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Known for his infectious good humor, Schrage was fondly remembered by many of the members from his unit in letters written to his mother and father, Nina and Preston Schrage.

A devoted Marine and true patriot, it has been said of Corporal Schrage that he was one of a kind, possessing a quick wit and displaying a unique talent. His ultimate sacrifice for his country will long be remembered.

President Lincoln once wrote that as a nation we should "have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty." Dustin dared to do his duty and in so doing he gave the ultimate sacrifice for our continued freedom. We owe him a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING
CHESTER L. COLLINS FOR EARN-
ING THE PHILIPPINE LIBERA-
TION MEDAL**

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Chester L. Collins of Chillicothe, Ohio honorably served his country in the United States Navy during World War II; and

Whereas, Chester L. Collins has earned the Philippine Liberation Medal for the exceptional service he provided his country, his fellow service members, and the Philippine islands; and

Whereas, Chester L. Collins' bravery and courage are exemplified in the Philippine Liberation Medal and the many other military decorations presented him;

Therefore, I join with the residents of Ross County, members of VFW Post 108, and the entire 18th District of Ohio in commending Chester L. Collins upon receiving the Philippine Liberation Medal.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS
PENASKOVIC

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Penaskovic for years of dedicated public service to this nation and his community. Mr. Penaskovic was honored by the Marine Corps League, Bayonne Detachment on Monday, May 31, 2004, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Mr. Penaskovic was selected as the 2004 recipient of the Lance Corporal Stanley Kopicinski Award, which is named in honor of Stanley Kopicinski, a Marine from Bayonne who died in the Vietnam War. The award is given to an individual who has made significant contributions in the veteran community and to the City of Bayonne. This year, the Bayonne Detachment of the Marine Corps League unanimously selected Thomas

Penaskovic as the 38th recipient, for his outstanding commitment to the community.

Mr. Penaskovic enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on June, 30, 1966. After completing basic training, he served one tour in the Republic of Vietnam, from January 1967 through February 1968, after which he was honorably discharged with the rank of Corporal.

After completing his military service, Mr. Penaskovic became a catalyst in assisting other veterans and the community as a whole. He served as Commandant of the Bayonne Detachment, Marine Corps League, is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 226, and is a lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 5.

Mr. Penaskovic has been an integral part of the Annual Toy Drive by the Marine Corps League, volunteering for over twenty years, and providing underprivileged children gifts during the holidays. He has also tallied over one thousand hours of volunteer service at the Bayonne Medical Center.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Thomas Penaskovic for his distinguished military service, his outstanding leadership and devotion to the veteran community, and his dedication to improving the quality of life for the residents of Bayonne.

**HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE FORTUNA VOLUN-
TEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department in Humboldt County, California.

The members of the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department, organized on June 20, 1904, are dedicated to the protection and preservation of life and property when threatened by the perils of fire.

In 1932 the Fire Department became a fire protection district to better serve the people of this spectacular part of the Redwood Empire. In 1957 the district expanded its services with the addition of a second fire station in Hydesville. In 1967 a third fire station was formed in Campton Heights. A new main station was opened in Fortuna in 1998.

The Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department currently consists of a force of 68 people at three fire stations covering 26 square miles and protecting a population of more than 20,000 people. Each member completes a minimum of 156 hours of training.

The members of the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department provide fire prevention, education for students in local schools and residents of senior care homes. The volunteers maintain an on-going disaster preparedness program and serve the community with fire prevention inspections of new construction, day care facilities, senior care facilities and schools. In addition, members hold scholarship fund-raisers, take part in Christmas programs serving needy families and handicapped children.

The Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department is a vital part of the life of our Eel River Valley community.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

**TRIBUTE TO DR. MARYANNE
LONGO**

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the lifelong service of Dr. Maryanne Longo. Dr. Longo has been an important participant in the education system of the City of Philadelphia for the past 35 years.

