

This country can't afford—and, the American people don't deserve—the kind of anti-investment, anti-jobs policies that the FCC has displayed through their ruling against local phone company deregulation.

HONORING KALMAN AND  
DEVORAH STROBEL

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kalman and Devorah Strobel upon their selection to be the honorees at the 24th Annual Dinner of the Young Israel of Avenue J, in Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Strobel have truly defined community service. Having given generously of their time, finances, and business acumen, our local Brooklyn neighborhoods have truly been blessed to be the beneficiaries of such selflessness.

Mr. and Mrs. Strobel have played an integral role in the success of the Young Israel for over twenty years as well as many other crucial local Jewish institutions. The Strobel's dedication to Tifereth High School for Special Children is only one example of the breadth and depth of their efforts to better our neighborhoods. Their efforts have provided a guiding light into the true meaning of the Hebrew word "chesed" translated into English as kindness.

Being of a soft spoken nature, Mr. & Mrs. Strobel have proven that actions speak louder than words. Although never ones to seek accolades for their work, the community and the Young Israel will forever be indebted to them.

Additionally, I wish to congratulate the Strobel's children, Suri, Miraty, Rivky, and Meir Eli, and granddaughter Chaya Leah so fortunate to have Kalman and Devorah as their role models.

May you continue to grace our community with your inspiring presence for many years to come.

HONORING THE SOUTH LAKE MEMORIAL AMERICAN LEGION AUX  
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**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2003*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Ms. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the South Lake Memorial American Auxiliary #55 on their Anniversary. Sixty-six years ago this Auxiliary was founded by the brave veterans of World War I and has been serving their community ever since.

Most recently, they were recognized as one of the strongest promoters of the "Spinoza Bear Program". This is a compassionate crusade that brings a smile to thousands of grieving children.

Their commitment to public service is renewed every year as they sponsor two young women to attend Girl's State, a wonderful program that has been developed to foster political activism in our nation's youth. They are in-

volved in countless other activities that promote community involvement by their members.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call the men and women of the South Lake Memorial American Legion constituents, and I ask that you join with me today to congratulate them on their service to our nation.

IN REGONITION OF VERONICA  
NIGH

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2003*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Veronica Nigh, a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership. She has been honored with the Award of Distinction as winner of the Cotillion for Achievement Scholarship Program.

The Cotillion for Achievement Award was established in 1986 and is presented annually. Two winners, one male, one female are selected from public and private school seniors attending school in Andrew and Buchanan County, Missouri. Students are evaluated on four criteria, scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community involvement and an essay written by the student. This prestigious award has been extended to Veronica.

Veronica has established herself as a well-rounded student. She is involved in numerous activities, including Student Council, FFA, FCCLA, Social Studies Club, National Honors Society, class officer, volleyball, county fair play, the county museum, the County Fair Board, Student Tutors and the District Health Board as a student ambassador. Additionally, she has been honored for her achievements with such awards and distinctions as The National Honor Society Award, Missouri Girls State Minority House Leader, who's who among American high school students, student of the quarter, 1st place on the State Agriculture Literacy Team, 3rd place on the state FFA Agriculture Sales Team, the Washington Leadership Conference, FFA Chapter Star Greenhand, State FFA Creed Speaker, High Honor Roll, Honor Letter and The Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy First Place Novice Division.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Veronica Nigh for her many achievements and in wishing her the best of luck in her future.

TRIBUTE TO SOMERSET, KENTUCKY  
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2003*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker I rise today to commend the staff of the Somerset Social Security Office for their strong, effective, and compassionate service to the people of Kentucky.

Social Security plays an important role in the lives of more Americans than any other

federal program. Whether providing a Social Security number for a newborn baby, mailing a check to a retired worker, or helping a disabled individual receive benefits, the Social Security Administration touches the lives of just about everyone.

The field office in my hometown of Somerset, Kentucky, is a shining example for this massive agency. Under the leadership of W.D. Dalton, the staff in Somerset consistently goes beyond the call of duty to provide valuable benefits to the people of Kentucky. Because of their unwavering commitment to helping others, the Social Security Administration recognized the Somerset Office as the Best Level II Field Office in the Atlanta Region for fiscal year 2002.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, I want to thank the staff at the Somerset Social Security Office for their hard work and dedication to serving the people of Kentucky. These fine Americans are an inspiration to us all, and I salute them for their commitment to helping others.

IN MEMORY OF THOSE KILLED  
AND INJURED AT FORT DRUM  
BLACK HAWK CRASH

**HON. JOHN M. McHUGH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2003*

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, as I have countless times before on the floor of this House, to talk about something very near and dear to my heart—Fort Drum and the brave men and women of the Army's 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), the most frequently deployed division in the U.S. Army today.

When I raise this topic, I take a particular amount of pride in reminding my colleagues that Fort Drum, which is the most modern military facility anywhere in the world, is situated within my upstate New York Congressional District. Since the early 1990s, soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division (LI) have participated in significant operations both at home and abroad, including Hurricane Andrew, the Northeast's Ice Storm of 1998, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and beyond.

I have seen the men and women of the 10th Mountain Division (LI) in action. I have met many of the soldiers one-on-one and have been fortunate to speak with them during visits here at home and while the Division has been deployed around the globe. I am always impressed by their professionalism and the way they do their job without hesitation. The dedication, commitment, and heroism these men and women have is, perhaps, what is most remarkable about Fort Drum.

