

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on June 1, 2004, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes numbered 210 and 211. Rollcall vote 210 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Con. Res. 295, a resolution congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and for its remarkable commitment and contributions to Detroit, the State of Michigan, and the United States. Rollcall vote 211 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 612, a resolution recognizing and honoring the firefighters, police, public servants, civilians, and private businesses who responded to the devastating fire in Richmond, Virginia, on March 26, 2004.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes numbered 210 and 211.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, this Memorial Day we honored the sacrifices that every generation of U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines has made to protect our country and ensure that the hope and light of liberty never dies. This includes the current generation of America's military men and women who are defending us right now, as we gather in peace and freedom.

Our troops today are following in the proud tradition of those who have gone before them to defeat tyrants and oppressors and keep America secure and free. In doing so, they have taken on great risk, putting their lives on the line to accomplish their mission. In Wisconsin and throughout our nation we have lost some of our bravest young men and women in the ongoing operations to combat terrorism and help freedom take root in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Among them, a soldier from the district I represent, Private First Class Sean Schneider, was killed in Iraq in March when a bomb hit his convoy.

Sean grew up in Janesville, Wisconsin, and graduated from Craig High School—the same school I graduated from. Sean liked to hunt, canoe, and tinker with cars and motorcycles. His high school teachers talk about what a caring individual he was and how he was the kind of student you respected. At the same time, he was an independent young man who knew what he wanted to do with his life.

Sean joined the Army in 2002 with a strong desire to serve and protect his country. In

doing so, he made that incredible commitment that our military men and women and our veterans throughout history have made: he was willing to make the ultimate sacrifice and put his life in danger to preserve our rights and freedoms.

It is because of Sean and people like him that our country remains free today. America owes Sean and all who have given their lives serving in our Armed Forces a tremendous debt that can never be repaid. We must commit to remembering forever their lives and valiant sacrifices. And we must be grateful for our veterans who have stood up, like Sean did, for our country and the cause of freedom.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our fallen servicemen and women and their families. May God bless them and all Americans serving with honor today.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, Memorial Day is a day set aside to remember all of the brave men and women that have died serving the United States in the name of freedom. I rise on this day to express my fervent prayers and sympathy to the families and friends of all the American heroes who unselfishly fought for a cause greater than them. I want to specifically highlight those who served in Iraq, recently bringing hope and freedom to a people who have never known it before.

Indiana's Sixth Congressional District lost three brave men during the War in Iraq in 2003, and I want to recognize and honor them. Lance Corporal Matthew R. Smith, of Anderson, died in a Humvee accident on May 10 while serving in Kuwait. Staff Sgt. Frederick L. Miller Jr., of Hagerstown, was killed on a security patrol when terrorists struck his vehicle with an improvised explosive device on September 20 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Chief Warrant Officer Brian D. Hazelgrove died January 23 in an OH-58 helicopter that crashed on its way back from a combat mission near Mosul, Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, these men deserve to be remembered for their great service and sacrifice for the United States, and for the welfare of humanity. My thoughts and prayers are with them and their families each day.

Mr. Speaker, their job was to serve their country. Our job this Memorial Day is to remember them. I hope that their service and sacrifice may be an encouragement to many, as they have been for me.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RICHARD WYATT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to pay tribute to Richard "Rick" Wyatt and thank him for his outstanding commitment to serving the people of Colorado as a Jackson County Commissioner. As he celebrates his retirement, let it be known that he leaves behind a wonderful and strong legacy of dedication to the citizens of Jackson County and the State of Colorado.

Born in Wyoming, Rick has spent most of his life as a resident of Jackson County. He graduated from North Park High School and attended college for two years before answering his nation's call to duty by joining the Marines and serving in Vietnam. When Richard's tour was over, he returned to Jackson County, working in construction until he started a business with his brother that he still operates today. In 1986, Rick was elected the Mayor of Walden, Colorado, and served in that position until 1990. As a commissioner, Rick has worked hard for responsible and sustainable use of the natural resources in the county.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that County Commissioner Rick Wyatt has ceaselessly dedicated his time and efforts to serving his county and the people of Colorado as a County Commissioner for Jackson County. I am honored to bring his hard work and commitment to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation today. Thank you for all your service Rick, and I wish you and your wife Sarah all the best in your future endeavors.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Staff Sergeant Randy Scott Rosenberg of Berlin, New Hampshire. He bravely served the Army's Company B, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, and was considered a Task Force "All-American" soldier. Staff Sgt. Rosenberg made the ultimate sacrifice to protect his country and aid the Iraqi people when a vehicle-based improvised explosive device detonated near a U.S. checkpoint in Khalidiyah, Iraq, on January 24, 2004.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Staff Sergeant Randy Scott Rosenberg and our other servicemen and women who have courageously given their own lives in order to protect and defend the democracy we enjoy in America and to extend the freedoms that come with democracy to those who live in fear and oppression worldwide.

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