

Purple Heart. But the Japanese, and later the North Koreans, certainly provided no documentation. Now when World War II and Korean war vets are dying by the thousands every day, it is becoming even harder to find survivors from specific camps.

The bill I am introducing recognizes the hardships borne by World War II and Korean war POWs by providing additional assistance to those who would have earned the award if they had today's record keeping. It requires the Department to provide some additional historical information from the period and gives them some benefit of the doubt with respect to injuries.

This legislation is not about lowering the standard for a sacred award—the Purple Heart. Instead it is about properly recognizing the realities of the horrible suffering endured in the Japanese and North Korean POW camps for a small number of surviving heroes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (APSA) CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend and congratulate the American Political Science Association on the occasion of having reached a milestone of 50 years of existence, 50 years of growth, and 50 years of providing opportunities for individuals to obtain first-hand experiences in learning about and being involved about and being involved in the art of public-policy decisionmaking. It has been my experience to have talented, energetic, and eager to learn individuals interact with me and members of my staff in a very professional and sincere way as we worked together in pursuit of mutual goal. I also take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to the American Political Science Association (APSA) Congressional Fellowship Program for doing an excellent job of helping to prepare many of our future leaders. We thank you APSA and I yield back the balance of my time.

TRIBUTE TO THE MISCOWAUBIK CLUB ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a few minutes today to extend my heartiest congratulations to the members, past and present, of the Miscowaubik Club in Calumet Township, Michigan. On August 16th, 2003, the Miscowaubik Club will proudly celebrate 100 years of existence with an evening of music, dancing and, no doubt, storytelling about the club's rich history.

Named after an Ojibwe Indian word for "copper," the Miscowaubik Club was founded in January, 1903 as a social haven and ath-

letic facility for the executives of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company and local businessmen, who were then placing their mark on the remote and spectacular Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan. The club was modeled after the Tennis and Racket Club of Boston.

The period of the club's founding coincided with the heyday of community prosperity that accompanied the mining activity in Upper Michigan's copper range. At the peak of that activity between 1867 and 1884, Calumet & Hecla mines produced half of this country's supply of copper.

In 1903, 175 invitees paid \$36 in fees and dues to become charter members. Guest book logs show visits to the club from visiting celebrities, including boxers Jack Dempsey, Jack Sharkie, and Max Schmelling.

Present membership has recognized the changing times, and the club elected its first woman president in 1994.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my House colleagues join me in raising a figurative glass to toast the Miscowaubik Club on its 100th anniversary. I wish the club and its members a second happy century of social discourse.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. NICOLE JONES

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Nicole Jones on her graduation from Harvard University, July 24, 2003:

Whereas, Harvard University, which celebrated its 350th anniversary in 1986, is the oldest institute of higher learning in the United States of America; and

Whereas, Harvard University has grown from nine students with a single master to an enrollment of more than 18,000 degree candidates, including undergraduates and students in ten graduate and professional schools; and

Whereas, Seven Presidents of the United States of America, John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt, Rutherford B. Hayes, John Fitzgerald Kennedy and George W. Bush were graduates of Harvard; and

Whereas, its faculty has produced nearly 40 Nobel laureates; and

Whereas, Harvard University continues to be recognized as one of the very best and most outstanding academic institutions in the world today; now therefore, be it resolved that I Danny K. Davis take this opportunity to congratulate my next door neighbor, Ms Nicole Jones on this outstanding milestone in her career; and be it further

Resolved, That I commend and congratulate my neighbors Mr. George and Ms. Jenny Jones, her proud parents, for the contributions which they have made to Nicole's nurturing and development. We all wish her well as she moves on to the University of Michigan Law School to make further preparation for a lifetime of service.

GOD BLESS YOU, JONATHAN DAVID ROZIER

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak of a brave young Dallas area resident, 2nd Lt. Rozier, who was killed in combat in Iraq on July 19, 2003. I am humbled and grateful that he was willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to this Nation.

He is our fallen hero. A grateful Nation should never forget that he had family, friends, and plans for the future. He was just 25 years of age, old enough to dedicate his life to protecting our country. The attack happened just three days after his birthday.

