

from veterans medical facilities, representation for veterans in processing claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs, grant financial assistance to veterans and their families, provide memorial services for any veteran, as well as color guards for all types of occasions. The DAV is an organization that is committed to helping disabled veterans help themselves by providing the tools necessary to restructure their lives and accommodate their service-connected illness or injury so that they can live as close to a productive life as possible.

We must never forget the sacrifice our Nation's men and women make when they enlist in the military. Each day of their enlistment, whether it is in a war zone or on the home front, they are making significant contributions toward preserving the freedoms of the United States. We are indebted to these brave individuals. I am very proud of the Disabled American Veterans Genesee Chapter No. 3 for they have always worked hard to fulfill requests for support. I consider them to be a valuable asset to the community.

Mr. Speaker, as the Member of Congress representing Genesee County, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in paying tribute to an outstanding veterans organization, Disabled American Veterans Genesee Chapter No. 3, for 75 years of unwavering devotion to taking care of the disabled veterans of Genesee County.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO LEVI BRINKLEY

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Levi Brinkley of Burns, Oregon. Levi bravely battled the Storm King Mountain Fire outside the town of Glenwood Springs, Colorado in 1994, but succumbed to the blaze along with thirteen fellow firefighters while working to protect the City. I personally served as a firefighter and understand the risks they face each and everyday. Witnessing the awful inferno that fateful July day, I know Levi and his comrades battled the fire with the utmost courage and valor. With the tenth anniversary of the Storm King Fire approaching, I believe it appropriate to recognize the sacrifice Levi and the Storm King Firefighters made on behalf of a grateful community, state and nation.

A very outgoing and friendly person, Levi was a top honor student at Burns High School where he was an all-state football player and student body president. He attended Bend Community College where he received an associate degree in psychology, and was working toward a bachelor's degree in psychology. He became a firefighter at age eighteen, first with the Snow Mountain Ranger District, and then joining the Prineville Hotshots, an elite group of firefighters who specialize in wildland fire suppression. A true outdoorsman, Levi enjoyed bungee-jumping, skydiving, rock climbing, hunting, fishing, and skiing. Above all, he was devoted to his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life and memory of Firefighter Levi Brinkley. Levi personified the Hotshots

credo of Safety, Teamwork, and Professionalism; putting himself in harms way for unfamiliar people and places. He made the ultimate sacrifice doing what he loved, and I, along with the Glenwood Springs community and the State of Colorado are eternally grateful to this brave young man.

#### HONORING THE LIBERTY COLUMN MONUMENT

#### HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2004*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the public outcry over the defaced Liberty Column Monument in Miami's Bayfront Park.

The Liberty Column Monument is dedicated to the thousands of Cuban rafters who have lost their lives at sea while fleeing Fidel Castro's Cuba. Embodying their sacrifice, having risked everything for a chance at freedom, the monument is a pair of hands, bound in stone, reaching towards the open sky. The column is an important symbol to our community as many have lost family and friends to the cold waters off of the American shore.

Humberto Sanchez, a Cuban exile himself, paid \$30,000 to create the monument in 1994. He has been collecting pieces of rafts off of Florida shores for years and has dedicated himself to memorializing the exodus of the Cuban rafter. Mr. Sanchez exemplifies the spirit and courage of the people he has celebrated in the Liberty Column.

Much to my great dismay, and to that of the Miami community, the Liberty Column Monument was recently vandalized in a despicable and most disrespectful fashion. I am pleased to inform the House that there is an ongoing movement to raise funds for its repair. There have also been talks of upgrading the monument to pure bronze to prevent future destruction.

Mr. Speaker, I am hopeful that the police will track down the criminals who damaged this symbol, and I am certain that the renovated Liberty Column Monument will continue to honor the lost souls who did not survive the voyage to free, American soil.

#### H. CON. RES. 405—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS WITH RE- SPECT TO THE NEED TO PRO- VIDE PROSTATE CANCER PA- TIENTS WITH MEANINGFUL AC- CESS TO INFORMATION ON TREATMENT OPTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

#### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2004*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 405 and the continued need to provide prostate cancer patients with meaningful access to information on treatment options.

