

I look forward to working with House Resources Committee Chairman POMBO, as well as Water and Power Subcommittee Chairman CALVERT, both stalwart advocates for our State's water needs, in advancing this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, this bill will promote conservation and increase the reliability of our regional water supply, and I urge my colleagues' thoughtful consideration of the San Diego Water Storage and Efficiency Act.

**FREEDOM FOR MIGDALIA
HERNÁNDEZ ENAMORADO**

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Migdalia Hernández Enamorado, a prisoner of conscience in totalitarian Cuba.

Mrs. Hernández Enamorado is a wife, a mother of three and a peaceful pro-democracy activist. Because she believes that a free and democratic Cuba is the best hope for her young children and every citizen trapped in totalitarian Cuba, she has worked to liberate Cuba from the tyrannical regime.

As a result of the tyrant's brutal March 2003 crackdown on peaceful pro-democracy activists, Mrs. Hernández Enamorado, along with her husband Rafael Benítez Chui, went to a police unit in Guantanamo, Cuba, and protested the arrests of Manuel Ubals and Juan Carlos Herrera Acosta. Unfortunately, the tyrant's thugs arrested the married couple while they peacefully protested the abhorrent crackdown on their fellow advocates for freedom and human rights in totalitarian Cuba.

On September 18, 2003, after being held in the inhuman gulag for 7 months, Mrs. Hernández Enamorado was "sentenced" to 2 years in the despotic gulag for the supposed crime of "contempt." In the same sham trial, her husband was sentenced to 4 years. Let me be very clear, Mrs. Hernández Enamorado's three children are living without their parents because these noble pro-democracy activists believe in freedom.

According to a report from Guantanamo by Ada Kaly Márquez Abascal, Mrs. Hernández Enamorado is being abused by prison guards, suffering from high blood pressure, and ailing from a myriad of physical maladies caused by the deplorable conditions in the totalitarian gulag. It is also reported that she is only allowed to see her children for 5 minutes a week and some weeks she is not even allowed that brief visit.

Mr. Speaker, it is unconscionable that Mrs. Hernández Enamorado is languishing in the totalitarian gulag because of her belief in freedom. It is categorically unacceptable that her three daughters are growing up without their parents, and unable to even visit their mother for more than 5 minutes, simply because Mrs. Hernández Enamorado wants them to be raised in liberty instead of repression. My Colleagues, we must demand the immediate release of Migdalia Hernández Enamorado, her husband Rafael Benítez Chui, and every prisoner of conscience suffering under the terrorist regime in Havana.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO GARY
WERMERS**

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise to pay tribute to Gary Wermers of Pueblo, Colorado. As a science teacher at Heaton Middle School, he has shown commitment toward educating our youth. Gary is a valuable member of his community, and I am honored to join my colleagues in recognizing Gary's tremendous work before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Gary teaches science to seventh grade students at Heaton Middle School in Pueblo. His value in teaching goes well beyond his ability to convey the subject matter in the curriculum as he strives to stress moral and civilized behavior of his students. For his efforts and accomplishments in the classroom, he was recently awarded the 2004 Teacher of the Year Award from the Wal-Mart Corporation. In addition to his time teaching in classrooms, he attempts to connect with students as a mentor in activities where students find interest. He coaches the boys' basketball team, and sponsors the student council and the Fellowship of Christian Hawks.

Mr. Speaker, Gary Wermers has clearly been an outstanding influence on our youth. The community benefits from him as an excellent educator, but it is the individual students who benefit the most from his personal and lasting style of teaching. I thank Gary for his important work in his community, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING

HON. GIL GUTKNECHT

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, high performance computing has become very important to the competitiveness of this country. Supercomputers help us solve some of the most critical scientific, business, and homeland security problems in this nation. I would like to highlight what the citizens in my district working at IBM are doing to advance high performance computing.

I recently visited the Rochester, MN facility of IBM in my district. There I learned about IBM's newest supercomputer, Blue Gene/L.

Blue Gene is an IBM project to build a new family of supercomputers optimized for bandwidth, scalability, and the ability to handle large amounts of data while consuming a fraction of the power and floor space required by today's fastest systems. IBMers in my district are exploring how to harness Blue Gene's massive computing power to model the folding of human proteins. This technique is expected to give medical researchers better understanding of diseases and potential cures.

