

tribute to Chula Mori, who died at St. Helena Hospital in Angwin, California, March 28, 2003. Chula, a treasured member of Napa County, California, died at the age of 55 after a courageous battle with cancer. Chula was diagnosed with breast cancer 21 years ago, and then in June 2002, with brain, liver and lung cancer.

As Head Teacher in the Napa County Office of Education's Napa Child Development Center, Chula dedicated her life to educating young children. An extraordinary teacher and a kind-hearted, loving person, Chula was also someone her students could trust and depend on. One of her great joys was when former students, grown with children of their own, would rush up to give her hugs when they would run in to her out in the community.

Many of the students enrolled in the Napa Child Development Center come from broken homes and disadvantaged circumstances. Though just preschoolers, Chula's students often carried the weight of neglect and discouragement on their small shoulders. Often, Chula's class served as a port in the storm. She made her students feel safe, loved and appreciated.

For over 27 years Chula educated the kids in our community. Yet, ironically, I believe the greatest lessons she taught may have been outside the classroom. Lying in a hospital bed at St. Helena Hospital in Angwin, California, Chula was an incredible example to her friends and loved ones of how to live and how to die with dignity.

Mr. Speaker, Chula's influence is easily seen throughout our community. Whether on the faces of her own two children and three grandchildren or in the hearts of countless former students, Chula's impact can never be erased nor will it fade. Those of us who knew her well are better because we knew her well. For these reasons and countless others it is appropriate at this time that we recognize and honor Chula Mori, who lived her life as a blessing to others.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND CARMEN
ROSA ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John A. Rosa and Carmen T. Rosa who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 22nd 2003. I take great pride in honoring these two remarkable individuals for their enduring dedication to one another and to the community in which they reside.

Mr. Rosa was born on September 7, 1929, in New York City and his wife Mrs. Rosa was born May 17, 1936. They were married on August 22, 1953, at St. John Chrysostom in the Bronx. Mr. Rosa, a Korean War Veteran, worked with the Art Steele Company in the Bronx, first as purchasing manager and later as export manager before retiring in 1985. In addition to being a devoted housewife and mother, Mrs. Rosa worked in the healthcare industry primarily in the area of patient care. She also made time to be an active member of the Parent Teacher Association at P.S. 59 and 69.

Mr. Speaker, this union that began 50 years ago has brought about nine lives spanning two generations. The Rosas have four children including Manuel; Vivian, Teresa and Sally. In addition, they are now the proud grandparents of Jonathan, Michael, Justin, Andres and Adriana.

Marriage is no easy feat. It is a union that demands commitment and sacrifice from both parties if it is to succeed. The Rosas' ability to make this union last for 50 years is quite remarkable and demonstrates the strong love they possess for one another.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. and Mrs. John A. Rosa on their 50th anniversary and in wishing them many more years together.

TRIBUTE TO STAFF SGT. MARK
LAWTON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I stand before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life of a brave citizen from my district. Army Staff Sergeant Mark Lawton of Hayden, Colorado was taken from us while serving his country in Iraq. His sacrifice for this grateful nation will not be forgotten. I am truly humbled to honor him here before you today.

As a young man, Mark was an excellent athlete and ran track for Moffat County High School. Prior to his service with the Army Reserves, Mark spent 14 years in the Marine Corps, serving in the first Gulf War. In his civilian life, Mark worked for a local coal company as a heavy equipment operator. Most importantly, he was a family man who leaves behind a wife and two sons. While his family's feelings of loss and sorrow are deep, they can take solace in the fact that Mark died in the service of the people and ideals of our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot fully express my deep sense of gratitude for Mark's sacrifice and that of his family. Staff Sergeant Lawton displayed the strength of character and loyalty to his country that makes America and its citizens great. Throughout our history, men and women in uniform have fought for our freedom with distinction and courage. At the dawn of this new century, the United States military has once again been called upon to defend our freedom against a new and emerging threat. Mark has done all Americans proud, and I know he has the respect and admiration of all of my colleagues here today. He will be truly missed.

HONORING DR. JAMES POTTS,
PH.D.

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James Potts, who has dedicated his life to educating those around him. He is now celebrating an extraordinary milestone, his 50th year of teaching. Much of that time has

been spent teaching at Bethel College in McKenzie, Tennessee.