Dr. Longo has served as a loyal leader of William H. Hunter Elementary School. She has proved her self able to juggle the role of both educator and student in that she earned a doctoral degree from Temple University while serving as an elementary classroom instructor. Dr. Longo's pursuit of the establishment of a positive educational foundation for the youth of Philadelphia, led her down a path that extended beyond the boundaries of classroom walls and into the community. She has received many honorable awards during her years of service and remains a positive role model for the young inner-city children.

Dr. Longo has set an admirable standard for new teachers on the verge of beginning their educational journey. She is a primary example of what a teacher and a leader of a community should strive to contribute in order to positively influence the lives of those around them.

Dr. Longo will be honored by the City of Philadelphia Department of Education on the occasion of her retirement on June 4, 2004. To extend our utmost gratitude and thank Dr. Longo for her service, I ask that you and other distinguished colleagues rise to congratulate her on her retirement today.

**A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DOCTOR
ARLEE GRIFFIN, JR.**

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend Doctor Arlee Griffin, Jr. in recognition of his dedication to his community through spiritual leadership and participation in numerous civic organizations.

Dr. Griffin is a native of Elizabeth City, North Carolina where he was an honor graduate of Northeastern High School. He received scholarships to attend the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Zoology. Later, he attended Shaw Divinity School, earning a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has done additional study at East Carolina University, Oxford University in Oxford, England and New York University. In May 1988, he graduated from Boston University with the Doctor of Ministry degree. In April 1992, Shaw Divinity awarded him the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

For nearly ten years, Dr. Griffin served as Pastor of the Cornerstone Missionary Baptist

Church in Greenville, North Carolina. During his tenure, the church experienced unprecedented growth and many new ministries were established, including the Cornerstone Christian Child Care Center. While in North Carolina, Dr. Griffin served in several leadership positions of organizations such as President of Pitt County Black Ministerial Alliance, Moderator and Vice-Moderator of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association, Parliamentarian of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and Trustee of Pitt County Memorial Hospital. He was selected in 1985 as "Pastor of the Year." He served for one year as campus minister at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

In April 1989, Dr. Griffin became the Senior Pastor of the historic Berean Missionary Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. Pastor Griffin has brought to the church a commitment to the pursuit of excellence in the practice of a holistic ministry. Under his leadership, the Community Service Center has been revitalized, offering a full range of social services including: emergency food distribution; meals to homeless and needy people; Alcohol Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups; employment counseling and training programs; and a Senior Citizens Program. In 1996, the church completed Berean Gardens, a \$7 million Senior Citizens Housing Complex and recently broke ground on its \$7 million Community and Family Life Center.

Dr. Griffin serves as President of the Berean Bible Institute, the Berean Housing Development Fund Corporation, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Berean Federal Credit Union. He has also served as President of the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York, Historian of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, and as a member of the General Board of the American Baptist Churches, USA, Progressive National Baptist Convention, and National Council of Churches. He has served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Baptist Churches Ministers' and Missionaries Benefit Board and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of Shaw University and AmeriChoice Corporation of New York. He serves as clergy liaison for the 77th Precinct of the New York City Police Department as well. Most recently, he was elected Vice President of the American Baptist Churches, USA, Biennial 2004–2005.

Dr. Griffin has done missions work in Senegal and Gambia, West Africa and was a delegate to the First African and African American Summit in the Ivory Coast in 1991. He was selected to be an Official International Election Observer in the first free South African Election in April 1994. He is also an Associate Professor of Church Administration at New York Theological Seminary.

Dr. Griffin is married to Mrs. Angela Farr Griffin, a licensed Physical Therapist, who serves as Executive Director of the Berean Community and Family Life Center. They have two daughters: Angel Arlecia and Ariel Arlyce.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Doctor Arlee Griffin, Jr. has committed himself to helping people and families through his pastoral work in the church and his community-based efforts. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. GODDLATTE. Mr. Speaker, recently we celebrated Memorial Day, a sacred time of remembrance where we pay tribute to the brave men and women who have sacrificed their lives to protect the freedoms we hold so very dear. We, the beneficiaries of this seemingly endless stream of valor, often fall short in our efforts to commemorate those who bought with blood the freedom that is our birthright. But try we must . . . for theirs is a noble story . . . full of sacrifice for a cause greater than one's self.

