

were scant, as the plane had been consumed by flames upon crashing, followed by more than 30 years of deterioration in a jungle environment.

During the 34th year following his last day on Earth, this Woodrow Wilson High School alumnus was buried in Arlington National Cemetery, in common with the limited remains of his fellow crewmembers. Every Class of 1958 Woodrow Wilson High School classmate who served honorably in this Nation's Armed Forces gave something, but this one airman gave all for his country and in a greater sense, his family and his classmates. The Woodrow Wilson High School Class of 1958 alumni gathering in Beckley, West Virginia tomorrow wish to honor this classmate, Major George Winton Thompson, by having his name placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, as evidence he has yet to be forgotten. I hereby honor that request, as this is the first class reunion that the group has known the outcome of Major Thompson's story.

INTRODUCTION OF THE LEGACY ACT: LIVING EQUITABLY, GRANDPARENTS AIDING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to join my good friend Congressman JACK QUINN in introducing important legislation to help address an issue in our Nation that is only starting to receive national attention—grandparents raising their grandchildren.

According to recent data from the Census Bureau, the number of intergenerational families increased more than fifty percent between 1990 and 1998. It is estimated that more than 2.5 million grandparents across America are raising their grandchildren. Many of these children have parents who have passed away, are in prison, or are suffering from drug or alcohol addictions, while some have been taken out of abusive homes.

These intergenerational families or "Grandfamilies" live in rural areas, inner cities and suburbs. They come from all races and ethnicities, and live in every State in the Nation. Many of these grandparents survive on fixed incomes—social security, a small pension—and face not only the rising cost of prescription drugs, but also the cost of diapers, baby formula, toys, and school clothes.

Unfortunately, our Nation's housing policy has not kept up with the unique needs of these families. There are very few housing developments specifically designed for intergenerational families. The Grandfamilies House in Boston, Massachusetts in my Congressional District offers apartments with special features for both grandparents and children, including childproof kitchen cabinets and handicapped-accessible bathrooms. There are also activities for seniors and children, an outdoor playground and an on-site computer lab.

I am introducing the LEGACY Act in response to the growing number of communities throughout the Nation that have been working to build on the model of the Grandfamilies House in Boston. The title of the legislation was inspired by an Academy Award nomi-

nated documentary film chronicling the life of a grandmother raising her grandchildren and their struggle to move out of a Chicago housing project.

The legislation creates demonstration programs through both the Section 8 Housing Certificate Fund and the Section 202 Elderly Housing program. These demonstration projects will enable housing developers and advocacy groups additional flexibility in securing financing for this housing and providing ongoing services to intergenerational families.

In addition, the LEGACY Act clarifies that grandparents raising their grandchildren are eligible for family unification assistance, allows access to fair housing funds for education and outreach efforts about the legal issues surrounding many of these families. It also directs the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide specialized training for their employees focused on grandparent- and other relative-headed families. Many grandparents do not have access to the services they and their grandchildren need. These training and outreach efforts will help raise the awareness of the unique issues these families face each day.

While this bill is a small step in recognizing the tremendous contributions of these grandparents, it is my hope that it will help bring this issue greater recognition. Affordable housing is only one of the many challenges these courageous grandparents face as they raise the next generation of Americans. Please join me in supporting these families by supporting the LEGACY Act.

HONORING STUART COHEN

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Stuart Cohen, a highly respected Emergency Transportation Specialist and Regional Emergency Planner for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Eastern Region. Stuart recently announced his retirement after 33 years of public service during which he was a pioneer in the fields of emergency planning and environmental protection.

Upon his graduation from Empire State College, Stuart began 27 years of employment for the United States Postal Service where he held many positions including Superintendent of Postal Operations and Safety Specialist. After his time with the Postal Service, Stuart joined the U.S. Coast Guard to serve as an Occupational Safety and Health Specialist, making many contributions to safety, including the development of the first consolidated Coast Guard electronic safety and health manual.

After his tenure with the Coast Guard, Stuart continued to serve his country through the FAA's Eastern Region. With the FAA, Stuart held many positions including Regional Emergency Planner and Environmental Protection Specialist. Stuart's many achievements with the FAA highlight his commitment to safety and the preservation of our environment. Stuart provided emergency's support at the 1996 Olympic games in Atlanta, led a support team during the Federal Emergency Management

Agency's (FEMA) 1998 Exercise, and managed Department of Transportation responses to major disasters. Stuart's commitment to the environment is just as impressive. He chaired the FAA Regional Environmental Network, authored the FAA Environmental Policy Manual, and met with airline industry official regarding environmental issues.

