

of the undeniable mark she has left on the community. We at home will fondly remember and always benefit from her dedication and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere appreciation to Mrs. Barbara White upon her retirement from Garden City Public Schools and for her fine service to our country.

IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT
COLONEL MICHAEL J. DELANEY

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the meritorious service of Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Delaney to our Army and our nation. Lieutenant Colonel Delaney will soon complete 23 years of service and has distinguished himself as an outstanding American Soldier I have worked with LTC Delaney during the past several years during his time in the Army Office of Legislative Liaison and have had the privilege to travel with him. He will retire on August 1, 2004.

Most recently, LTC Delaney served as a congressional liaison for the United States Army. This position holds great importance as these individuals are often the "voice" of the Army for Congressional Members. I have often asked LTC Delaney for his advice, thoughts, opinions or help matters concerning the US Army, and he has always provided the highest level of professionalism and service to me. Perhaps this assignment was preordained, however, as Lieutenant Colonel Delaney's wife, Susan, and mother-in-law, Shirley, both served on the staffs of several Senators.

Over his 23 years of selfless service, Lieutenant Colonel Delaney served in many command and staff positions worldwide. As a junior officer, he stood at the forefront of freedom during the Cold War in Germany and earned his wings as an aviator, qualifying on a variety of rotary wing and fixed wing aircraft. During Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Lieutenant Colonel Delaney commanded an aviation unit based at Fort Belvoir. Despite the wide dispersion of his unit throughout the combat theater, they were able to successfully accomplish their mission due to his exceptional and inspirational leadership. Lieutenant Colonel Delaney has since served in a variety of positions of increasing responsibility throughout the continental United States.

Lieutenant Colonel Delaney's work as a legislative liaison and as the Chief of the Programs Division enabled the Army to provide this Congress the information we need to accomplish our constitutional duties. His efforts have been exceptional and noteworthy in working with Congress during a critical time as the Army undertook Transformation, in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and during our current efforts with the Global War on Terrorism. Throughout this critical time Lieutenant Colonel Delaney has fostered a personal relationship between members of Congress and the United States Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Delaney represents the epitome of what the Army seeks in a congressional liaison and the country expects from our officers. His dedication to soldiers, commitment to excellence, and performance of duty

have been extraordinary throughout his career. As he pursues new endeavors and challenges, I wish LTC Mike Delaney well and ask God to bless him and his family.

PROPER PERSPECTIVE ON THE
PADILLA CASE

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, the Justice Department recently released information about the alleged offenses of Jose Padilla, described by the Deputy Attorney General as "a trained, funded, and equipped terrorist."

If the allegations are accurate—and I have no reason to doubt them—that description seems very apt. But that cannot be the end of the story.

That's because, as the Rocky Mountain News notes, Jose Padilla is something else as well—"an American citizen who was arrested on U.S. soil two years ago and who thus enjoys, or should enjoy, certain rights—including the right to either be charged with a crime or freed from detention."

But, as the same editorial correctly points out, "Instead, he still faces no charges, and the legality of his imprisonment awaits a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court."

When this case was considered by the Supreme Court, the Administration argued that by passage of Public Law 107-40, a resolution "to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against those responsible for the recent attacks launched against the United States," Congress authorized such detentions. But as one who voted for that resolution, I disagree with that interpretation of its terms.

Here, too, I share the view of the Rocky Mountain News that "surely Congress did not mean to grant the executive branch unchecked discretion over the imprisonment of Americans for as long as the war against Islamic jihadists continues. That would amount to the suspension of a fundamental right for years—perhaps for generations, for all we know."

And I share the hope that the Supreme Court will "reaffirm the right of citizens—every citizen—to full and timely access to legal counsel and the judicial system. And that includes even those who may have been in league with international terrorists and who planned to blow up high-rise apartment buildings on their behalf."

For the benefit of our colleagues, I attach the full text of the editorial cited above:

[From the Rocky Mountain News, June 3, 2004]

PADILLA'S PLOTS DON'T NEGATE HIS RIGHTS

We are perfectly willing to entertain the likelihood that the Justice Department's latest portrayal of alleged terrorist Jose Padilla is accurate, including the monstrous plan to blow up high-rise apartment buildings. Padilla met with top al-Qaida leaders, according to Deputy Attorney General James Comey, discussed detonating a "dirty bomb" in the United States and finally agreed to a scheme involving apartment buildings. He would rent rooms in several complexes, seal them and fill them with natural gas, and detonate them all at once.

