

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT
FIRST CLASS KELLY M. BOLOR

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sergeant First Class Kelly M. Bolor, 137th Quartermaster Company, United States Army Reserve, located in South El Monte, California. This brave and compassionate man dedicated his life to protecting our country and the freedoms that we all enjoy. On November 15, 2003, Sergeant First Class Kelly Bolor made the ultimate sacrifice and was killed while serving our country during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sergeant First Class Kelly Bolor was born December 20, 1965, and raised in Hawaii with his twin brother. He graduated from Lahainaluna High School in June 1984. Shortly after graduating Sergeant First Class Bolor enlisted in the United States Army, beginning an almost 20 year military career.

In 1984, Sergeant First Class Bolor graduated from a 92Y Supply Specialist course from Fort Jackson. Subsequently, in 1986, he completed Fort Benning Airborne School. On March 1, 1998, Sergeant Bolor joined the United States Army Reserve. He rose to the rank of Platoon Sergeant for the 137th Quartermaster Company on January 10, 2002.

Sergeant First Class Bolor is a Desert Storm veteran, and served overseas duty in Fort Wainwright, Alaska in 1988, Southwest Asia in 1991, Camp Humphrey's Korea in 1993 and finally Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

Sergeant First Class Kelly M. Bolor served our country as a true patriot and defender of democracy. He leaves behind widow Kelly Bolor and son Kyle, age three. Let us preserve the memory of Kelly M. Bolor so that his son may learn about his father, who was a kind-hearted man who put the safety and well-being of his country and fellow soldiers first.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK
OF KENNETH WYLIE

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Kenneth Wiley. Kenneth has been a leader in the San Antonio community, and he serves as a positive role model for future generations of labor advocates.

Born in Union Valley, Texas, Kenneth married Dorothy Sutton Wiley. He is the proud father of Sharron Kay Pacheck, Terry Marshall Wiley, and James Arthur Gross and the beloved grandfather to 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Kenneth began working at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in 1948 where he served as a lineman, an installer, a telephone repeaterman, and a central office technician. During his years of service at Southwestern Bell, he served his fellow workers as a job steward, a chief steward, legislative director, and vice president for the Communications Workers of America (CWA). He also served

for 13 years as the president of the CWA, Local 6143.

A tireless advocate for labor in local, state, and national politics, Kenneth also worked for the rights of his fellow workers as a member of the State Democratic Committee and the San Antonio and Texas AFL/CIO Councils.

Kenneth has also worked to improve his local community serving on the boards of the San Antonio United Way, San Antonio's Council on Alcoholism, the USO, Goodwill Industries, and San Antonio's Centro 21 Committee.

I have had the great privilege of knowing Kenneth for many years, and I am well acquainted with his good works, his strong moral character, and his selfless dedication to his friends, families, co-workers, and community. I rise today to honor Kenneth Wiley's legacy of community service and his commitment to protect the rights of American working men and women.

RECOGNIZING COLIN A. HANNA

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colin A. Hanna for his eight years of service as commissioner of the Chester County Board of Commissioners.

Colin Hanna was first elected Chester County Commissioner in November 1995 and ran successful races to serve as Chairman of the Chester County Board of Commissioners in 1998, 1999, 2001 and this year, 2003. After only six months, he was elected by his colleagues to represent the County on the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, which he chaired for two terms spanning four years from 1996 to 2000. He was also appointed Chairman of the Housing Authority of Chester County where he saved the agency from insolvency by undertaking an extensive reorganization process. During his tenure, the nationally-acclaimed County comprehensive plan, "Landscapes," was adopted and Chester County achieved its first bond-rating increase in 28 years, bringing it to the second highest in the Commonwealth. Mr. Hanna is a two-time recipient of the Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence—once with his commissioner colleagues and once individually.

