

Security College where Iraqi Security Forces were trained to take control of their country. The college was so successful that it is now entirely run by Iraqis.

Continuing the Military Police role 3/11 also maintained and operated a provincial detention facility where detainees were treated with respect and humanity. Long before incidents at other prisons in Iraq were discovered, 3/11 set the highest of possible standards in the country for quality of care and facility conditions. The detention facility has been heralded as a hallmark in our area of operations and brings much praise to the battalion.

All along the way 3/11 was asked to step outside its area of expertise and provide the highest level of performance, and each time the expectations were met and exceeded. Few units if any can claim to have accomplished such a wide variety of missions in such a short period of time. The Marines of 3rd Battalion 11th Marines can return home to their loved ones knowing they provided absolutely vital contributions to the war in Iraq. The Iraqi people have never known liberty in their entire history and now they finally have a chance to live free. With Marines and soldiers out there like those from 3/11, the war on terror will be definitively won and the world will know a higher level of freedom and prosperity than it has ever known. I personally want to thank each of you who have supported me through this journey. I will never be able to put into words, my appreciation for all you have done for me. My definition of family has grown exponentially since being over here and I thank you. But more than just your personal support I am grateful for your support of the cause. Not everyone in America is educated enough to understand the full importance of what we are doing in this part of the world and I am so thankful that you all do. Freedom and liberty are fragile and America seems to be one of the only countries actively fighting to ensure that they do not perish from this earth. Your continued efforts at home are much needed in spreading the truth. Together we will win this fight and secure a better future for the whole world.

God Bless and Semper Fidelis,
1ST LT. ROBERT L. NOFSINGER USMC.

INTRODUCTION OF THE LET PARENTS RAISE THEIR KIDS ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Let Parents Raise Their Kids Act. This bill forbids Federal funds from being used for any universal or mandatory mental-health screening of students without the express, written, voluntary, informed consent of their parents or legal guardians. This bill protects the fundamental right of parents to direct and control the upbringing and education of their children.

The New Freedom Commission on Mental Health has recommended that the Federal government adopt a comprehensive system of mental-health screening for all Americans. The commission recommends the government implement universal or mandatory mental-health screening in public schools as a prelude to expanding it to the general public. However, neither the commission's report nor any related mental-health screening proposal requires parental consent before a child is subjected to mental-health screening. Federally funded uni-

versal or mandatory mental-health screening in schools without parental consent could lead to labeling more children as "ADD" or "hyperactive" and thus force more children to take psychotropic drugs, such as Ritalin, against their parents' wishes.

Already, too many children are suffering from being prescribed psychotropic drugs for nothing more than children's typical rambunctious behavior. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, there was a 300-percent increase in psychotropic drug use in two to four year old children from 1991 to 1995!

Many children have suffered harmful side effects from using psychotropic drugs. Some of the possible side effects include mania, violence, dependence, and weight gain. Yet, parents are already being threatened with child abuse charges if they resist efforts to drug their children. Imagine how much easier it will be to drug children against their parents' wishes if a Federal mental-health screener makes the recommendation.

Universal or mandatory mental-health screening could also provide a justification for stigmatizing children from families that support traditional values. Even the authors of mental-health diagnosis manuals admit that mental-health diagnoses are subjective and based on social constructions. Therefore, it is all too easy for a psychiatrist to label a person's disagreement with the psychiatrist's political beliefs a mental disorder. For example, a federally funded school violence prevention program lists "intolerance" as a mental problem that may lead to school violence. Because "intolerance" is often a code word for believing in traditional values, children who share their parents' values could be labeled as having mental problems and a risk of causing violence. If the mandatory mental-health screening program applies to adults, everyone who believes in traditional values could have his or her beliefs stigmatized as a sign of a mental disorder. Taxpayer dollars should not support programs that may label those who adhere to traditional values as having a "mental disorder."

Mr. Speaker, universal or mandatory mental-health screening threatens to undermine parents' right to raise their children as the parents see fit. Forced mental-health screening could also endanger the health of children by leading to more children being improperly placed on psychotropic drugs, such as Ritalin, or stigmatized as "mentally ill" or a risk of causing violence because they adhere to traditional values. Congress has a responsibility to the nation's parents and children to stop this from happening. I, therefore, urge my colleagues to cosponsor the Let Raise Their Kids Act.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE DONALD GLENN BROTZMAN

HON. JOEL HEFLEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize and remember the life of former Republican Congressman Donald Brotzman of Colorado, who recently passed away at the age of 82. Congressman Brotzman honorably

represented Colorado's second Congressional District from 1962 through 1975, during some of this great nation's most tumultuous and trying times.