Lt. Rozier was born in Dallas. In 1991 moved his family to Katy, Texas. He is a graduate of the Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in economics, where he and his wife served in the Corps of Cadets together.

Lt. Rozier was a distinguished and decorated soldier. He earned a Bronze Star by bravely helping to rescue injured soldiers under fire, and by enlisting to serve our country in the armed forces he demonstrated his courage and sense of duty. Lt. Rozier made the ultimate sacrifice for all of us, and we all owe him immeasurable gratitude.

His uncle, a good and close friend of mine, former DeSoto Mayor Richard Rozier expressed to me the sadness of Rozier family the grief of those who knew and loved him, including his wife, Jessica and his son, Justin.

Mr. Speaker, Lt. Rozier will always be remembered by his friends, family and loved ones and will surely be honored by the entire constituency of the Dallas/Forth Worth Metroplex community for his bravery and heroism.

I join with this House and with the people of Dallas/Forth Worth Metroplex and Americans all across the country in saying God bless you, Jonathan David Rozier. And God bless America.

PASSING OF PAUL BERNAL, PUEBLO INDIAN ELDER

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, the Taos Pueblo and Native Americans across the country are mourning the loss of an elder, statesman, and military veteran. I rise today to pay tribute to this extraordinary man, whose death is a great loss not only for all Indian Nations but also for the entire country.

Paul Bernal, a Taos Pueblo leader in the fight for religious freedom, died this month at the age of 92. Also known as "Pa chal ma," or Deer Catcher, Paul was an activist who devoted his life to returning control of the Sacred Blue Lake to his Pueblo.

In creating the Carson National Forest in 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt carved away thousands of acres of Taos Pueblo land. This land, viewed as sacred by the Indians, surrounded and included Blue Lake, a vital religious shrine in Pueblo religion. Sixty-four

years passed before the United States returned the land to the Indians.

According to Pueblo tradition, the Taos tribe was created out of the sacred waters of Blue Lake. The lake, a place of ritual worship and historical importance, was under U.S. Forest Service control beginning in 1906. Instrumental in the fight for the return of Blue Lake and the surrounding wilderness, Paul, served as the key interpreter for news reporters and government officials.

Returning the lake to the tribe was strenuously opposed by some powerful opponents: U.S. Senator Clinton Anderson, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Forest Service. Under the Anderson proposal, jurisdiction would have remained with the U.S. Forest Service, which the Pueblo considered insensitive to their religious beliefs.

In 1966, Taos Pueblo turned down \$10 million and land concessions from the federal government to settle the dispute.

My father, Stewart Udall, former Secretary of the Interior, championed the cause of returning Blue Lake to the Taos Pueblo. He met many times in the 1960's with Paul Bernal and other members of the Pueblo. My father has said many times that Paul Bernal was the "most effective leader in the fight to win back Blue Lake."

As Secretary of Interior in the 1960's, my father testified every two years before House and Senate committees to advocate for the return of Blue Lake.

In 1970, when Senator Anderson was ill and ailing but still in the Senate, an extraordinary bipartisan group of senators—Barry Goldwater (R-AZ), Fred Harris (D-Okla), and George McGovern (D-S.D.)—came together to pass the Blue Lake legislation.

President Nixon signed the legislation into law on December 15, 1970. Reflecting on his career, Richard Nixon later said that making the bill law was, "one of the most significant achievements of my administration."

Paul was a respected tribal elder, an icon whose knowledge and experience carried the native-rights movement forward for many decades. He served as Taos Pueblo tribal secretary for 24 years. He was also humble and gracious in sharing credit for restoring tribal control of the lake. During a celebration in August 1971, Paul was asked about being the leader of such a monumental struggle. His reply, "No one man. All together. The governor, the council, all the people."

