

A top Army officer from Virginia and members of the 101st Airborne attended services.

"We are here to be with the family, to respect and honor this great soldier," Maj. Gen. Russell L. Honore of Norfolk, Va., said before services began. "He served proudly and with distinction for our nation." Honore said he represented the Secretary of the Army and the Chiefs of Staff.

Shelby County Mayor A C Wharton thanked Kennon's family on behalf of the citizens of the county.

"We share your loss," he said.

Several of Kennon's friends spoke about his loyalty, honesty and his love for family and the military.

Snow's eulogy was so passionate the minister had to sit down for part of its delivery.

Kennon was "a good man who could have at the age of 23 been on the streets doing nothing, but he chose to do something positive and constructive with his life. It is unfortunate that he was cut down at an early age," he said.

Snow offered comfort for Kennon's mother, Paulette Crawford-Webb, his father, Morgan Kennon, and other relatives and friends.

"In spite of all that has transpired, God is still good," Snow said. "You need to know and understand today that Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal."

He said Kennon knew the risks of a military career, "but he trusted God."

Kennon was a soldier in the U.S. Army and a soldier in the army of the Lord who did not fear death, Snow said.

"He was prepared externally and he was prepared internally. He wasn't afraid of what could happen to him because he knew that with Jesus, he would be all right."

CONGRATULATING TO THE SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an extraordinary team on an extraordinary season. On Saturday, November 23, 2003, the San Jose Earthquakes became the second team in Major League Soccer history to win the Major League Soccer Cup multiple times, thrilling soccer fans around the country and around the world.

The Earthquakes' 4-2 victory over the Chicago Fire showcased the team's explosive talent and demonstrated why soccer is one of the fastest growing sports in America today. This match featured more goals than a Major League Soccer championship has ever seen, including two from two-time U.S. National Team Player of the Year and MLS Cup MVP Landon Donovan.

The Earthquakes' rise to the MLS championship game provided soccer fans with endless high drama, including a five-goal comeback against the Los Angeles Galaxy to advance to the Western Conference final, and a 3-2 victory over the Kansas City Wizards, in which Landon Donovan sealed the championship birth with a golden goal in the 117th minute of play.

In the championship game itself, the San Jose Earthquakes showed a capacity crowd in Carson, California and a national audience four goals, one saved penalty kick, and 90 minutes of world-class soccer. Throughout that game, and throughout the season, the Earth-

quakes played aggressive, attacking, exciting soccer and delighted San Jose's growing legion of fans.

The sportsmanship and gamesmanship of the Earthquakes have helped bring success to Major League Soccer. Only eight years old, this league has already captured the hearts and imaginations of soccer fans around the country and provided the United States with some of the world's best players—many of whom were instrumental in bringing our country to the quarterfinals of last year's World Cup, held in Japan and Korea.

Today, the Earthquakes are the pride, not only of San Jose, but also of America's entire sports community.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 2003 Major League Soccer Champions, and I congratulate the San Jose Earthquakes on a fantastic season.

CONDEMNING THE "GRAND THEFT AUTO: VICE CITY" VIDEO GAME: ANTI-HAITIAN RACISM AND STEREOTYPES HAVE NO PLACE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues, and to condemn in the strongest possible terms, a Rockstar Inc. video game entitled "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City." This game has no place as an amusement in this country because it purports to make "fun" using racist and stereotyped images of Haitians and Cubans.

This despicable video game portrays Haitians as ugly criminals and lower forms of human life who must be obliterated once and for all. In order to win the game, the player—an ex-convict—is hired to recover stolen drug money on the streets of Miami. In his pursuit, he faces police officers and gangsters from Cuba and Haiti. Armed with a machete, knife, gun and baseball bat, the game urges players to "kill the Haitians" and "kill the Cubans."

What makes this matter even more offensive is that, by its immigration policies and pronouncements, the Bush Administration fosters a view of Haitian asylum seekers as potential terrorists rather than bona-fide refugees.

It is hard to see how such contemptible acts could be seen as "fun," for this video game is scandalous and hateful and deeply offensive to Haitian and Cuban Americans and every decent American concerned about racism and violence in this country.

I ask this Congress and all people of goodwill to join me in condemning this hateful video game and to do everything possible to increase public knowledge of it and thereby to limit its acceptance in both domestic and foreign markets.

