

for 8 years, she has given her time to veterans for longer than many people stay at a single job!

David Glimer, Administrative Officer for the VA's Inverness Community Based Outpatient Clinic has said of Joan, "She not only provides valuable assistance to the veterans who receive care at the Inverness Clinic, but leadership to the other volunteers who help support the VA's mission here in Inverness."

She's given to the veterans of the Fifth Congressional District as nobly and as altruistically as they've given to all of us. Her service is a testament to the value and virtue of helping others.

Mr. Speaker I ask that you join me in commending Joan for her efforts. I am honored to be her representative in Congress. She is one of the reasons that I am so very proud to represent the Fifth Congressional District of Florida in the House of Representatives.

IN HONOR OF THE NAAMANS  
LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 2003*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to some new Delaware heroes—The Naamans Little League All-Stars. The team impressed, inspired and awed Delaware through their dedication, hard work and immense talent. All these qualities impress but more importantly they helped the team succeed in reaching the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, a feat unmatched by any other team in Delaware history.

Jarad Carney, Kevin Czachorowski, Scott Dougherty, Cory Firmani, Danny Frate, Constantine Fournaris, Michael Julian, Zachary Lopes, Tim Marcin, David Mastro, Vince Russomagno, Kip Skibicki along with Manager Joe Mascelli, Coach Bob Waters and Coach H.J. Lopes all deserve our congratulations. There are so many great players, coaches and great teams in the Little League World Series and we are all so proud of our team for playing so well, playing so hard and making it so far. Each deserves recognition for his achievements.

For those friends and family who couldn't travel with the team, it was certainly a great joy to watch them play on national television. It was an even greater joy to watch them win on national television. But winning is not the only pillar of success. Effort, sacrifice, enjoyment, and friendship are just as important. Even through our television sets we could see these crucial pieces of a great team.

Mr. Speaker, Along with their friends and families, I wish to congratulate the Naamans Little League All-Stars for becoming the Mid-Atlantic Regional Champions. The past few weeks have been exciting, they have made us proud, they have taken a place in Delaware history and they have set a great standard not only for Little League baseball in Delaware, but for Little League Baseball throughout the country.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WAYNE B.  
SALTER

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 2003*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to laud the accomplishments of Mr. Wayne B. Salter, and his 30 years of service as a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Salter has held various positions within the order, actively living by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks' principles of "Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity."

Since Mr. Salter's initiation into Long Branch, New Jersey's Elks Lodge #742 he has served as Esquire, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, and Esteemed Leading Knight. He has also held the position of Exalted Ruler for three terms, member of the Board of Trustees two times, Chairman of the Board, and Chairman of the P.E.R. Association.

Mr. Salter is a stellar member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, an organization that has been helping, and volunteering for communities all over the world since it's founding in 1868. This society is rooted in tradition with the goal to improve life for all. Mr. Salter has done just this, time and time again going above the call of duty. During his term as Leading Knight, Mr. Salter was secretary for the Leading Knights' Clinic as well as chairing most Lodge Committees. Mr. Salter's concern for the greater good of his community led him to take the position of District Chairman for Drug Awareness at which time the State Elks Peer Leadership Program was started.

Mr. Salter has been an invaluable member to the Long Branch Elks Lodge having served on many different committees as well as chairing, the Elks House Committee and Public Relations Committee. For his devoted service, The Long Branch Elks honored him in 1993 by electing him to be Honorary Life Member.

Today, Mr. Salter holds the office of Vice President of the South Central District of the New Jersey State Elks Association. The tireless amount of time and energy that Mr. Salter has given to the Benevolent and Protective order of Elks should be applauded. Once again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Salter for the thoughtful, community-building work that he has been involved with for the past 30 years as a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

TRIBUTE TO LANCE CORPORAL  
JEREMY P. HOGAN, LANCE CORPORAL  
JAMES DILEO, PETTY OFFICER  
NICHOLAS SNIPES AND INFANTRYMAN  
PATRICK BARKER FOR SERVICE IN IRAQ

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 2003*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jeremy P. Hogan, Marine Reserve Lance Corporal

James Dileo, United States Navy Petty Officer Nicholas Snipes and United States Army Infantryman Patrick Barker from my Fifth Congressional District of Florida for their military service in the Middle East. They and their families reside in Crystal River, Citrus County, Florida. In the wake of September 11, 2001, the need to respond to the dangers of terrorism remains vital to our survival. Now that we know of these dangers, we as a nation led by individuals such as these three brave men, continue to respond successfully. Undoubtedly, their efforts overseas helped liberate an oppressed people from a terrorist regime and made the world a safer place for generations to come.