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer among American men. The American Cancer Society estimates that during

2004 about 230,110 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the United States. One man in six will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime, but only 1 man in 32 will die of this disease. The key to decreasing the amount of men that die from this disease yearly is not only informing patients about all the available treatment options but identifying the disease early on.

Because early detection is essential in the treatment and survival rates of Prostate Cancer patients, often Americans with limited health care are more susceptible to detection at more advanced stages, and increased mortality rates. In fact because of their low levels of medical healthcare African Americans are two to three times more likely to die of prostate cancer than white men. Only 66 percent of African Americans diagnosed with prostate cancer survive for 5 years, compared with 81 percent of white men.

As Members of Congress we must do everything in our power to ensure that medical service providers are informing patients on all possible treatments of this devastating disease. Education will inevitably lead to the best treatment options for all patients. Furthermore this Congress must take action to ensure that all Americans have regular access to health care so that diseases like prostate cancer can be detected in their earliest stages. We cannot continue to fail the millions of Americans without health care coverage because this makes our citizens increasingly susceptible to many devastating diseases like prostate cancer.

Mr. Speaker, prostate cancer continues to plague thousands of men in our country every year. I support this legislation that will encourage medical service providers to increase awareness on treatment options for prostate cancer patients and I urge this body to continue the discussion that would eventually yield much needed health care service to every American.

#### HONORING JASON HICKS ON THE COMPLETION OF HIS INTERNSHIP

#### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2004*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Jason Hicks for his help while interning in my office. Jason is a resident of Cookeville, TN, which I represent in Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District.

Jason just finished his freshman year at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he is majoring in English and political science. He is a member of the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity and vice president of the university's Tennessee Debate Society.

Jason has been a great help and a wonderful addition to my office. He has helped address constituent concerns, assisted me and my staff with numerous projects, and served as a friendly and informative tour guide of the U.S. Capitol, providing visitors from Middle Tennessee with a personalized look at a national treasure.

I trust that Jason has enjoyed his whirlwind internship and his first-hand examination of the workings of Congress. I know that I have enjoyed having his fresh perspective and enthusiasm during his time here.

My hat is off to Jason Hicks. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO KATHI BECK

##### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Kathi Beck of Eugene, Oregon. Kathi bravely battled the Storm King Mountain Fire outside the town of Glenwood Springs, Colorado in 1994, but succumbed to the blaze along with thirteen fellow firefighters while working to protect the town. I personally served as a firefighter and understand the risks they face each and everyday. Witnessing the awful inferno that fateful July day, I know Kathi and her comrades battled the fire with the utmost courage and valor. With the tenth anniversary of the Storm King Fire approaching, I believe it appropriate to recognize the sacrifice Kathi and the Storm King Firefighters made on behalf of a grateful community, state and nation.

An active outdoorswoman, Kathi was an ardent rock and mountain climber. She was a senior at the University of Oregon where she was majoring in psychology and had taken wilderness survival classes through the university's outdoor program. With her unique background in psychology and the wilderness, Kathi planned to design an outdoor recreational therapy program for children. She became a member of the Prineville Hotshots, an elite group of firefighters who specialize in wildland fire suppression, due to her love of nature and adventurous spirit. She also served as a member of the Oregon Army National Guard's 419th Signal Detachment, and had previously served with the Guard's 741st Service and Supply Battalion at Camp Withycombe, Oregon.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life and memory of Firefighter Kathi Beck. Kathi personified the Hotshots credo of Safety, Teamwork and Professionalism; putting herself in harms way for unfamiliar people and places. She made the ultimate sacrifice doing what she loved, and I, along with the Glenwood Springs community and the State of Colorado are eternally grateful to this brave young woman.

#### A TRIBUTE TO GLENORE M. ANDERSON

##### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Glenore M. Anderson in recognition of her civic participation and business success.

Glenore is a living testimony to the power of hard work and effort. A banker by profession, it took Ms. Anderson 11 years to move up the corporate ladder to her current position as vice president/branch manager of the Broadway and Driggs Street Office of HSBC Bank, one of the largest branches of HSBC Bank USA in Brooklyn, NY.

