

FAMILIES LIVING IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF ARIZONA WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN IN THE IRAQI CONFLICT

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, April 12, 2003

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to express a deep and abiding gratitude to the families living in the second district of Arizona who have lost children in the Iraqi Conflict. They include: Carol Howland of Kingman, who lost her son James Kiehl; Sandy Watson of Peoria whose son Michael Williams was killed in action, the Piestewa family—and the entire Hopi Nation—who mourn the loss of their daughter Lori Ann. I have spoken to each, and have been inspired by their unwavering faith and enduring strength.

Mr. Speaker, the tragic stories of this war are not unique to Arizona. So many Members of this Congress can recall fallen heroes from the communities they represent, and those noble families who personify the sacrifice of war. America's sons and daughters have fought bravely in this battle and some have died defending their homeland and bringing freedom to a people they have never met. Today, Mr. Speaker, the American flag flies at half-staff in all of our hearts as this Nation tearfully lays these valiant sons and daughters of freedom in the loving arms of God.

Words fail me to express the unspeakable debt of gratitude owed to the families of America who have sacrificed their own loved ones for the cause of human freedom. So may I respectfully appropriate the words of Abraham Lincoln who sought to offer comfort in a letter to a precious mother who had lost five sons on the battlefield. It is my prayer that his words can be received into the hearts of all of those who mourn the loss of their beloved soldier: Mr. Lincoln wrote: "I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours, to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of Freedom."

May all of us this day take poignant inventory of American freedom, and may we never forget those who paid for it.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TONY LONERO, SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, April 12, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring a very special person, Mr. Tony Lonero, as he is inducted into the Pennsylvania Hills Sports Hall of Fame on April 25, 2003.

Mr. Lonero's story is one of courage and inspiration which makes all of us proud. An avid

athlete, he excelled in baseball during his college years and later played in Italy's baseball major league in Nettuno. He participated in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics as part of the Italian Baseball Team.

After retiring in the late 1980s, he remained involved in coaching and pursued another passion, cycling. About a year and a half ago, while preparing for a race, he collapsed and was later diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. He refused to let the diagnosis stop him from following his dreams. He continued running and cycling, and he is now qualifying for the longest and most difficult race in the history of cycling, the Paris-Brest-Paris.

Although living in Italy, Tony Lonero has always remained a patriotic American. He has maintained his U.S. citizenship and always carries out his civic responsibilities by voting via absentee ballot.

Mr. Speaker, let us join in offering our warmest congratulations and best wishes for continued success to this outstanding athlete and American, Mr. Tony Lonero, as he receives the special honor of being inducted into the Pennsylvania Hills Sports Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE NEVADA NATIONAL GUARD

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, April 12, 2003

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the men and women of the Nevada National Guard and their Commanding General, Major General Giles E. Vanderhoof.

Since September 11 the Nevada National Guard has been on the front lines of the war on terror, providing troops for Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. With more than 700 soldiers and airmen activated, Nevada has one of the highest percentages of mobilized troops in the country. The 152nd Airlift Wing, 152nd Security Police Squadron, 72nd Military Police Company, 152nd Intelligence Squadron, 777th Engineer Detachment, and other units have all responded with valor and dedication to their country's call.

The Nevada National Guard has a long history of service to this nation, serving in the Pueblo crisis, the Persian Gulf War, and Bosnia. I salute each and every member of the National Guard and pledge my full support for them and their families. General Vanderhoof and his staff are to be commended for their success in training and leading such a force.

IN HONOR OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSIONER ROEL C. CAMPOS

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, April 12, 2003

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Securities and Exchange Commissioner Roel C. Campos for the dignity with which he has assumed his responsibilities at the SEC. The City of Harlingen, Texas, his

hometown, has proclaimed April 10th as Roel C. Campos Day to celebrate the success of their native son, someone who has worked hard, stayed true to his values, and found success as an Air Force officer, a lawyer, a prosecutor, a businessman, and now the first Hispanic commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Sworn in on August 20, 2002, Commissioner Campos has proven himself an independent-minded commissioner who advocates for protecting investors and eliminating corporate abuses. Both Democrats and Republicans have been impressed with his commitment to restoring fairness and integrity to the financial markets. Mr. Campos also focuses on supporting emerging companies and minority entrepreneurs.