Last week, people from across the country became familiar with Fort Drum as well. But sadly, our nation learned the importance of this Army post through news reports of a tragic helicopter crash that occurred during a training mission. We were all devastated on last Tuesday afternoon when we learned that a Black Hawk went down killing 11 soldiers and injuring two.

Mr. Speaker, the soldiers who lost their lives on March 11, 2003 in the service of our nation are:

Cpt. Christopher E. Britton, 27, from Ohio, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters

Company, 1st Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kenneth L. Miller, 35, from California assigned to Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment.

Staff Sgt. Brian Pavlich, 25, from Port Jervis, NY assigned to Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Sgt. John L. Eichenlaub, Jr., 24, from South Williamsport, PA assigned to Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Sgt. Joshua M. Harapko, 23, from Peoria, Aziz., assigned to Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Spc. Lucas V. Tripp, 23, from Aurora, Colo., assigned to Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment.

Spc. Barry M. Stephens, 20, from Pinson, Alabama, assigned to Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment.

Pfc. Shawn A. Mayerscik, 22, from Oil City, PA, assigned to Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Pfc. Tommy C. Young, 20, from Knoxville, Tenn. assigned to Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Pfc. Stryder O. Stoutenburg, 18, from Missoula, Mont. assigned to Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Pfc. Andrew D. Stevens, 20, from Rockingham, NH. assigned to Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Mr. Speaker, those injured in the crash were:

Spc. Dmitri Petrov and Spc. Edwin A. Mejia, both from Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Mr. Speaker, we will continue to pray for these soldiers and their families during this difficult time.

Our nation, the United States Army, and the people of Northern New York stand united with the families of the fallen and injured soldiers. While I know there are no words or deeds that can ever ease the pain and heavy burden the loved ones of these soldiers are experiencing, I want to pay tribute to those who have given their lives to the fullest measure as well as those soldiers injured in the line of duty.

The North Country community has long viewed the soldiers stationed at Fort Drum as much more than just the defenders of our nation. They are our friends and neighbors. The outpouring of care and concern from area residents has been truly extraordinary. It is because we feel this loss, too. I want the injured soldiers and surviving families to know we share their grief and sorrow.

The crash at Fort Drum was not the first introduction Americans have had with the Black Hawk helicopter. Mark Bowden's best-selling book and movie titled "Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War" was an account of the American military campaign on the streets of Mogadishu, Somalia when warlords there were wreaking havoc on their own people in 1993. As I have mentioned before, the 10th Mountain Division is the Army's most frequently deployed force, so it's not surprising that elements of the 10th played a significant

role in that mission and were featured in the book's after-action report of the difficulties they faced. The title, "Black Hawk Down" comes from the ominous words that echoed from the radio transmissions almost as soon as the operation began.

Whether we are talking about the Black Hawk that went down in Somalia nearly a decade ago, or the crash near Wheeler-Sack Airfield at Fort Drum, we know that things do not always go as planned in war or in warfighting training exercises. And now, as our Armed Forces face another military offensive overseas, the tragic accident at Fort Drum serves as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices our service men and women make on a daily basis. Whether it be in training or in battle, we do not always have the privilege of seeing their acts of heroism carried on CNN or in a motion picture.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join me in paying tribute to these men. Let us also acknowledge the rest of the men and women in uniform and express our gratitude for their service to our nation. As they go forward with their assignments, both at home and abroad, they need our support and our prayers.

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#### HONORING WIDER HORIZON SCHOOL

#### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2003*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an outstanding school in the 5th Congressional District of Florida. Educating our Youth is one of the most important challenges that we as a nation face. The founders of Wider Horizons School have embraced this challenge with a vigor and dedication that has left a strong impression on the community which they serve.

On Friday, March 14th, Wider Horizons School will celebrate its 20th Anniversary. Founded in 1983, Wider Horizons was the brain child of two individuals who cut their teeth in the Peace Corps opening schools in the jungles of Peru. Their formula for success includes a focus on independent learning, international field trips, and instruction in Spanish beginning in preschool.

I am proud to call Mr. and Mrs. Domenick constituents. They and their staff serve as examples to us all of what it means to truly be public servants.

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#### IN RECOGNITION OF DEVIN GOODLET

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership. He has been honored with the award of distinction as winner of the Cotillion for Achievement Scholarship Program.

The Cotillion for Achievement Award was established in 1986 and is presented annually. Two winners, one male, one female, are selected from public and private school seniors attending school in Andrew and Buchanan County, Missouri. Students are evaluated on four criteria: scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community involvement and an essay written by the student. This prestigious award has been extended to Devin.

Devin has established himself as a well-rounded student. He is involved in numerous activities, including varsity tennis, student government, UMKC leadership seminar, Forum Club, Spanish Club, JCCC Mathcount, Math Olympiad, National Forensics League, Heartland Health Systems, Food Can Drive, Habitat for Humanity, Harvest Food Bank, Multiple Sclerosis Walk for the Cure, United Way penny drive, Missouri State Senate youth forum, 2000 election campaign, doctors day, royal family kids camp, and the Diwali Celebration. Additionally, he has been honored for his achievements with such awards and distinctions as the National Honor Society Award, the National Merit Commendation Award, the Academic Excellence Award, Bright Flight Scholar, the Missouri Math League Award, the ASME Math Competition Award, Duke University Tip Scholar while qualifying for the State tennis competition.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Devin Goodlet for his many achievements and in wishing him the best of luck in his future.

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#### TRIBUTE TO MIDDLESBORO, KENTUCKY SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

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