

Let the record show that I am enormously proud that a soldier from my District has played such a heroic and vital role in what will ultimately be the liberation of the people of Iraq from the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein. The world will be a much safer place because of the efforts of Col. Perkins and other fine men and women who risk their own lives on our behalf.

HONORING PRIVATE BRANDON
ULYSSES SLOAN

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. I rise to honor an American hero, Brandon Ulysses Sloan, who lost his life during the conflict with Iraq. Private Brandon Ulysses Sloan was a native of Cleveland and a member of the 507th Maintenance Company of the United States Army. He was born on October 7, 1983, in Cleveland, Ohio to the union of Tandy U. and Kimberly T. Sloan.

Brandon Sloan exhibited a unique blend of personality and strength. A loving child, Brandon always played and enjoyed spending time with other children. Brandon later became a big brother to his sister Brittany, with whom he shared a close friendship.

Brandon began his education in the East Cleveland School District, and remained in the district until the family moved to Euclid, Ohio. While in the East Cleveland Schools, he developed a love for basketball and continued in various athletic pursuits.

During the formative years, the family enjoyed many happy times together. Brandon in particular enjoyed playing basketball and developed a knack for making good friends.

In 1996, the family moved to Oakwood Village, Ohio in the Bedford School District. There, Brandon became a Bedford "Bearcat", participating in high school football as a defensive lineman.

Brandon confessed a hope in Christ during his high school years and was baptized at The Historic Greater Friendship Baptist Church.

Later he decided to pursue a military career. He joined the United States Army to serve his country. After having served one year, Brandon gave his life for his country.

Precious memories are cherished by his father, Rev. Tandy U. Sloan; mother, Kimberly T. Sloan; sister, Brittny; two grandmothers, Dr. R. Pippen (James) and Luberta Sloan. He also had a host of uncles, aunts and cousins. His friends are numerous but to name a few: Stephon, Romel, Cleo and Eddie (U.S. Marine Corps), all who mourn his loss.

On behalf of the people of the 11th Congressional District and the United States Congress. I extend my heartfelt sympathy.

IN HONOR OF EDWARD H.
HUNDERT, M.D.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Edward H. Hundert, M.D., President

of Case Western University, as he is recognized by the American Heart Association for his unwavering dedication and exceptional achievement within the Cleveland medical community—most notably, for his significant role in launching the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University.

In 1982, Dr. Hundert earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. From 1984 through 1997, Dr. Hundert served on the faculty of Harvard Medical School. He held positions in the departments of psychiatry and medical ethics, and also served as Associate Dean of student affairs. Dr. Hundert's groundbreaking research in the area of medical education helped define professionalism and ethics in medicine on a national level. Moreover, for six consecutive years Harvard Medical School graduates voted Dr. Hundert as the "Faculty Member Who Did the Most for His Class."

In 1997, Dr. Hundert relocated to the University of Rochester as professor of psychiatry and medical humanities, and served as Associate Dean, then Dean of the University. Dr. Hundert has served as President of Case Western Reserve University for the past year. During this time, Dr. Hundert's leadership, expertise and exceptional interpersonal abilities has created a new sense of partnership, possibility and energy within the Cleveland medical community, which is clearly reflected through the partnership between the world-renowned Cleveland Clinic and the newly created Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Case Western Reserve University.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Edward H. Hundert, M.D., President of Case Western University, whose vision, vast experience and outstanding leadership have elevated the status of medical research, education and ethics within the Cleveland community and beyond—reinforcing the image of Cleveland as the core of medical innovation, advancement and discovery for individuals within our community, across the nation, and around the world.

HONORING THE BONFILS BLOOD
CENTER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an organization that has been dedicated to providing life-saving care to the citizens of Colorado for sixty years. Bonfils Blood Center operates several community donor centers statewide, including one in Pueblo, Colorado. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the employees and donors of Bonfils Blood Center before this body of Congress and this nation.