Mr. Speaker, I represent the largest Haitian constituency in the United States, and this video game is demeaning, demoralizing and deeply hurtful to hundreds of thousands of hard-working, law-abiding Haitian Americans and their families in South Florida and in this country. It does not take much to imagine the destructive impact that the repulsive images of

this game would have on youngsters, whether they are Haitian-American, Cuban-American, or not.

This video game symbolizes the very lowest of our nation's values. It is deeply disturbing, not only that the manufacturer would seek to profit by the sales of this game, but that people would buy it. I urge all my colleagues, and every American, to take a firm stand against such commercial trash and to rededicate ourselves to the principles of freedom and liberty that such hatred cannot destroy.

REMOVAL OF U.S. TARIFF ON ORANGE JUICE IMPORTS WOULD NOT ENHANCE FREE TRADE

HON. TOM FEENEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. FEENEY. Mr. Speaker, three weeks ago the leaders of more than thirty nations around the Western Hemisphere gathered in Miami for the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) Eighth Ministerial meeting for the purpose of expanding free trade within the Western Hemisphere.

I watched with great interest as these negotiations progressed, fully cognizant of the significant impact that they could have on my state of Florida.

Free trade and free markets are essentially about making trade easier by allowing the market to balance needs, supply and demand. We are engaged in a battle to tear down trade barriers around the world in an effort to promote jobs, competition and greater prosperity for all countries involved. Since Adam Smith explained the benefits of free trade in his great work "The Wealth of Nations", thoughtful policy makers have understood the need to reduce these barriers. The famous economist Joseph Schumpeter once proclaimed that capitalism relies on the free flow of information and goods.

The talks in Miami generated positive movement towards greater economic integration in this hemisphere. Trade Ministers agreed to a baseline of minimum standards for a full and comprehensive agreement that takes into account differing levels of development among nations. This framework is a step forward that gives nations needed flexibility.

As we continue these discussions, I would caution the negotiators to find an acceptable balance between the need to open up to new foreign markets and to protect an industry that is vital to America's supply of fresh fruit and Florida's economic infrastructure: the Florida citrus industry.

There are only two countries that produce 90 percent of the world's orange juice: the United States and Brazil. Brazil currently sells to the United States and has a large market share in the European Union. Without competition from the Florida citrus industry, Brazil would enjoy a monopoly over world orange juice production.

The citrus industry in Florida generates revenues of \$9.1 billion each year and employs nearly 90,000 people without subsidies from the Federal Government. A collapse of this industry would not only cost tens of thousands of jobs, it would also cost the State and local governments of Florida up to \$1 billion in lost tax revenues.

Removal of the U.S. tariff on orange juice imports would not enhance free trade. It would rather give Brazil a total world monopoly, make that country the world's dominant citrus producer and enable them to control market supply, access and prices with no competition.

The Brazilian citrus industry has benefited from years of subsidization, dumping, lax environmental laws, price manipulation and weak and largely unenforced labor laws. I would urge our negotiators to insist on drastic reforms in the Brazilian citrus industry prior to agreeing to any tariff changes. Florida's citrus industry can compete with Brazil, or anyone else for that matter, as long as there is a level playing field.

WELCOMING ELANA HELEN
KAPLAN

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I announce the birth of Elana Helen Kaplan. Elana was born on Tuesday, November 18, 2003 at Fairfax Hospital in Northern Virginia to my former Legislative Director, Jim Kaplan, and his wife Stacie.

Almost exactly two and a half years ago I welcomed Elana's twin sisters, Shauna and Sierra, on the floor of this House.

Today I join Shauna and Sierra in welcoming their baby sister Elana. Among the proud family members who join me in welcoming her are her grandparents: Dr. and Mrs. Jerold Kaplan of California, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rothman of Maryland. Stacie's sister, Ms. Amy Rothman, Jim's brothers, Lt. Scott Kaplan (USN) and Mr. Glenn Kaplan, Stacie's grandmother, Mrs. Doris Scherr, and Jim's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schwartz also join me in this joyous welcome.

These three little Kaplan girls owe much to this chamber, as Jim met their mother Stacie through a fellow congressional staff member and proposed during a tour of the Congressional dome in 1997.

As the father of two daughters myself, I can only hope that these young ladies will continue to bring joy and pride to their family and to their community in much the same way my daughters brighten my life every day.