Mr. Hanna has lived in Chester County virtually his entire life and chose to attend college at the University of Pennsylvania in nearby Philadelphia where he met his wife Pricie in 1967. After graduating from the University in 1968, Colin was commissioned an officer in the U.S. Navy. When his military service ended, he became employed with the CBS network in New York before returning to Chester County in 1972. He continued his work with CBS in Philadelphia before becoming President of Industrial Advertising Incorporated, which at the time was Chester County's largest advertising agency. Eventually, he would sell his ownership in the agency and pursue work in the marketing field as a management and executive search consultant. He continued his consulting work until 1991 when he founded PC Helper, a computer support and maintenance firm specializing in small business networks. In 1996, Colin Hanna sold

his firm and chose to devote his time and energy to public service and the job of County Commissioner where he has remained a tremendous asset to the community. Mr. Hanna brings with him to the Chester County Board of Commissioners years of hard work, experience and leadership that has allowed him to be a driving force in making Chester County a better place for all of its residents.

I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Colin Hanna for his exemplary citizenship and service to our community. His enduring devotion and unwavering support has made him a man for which Chester County and our entire nation can be proud.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MOUNTAIN
PARK ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER'S
EARTH STUDIES PROGRAM

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to an award-winning Earth Studies Program at Mountain Park Environmental Center in Beulah, Colorado. The program provides children with the wonderful opportunity to learn about the environment while providing them an alternative to abusive lifestyles such as gangs and drugs. I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing the Mountain Park Environmental Center's tremendous service to the Pueblo community.

The Earth Studies Program is a yearlong outdoor-based education course that covers basic subjects in language art, math, social studies, and geography in addition to environmental sciences. Students learn firsthand about ecosystems, tree identification, and stream ecology. Recently, the Earth Studies program was recognized by the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education for excellence in environmental education. It is truly an outstanding program.

Mr. Speaker, the Earth Studies Program at Mountain Park Environmental Center is an educational organization that encourages students to develop a love for nature. The program enriches the lives of Pueblo's students and the entire Colorado community. The Earth Studies Program is a learning experience that positively affects every child who is able to participate. It is my honor today to pay tribute to this fine educational program before this body of Congress.

TRIBUTE TO RAY BECKER, PRESIDENT,
BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Southern California are exceptional. Southern California has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who

willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Ray Becker is one of these individuals. Ray will be stepping down as President of the Building Industry Association of Southern California (BIA) and I would like to thank him for his service.

Ray originally came to the Inland Empire in the early 1980s as Vice President and Division Manager with the Lusk Company. During 20 years in Southern California real estate development, Ray has managed the construction of more than 3,000 homes and 16,000 home sites. For eight years Ray taught Light Construction and Development Management at the University of California, Riverside.

Ray is also Senior Vice President of Lennar Communities Inland, a division of Lunar Homes of California. Lunar is a national real estate company listed on the New York Stock Exchange and is one of the largest public homebuilders in the United States. Under his leadership, Lunar acquires, plans, entitles, develops, markets, sells, and manages medium and large scale communities.

Ray has been an excellent President of BIA and continually promotes the building profession. He is also involved in California BIA and the National Association of Homebuilders. He is past President of the Inland Chapter of HomeAid, an industry charitable foundation, and has held the Presidency of the Youth Service Center and Parkview Community Hospital Foundation. Ray's commitment to the community and to Southern California is exemplary.

Ray's tireless passion for the building industry has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Southern California. I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many BIA members and homebuilders are grateful for his service and salute him as he steps down from his position.

H.R. 1964, THE HIGHLANDS STEWARDSHIP ACT

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the passage of H.R. 1964, the Highlands Stewardship Act.

The Highlands region is spread through parts of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania and covers more than two million acres of pristine, undeveloped land. In studies in 1992 and 2002, the National Forest Service recognized the Highlands as "nationally significant" and estimated that 5,000 acres of land are lost to development just in the New York and New Jersey portions of the Highlands.

The Highlands also serve as an "oasis" amid the urban centers of Philadelphia, Hartford, and New York. The region, with its networks of reservoirs and aquifers, supplies clean, safe drinking water for over 11 million Americans. At the moment, only 23% of those watershed lands are protected, with almost 100,000 of those acres being immediately threatened. Without these water sources, the sprawling metropolises we know today and New York and Philadelphia would have never developed.

