

the family, friends, and community of Specialist First Class Lori Ann Piestewa upon the death of this outstanding soldier; and

Whereas, Specialist First Class Piestewa was a member of the 507th Ordnance Maintenance Company serving her great nation in the country of Iraq. She was a leader in her unit and is to be commended for the honor and bravery that she displayed while serving our nation in this time of war; and

Whereas, Specialist First Class Piestewa will be remembered for her unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. Her example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew her; and

Therefore, we join with the family, friends and the citizens of our great nation in thanking Specialist First Class Lori Ann Piestewa of the United States Army for her service to our country. Your service has made us proud.

IN HONOR OF JOCELYN SAUNDERS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the achievements of Jocelyn Saunders upon her selection as a Girls Inc. "Strong, Smart and Bold Award Winner" in Delaware.

Girls Inc. is a nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring our nation's young women to reach for the stars. On this, its 50th Anniversary, I take great pride in honoring Girls Inc. and the wonderful young Delawareans who have achieved success through the guidance of this special program.

Ms. Saunders, a former All-American Swimmer, is an IronMan Triathlon and Women's World Championship in Marathon Swimming winner and is the youngest person to swim 32 miles across Lake Ontario. As a girls swim coach, Ms. Saunders uses her expertise in the sport to encourage young women to accomplish their goals. In addition, she has overcome critical injuries suffered in a car accident to serve as an outstanding volunteer and contributor of more than a quarter-million dollars to non-profit organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Ms. Saunders and Girls Inc. for their dedication to improving and enhancing the lives of women. Ms. Saunders' involvement with Girls Inc. and her selflessness serves as an example to us all. She is an inspiring and exemplary Delawarean.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4567) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes:

Mr. BACA. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the amendment by Representative JACKSON-LEE. We need to ensure that conferees discuss the issue of Homeland Security funding for minority institutions of higher learning.

Hispanic Serving Institutions and Community Colleges are crucial partners in our country's struggle to protect the homeland.

Mr. Chairman, there are 242 Hispanic Serving Institutions in this country, 79 in California alone.

We cannot ignore the HBCUs, HSIs and the 1,166 nationwide Community College systems in this country.

They have a unique and important role in serving our communities, especially in the area of research and development of homeland security-related programs and services.

Statistically, HSI's and Community Colleges receive significantly less government RFP awards than larger educational institutions.

This amendment would encourage the Appropriations conferees to consider adding language to the bill to ensure that HSI's and Community Colleges receive a fair share of government grants.

Mr. Chairman, this is an important issue to all minority-serving institutions in this country. I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

A SALUTE TO WILLIAM R. WREN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to recognize my friend and constituent, Mr. William R. Wren, on the occasion of his retirement from active service on the governing body of the City of Manassas Park, Virginia.

Bill's faithful service to the City of Manassas Park on the City Council, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission, Virginia Railway Express Board and many other organizations has helped guide the city through a time of overwhelming growth. Bill's involvement in the community and dedication to the City of Manassas Park for over 20 years has been invaluable.

However, the case could be made that Bill's most notable contributions have been to his wife Alice Jean Roy Wren of 36 years and their three children—David, Roy and Dean.

Though Bill's contributions will be missed, I know the people of the City of Manassas Park wish him the best as he now has the chance to have more time to spend with his family and especially his grandchildren.

It is my pleasure to honor the achievements of Bill Wren today as we recognize his dedicated public service career. On behalf of the people of Virginia's 10th Congressional District and the residents of the City of Manassas Park, I wish to thank and congratulate Bill for his exceptional contributions to the community.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING BONITA L. SHEPHERD

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Bonita L. Shepherd is a dedicated employee worthy of merit and recognition; and

Whereas, Bonita L. Shepherd has been acknowledged by the United States Government for her thirty years of faithful service; and

Whereas, Bonita L. Shepherd should be commended for her excellence, for her devotion to her work in the United States Capital Building; and

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Bonita L. Shepherd for her outstanding accomplishment.

IN HONOR OF ALICIA CLARK

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the achievements of Alicia Clark upon her selection as a Girls Inc. "Strong, Smart and Bold Award Winner" in Delaware.