Born on the island of Trinidad and Tobago in the West Indies, Glenore immigrated to the United States in the summer of 1992. She moved here with her family after successfully completing her studies in her home country. A few short months after taking up residence in New York City, she was hired as a customer service representative with Marine Midland bank, which later became HSBC Bank USA. She quickly moved through the ranks and excelled as a sales representative, sales manager, OIC (officer in charge), and vice president/branch manager.

Glenore continues to exemplify this spirit of excellence in her current position as the branch manager. She continuously works toward motivating her staff of 16 by employing a "hands on" approach. In so doing, she demonstrates her abilities as a team player and team leader. She believes that it is important for her staff to see that she can do whatever task is required of them. Due to this type of cohesive effort and leadership skills, the operation of the branch has been very successful, which boasts assets totaling \$105 million.

In addition to her expertise in banking, Glenore has also earned accolades for her efforts to strengthen the community. As such, she was honored with the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry award for Women History makers of 2000; the Network Journal award for 40 Under Forty Achievers of 2001; and an award from the New Deeper Life Tabernacle in 2003.

During the month of February in 2001, 2002 and 2003, she brought this sense of community to the branch by hosting a celebration of Black History Month. The celebrations took the form of an art exhibit mounted in conjunction with Art Groupie.Com, which featured the works of four African/Caribbean American artists.

Married and the mother of one, Glenore receives strong support from her family and friends who believe whole-heartedly in her potential to reach the stars.

Mr. Speaker, Glenore M. Anderson has excelled in the business world while still finding time to contribute to her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

#### HONORING NEVADA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL HOWARD AUSTIN

##### HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Prescott Elementary School Principal, Mr. Howard Austin, for his persistent dedication to education and service in his community. The core of Mr. Austin's community relations are deeply rooted in his 40 years as a public educator.

Mr. Austin received his B.A. from Wiley College in Texas and an M.S. from Henderson State University in Arkansas. Through his career, Mr. Austin enriched the many generations of people that he encountered in his community. He is a true role model for not only his students, but for everyone in the com-

munity. Mr. Austin was an active leader in the Elementary Principal's Association and served as a zone director for 8 years. In 2002, Mr. Austin was named Arkansas's Distinguished Principal of the Year.

Mr. Austin's constant involvement in his community led him to support and organize many student-orientated groups throughout the years. Mr. Austin worked with the track team, organized and was head scoutmaster of the Boy Scouts of America Troop, and was choir director for Prescott High School and his local church. He also formed a dance band with other directors that played at various school functions. Mr. Austin's devotion to Nevada County led him to be elected to the Prescott City Council.

I am honored to recognize Mr. Austin, and extend my sincere appreciation and thanks for his dedication and guidance to the people of Nevada County and to my hometown of Prescott. He is an inspiration to us all, and I am privileged to serve as his Congressman in the United States House of Representatives.

#### HONORING TERRY WATSON

##### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize an outstanding veteran from Bay City Michigan, Mr. Terry Watson who is retiring from his post as president of the Bay City Fireworks Festival Committee after 32 years of commendable service and dedication. The committee along with the community will honor Mr. Watson during the festival opening ceremony on July 1, 2004, in Bay City.

U.S. Army Vietnam veteran Terry Watson is a life long resident of Bay City, Michigan. Terry has dedicated his life to making the Bay area a better place to live, work and visit. He is a retired Bay City Police Officer with 27 years of notable service.

In 1962 the Fraternal Order of Police founded the Bay City fireworks. In 1981 the event evolved into a 3-day festival, complete with carnival. The fireworks display has been a significant part of the Bay area 4th of July holiday celebration for the past 42 years. The celebration draws a crowd of approximately 350,000 people. The firework show has been rated over the past years as one of the Nation's top five displays. Because of Terry's strong teamwork and leadership skills the Bay City Festival has become a popular family vacation destination spot for not only residents of Michigan but for others residing in states throughout the Midwest.

Aside from being an outstanding leader, Terry is also a devoted family man and he credits the love and support of his devoted wife Peggy, their three children, Jerry, Sheri and Richard, for his success.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in paying tribute to an outstanding veteran, Mr. Terry Watson, for his service to our Nation and his contributions to Bay City, Michigan. I wish him the best in future endeavors.