The tourist value of this region cannot be overlooked. Every year, over 14 million people visit the Highlands. This total is higher than the number of people who visit Yellowstone National Park every year, and we don't even have a geyser.

Twenty million people live within a two hour drive of the Highlands. With the ever-increasing rigors of city and suburban life, it is important to have a place for families to unwind and interact with the natural splendors that are too often missing from their lives. The Highlands provides that and so much more. This bill will ensure that these natural beauties survive so that future generations can enjoy them as we do now.

IN HONOR OF FATHER MARINO FRASCATI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of and recognition of Father Marino Frascati, founding member of the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization—and spiritual guide, healer, and beloved mentor and friend to many in this Westside community for more than fifty years. Father Frascati, parish priest of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, continues to serve the Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood with integrity, compassion, and grace, and was bestowed the honorary appointment of President for Life with the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization. Father Frascati has been a steady and focused instrument of healing, preservation, growth and hope along the streets of this neighborhood.

When others lost hope and turned away, Father Frascati dug in, continuing his quest to improve the lives of the families, seniors and individuals who live and work within this Westside community. His rare ability to connect with others and bring people and groups together for the common good has significantly improved all aspects of this neighborhood.

Father Frascati was instrumental in renovating and developing countless commercial and residential structures along Cleveland's Westside. Due to his persistence and personal meetings with Monsignor Barone, then Undersecretary for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood was the first community in Cuyahoga County to be awarded the Urban Development Action Grant for a neighborhood project. This grant resulted in the construction of Father Caruso Boulevard and restoration of the historical Gordon Square Arcade. Despite opposition and adversity, Father Frascati remains a tireless and unwavering champion of this neighborhood. Father Frascati established Nolasco Corporation which resulted in new housing for senior citizens and low income families. Additionally, Father Frascati has created strong and enduring bonds with local business owners, bringing businesses and jobs—like Bank One at the Gordon Square Arcade—back into the neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and gratitude of Father Marino Frascati, whose compassion, commit-

ment and energy continues to create a haven of assistance, hope and renewal along the streets of Detroit-Shoreway and beyond. His presence, vision, leadership, and unwavering faith in the people and possibilities of this community have restored and uplifted the very foundation of this neighborhood—reclaiming the heart and soul of this community one brick, one senior citizen, one family at a time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 641, 642, 643, and 644, I was absent because I was receiving a major named award from and giving remarks to the national meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all four votes.

THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

HON. RICHARD BURR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. BURR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the lack of progress in the Middle East peace process. Aside from our own Nation's ongoing military operations in the war against terrorism, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is one of the most important foreign policy issues being discussed and debated by my constituents.

Clearly, there is a wide range of points of view on this critically important issue, and they cover the range of the political spectrum. I would like to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to outline some of my own thoughts on some of these subjects.

I should state at the outset that I believe Israel has a right to defend herself against the actions of Palestinian extremists. It would be the height of hypocrisy, Mr. Speaker, for our own country—engaged in its own fight against terrorists bent on her destruction—to deny Israel the right to pursue those bent on her destruction. Since obtaining independence in 1948, Israel has been engaged in a near-constant struggle for survival.

The current violence, and Israel's military response to it, is a reflection and continuation of that struggle. There are some on the Palestinian side, many of whom have close ties—if not direct connections—to Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority, who desire nothing less than the destruction of the state of Israel. These are the very groups sending young Palestinians to detonate suicide bombs on buses, in pizza parlors, in sidewalk cafes, and even at Jewish religious celebrations. On that basis alone, Israel has no choice but to continue efforts to round up those responsible. Even prior to the eruption of the latest violence more than two years ago, Arafat refused to do so. He refuses to do so to this day.

It is clear, Mr. Speaker, that Arafat has abdicated his position as a responsible negotiator