAJOR GARY L. BERGOSH**

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Gary Bergosh and celebrate his safe return home from active duty in Operations Enduring Freedom and

Iraqi Freedom. Gary is the ultimate example of a citizen soldier by serving his country for four years of active duty in the Marine Corps Reserves and the state of Florida for the past ten years practicing law.

Gary was raised in a Navy family and attended elementary, middle and high school in Pensacola, Florida. Gary attended Pensacola Junior College and graduated from The University of West Florida. Shortly after graduation, Gary attended Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

Gary attended law school at the University of Memphis while serving in the Marine Corps reserves. Upon completion, Gary entered active duty with the Marine Corps and served three years in Okinawa, Japan as a prosecutor and a defense attorney.

After leaving active duty with the Marine Corps, Gary decided to return home to Pensacola and became a prosecutor for the State Attorney's office.

Gary is currently a senior attorney for the Federal Government, a Major in the United States Marine Corps Reserves, and in November of 2000 was appointed by Florida Governor Jeb Bush to serve as a member of the Escambia County School Board.

Gary's Marine Corps unit, the 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion, was activated on January 27, 2003 to fight the nation's war against terrorism.

Gary served as the Battalion's Executive Officer in Kuwait and Iraq during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Gary returned with his Battalion to the United States on June 6, 2003. Gary will be demobilized from active duty on September 1, 2003.

While at the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, Gary married the former Carissa Borders, a native of Pensacola. Gary and Carissa are currently the proud parents of Alexander. The Bergosh family are active members of their church and community.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Major Gary Bergosh for the example he has set in his community. I offer my sincere thanks for all that he has done for Northwest Florida and this great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I was unavoidably detained and missed votes on the following measures:

1. H. Res. 264—Expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Algeria on May 21, 2003 (#297). Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

2. H. Res. 177—Commending the people of the Republic of Kenya for conducting free and fair elections, for the peaceful and orderly transfer of power in their government, and for the continued success of democracy in their nation since that transition (#298). Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

3. H. Con. Res. 209—Commending the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter, a charter of partnership among the United States, Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia (#299). Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."