

He is also survived by his maternal grandmother, Thelma Istre of Egan, LA and his uncles Daniel Istre, Johnny Istre, O'Neil Istre, James Istre and John R. Thibodeaux, all of Lafayette, as well as many proud nieces and nephews.

An Army sharpshooter, Joe had just re-enlisted in the service and planned to teach at the Army sharpshooter school when he returned from Iraq. Family and friends describe him as a "kind-hearted soul" who loved what he did and took great pride in serving his country.

On September 1, Joe undoubtedly approached what would be his last assignment with that same pride and determination. He bravely gave his life to help make this world a better place for his fellow soldiers and indeed for all.

His brother Jerome remarked that Joe "lived as if he were invincible, and now he'll be forever invincible." Joe's selfless bravery and commitment to country are an example to each of us.

Mr. Speaker, please join Joe's friends, family and me as we honor his memory and thank him for his heroic service to our country.

**TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND
RANKED IN TOP TEN**

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize five communities within my district for being acknowledged as among the "Top Ten Suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area," by D Magazine, a regional monthly publication. Top honors went to Southlake, Colleyville, Highland Village, Flower Mound, and Coppell based on these communities' excellent schools, affordability, and low crime rates.

Every two years, the magazine ranks some 50 plus suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth region, the State of Texas' largest metropolitan area. The Town of Flower Mound received the number eight spot on the list and was recognized for its ability to "maintain a balance between city luxuries and country simplicities." With a population of 59,350 people and an annual growth rate of 20 percent, Flower Mound is the largest suburb to make the Top Ten.

Because of its astonishing growth rate in recent decades, the Town has implemented two highly effective programs seeking to enhance quality of life for its residents. Flower Mound's SMARTGrowth plan has successfully preserved the area's natural beauty without compromising growth. The Progressive Capital Improvements Program has been important in addressing the needs of residents from roads to recreation.

I am proud to say that I am a resident of Flower Mound, and I would like to offer my congratulations to the Town of Flower Mound and Mayor Jody Smith.

RECOGNIZING MR. ERNIE DILLON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate one of the most selfless and caring citizens of the First Congressional District of Indiana, Mr. Ernie Dillon. Ernie has dedicated his life to serving the people of Northwest Indiana. His career as a public servant has allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of numerous people. In honor of his faithful service to his alma mater, Hammond Tech High School, Ernie will be recognized by the Hammond Tech Appreciation Society for his dedication to their mission at a recognition dinner on September 12, 2004 at Dynasty Banquets in Hammond, Indiana.

Ernie Dillon has held many offices and positions throughout his career as a public servant. He is currently the Director of the Lake County Department of Veterans Affairs Service Office and Chairman of the Hammond Port Authority. Prior to that, he was elected Councilman-at-Large for the City of Hammond. While on the Council, Ernie served as Vice-President and Chairman of the Finance Committee, overseeing a budget of \$95 million. Ernie has also served the City of Hammond as Commissioner of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Along with the countless hours of dedication that Ernie has provided to the people of Northwest Indiana, he has also been involved with many organizations in the community. Ernie has been a longtime member and past Commander of American Legion Victory Post #168, and he is currently serving a second term as Vice Chairman for the State of Indiana Veterans Homeless Committee. Ernie has also been a committed member of the Calumet College Alumni Association, the Hammond Central Lions Club, the Hammond Elks, the Hammond Jaycees, the Hammond Kiwanis Club, the Hammond Moose Club, and he has also been a member of the T.K.E. Fraternity.

I have known Ernie for many years and I can truly say that he is a dedicated, distinguished and committed citizen. Through his loyal service to his community, Ernie has been responsible for the development of numerous programs and activities, which have become sources of pride for the people he has served. As a dedicated member of the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, Ernie was instrumental in designing and bringing the Indiana Welcome Center to Hammond, Indiana. Ernie's foresight also enabled him to found the City of Hammond's first city festival, Octoberfest, in 1979. This later became the Augustfest and is now known as the Festival of the Lakes. This festival continues to provide entertainment to residents and visitors of Hammond.