Girls Inc. is a nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring our nation's young women to reach their goals. On this, its 50th Anniversary, I take great pride in honoring Girls Inc. and the wonderful young Delawareans who have achieved success through the guidance of this special program.

Ms. Clark is the Vice-President and Interim President of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League, where she focuses on economic development and education for African Americans and other minorities. She has been involved in Girls Inc. for many years and was once the director of the Kiwanis Branch and the statewide director of programs and operations. Ms. Clark has done much to improve the lives of her fellow citizens and her hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment is much appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Ms. Clark and Girls Inc. for their dedication to improving and enhancing the lives of women. Ms. Clark's involvement with Girls Inc. and her many years of devoted service to our community is an example to us all. She is an inspiring and exemplary Delawarean.

IN RECOGNITION OF AL JACKSON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, the Reverend Al Jackson, pastor of Lakeview Baptist Church in Auburn, Alabama, celebrates his 25th year in service to the congregation this year. On July 4, the congregation will hold a special celebration to commemorate this milestone, and honor a man who has given so much back to our community.

Born on October 26, 1948 in Florala, Alabama, Samuel Alto Jackson, Jr. has lived a long and prolific life in the ministry. In 1971 he graduated from Samford University and went on to earn his Masters of Divinity at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and his Doctorate of Divinity from the Fuller Theological Seminary in 1985.

Reverend Jackson has served many congregations during his lengthy career, including First Baptist Church in Florida; First Baptist Church in Selma; Carolina Baptist Church in Andalusia; Bethel Heights Baptist Church in Gatesville, Texas; and since 1979, Lakeview Baptist Church in Auburn as its Pastor.

Reverend Jackson has also helped train ministerial students, and has served on the Board of Samford University. In addition, he has traveled around the world on mission trips, and is widely recognized in the Southern Baptist Convention for his teachings and his accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Rev. Al Jackson on this important day, and I thank the House for their attention in honoring a man who has lived his life as a shining example for us all.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SUSAN FRENO

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker,

Whereas, Susan Freno is an exceptional individual worthy of merit and recognition;

Whereas, Susan Freno has been acknowledged by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation as the 2004 Corrections Officer of the Year recipient, therefore, receiving the DRC Ronald C. Marshall Award;

Whereas, Susan Freno should be commended for her excellence, for her professionalism and integrity, and for her ongoing efforts to effect others lives in a positive and in a changing way; and

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Susan Freno for her outstanding accomplishment.

IN HONOR OF ANGENAÉ; MARIE ZAAHIR-BEY

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the achievements of Angenaé Marie Zaahir-Bey upon her selection as the Girls Inc. "Girl of the Year Award Winner" in Delaware.

Girls Inc. is a nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring our Nation's young women to reach their goals. On this, its 50th anniversary, I take great pride in honoring Girls Inc. and the wonderful young Delawareans who have achieved success through the guidance of this special program.

As this award demonstrates, Ms. Zaahir-Bey is a determined young woman who serves as a role model to all of her peers. She is an outstanding member of Girls Inc. and is always willing to help others—going above and beyond what is expected. Ms. Zaahir-Bey recently graduated from P.S. Dupont Elementary School and received a 3.9 grade point average for the year. In addition, she received the "Young Brandywine Artist Award," high hon-

ors, and "Reader of the Month" in the Delaware Tech National M.S. Society Readathon.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Ms. Zaahir-Bey and Girls Inc. for their dedication to improving and enhancing the lives of women. Ms. Zaahir-Bey's involvement with Girls Inc. and selflessness serves as an example to us all. She is an exemplary young Delawarean.

TO HONOR THE FALLEN FROM SOUTH FLORIDA

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the heroes who have given their lives in our fight against world terrorism. Every generation of Americans has been asked to leave their farms and towns and cities so that freedom could be spread throughout the world. As a citizen of this great Nation, I honor the sacrifices of the military in Iraq, Afghanistan, and all over the world who have given their lives in the fight against terrorism, and those who before them paid the ultimate price for freedom.

