

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."

4. H.R. 2465—Family Farmer Bankruptcy Relief Act of 2003 (#300). Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SAM
JOHNSON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute posthumously to Fort Campbell's Deputy Garrison Commander, Sam Johnson for his vital role and tireless commitment to his duties and country.

Sam Johnson began his career at Fort Campbell in 1972. He was the first civilian to fill the position of Youth Activities Director. Mr. Johnson quickly rose to the top at Fort Campbell, continually becoming the first civilian to fill the posts of Outdoor Recreation Director, Recreation Services Officer, and even being transferred to Panama in the Cold War to oversee the entire Army Recreation Program.

After serving in Panama, Mr. Johnson returned to Fort Campbell to, yet again, become the first civilian to hold the title and responsibility of Deputy Director of Personnel and Community Activities. In just a few years, he became Director of Personnel and Community Activities. Mr. Johnson's excellent administrative skills shined in his position as Deputy Resource Manager, which helped him to obtain his appointment as the only civilian to ever serve as Deputy Garrison Commander.

For the past 11 years, Mr. Johnson has served as Deputy Garrison Commander. His love for his country is evident by his devotion to his job. Despite his diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, he still continued with his duties. Mr. Johnson was able to perform his responsibilities as Deputy Garrison Commander until his recent death. Deputy Garrison Commander Sam Johnson emulated his principles of hard work and never giving up.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend the gratitude of myself and the entire Nation to Sam Johnson in recognition of his outstanding commitment and service to Fort Campbell and to our country. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him and offering comfort to his family and Fort Campbell, as they will truly miss Sam Johnson, a man of true courage and character.

CONGRATULATIONS CONTINENTAL
MICRONESIA ON 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to congratulate Continental Micronesia on its 35th anniversary and to wish a happy birthday to CEO Mark Erwin and employees of Continental Micronesia.

I also want to take this time to commend the services rendered by Continental Micronesia to the island of Guam. Guam is the regional hub for Continental Micronesia, and we are proud of the network that strengthens ties be-

tween Guam and our Pacific neighbors. Tourism is the leading private sector industry on Guam, and Continental has provided consistent, reliable service to Guam and to destinations across the entire Pacific Rim including: Cairns, Australia; Denpasar, Indonesia; Hong Kong; Honolulu, Hawaii; Koror, Palau; Kosrae, Micronesia; Kwajalein, Marshall Islands; Majuro, Marshall Islands; Nagoya, Japan; Niigata, Japan; Osaka/Kenai, Japan; Pohnpei, Micronesia; Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Sapporo, Japan; Sendai, Japan; Taipei, Taiwan; Chuuk, Micronesia; and Yap, Micronesia.

Continental Airlines moved its headquarters to Los Angeles, California in July, 1963, as it provided important transportation services to members of the armed forces between the United States and Asia during the Vietnam War. In response to its increased importance in the Pacific during the Vietnam War, Continental formed Air Micronesia in 1968. Air Micronesia, now known as Continental Micronesia, has become one of the principal passenger airlines for the islands of the Pacific, providing services between the islands and nations along the Pacific Rim and the mainland.

Under trailblazing CEO Robert F. Six, Continental Airlines mixed creativity with ingenuity in establishing many of its flight routes in the Pacific. During the 1960's, Continental Micronesia would staff flights with mechanics and carry spare materials on board in order that passenger airliners could land on and embark from coral island landing strips. The company was also innovative in that it opened hotels and restaurants at its island destinations in order to stimulate tourism.

In 1976, Air Micronesia began providing services between Saipan and Japan. This additional service would prove to be vital to the future economic growth of Guam, for the vast majority of the over one million tourists that visit Guam each year are Japanese. In fact, Continental Micronesia's Guam-Tokyo, Japan route became the airline industry's single most profitable route in the world. We on Guam are grateful for this mutually beneficial relationship, and we look forward to working together with Continental to perpetuate further growth of the visitor industry on Guam.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to Continental Micronesia and its employees for their years of hard work and dedication to the people of Guam, as they celebrate their 35th birthday. Without their commitment, the visitor industry on Guam could not thrive.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR.
HOWARD D. SAMUEL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Howard D. Samuel, and his lifelong contributions to our great country. Howard passed away on June 19, 2003. His efforts as a veteran of the labor movement, as well as his numerous positive accomplishments during his long career, are worthy of the highest commendation.

Howard began his work in the labor movement in 1949 as an organizer with the Amal-

gamated Clothing Workers of America. He was then elected as international vice president in 1966. His dedication and unrelenting service to the movement paved the way for new and innovative solutions to labor problems and issues. In 1977, he was appointed U.S. Deputy Secretary of Labor for International Labor Affairs by President Carter. His role as Deputy Secretary allowed him the opportunity to be involved with many facets of the department such as international trade, trade adjustment assistance, and the International Labor Organization.

In 1979, Howard was elected President of the Industrial Union Department, a federation consisting of over 50 national and international unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO. During his presidency, he founded the Collective Bargaining Forum, a study group of union presidents and various company CEOs. This Forum initiated several groundbreaking reports on industrial relations issues. In 1991, Howard was the first labor representative to ever be appointed to the Defense Science Board, a key advisory organization to the Secretary of Defense.

Howard, by serving in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945, exhibited his true sense of patriotic duty to our nation. He also served as vice chairman of both the New York Coalition and the Council on Competitiveness. Along with his many other contributions to society, he was also a trustee and board member of the Carnegie Corporation, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Atlanta, as well as the American Civil Liberties Union, to name just a few.

Mr. Speaker, Howard D. Samuel dedicated his life to supporting the labor movement and serving as a leader and role model for all Americans. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in remembering Mr. Samuel and his lifetime of achievement and devotion to our great country. He will be remembered honorably and truly missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH C.
SPICUZZO

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph C. Spicuzzo, a friend and distinguished public servant who has dedicated much of his life to improving the lives of others. Joe is being awarded the Americanism Award by the Anti-Defamation League tonight in New Brunswick, New Jersey not only for his distinguished public service but for his dedication to raising funds for important charitable causes.

Joe began his long career of public service with his election as Mayor of Spotswood in 1976 and currently is the Middlesex County Sheriff and the Chairman of the Middlesex County Democratic Organization. Joe was also asked by Governor McGreevey to take on the added responsibility of being the "Chair of Chairs", an informal position that allows him direct access to the Governor and his staff to help resolve outstanding issues affecting the individual counties in the State. Joe has demonstrated great success in leadership positions mainly because of the confidence people