Jim served his country in the United States Navy during World War II, then took the opportunities available to him through the G.I. Bill to earn his degree. In 1953, Jim began his teaching career at Grayville High School in Illinois, where he taught until 1955.

In the fall of 1955, Jim enrolled in Peabody College, now part of Vanderbilt University, where he earned his Ph.D., while also teaching at Belmont University in Nashville. After finishing his course work in 1957, Jim joined the faculty at Eastern Kentucky State University. After leaving Kentucky in 1961, Jim joined the staff at the University of Virginia, where he taught until 1964.

That year, Jim married his wife Carolyn and, realizing the difference he could make at a smaller institution, began his tenure at Bethel College. Having taught there for almost 40 years now, Jim has the longest continuous service record among Bethel faculty members. He is greatly admired by his colleagues and current and former students for his skillful teaching and his commitment to education and his dedication to Bethel College. Jim has taught many courses at Bethel College, but he is perhaps most admired for his dedication to history, specifically his courses in History of the South, American Economic History and American Political Parties.

Fifty years is an incredible milestone for any teacher to reach, but Jim is not content to end his notable career there. He plans to teach as long as he is able, and I am confident he will continue to touch the lives of many students, as he has done for five decades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring an exceptional educator and an outstanding citizen, Dr. James Potts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, after a review of the votes from July 25, 2003, I noticed I inadvertently voted against the Toomey amendment to H.R. 2859 (Rollcall No. 458). That was a mistake on my part due to my distraction with other legislative business during that particular series of votes. I wish to state for the record that I support the Toomey amendment and wish to be recorded as voting "aye."

TRIBUTE TO VORN JAMES MACK

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of a courageous young man, Private First Class Vorn James Mack of Orangeburg, South Carolina who recently passed away while valiantly serving his country in Iraq.

Vorn Mack was a 2002 graduate of Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School in Orangeburg, South Carolina. While at Orangeburg-

Wilkinson, Mack, an honor student, was taught by one of my staffers who remembers him as being a very intelligent, well mannered and driven young man. While in high school Vorn had a particular interest in computers, mathematics, and serving in the military. His high school guidance counselor said "he always had an interest in the military, because he wanted to see the world and because his father and sister had careers in the Army."

Vorn belonged to a family known for its military service and patriotism. Six of his aunts and uncles are military retirees, and five members of his family currently serve, including his older sister Aquanette who is currently stationed in the Middle East.

After his graduation from high school, Vorn enlisted in the United States Army and underwent basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. After successfully completing basic training, Vorn was sent to Fort Gordon, Georgia where he received advanced infantry training in information systems management. After this training, Vorn was assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado where he served in Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Three months after his arrival in Colorado, Vorn and his regiment were deployed to Iraq.

While in Iraq, Vorn belonged to a force assigned to guard the Hadithah Dam, west of Ar Ramadi, Iraq. This dam was crucial to the United States operation because it provided electricity to a large portion of Iraq and was viewed as a possible target for terrorist acts.

In his obituary, Vorn's family stated "He had no fear, never afraid to accept a challenge, whether it was work, school, or even in the United States Army, Vorn excelled in every aspect of his short life."

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in this tribute to Vorn Mack for the outstanding service and contribution he provided the Nation, the State of South Carolina and his beloved community of Orangeburg. Vorn will always be remembered for his dedication and commitment to freedom.

HONORING DON MILLER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a selfless community servant and dedicated coach from Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Don Miller is being inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's Hall of Fame for his 31 years of outstanding dedication and commitment to the Glenwood Springs Football, Track and Wrestling teams. I would like to join with the National High School Athletic Coaches Association and the Glenwood Springs Community in recognizing Don's accomplishments.

Don is a graduate of Western State College, where he excelled as a member of the football team. He began his career at Glenwood Springs High School in the early 1960's and has remained a loyal member of the faculty ever since, mentoring generations of young GWS athletes.