Padilla is "a soldier of our enemy, a trained, funded and equipped terrorist" who accepted "an assignment to kill hundreds of innocent men, women and children," Comey told reporters this week, and the description sounds about right. But Padilla is something else, too: an American citizen who was arrested on U.S. soil two years ago and who thus enjoys, or should enjoy, certain rights—including the right to either be charged with a crime or freed from detention. Instead, he still faces no charges, and the legality of his imprisonment awaits a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court.

With its latest revelations, the Justice Department obviously is seeking to influence public opinion and perhaps even the court itself, although we don't begrudge it the attempt. But the new information fails to alter the basic problem with designating U.S. citizens arrested in this country as "enemy combatants" for purposes of removing them from normal criminal justice procedures and then interrogating them over lengthy periods of time without benefit of counsel. If the president's say-so is enough to have kept Padilla in custody for two years without a criminal charge, then nothing in principle prevents any one of us from the same fate. Federal agents have been known to arrest the wrong people, after all, and then to resist admitting their mistakes.

Fortunately, Padilla's case is apparently unique in the war on terror, despite routine claims that the Bush administration tramples indiscriminately on constitutional rights. Another U.S. citizen who also has been held in a Navy brig without normal access to counsel, Yaser Esam Hamdi, was captured in Afghanistan by the Northern Alliance. He too deserves full constitutional protections, in our view, but there is at least some sense in which being arrested at O'Hare Airport and then held incommunicado for months on end, as Padilla was, is more worrisome for civil liberties than being treated in the same fashion after capture in a foreign combat zone.

We realize courts in this nation's past have said Congress has the authority to suspend certain civil liberties during wartime emergencies. Moreover, a congressional joint resolution passed after 9/11 authorized the president "to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States." But surely Congress did not mean to grant the executive branch unchecked discretion over the imprisonment of Americans for as long as the war against Islamic jihadists continues. That would amount to the suspension of a fundamental right for years—perhaps for generations, for all we know.

No, the Supreme Court must reaffirm the right of citizens—every citizen—to full and timely access to legal counsel and the judicial system. And that includes even those who may have been in league with international terrorists and who planned to blow up high-rise apartment buildings on their behalf.

A HERO RETURNS TO NORMANDY

HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday the world marked the 60th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy. President Bush, Queen Elizabeth, and other world leaders were there, but the true heroes were those whose sacrifice is reflected by the sea of white

crosses, and the surviving veterans who returned to France some six decades later. Glen Dunlap, 86, of Chardon Township was one of those veterans to return to Normandy.

Glen Dunlap served as a U.S. Army staff sergeant in World War II. There were a number of young guys who served from our area, and from Hamden and Concord townships, particularly. Even though Glen was in his early 20s, Mr. Speaker, he was considered the elder statesman of the group. The local guys actually called him "Pop."

Glen Dunlap worked hard, put his own life in danger every single day, and had his men's backs. He was the guy who made sure that supplies got from the factory to the foxhole, and he's part of what Tom Brokaw calls "The Greatest Generation." Glen was away at war for 2 years, and left behind his wife, a daughter and his two boys. When he returned home, he resumed his life and work, raised his family, and never once complained. He felt blessed to have survived when so many didn't.

On Saturday, Glen and 99 other Americans who traveled to Normandy were awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal, which is akin to our Congressional Medal of Honor. It is the highest honor bestowed by the French government and rarely is given to foreigners.

No one is more deserving of this award than Glen Dunlap, who fought for the survival of democracy. On behalf of the 14th Congressional District of Ohio, I thank Glen Dunlap for his service to our country, and congratulate him on receiving the Legion of Honor Medal. May God bless Glen Dunlap and his family, and may He bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING SHERRI AND ROBERT VINES FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE IN SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, today it is my pleasure to recognize Sherri and Robert Vines for more than 30 years of community service in San Bernardino County, California. The Vines, who are being honored with the Norman F. Feldheim Award from Congregation Emanu El in our community, exemplify the volunteerism that is the backbone of our American communities.

Currently the President of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of San Bernardino County, Robert Vines has been serving his Congregation and his community for 30 years. Robert has been a respected member of the California State Bar since 1973 and served as the Deputy District Attorney for the County of San Bernardino from 1973–1975. As a member of Congregation Emanu El, Robert has served in a number of important positions, including Financial Secretary of the entire Congregation.