And so it is with great sorrow but immense pride that I recognize one of my own constituents who paid the ultimate price for freedom. Sergeant Michael Vernon Lalush, United States Marine Corps, was killed on March 30, 2003 while proudly serving his country in Iraq.

Sergeant Lalush, who was only 23 years old at the time of his death, grew up in California but moved to Troutville, Virginia in 1994. He was a typical all-American boy. He loved baseball, golf, riding dirt bikes and his maroon pickup truck. In high school Sergeant Lalush was a member of the football, baseball and golf teams. In 1997, he graduated from Lord Botetourt High School, where he is remembered by teachers and friends as "a real nice kid who was considerate of others and a hard worker."

After graduation, Sergeant Lalush enlisted in the Marines and was sent to boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina. Upon his completion of boot camp, Sergeant Lalush was sent to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and then to Camp Pendleton near San Diego.

Sergeant Lalush's passion for mechanics flourished in the Marines. His hobby, which began when he was just a teenager rebuilding a pink 1965 Volkswagen Beetle, took him from helicopter mechanic to crew chief to inspector and instructor.

Sergeant Lalush's unit, the Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron deployed to the Persian Gulf in February 2003. The unit flew support missions, ferrying troops, wounded soldiers, ammunition, food, water and other supplies.

Sergeant Lalush was a proud Marine, enlisting for another four years right before his death. Sergeant Lalush wanted to help people and in one of his last letters home, he recounts the story of his helicopter unit helping an injured soldier get to a base where he could receive the necessary medical treatment.

To Dave and Becky Lalush, Sergeant Lalush's parents—not only did your son answer the call of his country and in doing so protect the freedoms that we so cherish, but he also paid a dear price to bring freedom to people he had never met.

In 1962, speaking to a gathering of cadets at West Point General Douglas MacArthur delivered stirring remarks in which he described the "American man at arms." He said, "His name and fame are the birthright of every American citizen. In his youth and strength, his love and loyalty, he gave all that mortality can give. He needs no eulogy from me, or from any other man."

In an age when the word "hero" is tossed around casually to describe everything from sports stars to singers in bands, Sergeant Michael V. Lalush is a hero in the truest sense of the word—a possessor of courage and strength who pursued feats of noble purpose.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2004

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of Edward Jason Korn, a Captain with the U.S. Army, who lost his life in Iraq on April 3, 2003, while involved in a combat action approximately 15 miles South of Baghdad.

Captain Korn honorably served his country as an enlisted member for several years before attending college, obtaining his degree and his commission. Korn was a member of the 3rd Infantry Division assigned to the Headquarters Company, 4/64th Task Force, 2nd Brigade. His service included duty in Desert Storm.

Known by his fellow soldiers as a "can do" officer, he had only been with his unit in Iraq for six days before his death. He had volunteered for an assignment to the elite task force and he quickly gained the admiration of his commanders and his men. He gave his life defending and protecting the United States from terrorism and bringing freedom and democracy to the people of Iraq who have only known tyranny.

Captain Korn is survived by his father, Richard Korn of Malabar, Florida, his mother, Sally Davenport of Trenton, Ohio, and his stepmother Annette Hale of Savannah, Georgia.

President Lincoln once wrote that as a nation we should "have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty." Jason dared to do his duty and in so doing he gave the ultimate sacrifice for our continued freedom. We owe him a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid.

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
HOCKING-ATHENS-PERRY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY AS
THEY CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF
SERVICE**

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action Agency is celebrating 40 years of excellence in service to the tri-county region; and

Whereas, the Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action Agency operates and administers over 60 programs in the areas of child development, housing and community development, food and nutrition services, and employment services; and

Whereas, the Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action Agency has distributed over \$45 million in federal employment and training funds, been named the "Large Employer of