Two prototypes of IBM's Blue Gene/L now rank #4 and #8 on the latest list of the Top 500 fastest supercomputers. When Blue Gene/L is finished, it is expected to rank #1 on the Top 500 list next year, overtaking the Japan's Earth Simulator.

The citizens of my district and IBM take their commitment to innovation, competitiveness, and the advancement of high performance computing in this nation very seriously. The most advanced supercomputing skills in the world are right here in the United States—and in my district. With the leadership of IBM and the Minnesotans it employs, the innovative advances keeping our county competitive will remain firmly rooted in the U.S.

**NATIONAL INNOVATION
INITIATIVE**

HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, America's ability to innovate will determine our citizens' standards of living and competitiveness in the 21st century. I would like to highlight what leaders in my district, IBM and Georgia Tech, are doing to ensure that America remains the most innovative country in the world.

Sam Palmisano, the CEO of IBM, and Wayne Clough, the President of Georgia Tech, launched a National Innovation Initiative last fall through the Council on Competitiveness. They have pulled together hundreds of the nation's top minds from industry, academia, and government to develop a national agenda that will be released in December of this year. An interim report will be issued soon.

These leaders understand that innovation relies on much more than science and technology funding, although that remains important. Innovation is putting new ideas into action to better our lives—a blend of invention, insight and entrepreneurship that launches new growth industries and creates high-value jobs. Innovation can be a new product, process—or increasingly in our economy—a service.

Our future relies on whether we establish an ecosystem of smart policies that recognize how innovation is changing in our global, open and connected economy. The National Innovation Initiative will sharpen our understanding of contemporary innovation and recommend bold action on many fronts to ensure that America has the talent, infrastructure, and investment to succeed.

I salute IBM and Georgia Tech for their leadership; look forward to reviewing the National Innovation Agenda; and pledge to be a partner in keeping the United States at the forefront of innovation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 326 and 327. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 326 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as amended, to H. Con. Res. 410, Recognizing the 25th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and rollcall vote 327 on the Motion to

Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 257, Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Harry W. Colmery.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 326 and 327.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, on July 6 and July 7, I was away from Washington on official Congressional business. During that time, I was unable to vote on several issues of importance to the people of my district. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 328, "aye" on rollcall No. 329, "no" on rollcall No. 331, and "aye" on rollcall No. 332.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 305, "no" on rollcall No. 306, "no" on rollcall No. 307, "no" on rollcall No. 308, "no" on rollcall No. 309, "no" on rollcall No. 311, "no" on rollcall No. 312, "yes" on rollcall No. 314, "no" on rollcall No. 315, "no" on rollcall No. 316, "no" on rollcall No. 317, "no" on rollcall No. 318, "yes" on rollcall No. 319, "no" on rollcall No. 320, "yes" on rollcall 322, "yes" on rollcall No. 323, "no" on rollcall No. 324, and "yes" on rollcall No. 325.

ADAM G. KINSER POST OFFICE BUILDING

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, a national hero, a loving son and brother, a dedicated student, athlete, and a proud father to-be. These are just a few of the phrases that can be used to describe Adam Kinser of Rio Vista, CA. Although no list of descriptions can ever fully do justice to understanding the bravery and compassion of a young man who gave his life for his country at the age of 21.

Adam Gareth Kinser was born in 1983 in Valencia, CA and grew up in Rio Vista with his parents and four younger siblings from the time he was five. There was nothing typical about Adam, who from a young age was a standout, not only among his peers and teammates, but to his teachers and family as well. Adam was a hard-working student, even serving as a teaching assistant in some classes.

Bill Fulk, a former teacher of Adam's, praised the young man as the "best the

United States had to offer." He was a role model to other students, demonstrating a positive attitude, kind heart and willingness to help. He was an outstanding varsity athlete, running track, playing basketball, and was the starting quarterback for 3 years. His strong leadership and commitment didn't end at school or on the field though, he was also a mentor and protector to his younger siblings, one of whom recalls that Adam "was always protecting me even when I didn't want it."

Perhaps it was not a surprise that Adam also wanted to serve and protect his country, when he joined the Army Reserve during his senior year of high school. Adam was in boot camp at Fort Bragg, NC, when the terrorists attacked the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, and was sent to Afghanistan in July 2003.