He has used his position to make the securities industry and corporations aware of the changing demographics of America, and the great potential the Hispanic, African American and Asian American communities have to offer in the financial markets. These important segments of American society have historically been overlooked by corporate America.

Commissioner Campos, born in Harlingen, Texas to Mexican American parents, was the first in his family to attend college. He earned his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1979, an M.B.A. from UCLA in 1972, and a B.S. from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1971. Mr. Campos began his career serving as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. After his stint in the U.S. Air Force, he worked for major law firms in Los Angeles as a corporate transactions/securities lawyer and litigator for fifteen years. Beginning in 1985, he served as a federal prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles. After several years as a federal prosecutor, he returned to private practice and co-founded El Dorado Communications, Inc. He is married to Mini Villarreal and has two sons.

I commend Commissioner Campos for his efforts on behalf of minority communities, businesses and investors. His actions demonstrate his commitment to expanding opportunities for all Americans, regardless of background. His dedication to proper enforcement actions against those who commit corporate fraud will help restore the American people's confidence in our financial institutions.

Perhaps most important, though, is that his impressive resume and achievements have not changed the strong character of this man from South Texas. I appreciate his commitment to people, his understanding of the challenges that so many Americans face, and his desire to create an SEC that responds to their needs. Roel C. Campos is a true asset to the Securities and Exchange Commission and the American people.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR RE-NEWED EFFORT TO FIND PEACEFUL, JUST, AND LASTING SETTLEMENT TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in expressing my support

for renewed efforts to find a peaceful, just, and lasting settlement to the Cyprus problem. Such a resolution is consonant with American values of promoting stability, freedom, and democracy around the globe.

I strongly support a unified Cyprus. I am disappointed that the recent historic opportunity to resolve the Cyprus issue has failed, despite the hard work of United Nations Secretary Kofi Annan over the last several years, to bring the parties together and to facilitate an agreement.

I am disturbed that today, some 35,000 Turkish soldiers, armed with the latest weapons, are still stationed in the occupied area of Cyprus, making it, according to the United Nations Secretary-General, one of the most militarized regions in the world. At an estimated cost of \$300 million annually, Turkey continues to defy the international community and the U.N. resolutions with its policies towards Cyprus. Eighty-five thousand Turks have been brought over from Turkey to colonize the occupied area with the aim of changing the demography of the island and controlling the political situation. The Greek Cypriot community that remains enclaved within the occupied villages continues to live under conditions of oppression, harassment, and deprivation.

Mr. Speaker, the United States has a national interest in fostering peace and stability in the eastern Mediterranean region. We as a Nation cannot continue to pretend our NATO partner is not in clear violation of international law for its continued illegal occupation of its neighbor.

We in the United States pride ourselves for our respect for fundamental freedoms. Human rights norms are the cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy. It is time, Mr. Speaker, for Turkey to end its longstanding occupation of Cyprus.

Despite recent setbacks, I am still optimistic that the Cyprus situation can be peacefully and amicably resolved.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID PETER
THOMAS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, April 12, 2003

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my condolences for a dear family friend, David Peter Thomas. David passed away un-

expectedly on January 2, 2003, at the age of 28. I had the honor of knowing David and his family for many years. He was a devoted husband, son, brother, and grandson. Despite his young years, David had found a love of the law. He had attended UNLV School of Law for a year and then went on to the University of Utah, where he was in his last year of school. This past year David clerked at a local law firm, where he was to begin his career as a lawyer. David was also an avid skier and artist, which he inherited from his mother. He loved to spend his free time skiing, painting, or playing music. David was a beautiful person, a well-loved person who could brighten a stranger's day. His untimely death shall be regretted by all the people who knew David. To his family—his wife Natalie, his parents Peter and Nancy, his siblings Megan, Lindsey, and Adam, and his grandparents Monroe and Shirley, Parry and Peggy, I just want to say may he rest in peace. May God bless him.