Since 1943, Bonfils has been an integral part of the health care system in Colorado, and now serves more than ninety health care facilities across the state. When the centers first opened, Bonfils annually collected 1,600 units of blood; today the center collects nearly 200,000 units each year. Pueblo's Bonfils Center opened in 1990 and consistently supplies about ten percent of the blood collected each year in Colorado. In addition to their

blood supply services, Bonfils also operates the Colorado Marrow Donor Program and Laboratories at Bonfils. This vital public service is possible only with the help of innumerable donors and local organizations, the community support Bonfils relies on to continue its long record of success.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize the Bonfils Blood Center and its employees for their dedication to health care in Colorado. Hospitals and patients all over Colorado rely on Bonfils for a safe and adequate blood supply, a service Bonfils has effectively delivered for six decades. It is my distinct pleasure to honor that record of success today.

RENEWABLE ENERGY IN AMERICA

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the importance of renewable energy in America. America's energy consumption is at an all time high and rising. In order to address the imbalance between consumption and domestic production, one part of the solution is to continue the advances in research and development of renewable energy resources.

In my home state of Nevada, the sun shines more than 300 days out of the year. We are also blessed with an abundant amount of other renewable energy sources such as geothermal, wind and biomass. Nevada is a perfect laboratory for renewable energy research.

We also can boast that we have one of the top research centers in the country for renewable energy. Since the 1970's, The Desert Research Institute or DRI has been actively researching ways to put renewable resources to better use, especially for commercial use. In the past, DRI has conducted solar energy research by developing a facility where it was completely cooled and heated by solar energy.

At the present time, DRI scientists and engineers are developing a solar and wind powered system that produces hydrogen for a fuel cell with excess renewable energy so that continuous power can be provided for off-grid sites. These fuel cells also potentially would power hydrogen fuel cell cars. This technology is a cornerstone in President Bush's national energy plan.

Because the research being conducted in Nevada, it will not only have an impact in my home state, but will also impact all Americans in the long term from having a more secure and environmentally sustainable mix of energy sources.

POSTAL CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT
SYSTEM FUNDING REFORM ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 380, the Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act of 2003. I'd like

to recognize Chairman DAVIS, Ranking Member WAXMAN and Representatives MCHUGH and DAVIS for their fine work on this issue.

I am a cosponsor of H.R. 735, the House companion. This is an important bill that deserves the support of the entire House. If we fail to act, the Postal Service has warned that it will be forced to raise rates as early as this fall. This is something the public can not afford.

If the Postal Service continues to pay into the Civil Service Retirement System under the current rate structure, the Postal Service will overfund the system by about \$71 billion by the time its pension obligations expire in 2071. This bill gives the Postal Service credit for its excess assets and thus, reduces the amount of money that it needs to pay into the fund. This will have no effect on current or future retirees' pension benefits. In fact, the bill is strongly supported by the National Association of Letter Carriers and the business community.

The savings realized from the bill will allow the postal service to make needed upgrades to improve service. Additionally, the Postmaster has also promised to keep rates steady through 2006.

This bill is a complete slam dunk. It is good for the public, the letter carriers, and the mailing industry. I urge its passage.

IN HONOR OF ERIC J. TOPOL, M.D.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Eric J. Topol, M.D.—Chief Academic Officer of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Chairman of the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and Provost and Professor of Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University—as he is recognized by the American Heart Association for his leadership, achievement and vision that has placed Cleveland at the national and international summit of hope, possibility and success within the realm of cardiovascular treatment and research.

In collaboration with Dr. Edward H. Hundert and other medical visionaries, Dr. Topol helped shape the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of CWRU. This center of advancement, research and education in medicine promises to reflect the crowning achievements, breakthroughs and medical miracles that hold the cardiology program at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation as the nation's premier heart center. The Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine promises to delve into critical research and groundbreaking treatment programs without losing the humanity and sensitivity critical to successful patient care.