Stuart has received many honors and awards during his distinguished career. Most notably, Stuart's courageous and selfless response to the terrorist acts of September 11, 2001 earned him the FEMA Award for Service and the State of Virginia Award for Service.

While serving his country, Stuart has kept an active private life. He has been and continues to be involved in a number of organizations including the Nassau County Auxiliary Police, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Volunteer Firefighters.

In his 33 years of public service, Stuart Cohen's dedication to public safety and environmental protection has helped shaped the great nation we live in today and made the country a safer, cleaner place for all. The people of the Fourth District of New York and all Americans thank him for his hard work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Ms. ESHOO. I was absent June 4th through 12th for a family emergency. Had I been here, I would have voted "yes" on roll call votes 237–241, 246–251, 256, 259–264, 267–271, and 275 and "no" on roll call votes 236, 242–245, 252–255, 257–258, 265–266, and 272–274.

EDITORIAL BY MR. JOSEPH SZALAY ON DEFENDING FREEDOM

HON. CHRIS CHOCOLA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Mr. CHOCOLA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to enter into the RECORD an article written by Mr. Joseph Szalay, of South Bend, Indiana. A child of the political "powder keg" that was Eastern Europe in the early part of the twentieth century, Mr. Szalay has a vast amount of knowledge from which he paints a vivid picture of America's historical role in helping to liberate all those who want to be free. He tells of the many times, from World War I to the first Gulf War, when America took a stand against governments who enslave their people. A true embodiment of the American Dream, Mr. Szalay came to America from his native Hungary poor, illiterate, and alone. He built a fine tailor shop in South Bend, from which he recently retired. As a member of the greatest generation that saw this nation ascend to global prominence, we should value his perspective and revere his patriotism. I urge all of my colleagues to use this article as a reminder of the historical precedent set for the recent liberation of the Iraqi people.

[From the South Bend Tribune, April 27, 2003]

WORLD'S HISTORY SHOWS THAT U.S. POSITION IS RIGHT

(By Joseph Szalay)

As an American of European descent, I have strong reactions to this war and the anti-American sentiment I hear expressed both at home and abroad. It reminds me of a Hungarian proverb: "The dog barks but the caravan progresses."

In the former Serbia, the 1914 assassination of Crown Prince Ferdinand, son of Franz Joseph, Emperor of Austria-Hungary, ignited World War I.

In 1917, before that was over, revolutionaries took over Russia. This Communist revolution had been planned in Germany. A key piece of Communist strategy was to starve the people in order to subjugate them more easily. This plan also encompassed the Starvation of 12 million (out of 40 million) Germans.

How could such a plan work? Human beings have a drive to survive. Starving people do not care what form of government they have, as long as they can put enough in their stomachs to survive.

German nationalists were aware of the Communist plan. They knew that if Germany capitulated, all of Europe could easily become Communist. They reacted by turning the Communist strategy to their own advantage. When Hitler came to power in Germany, the first thing he did was to stop starvation by feeding the people. I vividly remember that many Hungarians and people from other neighboring countries went to work in Germany. So successful was his economy that Hitler's regime developed a plan to take over the whole world, beginning with Europe—just what the Russian Communists had originally planned. Hitler's slogan was "Deutschland uber alles—Germany (taking) over the world."

What is still incomprehensible to me is the sad sequel: Hitler forced the Jews into concentration camps and gas chambers and took over countries one by one: Austria, Poland, Hungary . . . where was France? Where was the rest of the free world? Because we did not stop Hitler's conquest at the beginning, stopping him later cost the lives of 85 million people and caused unthinkable suffering not only in casualties but in the destruction of irreplaceable historical and artistic treasures.

One result of that war was to destroy the bloc of neutral states which for centuries had been able to resist the expansion of Russia and Germany alike. Masterminded by the French, the peace plan after World War I created weak artificial "nations" such as Yugoslavia; thus it paved the way for the Second World War:

World War II gave the Russian Communists the opportunity to expand their influence, giving them a free path to world conquest, their original goal.

I knew all of this through my father's experience. As a young man, he was drafted and spent four years on the front lines. When the Second World War started, he was again drafted, along with my two older brothers. As soon as I turned 18, I was also drafted, leaving my mother home alone to raise my 13-year-old sister and 7-year-old brother. With God's help, I defected from the army, living in the forest like a hermit.

Only one government was able to rescue Europe from Nazism; the United States.