While Ernie has dedicated a considerable amount of time and energy to his community, he has never limited the time he gives to his most important interest, his family. Ernie and his wife Margie have four children, Steven, Lori, Elizabeth, and Kathleen. They are also the proud grandparents of Elija, Korey, and Faith.

Mr. Speaker, Ernie has given his time and efforts selflessly to the people of Lake County

throughout his years of service. He has taught the true meaning of service to all members of the Northwest Indiana community. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Ernie Dillon for his outstanding contributions to Indiana's First Congressional District. I am proud to commend him for his lifetime of service and dedication.

**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE FOR S. 1576**

HON. RICHARD W. POMBO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I request that the attached cost estimate for S. 1576, the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2003, be submitted for the RECORD.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

**S. 1576—Harpers Ferry National Historical
Park Boundary Revision Act of 2003**

As reported by the House Committee on
Resources on July 14, 2004

S. 1576 would expand the boundary of the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park in West Virginia by about 1,240 acres. The act would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire the added acreage by purchase, donation, or exchange, except that lands that are already owned by the federal government would be acquired by transfer. Finally, the act would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary for these purposes.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1576 would cost the federal government about \$5 million over the next year or two. Of this amount, we estimate that \$4 million would be used to purchase about 190 acres of private property, and \$1 million would be used to develop that land. The remaining acreage that would be added to the park is either already owned by the federal government or would be donated by the nonprofit Civil War Preservation Trust. CBO estimates that additional costs to operate and maintain those additional lands would be less than \$200,000 a year. This estimate is based on information provided by the NPS.

S. 1576 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On March 25, 2004, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1576 as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 9, 2004. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the estimated costs.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis, who can be reached at 226-2860. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

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Every two years, the magazine ranks some 50 plus suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth region, the State of Texas' largest metropolitan area. Highland Village was ranked number seven on this year's top ten after receiving top marks for its prime location on Lake Lewisville. D Magazine also noted that the city was ranked by the FBI as North Texas' Safest City two years running. Highland Village residents enjoy spending time around the lake and walking around the 12 foot wide walking trail that traverses the community.

I applaud Mayor Bill Lawrence and the City Council of Highland Village for building the City of Highland Village into a distinguished community. I was a long-time resident of Highland Village, and I am proud to represent such a vibrant city.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL TERRY E. JUSKOWIAK, COMMANDING GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY COMBINED ARMS SUPPORT COMMAND AND FORT LEE, VIRGINIA, FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Major General Terry E. Juskowiak, Commanding General of the United States Army Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee, for his loyal service to the United States and Virginia's Fourth District.

Major General Juskowiak's dedication and loyalty to the advancement of our district and the nation as a whole is to be commended.

Major General Juskowiak's devotion to duty has reflected the highest standards of the military profession through a number of command and staff positions. He served with the 82nd Airborne Division as a member of the division staff and participated in Operation Just Cause in Panama. He went on to command the 407th Supply and Transport Battalion (Airborne), 82nd Airborne Division during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He also served as Commander of the Division Support Command, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) in Fort Drum, New York. He deployed to Haiti for Operation Uphold Democracy. He also participated in an eight-month rotation to the Bosnian Theater as the Assistant Division Commander for Support with the NATO Stabilizing Force for Operation Joint Endeavor/Guard. In 1998, Major General Juskowiak served as the Commanding General of CJTF-Kuwait during Operation Desert Fox. In 2000, he earned the position of Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics at Headquarters, United States Army Forces Command. He then went on to additionally take on the responsibility of Commanding General of the Combined Arms Support Command and Fort

Lee. His military education is extensive and includes the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Major General Juskowiak also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Citadel and a Masters degree of Science in Contract and Acquisition Management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Major General Juskowiak's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with OLC, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with OLC, the Army Achievement Medal, Master Parachutist Wings, the Ranger tab, the Parachute Rigger Badge, the General Staff Identification Badge, the Australian, the Canadian, the Greek and the Israeli parachute badges.