He was born June 28, 1922 on a farm in Logan County, on Colorado's eastern plains. Both a musician and three-sport athlete at Sterling High School, Don Brotzman won a football scholarship in 1939 to the University of Colorado in Boulder where he was an all-conference center and varsity letter-winner in shot put and discus.

As war continued to rage on the other side of the world, Don Brotzman delayed his education and served as an Army officer in Yokohama, Japan, and the Philippines through World War II. Following the end of the war, he returned to Boulder to complete degrees in business and law in 1949.

Mr. Brotzman began working as a lawyer in Boulder in 1950, and was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 1952 and later the State Senate. Local media named him the outstanding freshman member in both chambers.

By 1959, he was appointed United States Attorney for Colorado by President Eisenhower and served as such until he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1962, where he was voted president of his freshman class.

Congressman Brotzman served five terms and helped to shape laws such as the Clean Air Act and the Public Broadcasting Act. He reached across the aisle to champion causes such as the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area west of Boulder, a national program to help runaway youth and a tax credit for higher-education expenses. Despite serving on the minority side of the aisle, he successfully found the funds to complete the Chatfield Dam and Reservoir, and sponsored the bill authorizing the building of Bear Creek Dam and Reservoir in Colorado.

Furthermore, he persuaded the Johnson Administration to sponsor a study that eventually changed the Army's environmental practices at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Adam's County, Colorado, and he was one of the first members of Congress to call for an all-volunteer military.

Colorado lost a great friend and a tremendous leader when it lost Donald Brotzman. His strong western values and commitment to always do what was right, despite partisan interests and outside persuasion, has continued to serve as a great example.

RECOGNIZING SPIRIT OF JACOB MOCK DOUB AND EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT "NATIONAL TAKE A KID MOUNTAIN BIKING DAY" SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN JACOB MOCK DOUB'S HONOR

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Concurrent Resolution 480, expressing the sense of Congress that "National Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day" should be established in honor of Jacob Mock Doub.

The youth of today's America are becoming less and less active. The U.S. Surgeon General reports the percentage of overweight children has nearly tripled in the past two decades. Forecasts also predict the current generation of children in the United States could actually have a shorter life span than their parents as the epidemic of childhood obesity expands.

Promoting physical activity and diet are critical in addressing the rise of childhood obesity and youth inactivity and Congress should be supportive in addressing this important issue. Certainly more needs to be done but this resolution is a step in the right direction to raise awareness and move the discussion forward.

The resolution also honors Jacob Mock Doub, a young man who had a great passion for life and for cycling. He encouraged many young people like himself to get involved with the activity.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

For the information of our colleagues, I am attaching an item from the International Mountain Biking Association, IMBA, that provides additional information about Jacob Mock Doub.

JACOB MOCK "JACK" DOUB

Jul. 11, 1985—Oct. 21, 2002.

One year ago this October we unexpectedly lost a great friend and brother when Jack Doub died from complications from an injury received during practice for the Snowshoe NORBA National downhill race last June. To honor Jack's spirit and love of biking we have in association with IMBA, helped to establish the Jack Doub Memorial Fund to promote and encourage other "kids" to learn and live to ride. To understand Jack and his love of biking is to understand our wishes to continue his memory. Jack was born to two energetic and loving parents who greatly enjoyed the outdoors and early on Jack enjoyed the same. Skiing at age 18 months, he became an unbelievable freestyle and backcountry skier . . . the best. In life Jack learned to climb, to kayak, to motocross race, and to fly fish. By age 11 Jack's fly-fishing skills and abilities to see and catch fish were legend. It was almost unbelievable that he literally could do anything he wanted and at levels of skill that others only dream about, all of this while quiet, reserved, and humble.

Ultimately Jack was introduced to biking at age 11 near Grandfather Mountain, N.C. He saw a friend riding, doing a few tricks and he wanted to learn to wheelie. He was hooked. Within a week he could wheelie like crazy and soon obtained a new Gary Fisher Super Caliber on which he won essentially every cross-country race he entered for two years. Although remaining the best fly fisherman around at age 13, biking had become Jack's obsession. It was at age 13 that Jack obtained a Santa Cruz Super 8 and began racing downhill as well; again nothing but success. One of Jack's greatest sparks was participating in mountain bike "dirt" camp during the summer of 1998 at Snowshoe, WV, and this is also where he raced his last race.