Please allow me to welcome these troops and troops from all over the world as they return home. The courage they displayed during their stints in the Middle East are exemplary of the America spirit. Their heroism and dedication is what makes our country the most gracious and noble nation on earth. Their bravery will not be forgotten as Americans and freedom loving people all over the world are indebted to their service.

H.R. 2861, THE FISCAL YEAR 2004  
VA/HUD AND INDEPENDENT  
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS  
BILL

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 2003*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was forced to vote against the fiscal year 2004 VA-HUD spending bill today.

However, I could not, in good conscience, vote in favor of a bill that so clearly fails to meet the needs of our nation's veterans.

A vote in favor of this bill is a vote to maintain the status quo, a status quo that has resulted in six month waiting lists, increased out-of-pocket expenses, and limited coverage for many veterans. My vote against this bill is a signal that the status quo is totally unacceptable.

I am not alone in condemning the VA-HUD appropriations bill for its failure to meet the needs of those who selflessly served our country in the armed forces. As top officials of national veterans organizations, including AMVETS, PVA, DAV, and VFW, wrote to Congress regarding H.R. 2861, the legislation is "wholly inadequate" and "represents a flagrant disregard to promises made to veterans by this Congress."

H.R. 2861 is \$2.1 billion below the level set for veterans programs in the House Republican budget resolution. While I thought the House budget resolution was itself inadequate, a lower funding level is a slap in the face to veterans. H.R. 2861 is also \$3.3 billion below the levels requested by national veterans organizations. The bill includes shortfalls for medical care, medical research and construction, among other areas.

Mr. Speaker, the federal budget is about priorities. The lack of support for veterans programs in H.R. 2861 shows what happens when the President and his allies in Congress prioritize tax cuts for millionaires over adequately meeting our commitment to veterans.

I reject that prioritization, which is why I voted against this bill. My vote was in favor of

fully funding the benefits our veterans were promised, have earned and deserve.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EAST  
BOYNTON BEACH LITTLE LEAGUE

**HON. MARK FOLEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 2003*

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great enthusiasm to honor and congratulate the East Boynton Beach Little League team and their tremendous accomplishment of competing in the Little League World Series. Their 9-to-2 victory over New England on August 23, 2003 earned them the eighth National Title for the State of Florida and the first for Palm Beach County. This amazing feat earned them a spot in the World Series Title Game against Japan.

In 1939 Carl Stotz founded Little League Baseball in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Since the inception of the Little League World Series in 1947, the tournament has grown to encompass not only national teams, but teams from all around the globe. It has become the culmination of the world's largest tournament in any sport. East Boynton and Japan were the remaining two teams that survived from 7,000 Little League all-star teams that began play in July.

The East Boynton Beach Little League team was extremely impressive in the way they displayed their extraordinary skills on the field. Their ever-present smiles and the joy they expressed reminded every baseball fan of what the game is all about. Their skills and attitudes both on and off the field are a direct correlation to the teaching and dedication showed by their coaches and parents. My hat is off to coaches Ken Emerson, Joe Irene and Tony Travis; and players Patrick Mullen, Matt Overton, Devon Travis, Richie DeJesus, Jordan Irene, Andrew Weaver, Ricky Sabatino, R.J. Neal, Michael Broad, Cody Emerson and Benny Townend.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the East Boynton Beach Little League team. They made Palm Beach County, the State of Florida, and our nation very proud.

TRIBUTE TO KIWANIS  
INTERNATIONAL

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 2003*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Kiwanis Clubs of America, which are outstanding organizations with strong memberships across this country and worldwide of active, service-minded individuals committed to their communities and their surroundings.

Kiwanis Clubs make their marks by responding to the needs of their communities, pooling their resources to address worldwide issues, and setting an example of service and stewardship that is to be honored and commended.

From humble beginnings in Detroit, Michigan in 1915, the Kiwanis organization has

grown to include more than 500,000 members in 80 countries around the globe—making it one of the world's premier service organizations and giving it global notoriety. That, Mr. Speaker is a true testament to all the good work the organization does.