Like their forefathers in World War II, Floridians who have fought in the name of freedom are selfless citizens who answered the call of duty. Among these are my husband Dexter Lehtinen, who served this country bravely in the Vietnam War, and my stepson, Aviator 1st Lieutenant Douglas Hooper Lehtinen, who is currently serving in the Marines. Special mention is due to honor the six soldiers from South Florida who lost their lives in our war against world terrorism. I, and all of the citizens in my district, am thankful for their service.

This Nation can never repay the debt owed to these six men; their honor and service, however, will never be forgotten. In Operation Enduring Freedom, South Florida lost Army Specialist Pedro Lazaro Pena-Suarez, who was 35 when he lost his life in Kuwait on November 7, 2002. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, we lost Marine Corporal Armando Ariel Gonzalez, who was 25 when he gave his life in Iraq on April 14, 2003. Army Private First Class Charles M. Sims was only 18 when he perished in Baghdad on October 3, 2003. Army Sergeant Edmond L. Randle was 26 when he gave his life in the north of Taji on January 17, 2004. Army 1st Lieutenant Christopher J. Kenny was 32 when he fell in Baghdad on May 3, 2004, and Army Private First Class Jeremy Ricardo Ewing, who was 22, gave his life in Baghdad on April 29, 2004. Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, based in Opa Locka, perished on April 24, 2004 in the Northern Persian Gulf.

These men remind us that freedom is indeed not free. We must forever be vigilant to the rise of tyranny and be willing to fight it wherever it exists. We must never take for granted our democratic government. We must remember that in places like Cuba, North Korea, and Iran, human beings are still oppressed by horrible dictators. Let us fight these regimes until freedom rings in every nation of the world.

God bless all the men and women in our armed forces who have given their lives so that others may live in freedom.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF BROWN V. BOARD

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, May 17, 2004 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the landmark "Brown v. Topeka Board of Education" decision ordering the desegregation of U.S. schools. This court ruling effectively denied the legal basis for segregation in Kansas and 20 other States with segregated schools and forever changed race relations in the United States. Brown v. Board laid the precedent for ending all segregation. Very few Supreme Court decisions have impacted our nation's history as much as Brown v. Board.

This important anniversary was celebrated in Topeka, Kansas with the formal opening of a new national park—the Brown v. Board National Historic Site at Topeka's once-segregated Monroe Elementary School. In conjunction with the fiftieth anniversary celebrations, Washburn University hosted an interdisciplinary academic conference, "Telling the Story: Narrating Brown v. Board," May 18–20, 2004, and invited proposals for twenty-minute paper presentations on the full range of themes suggested by the Brown decision. Professor of History, Philip A. Grant, Jr. of Pace University was accepted to deliver his paper entitled "Midwestern Press Reactions to the 1954 'Brown' Decision," at the conference "Telling the Story: Narrating Brown v. Board" at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas on May 19, 2004.

Since the Supreme Court overturned Plessy v. Ferguson and declared an end to legal segregation, this country has made great progress, especially in the area of racial relations, but there is more work to be done. In order for us to continue to make this country a better place in which to live, we must remember the past. I believe that Professor Grant has brought to light the importance of Brown v. Board as seen by newspapers of the Midwest at the time of the decision. I ask that his entire paper be made a part of the RECORD so that all the American people, not just those who attended the conference last month, may have the benefit of his historical insight. [Paper recited at the "Telling the Story: Narrating Brown v. Board" conference at Washburn University, May 19, 2004]

MIDWESTERN PRESS REACTION TO THE 1954 "BROWN" DECISION

(By Philip A. Grant, Jr.)

On May 17, 1954 the United States Supreme Court issued its historic "Brown v. Board of Education" decision. In a unanimous opinion the nation's highest tribunal decreed segregation in public elementary and secondary schools unconstitutional. By every standard the "Brown" ruling ranked as one of the most significant developments in the long and eventful history of our federal court system. Indeed there is ample evidence to warrant the conclusion that the "Brown" decision generated more controversy than any previous Supreme Court verdict.

The "Brown" decision attracted prime news coverage throughout the Midwest, a twelve state region extending from Lake Erie in northeastern Ohio to the Kansas-Colorado line more than thirteen hundred miles to the West. Moreover, a substantial majority of midwestern newspapers opted to editorialize on the "Brown" ruling.