TRIBUTE TO KALAMAZOO COUNTY
SHERIFF, TOM EDMONDS

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kalamazoo County Sheriff, Tom Edmonds, who is closing a chapter in a long and distinguished career of public service. A dedicated and selfless individual, Tom has served five terms as Sheriff after being appointed to the Office in 1984. Over his tenure as Sheriff, Tom served the citizens of Kalamazoo in a number of capacities, all with great distinction.

Since 1975, Sheriff Edmonds' contributions to our community have been tremendous.

From post to post, he consistently received accolades and recognition. In addition to his remarkable service as Sheriff, highlights of his storied career include being Adjunct Professor of criminal law and procedure at Western Michigan University, Chair of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, Brigadier General for the Michigan Air National Guard, and recipient of Citation and Medal for Professional Service from the Michigan's Sheriffs' Association.

Many words come to mind as one reflects upon Tom's public service to our community. He is selfless, brave, generous, giving, caring, humble . . . the list goes on. Tom is widely known for his extensive charity and dedication to local individuals, businesses, universities, and the community as a whole. He spent a career devoted to the protection and safety of the citizens of Kalamazoo, and for this the county is forever in his debt. There is no question that Tom's dedication and contributions to the county will be missed.

Our community is in debt to Sheriff Edmonds for his continued public service since 1975. I wish him and his family all the best in retirement. Tom's contributions to our community have been many, and we are all better off from his service. He will be truly missed by the folks in southwest Michigan. I'm certainly glad he's remaining in our corner of Michigan.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUNNYSIDE
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
TEAM OF TUCSON, ARIZONA

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of true champions. I am proud to report that on Saturday, December 6th, 2003, the Sunnyside High School football team of Tucson, Arizona once again brought home the Class 4A State Title.

For the second time in three years, the Blue Devils showcased to the state of Arizona their unmatched talent, heart, and dedication. In a 21-13 victory over Glendale Cactus, Sunnyside overcame a roster depleted by injury and what the papers called "undersized" players. Mr. Speaker, it's true that the Blue Devils have linemen whose physical stature is smaller than the average. But, as was proved in this past weekend's state championship game, physical size doesn't matter when you have the drive and the hunger for victory that these players do. Under bright stadium lights, under tremendous pressure and expectation, and with a defensive line outweighed by an average of 70 pounds, the Sunnyside Blue Devils came home victorious.

I commend these students and their coaching staff. Their fine efforts have made my hometown, and moreover, my alma mater proud. I wish them the best as they enjoy their victory and begin to look toward next year's winning season.

TRIBUTE TO CALVIN WENDEL

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to Calvin Wendel, whose quiet and dedicated service along Interstate 95 in Milford, Connecticut has helped keep our nation's highways safe and important goods and services moving through our region for the last 43 years.

Cal has worked at the Secondi Bros. Truck Stop in Milford since it opened on July 1, 1960. With no other major truck stops in the area, it is highly visible and known in the truck stop industry due to its location. It is the first truck stop in New England off Interstate 95 that drivers come in contact with after leaving New Jersey. Over 120,000 vehicles a day travel past exit 40, Interstate 95 where Secondi is located, and the trucks that stop for service at Secondi are part of a fleet transporting over 72 percent of the goods we have at our homes and in our businesses.

During his tenure at the Secondi Truck and Tire Repair Unit, Cal has serviced over 74,000 trucks. Over the years, his expertise has contributed to the safety and economic security of every one of us. Yet, as much as his technical experience is respected by those who stop regularly at Secondi on their way through Connecticut, it is the personal touch he adds to his service and extends to those around him, dedication, high values, and respect for people, that have endeared him to his customers and peers.

As one of my constituents once said, "Trucks keep America rolling!" I urge my colleagues to join with me to honor the service Calvin Wendel has provided to all of us over the years, helping to keep American trucks rolling.

REMEMBERING THE HISTORIC
LIFE OF LOUISE ELIZABETH BUIE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Louise Elizabeth Buie, who died on December 2, 2003. This diminutive woman, known throughout her home state of Florida and beyond for her contributions to the civil rights movement in America, packed the equivalent of two lifetimes into her 89 years.

Beginning in the 1930s, Louise Buie, as a member of her local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), fought against segregation in its many forms. She served as president of the branch for fourteen years during the 1950s and '60s and was at the forefront of every battle to integrate schools, hospitals and restaurants. It was Louise Buie who demanded that black baseball players be allowed to room with their white teammates in West Palm Beach, and it was Louise Buie who insisted that West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach and other cities in South Florida hire African-Americans as police officers and firefighters. Previously, those municipalities had restricted