I was honored to have known this distinguished man, and his death is a great loss for all of us. However, I am certain Paul would not have wanted his death to create a void where his work is concerned. We can all learn from this accomplished man and continue his work for Native American sovereignty and spiritual integrity of the land. There could be no better tribute to such a man as Paul Bernal.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
IN SUPPORT OF DESIGNATION
AND GOALS OF HIRE A VETERAN
WEEK

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, as our nation honors and supports the ongoing efforts of our

troops in Iraq and prays for the safety of all of our uniformed men and women still in the Gulf and Afghanistan, now is also an opportune time for Congress to do more to help our nation's new and old veterans in need. To this end, I am introducing legislation to urge the establishment of a "National Hire a Veteran Week" and to urge a presidential proclamation calling upon employers, labor organizations, veterans service organizations, and federal, state, and local governmental agencies to employ more veterans.

In spite of the best efforts of the U.S. Departments of Defense, Labor, and Veterans Affairs, imposing barriers continue to impede many deserving veterans from securing employment and achieving self-sufficiency. Unfortunately, many veterans struggle to find jobs, even with opportunities for increased training and education offered through government programs. Little more than half of our nation's veterans are employed today. Most startlingly, according to the 2000 Census, nearly 20 percent of Gulf War veterans are unemployed.

Moreover, it is troubling and shameful that so many of our veterans who risked their own lives to defend our freedom can't find jobs and must endure homelessness and lives of poverty after they return home. Indeed, American veterans comprise one-third of the homeless male population in America, while an estimated 250,000 veterans live on our city streets. In fact, the number of homeless Vietnam War veterans today exceeds the number of service persons who died during that war.

Mr. Speaker, even as we tend to the well-being of our men and women currently on active duty, we cannot forget those who have already served their country and deserve more assistance in moving to the next phase of their civilian lives. A presidential proclamation of "National Hire a Veteran Week" would provide an effective and more focused way to do more to help all of our veterans find good jobs and ensure better living standards for themselves and their families. I hope that all of my colleagues will support this legislation and will take one more step to help repay the debt we owe to all of our nation's defenders. I also hope it can be promptly enacted and signed into law in the next few weeks.

CELEBRATING NEW YORK'S
DOMINICAN DAY PARADE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of New York's oldest celebrations of Dominican culture, Manhattan's Dominican Day Parade.

The annual parade, which once ran through the heart of Washington Heights, has grown to become one of August's most anticipated celebrations of cultural and ethnic pride on New York's Sixth Avenue.

This year's parade on August 10th not only comes on the heels of the Dominican Republic's hosting of the 14th edition of the Pan-American Games, it also kicks off Dominican Heritage Week in New York City. From then to August 16th, New Yorkers of all ages will get a chance to learn about some of the ways in which this vibrant community is transforming the Nation.

We have begun to hear of Dominicans and Dominican-Americans in the context of stars like baseball slugger Sammy Sosa, designer Oscar de la Renta, and Miss Universe 2002 Amelia Vega. However, there are hundreds of Dominican professionals and an increasing amount of Dominican students that are blazing trails in government, law, science, and technology. They understand that they stand on the shoulders of not only the sacrifices that their parents have made but also on the achievements of members of other freedom-loving people.

In many ways, their journey is similar to other immigrant groups that have landed on our shores. But make no mistake, the people of the Dominican Republic have a style all their own. They are part of the wonderful mosaic that is America whose continuing empowerment can only help this country reach its full potential as a democracy.

HONORING HOUSTON WALES—INTERN
IN MY WASHINGTON, DC
OFFICE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mr. Houston Wales, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in national government.

Houston will be a freshman in the fall at the University of Missouri-Columbia and has distinguished himself as an intern in my Washington office by serving the great people of the 6th District of Missouri. Houston joined my staff for the 108th Congress as part of the House of Representatives intern program at the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C., a program designed to involve students in the legislative process through active participation. Through this program, Houston has had the opportunity to observe firsthand the inner workings of national government and has gained valuable insight into the process by which laws are made.

During his time as an intern in my office, Houston has successfully demonstrated his abilities in the performance of such duties as conducting research, helping with constituent services, and assuming various other responsibilities to make the office run as smoothly as possible. Houston has earned recognition as a valuable asset to the entire U.S. House of Representatives and my office through the application of his knowledge and skills acquired prior to his tenure as an intern and through a variety of new skills he has acquired while serving the people of Missouri and our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mr. Houston Wales for his many important contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives during the current session, as well as joining with me to extend to him our very best wishes for continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.