After World War II, the United Nations was initiated with noble hopes by France, England, the United States and the Soviet Union. What has become of those high ideals? The U.N. has become an impotent, socialistic, bureaucratic organization full of anti-American sentiment.

Where was the United Nations when people rose up demanding their God-given right of freedom in Poland, in Hungary, in Czechoslovakia? Thousands died, thousands were imprisoned, tortured or deported to Siberia while the United Nations stood by idle.

And what of the war in Vietnam? Did the United Nations move a hair to stop it? The Communists activated their propaganda machine, trying to divide Americans. World opinion expressed at the United Nations pressured the United States to pull out of Vietnam without winning a victory over Communism. Even after the American forces departed from Vietnam, neighboring Laos and Cambodia, millions were killed to "cleanse" the country. Where was the United Nations? Where were the "peace" demonstrators? Where were the human rights advocates?

While the United Nations was clueless, the United States took leadership in eliminating Communism, whose vulnerability had been demonstrated by the freedom fighters in Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. These uprisings had also shown the people's unquenchable thirst for freedom. President Reagan combined forces with the great spiritual leader and Polish hero Pope John Paul II to initiate the collapse of the "Evil Empire" of the Communist Soviet Union.

Notice that it was the United States, not the United Nations, that saved Europe yet another time.

When Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, it was the United States and its allies who fought and freed Kuwait. The United Nations decided that a cease-fire agreement in which Saddam promised to liquidate all his weapons of mass destruction was sufficient peace insurance. Of course, Saddam did not fulfill his obligations, but the United Nations was unable to enforce them. The United Nations did not even act when it became known that Saddam was using his arsenal of chemical weapons to eradicate his own people's fight for freedom.

Those who harbored hatred toward the United States were emboldened by the lame and indecisive attitude of the United Nations. The result? Sept. 11, 2001.

President Bush requested that the United Nations live up to its contractual obligation to defend the world against weapons of mass destruction.

There was a lengthy bureaucratic debate in which those nations whose freedom our country restored in World War II turned against the proposals of the United States. Those who had a financial interest in Saddam's rearmament blocked enforcement of the conditions imposed by the cease-fire agreement. Once again, the United States has been forced to act on its own to protect our country and the world from the danger of terrorist destruction.

On April 4, a headline in The Tribune read, "Former Soviet army generals helped Saddam with War strategy." Could this have something to do with Russia's reluctance to support any action against Saddam?

I have sketched this history to show how our country has always been willing to defend freedom, not only our own but that of the whole world. President Bush follows the example of the great presidents of the United States. He shows unwavering dedication to keeping his presidential oath. While other countries follow their economic interests, he stands tall, fulfilling his duty to God and country.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN SETH MICHAUD

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to United States Marine Captain Seth Michaud, who died on Sunday, June 22, 2003, in service to his country.

Seth Michaud was a resident of Hudson, Massachusetts, in my Congressional District. In 1994, he graduated from Hudson High School, where he excelled in both academics and sports. I supported Seth's application to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD., and was proud when he was accepted, announcing the news at a town meeting that included his family, friends, and neighbors. Seth graduated from the Pensacola Naval Flight School in 1999, and was certified as a helicopter pilot in December, 2000.

At the time of his death, Capt. Michaud was a helicopter commander, killed when a B-52 dropped nine M117 general purpose bombs during a practice mission. Seth was watching the routine training exercise from atop a ridge on the Gondoria Range in northeastern Africa, off the coast of Djibouti. He was standing outside his CH-53E helicopter when the bomb exploded. Eight other service personnel were also injured. Seth Michaud had been assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 461, based at New River Marine Corps in North Carolina.

Capt. Michaud and about 50 other personnel from Combined Joint Task Force—Horn of Africa were participating in training exercises that involved the coordination of aerial bombardment missions. This exercise was the fourth of its kind since the task force's arrival in December. The task force's mission is to lead the U.S. war on terrorism, by intercepting or disrupting terrorist operatives in that region of the world. Seth, like many other soldiers who have answered their nation's call to service, paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom and liberty.

Seth is survived by his loving wife Karen Marie, and their 18-month-old son, Ian. He also leaves his parents, Francis and Karen of Hudson, a brother, Ethan, and a sister, Samantha, as well as several other relatives and friends.

Seth Michaud was a United States Marine, a loving father, husband, son, and brother, and his commitment to his Nation and his family is one for which he will be forever remembered. His family knows that Seth's dedication to his service was of great value to him. They remember him for his photographic memory, his passion for flying, and his love for his family.

Capt. Seth Michaud served his family, his hometown, and his country, proudly and faithfully.