His wife Sherri has served Congregation Emanu El in many capacities, including teaching at the School of Jewish Living, chairing the Community Sedar and three terms as Sisterhood President.

Mr. Speaker, together they have been leading members of their community serving as of-

ficers in the Arrowhead United Way, as host family for the Western Regional Little League Tournament, and as coaches in the local Little League and AYSO. They have contributed their skills and resources to programs of Congregation Emanu El, including sponsoring temple events and serving as a host family for NFTY Conclave.

Sherri and Robert Vines will receive the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award on June 12, 2004 on the 113th anniversary of the founding of their Congregation. They are certainly deserving of the award, which pays tribute to members who most closely resemble the Rabbi Feldheim's qualities of love and loyalty to the synagogue, service to the community, and personal traits of humility, kindness, care and love. Please join me, Mr. Speaker, in recognizing Sherri and Robert for their outstanding service to their community.

CONGRATULATING THE CHESTNUT RIDGE LIONS CLUB ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chestnut Ridge Lions Club on its 50th Anniversary and to recognize the club's unyielding service to the community.

The selfless desire to help those in need is rare throughout the world, yet here in America the culture of charitable giving thrives. This is a nation that takes enormous pride in its legacy of generosity and equality. It is out of this legacy that numerous organizations have sprouted and grown upon the foundation of service to others.

At its inception, the Chestnut Ridge Lions Club adopted the creed, "we serve," which reflects the very cornerstone upon which this nation was built. Since 1954, the club has maintained its commitment to service by contributing to countless scholarship funds, school activities, and community projects. Members of the club have worked tirelessly to improve the community in any way possible and have dedicated much of their time to inspiring children to make their mark in society.

Without the Chestnut Ridge Lions Club, numerous high school students would not have gone to college, countless public works projects would have remained incomplete, and many of those in need would still be without aid. Additionally, the festivities organized to celebrate holidays, the changing of seasons, and local milestones have provided an atmosphere in which the community has been able to strengthen its cohesion as well as its culture.

The legacy of service that instills a unique pride in the hearts of every American citizen has penetrated the walls of the Chestnut Ridge Lions Club and influenced the lives of scores of people. For its commitment to the citizens of Pennsylvania throughout the last 50 years, I am extremely grateful to the Chestnut Ridge Lions Club.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF NANCY OSTAPOWICZ TO THE RESIDENTS OF MICHIGAN'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to one of my staffers, Nancy Ostapowicz, who last month retired after serving the residents of West Michigan for 25 years.

As most of us know, being a staff member in a Congressional district office is often a thankless and relatively anonymous job. They usually do not receive the credit they deserve for a job well-done, and all too often they must deal with concern, frustration or anger of constituents who are upset by government actions or have been ill-treated by the bureaucratic system.

Nancy, who has directed my constituent services since I joined Congress in 1993, handled such situations with incredible aplomb, working tirelessly and compassionately with the people who contacted our Grand Rapids office in search of assistance. I was fortunate to have inherited Nancy, as she first started working for Congressman Hal Sawyer in 1979, then continued with Congressman Paul Henry when he took office in 1985.

Over the past quarter-century, Nancy helped literally thousands of people with a wide variety of problems too numerous to list here today, although it is safe to say that she was especially gratified by her efforts helping immigrants and reuniting families so that they could come to the United States and pursue the American dream.

Without a doubt, Nancy's biggest legacy is that those thousands of people would be willing to line up and thank her for the help she gave them. She has served so many people over the years that it is not unusual to see someone walk up to Nancy to thank her for assistance that she provided 10 or 20 years ago.

And so, today, add me to the list of people who have said "Thank you" to Nancy Ostapowicz. Others will ably do her job, but no one can ever replace her.

Congratulations, Nancy, on a fine career of public service, and best wishes to you and Dan in your retirement.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE, PUBLIC SERVANTS, CIVILIANS, AND PRIVATE BUSINESSES WHO RESPONDED TO DEVASTATING FIRE IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, ON MARCH 26, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. I rise today in support of H. Res. 612, introduced by my colleague from Virginia, Mr. CANTOR.

On March 26, 2004, there were a series of devastating fires in Richmond, Virginia. The