Adam returned home during Christmas, where his wife, Tiffany, surprised him with an ultrasound of their soon-to-be-born son. He was ecstatic and could not wait to be a father, counting down the days until he would be reunited with his wife and new baby. This did not stop Adam from taking pride in the job he was doing for his country and in the bonds that he treasured with his fellow soldiers.

Adam returned to Afghanistan after Christmas, serving in the Army Reserve's 304th Psychological Operations Company. However, on January 29, 2004, Adam and eight other soldiers were working near a weapons cache near Ghanzi, 60 miles southwest of Kabul, when an explosion took place that claimed his life and those of his fellow soldiers.

Adam's death has sent Rio Vista into a period of mourning and loss for the young man that many of them knew and loved so well, and had watched mature into a brave leader. The community of Rio Vista remembers him fondly, and will surely miss him, not least of all his family and newborn son.

Adam was the first Rio Vistan to give his life in wartime since the Korean War. As Rio Vista Mayor Marcie Coglianese said, "he is the embodiment of all our values." In order to ensure that the memory and name of this young man, father, and soldier, lives on, the least we can do is to re-name the post office in his home town, as an honor for the town, family and country that produced such a great man.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S. MARINE RODERICKA ANTWAN YOUMANS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this week South Carolina learned the sad news that a U.S. Marine, Private Rodericka Antwan Youmans from Allendale, S.C., was killed by terrorists while serving in Iraq.

Pvt. Youmans will be remembered for making the ultimate sacrifice to protect American families in the War on Terror. The thoughts and prayers of the entire Wilson family are with his friends and family.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest sympathies to Pvt. Youman's two children, fiancé, brother and parents.

I request that the following article from The State be added to the RECORD.

[From The State, July 8, 2004]

ALLENDALE MARINE DIES IN IRAQ

(By Chuck Crumbo)

A bomb attack by Iraqi insurgents has killed a 22-year-old Marine from Allendale, the man's family said Wednesday.

Pvt. Rodericka Antwan Youmans was one of four Marines who died Tuesday near Fallujah in Iraq's Al-Anbar province, said his father, Johnny Youmans.

The elder Youmans said Marine Corps officials notified him of his son's death Tuesday.

"I was coming home, and I saw a government truck in front of the house. I knew it was nothing good," said Youmans, a 29-year military veteran.

The Marines had not released by late Wednesday the name of Pvt. Youmans as one of the fallen Leathernecks. The Marines said only that the troops were conducting security operations in the province.

Three Marines died Monday in a similar incident in An-Anbar.

Twenty-one other members of the armed services with ties to South Carolina have died in the Iraq war. He is the second casualty from Allendale County.

Marine casualty officers notified the family of his son's death about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Youmans said.

The Marines first broke the news to Youmans' wife, Amaderlene. As he approached the house, his 17-year-old daughter, Sholanda, came out and told him Rodericka was dead, Johnny Youmans said.

Johnny Youmans, a staff sergeant in 163rd Support Battalion of the S.C. Army National Guard, has been on active duty for 1½ years. He is serving on a security detail at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

Youmans said his son called home last week to say he was doing fine and that "he loved all of us."

On Monday, Rodericka Youmans called his 20-year-old fiancée, Stephanie Cuthbertson of Allendale.

They were planning to marry in September when his unit was scheduled to return to Camp LeJeune, Cuthbertson said.

"I loved everything about him. His sense of humor and the way he treated me. He was very sweet and very giving," she said.

Rodericka Youmans, a graduate of Allendale-Fairfax High School, joined the Marines about a year ago and went through boot camp at Parris Island, Youmans said.

"He was almost 21 when he joined. He couldn't find a job and when he did, he'd get laid off because the economy was so bad. He had two kids (ages 4 and 1) and needed to support them."

Rodericka quickly fell in love with the Marines and wanted to make a career out of the military, Youmans said.

"He liked the respect that he received. It changed his whole life. He wanted to do the right thing."

Other survivors include his children, A-Miyah, 4, and Mekhi, 1; and a brother, Johnny Youmans Jr., 24.

Cave Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

CONGRATULATING THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pennsylvania State University