Don has provided thousands of Glenwood students with a coach and mentor; a man they

could respect and learn from. Don's record as a football coach speaks for itself. With 204 wins, 17 appearances in the state tournament, and two state titles, Don is certainly a deserving inductee. Don is known for his "old school" form of coaching; he was a hard-nosed, in-your-face type of coach who expected a "never give up" attitude from his players. Don will be the twelfth coach from Colorado to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, and was the fifth coach to reach the 200 win landmark.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in applauding Don's service to Glenwood Springs High School. This recognition is long overdue, and I am proud to recognize him here today. Congratulations, Don, on this prestigious honor; you have made Colorado and the Glenwood community very proud.

CONGRATULATING THE SAUGUS AMERICANS

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Saugus American Little League team for their outstanding achievement in the 2003 Little League World Series. From their district championship to the U.S. Championship game, this terrific team captured the hearts of the town of Saugus and, over the past few weeks of summer, all of New England.

This is a team whose unique skill was equaled only by their flair for the dramatic. Saugus' first four victories in the Series were by one run. We will long remember their epic victory against Texas East's Lamar National, when Saugus rallied, scoring four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning, to advance to the U.S. championship. These boys were only the second team in Massachusetts' Little League history to advance to the U.S. title game.

Most impressive is the manner in which this team conducted themselves throughout their time in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. They acted with maturity beyond their years. Working hard, playing fair, and never, ever giving-up, the Saugus Americans—Ryan Bateman, Tyler Calla, Craig Cole, Anthony DiSciscio, David Ferreira, Tyler Grillo, Joseph Kasabuski, Matthew Muldoon, Sebastiano "Yano" Petruzzelli, Dario Pizzano, Mark Sacco, and Michael Scuzzarella—were a model team and excellent representatives of their hometown.

Saugus Manager Rob Rochenski and coaches, Mike Ferreira, Rob Calla, and Charlie Bilton must also be commended for their professionalism, their positive rapport with the players, and the countless hours they invested in this team. They rightfully recognize that Little League baseball should be about having fun, and it is clear they instilled that in this Saugus team.

A special thanks needs to be extended to the parents, family members, and friends of this team, many of whom traveled to Williamsport, donned orange jerseys, and vocally supported their Saugus Americans.

It is appropriate that the House recognize the remarkable performance of the Saugus Americans. I am proud of their accomplish-

ments, and wish them the best of luck in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER TERESA

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, Mother Teresa, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, was born on August 27, 1910 and died in 1997 after a lifetime of devotion to the poor. Born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910 in Skopje, Yugoslavia, she joined the Sisters of Loreto in 1928. She took the name "Teresa" after St. Teresa of Lesiux, patroness of the Missionaries.

In 1948, she encountered a half-dead woman lying in front of a Calcutta hospital. She stayed with the woman on the street until her death. From that point on, she dedicated the majority of her life to helping the poorest of the poor in India, thus gaining her the name "Saint of the Gutters." She founded an order of nuns called the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India, dedicated to serving the poor. Almost 50 years later, the Missionaries of Charity have grown from 12 sisters in India to over 3,000 in 517 missions throughout 100 countries worldwide.

In 1952, she founded the Nirmal Hriday Home for the Dying in a former temple in Calcutta. It was there that she cared for the dying Indians that were found on the streets. Mother Teresa showed the love of Christ to all she met. Whether they were dying of AIDS or Leprosy, she wanted them to die in peace and with dignity. For over 50 years, she worked selflessly in service to the poor. That devotion to the needy won her respect throughout the world and the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

For many years, Mother Teresa labored in loving dedication to the sick and dying in India. Her compassion for the suffering knew no boundaries and has served as an inspiration to the world. Mother Teresa was a living saint and since her death has been greatly missed.

HONORING EVA FRANCHI—WIFE OF THE LATE SERGIO FRANCHI

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a member of my community and a revered member of the community of music lovers around the world. I honor Eva Franchi for keeping alive the memory and tradition of her late, great husband, Sergio Franchi and I honor her for her work on behalf of aspiring musicians through the Sergio Franchi Music Scholarship Foundation.

Sergio Franchi was one of the greatest romantic, popular tenors of the 20th Century. This, the 10th anniversary of the memorial concert, fulfills a dream of Eva Franchi's—the dream for romantic classical music to live on through future young tenors and sopranos, so that through them, the memories and music of Sergio can live on.