From age 14 to 17 Jack rode primarily downhill and dual slalom. He found it difficult to train and ride downhill and dual slalom and have the energy to race cross-country on the same day. Cross-country was great but Jack was an adrenaline junkie . . . fast and furious. The neat thing about Jack however was not his desire to race and to win but his absolute love of being on the bike. Whether he podiumed or came in 23rd, his response was always, "it was great." He never

complained or had excuses and no matter how bad the mechanical failure or the crash, he always finished . . . never a DNF or withdrawal. For Jack, it was all about the bike . . . cross-country, downhill, dual slalom, trials, or as always just playing in the yard; there were very few days that he didn't touch the bike.

Jack rode many bikes and greatly loved his Spooky, his intense M1, and his Santa Cruz Heckler but his real favorite was his Foes Zigzag on which he came in second at the NORBA Snowshoe National in junior expert dual slalom in his last race ever. His accident occurred the next day in downhill training where as usual he was trying to air a major jump and obstacle . . . he later rode but never raced again. His accomplishments were extensive and are too numerous to detail nor would that be his focus.

Jack's last ride occurred approximately one week before he died. He was excited to ride a new trail with a group of us. Out of shape but never out of energy, he wheeled the mile to the trail including down a 200 yard hill all the way on a wheelie manual to a nose manual. As usual we were all amazed. During the two hour ride we rode hard, played hard and had worlds of fun. Jack rode through the pain and upset stomach while laughing and smiling and could only talk of getting back in shape and coming back. God, do we miss that next ride with Jack.

Despite all of Jack's great accomplishments and skills, his greatest strength was involving and encouraging others to ride, especially children. Jack would skip chances to hang out with his peers just to go to Hobby Park and teach young kids to ride and jump dual slalom . . . he did this even while injured. On occasions he was known to stop in a race and help other individuals. During one 12 hour race he rode two extra laps just to give his friends a break and lessen their pain so as to have more fun. Most importantly he greatly enjoyed seeing his friends do well, especially "Tone Dog", "Magoo", Jonathan, and Will. Jack's smiles were as big or bigger for their successes than for his own. Jack at heart wanted others to encounter and love life and biking as much as he did.

Jay de Jesus wrote in a letter to Jack's dad, Jay after Jack's death; Jack was . . . "up all night doing manuals and wheelies all the way across the courtyard at Snowshoe Village, the same nice, intelligent, bike-crazy kid with the ever present smile . . . every night, just riding on and on." There are no real answers to Jack's passing away, just a huge void. May that void be filled with our smiles and those of other kids experiencing the awesome joy of biking and as Jack would want us to do . . . "riding on and on". The Jack Doub Memorial Fund hopes in some small way to continue his spirit and memory to that end. Jack Doub . . . orange helmet, red hair and blue jeans . . . rest in peace brother as you ride in our hearts and memories forever.

FRIENDS OF JACK DOUB.

HONORING FRANK WACHOWSKI

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding gentleman, Frank Wachowski, more commonly known as "The Chicago Weather Man," who will be honored on October 16, 2004 with the prestigious Thomas Jefferson Award. It is with great

honor that I recognize the contribution of a man who continues to serve the Chicagoland area and the state of Illinois.

The Thomas Jefferson Awards are presented to people who work to better their communities through volunteer and community services. They are ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectations of recognition or reward.

For over 25 years, Frank Wachowski has volunteered his services as a cooperative observer for the National Weather Service and has closely worked with Tom Skilling, chief meteorologist at WGN-TV in Chicago. More than 11,000 volunteers nationwide take observations on farms, in urban and suburban areas, National Parks, seashores, and mountaintops. The Cooperative Network has been recognized as the most definitive source of information on our nation's climate trends as the data collections are truly representative of where people live, work and play.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Frank Wachowski for all of his hard work and dedication, as I hope that others are inspired by him to become involved in community service projects.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF LONNIE AND LUCIA ROARK

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in order to recognize Lonnie and Lucia Roark, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 23rd, 2004.

I have had the pleasure of knowing both of these wonderful people because they are valued friends of my parents. Lonnie, a native of Oklahoma, relocated to California and worked alongside my father, Raul Solis. Lucia and my mother are both originally from Nicaragua.

It has been said that once Lonnie met Lucia, everyone knew that she was his reason for living. What started out as friendship eventually blossomed into true devotion and a growing unconditional love. They became husband and wife on October 23, 1954, and remain so until this day.

This inspirational couple met in Los Angeles and raised their family in the nearby suburb of La Puente. Today, they continue to live in La Puente and are blessed with 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

In addition, they are a treasured part of the Solis family as well. Lonnie and Lucia are the proud godparents of my sister Anna. I am proud to say that they will always be a part of our family.

I wish to congratulate them on their 50th anniversary. May they continue to share a life of love and happiness.

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HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, year after year thousands upon thousands of Americans die