With a motto like, "We build," one cannot help but view Kiwanis as an active group of individuals, solidly committed to positive goals. And the Kiwanis clubs live up to their motto—In one year Kiwanis clubs sponsored 147,000 service projects and raised and spent almost \$70 million while contributing 6.2 million hours of volunteer time.

Kiwanis Clubs have a long tradition of excellence and an upstanding reputation as amazing organizations and for that, I commend them. They are truly individuals whose service to their communities is something we should all emulate.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
HOWARD PIERCE MAREE III,  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RETIRED

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 2003*

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today and honor Lieutenant Colonel Howard Pierce Maree of the United States Air Force (Retired). On August 15, 2003, Lieutenant Colonel Maree passed away after serving the people of this great nation for nearly twenty-seven years.

Howard Maree was a decorated officer, who spent his career ensuring that the freedoms the United States holds dear are protected and preserved. Throughout his illustrious career, Lieutenant Colonel Maree was honored with the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Cluster, two Silver Star Medals, the Air Medal with five Clusters, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Medal, European and American Theater of Operations Medals, Korean Service Medal, and Vietnam Service Medal.

As a fighter pilot in three major conflicts, Lieutenant Colonel Maree served his country with dignity and integrity and contributed to many victorious campaigns throughout his career. As an Air Force reservist for over ten years, Lieutenant Colonel Maree continued to serve the people of the United States unselfishly.

We owe Lieutenant Colonel Howard Pierce Maree III our sincere appreciation for his twenty-seven years of committed service to our nation. His devotion to the people of the United States should serve as an example to us all.

May God bless his family, and may God bless this great nation.

COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE TOWN OF  
ROCHESTER

**HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 2003*

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Rochester in Ulster County,

New York, which is part of the 22nd Congressional District that I proudly serve. This year marks the 300th Anniversary of the founding of Rochester on June 25, 1703. I am pleased to recognize the Town of Rochester and the important contributions it has made to Ulster County and to the State of New York.

The Town of Rochester is located in the Mid-Hudson Valley, and is bordered on the east by the Shawangunk Mountains, and on the west by the Catskill Mountains. It also includes part of the rich land of the Rondout Valley, and consists of approximately 48,000 acres.

Prior to European settlement, the Rondout Valley was inhabited by the Lenni-Lenape, or Esopus Indians. After the defeat of the Esopus Indians, Captain Martin Cregier led a group from the original Dutch settlement of Wildwyck, on the Hudson River, to what is now Rochester. This group first explored Rochester in 1663, and it was originally called the Town of Mumbakkus. Captain Joachim Schoonmaker led the first group of settlers to Rochester in 1685 from Kingston, NY. A small number of land grants were given out in Rochester by the Kingston trustees, which made up the closest governing body to Rochester at the time. By the time Rochester officially received its patent in 1703, there was already a solid contingent of 334 residents in the town.

Through the eighteenth century, Rochester was mainly a commercial agrarian community. The fertile soil of the Rondout Valley provided ample opportunity for the successful farming industry that Rochester was known for. In order to support the agricultural advances of the region, paper, grist, saw, and other mills were built along the major streams in the Town. Rochester was linked to Kingston and the Hudson River port by what was known as King's Highway. The original historic stone houses of Rochester, many of which remain standing today, were built during this period.

Agriculture remained the dominant economic force in Rochester throughout the nineteenth century as well, with the establishment of the Delaware and Hudson Canal. With the introduction of the Ontario and Western Railroad at the start of the twentieth century, Rochester's economic focus turned to tourism. Resorts, summer homes, and guesthouses were built, which provided Rochester's many New York City visitors with relief from the confinement of city life. Tourism contributed greatly to Rochester's economy during the first half of the twentieth century, and brought new prosperity to the region.

Evidence of Rochester's colonial history remains today, as the Town has one of the highest concentrations of inhabited 18th century homes in the nation. Rochester and the Hudson Valley continue to provide breathtaking scenery and views of the Catskill and Shawangunk Mountains to all their visitors. Small towns like Rochester are an essential component of our nation's past, present, and future, and deserve to be honored and recognized for their numerous contributions to our states and country. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the Town of Rochester, New York as it celebrates the 300th Anniversary of its founding.