Since graduating from the University of Rochester School of Medicine in 1979, Dr. Topol's life's work has focused on the prevention, detection, treatment and research of cardiovascular disease. Dr. Topol's collaborative cardiology research, work, and remarkable achievements in cardiovascular medicine has improved the state of cardiac care for countless individuals of all ages, and has steadily raised the Cleveland community to the highest

levels of technological and medical advancement—in the eyes of the nation, in the eyes of the world, and within every being whose heart needs mending.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Eric J. Topol, M.D., whose leadership, foresight, and total commitment for the advancement of medicine has helped Cleveland earn international acclaim as the leading center of heart research and treatment—offering hope and healing for heart patients here in Cleveland, and around the globe.

TRIBUTE TO SARAH PEACOCK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a young student from my district, Sarah Peacock from Montrose, Colorado. A fifth grader at Oak Grove elementary school, Sarah is making a big difference for children around the world with her quilting skills, and today I would like to honor her accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Instead of asking for presents for her tenth birthday, Sarah asked for quilting supplies. With those supplies she has made six blankets for Project Linus, a volunteer organization that provides blankets to children who are either seriously ill or who are emotionally traumatized. Sarah's blankets are among the more than 400,000 security blankets Project Linus has shipped around the world since 1995. Sarah heard about the project from a teacher at her elementary school who was teaching her kindergarten class about quilting and with that introduction, Sarah took to the craft immediately. Along the way, her blankets have earned grand champion honors at the Montrose County Fair and fourth place at the Colorado State Fair.

Mr. Speaker, Sarah Peacock is clearly a determined and gifted young woman. Even at such a young age, her volunteer efforts are reaching children around the world, and it is my great honor to recognize her hard work before this body of Congress and this nation today. Sarah has great things ahead of her, and I wish her every success in the future.

WE SHOULD MAKE OUR REMARKS WITH CARE

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, with regard to the remarks of our colleague, Ms. CUBIN, today, I want to express my lack of support for their tone and substance. In this temple of democracy, we should make our arguments with care and concern for the feelings of all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE JESSICA LYNCH ON NATIONAL FORMER PRISONER OF WAR RECOGNITION DAY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to America's heroes on National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day.

The holiday is all the more poignant this year. This year the world celebrated the rescue of POW Private Jessica Lynch from an Iraqi hospital. This brave West Virginia woman fought capture as she watched her comrades die next to her. West Virginians are especially proud of the rescue of one of our own and proud of the troops, including some of West Virginia's own National Guard, who went in to save her. We are particularly grateful of West Virginia Air National Guard Major Harry Morgan Freeman Jr. of Chapmanville who helped deliver the SEALs to the hospital where Lynch was held and then flew the group to safety. This was a truly remarkable moment for West Virginia's service men and women.

We may never know all the details of the ordeal Private Lynch endured while held in Iraqi captivity. Like so many POWs before her, not only are the physical wounds to heal but mental and spiritual. As Americans, it is our duty to welcome back these heroes who fought for our freedom. We must give all of our returned POWs the support they require and deserve and share with them our pride in their sacrifice to the Nation. We give thanks to God for the return of our POWs and ask Him to watch over our soldiers and our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LYUSHUN SHEN

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, for the past several years, Dr. Lyushun Shen has served as Deputy Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office ("TECRO") here in Washington. TECRO is Taiwan's unofficial embassy in the United States and works to strengthen the already strong ties between the United States and Taiwan. Dr. Shen has been an important diplomat in TECRO's ongoing mission, and he has been a prominent participant in the ongoing dialogue between the United States Congress and the Taiwanese government.

This is Dr. Shen's third posting in Washington, and, although he has developed a strong network of friends in Washington, the Taiwanese government has decided to name him as Director General of TECRO's office in Geneva, Switzerland. In his new position, Dr. Shen will work to enhance Taiwan's position with the many international organizations based there including the World Health Organization, which still does not count this vibrant democracy as a member, despite the strong endorsement of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, those of us who have come to know Dr. Shen will miss our discussions with him and his passion commitment to U.S.-Taiwan relations. While we regret he will be leaving Washington shortly, we know that he will