Major General Juskowiak has shown tremendous commitment and devotion to his country. Today we recognize him for his unwavering patriotism and dedication to both his profession and the American people.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Major General Terry E. Juskowiak.

HONORING BELLEROSE MAYOR
THOMAS VAN BUSKIRK

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Thomas Van Buskirk, the Mayor of Bellerose Village and a person I am pleased to call a friend. After serving the village for almost 20 years, the last 11 as Mayor, he is taking a well deserved retirement. I thank him for his dedicated and loyal service.

Tom moved to Bellerose Village with his family, wife Roberta and their two sons Tom Jr. and Christian, in 1985 and immediately immersed himself into the town. He became a member of the fire department in 1986 and within six years was the Second Deputy Chief. In 1988, he was appointed to the Village's Board of Trustees as well as Recreation Commissioner. In 1991, in his election victory for the Board, Tom received more votes than any other candidate in the history of Bellerose Village.

By revitalizing the Recreation Commission, Tom was able to improve the community by providing residents with opportunities to enjoy leisure activities. He also installed the first children's play area in the recreation area. Maintaining his focus on energizing the community, Tom, along with Roberta, instituted the Annual Food Drive to help the less fortunate in the surrounding areas. They also started the Village Bellerose Summer Children's Program in 1989, which gives children and teenagers a place to participate in sports and arts and crafts for two summer weeks. One of Tom's major successes has been the revamping of Bellerose Village Day, one of the town's best attended functions, which culminates in a barbecue for over 400 people.

Elected as Mayor in 1993, Tom put his energy into moving the Village forward into the new millennium. He renovated Village Hall, upgraded the fire departments and first re-

sponders, repaired the drainage system, and on and on. As Mayor, Tom has always taken pride in his relationship with the residents of Bellerose. He has taken the time to quickly help resolve peoples' issues.

As for all Americans, particularly New Yorkers, 9/11 was, and is still a difficult day. Although he was hurting, Tom led the town through the difficult time by bringing everyone together and honoring those lost and supporting our country. On the first anniversary of 9/11, he orchestrated the development of a Memorial Garden to the victims of 9/11 and dedicated the garden and a monument to those lost.

In Tom's tenure as Mayor he has revitalized the infrastructure of the Village and the spirit of the residents. Through hard work, dedication and his love for his hometown, Tom has made Bellerose Village's slogan come to life, "Bellerose Village . . . an American Beauty." I am happy Tom and his family have no plans of leaving Bellerose because although he is no longer Mayor, I know he will be active in his community. Once again Tom, thank you.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4613,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for the conference report for H.R. 4613, the Department of Defense Appropriations FY05. At a time when our brave men and women in uniform are serving their country with great honor and distinction, this legislation will provide valuable funding for personnel, equipment, and so many other great needs our military faces. This money is critical to their continued success in their current missions. As long as our troops are in harms way, fighting the war on terrorism, we must continue to make sure they receive our full support.

The district I represent includes well over one hundred thousand soldiers at Fort Meade and the Aberdeen Proving Ground. This bill provides a 3.5 percent pay raise for our uniformed personnel—a critical step in the right direction. This bill also includes important funding for our Active Guard Personnel for their missions abroad and here at home.

This conference report includes the proper balance of tactical military and necessary diplomatic funding. For example, I am pleased to see money for many important projects like the Shadow 200 UAV and the F/A 22 fighter as well as support for humanitarian initiatives. The Shadow 200 UAV, which is a product of one of the vital military companies in the Maryland 2nd Congressional District, allows for secure surveillance operations to be performed with optimal safety for our military personnel. I am also pleased to see that the F/A-22 fighter program has received the full appropriation request. And I believe that the \$95 million dollar appropriation to aid State Department efforts in Sudan and Chad represents an important part of our responsibility to ensure that stability and security are brought to this region of the world.