

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

the Year" by the Ohio Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and operates such programs as the Regional Food Center that serves over 5000 meals daily; and

Whereas, the Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action Agency has an established reputation as an organization that is dedicated to the betterment of the community by assisting individuals with programs, services, and resources;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in celebrating Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action Agency's 40 years of outstanding service.

IN HONOR OF MONO SEN

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mono Sen for his years of public service and promotion of social unity. Mr. Sen was honored by the Ram Mohan Mission at the Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Raja Rammohan Ceremony on Saturday, May 22, 2004, in Kolkata, India.

Mr. Sen was awarded the Rammohan Puraskar 2004 for his outstanding work in public affairs, his promotion of social unity, and his efforts on behalf of the community as a whole in the United States of America. Mr. Sen's involvement in the community is unparalleled, dedicating his life to helping those in need, and working tirelessly without discrimination. Mr. Sen has contributed greatly to helping immigrants with the many challenges they face when settling in America, thereby enriching their American experience.

Mr. Sen has been involved in many programs that help Asian-Americans and seniors. Before moving to New Jersey, he served as management consultant at the William Hudson Center in the South Bronx and as director of the Caring Community Center in New York City. In 1980, Mono Sen founded the United Ethnic Congress in America to promote the election and appointments of Asians to the U.S. government.

For his numerous contributions to the people of New Jersey and his many years of extraordinary leadership, Mr. Sen has received countless awards and citations. Most notably, on May 10, 2000, Jersey City, New Jersey honored Mr. Sen by renaming Liberty Avenue as Mono Sen Plaza.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mono Sen for his distinguished public service, his dedication to promoting social unity, and his outstanding leadership and devotion to his community.

HONORING THE HUMBOLDT CRABS
BASEBALL TEAM

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 Humboldt Crabs, the oldest continuously operating collegiate summer baseball team in our nation.

Founded in June of 1945 in Humboldt County, California by Lou Bonomini, the team is celebrating its 60th season. Made up of local players, the team played its first game on June 17, 1945. 2004 has been designated as the Year of the Alumni and several celebrations have been planned for over 900 past players.

Playing teams from all over California and Southern Oregon, the Humboldt Crabs originally played at Albee Stadium in Eureka and moved permanently to the Arcata Ballpark in the early 1960's. In 1995 the Humboldt Crabs became a registered non-profit organization managed by an all-volunteer community-based board of directors. The Crabs organization provides the community with outstanding summer baseball while also supporting local youth baseball summer camps and providing training and education for youth baseball coaches and umpires.

The Crabs recruit college baseball players from all over the western United States. Players are provided with summer jobs as well as housing and the opportunity to play in 45 to 50 baseball games during the months of June and July. Forty former Crabs players have played or are presently playing on major league teams. The Crabs have won 17 California State Championships and the team has an overall winning record of 1,924 wins and 578 losses for a winning percentage well over .700.

Founder Lou Bonomini, who managed the popular Crabs from 1945 to 1986, joined by Ned Barsuglia and Don Terbush in the early 1960's, played a major role in guiding the successful team. Jerry Nutter, who served as president of the board from 1995 to 2000, and Ken Ames who has managed the team for 13 years, have carried on the tradition of selfless commitment to the organization.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize the Humboldt Crabs baseball team on the occasion of its 60th season as a cherished summer tradition on the North Coast of California.

TRIBUTE TO GIRLS INCORPORATED OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA AND SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY

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 efforts and the success of Girls Incorporated of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey. This non-profit agency has provided services to girls and families in high risk situations for over 40 years.

The agency was established in 1961 with the admirable cause of delinquency prevention in adolescent girls. It continued on to become a full member of the National Organization, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Inc. in 1979, and an associate member of the national organization, Girls Inc., in 1998. With its extensive collection of programs in mentoring, community building and in-house counseling, the agency provides services to more than 1,400 girls and families each year. The presentation of the Williams Award for Excellence from the Philadelphia Foundation and the Bet-

ter Business Bureau Award for Most Dramatic Growth for a Non-profit agency exemplifies the agency's excellence in aiding adolescent girls and their families.

Girls Incorporated of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey continues to advance their cause and to strengthen their community by aspiring to open a Girl's Center for Philadelphia. Undoubtedly, an extension of this organization's current services will help to improve the overall well-being of youth in our community. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to congratulate the organization in recognition of all its accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COASTAL
RESTORATION ACT

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Coastal Restoration Act of 2004 for myself and Representative LAMPSON. Since 1995, we have seen several attempts to change Federal policies in an effort to cripple the Federal beach nourishment program.

The Coastal Restoration Act (CRA) restates the congressional intent regarding the importance of the Federal beach nourishment program. The CRA makes it clear that changes in administration policy will not prevent feasibility and other types of studies from being processed through the Corps of Engineers and sent to Congress. The legislation emphasizes the role of Congress in determining which beach nourishment projects should be authorized for construction. It also restates and strengthens existing law that periodic renourishment is an integral part of the ongoing construction of a beach nourishment project.

This legislation states that in deciding which projects should receive Federal assistance, Congress intends that preference shall also be given to areas: (1) where regional sediment management plans have been adopted to integrate coastal beach nourishment, navigation, and environmental projects; or (2) where the project promotes human health and safety, as well as the quality of life for individuals and families. These additions will encourage states to adopt regional sediment management plans to identify areas for the disposal of dredged spoils and the projects to that promote their beneficial reuse, as well as ensure that public safety and other quality of life issues are taken into account when recommending a project for implementation.

The Coastal Restoration Act also raises the low priority now accorded by the U.S. Army Corps to the recreational benefits of beach nourishment, giving equal consideration to all national projects. It provides a mechanism to begin the project reauthorization process and it allows the Corps to better manage their funding and schedules to work around the times when endangered species are present at the project site.

In the United States, nearly 17 million people are employed in the tourism industry. Beaches are the leading tourist destination in the Nation. Beach tourists contribute about \$260 billion to the U.S. economy overall. Each year about 180 million Americans make 2 billion visits to the ocean, the gulf, and our inland beaches. That is almost twice as many