

Milton was born and raised in Harlem, New York; he is the brother of two younger sisters Arnelle, a New York City police officer, and Patricia. After graduating high school, Milton served 4 years in the United States Air Force. Milton married his wife, Marjorie and became the proud father of three beautiful children: Eric, Cheryl, and Deborah. He is also the grandfather of Kimberly, Gregory, Cherenia, and Kortaney. He received his associate degree in applied science from New York University.

Milton has proudly served his country and has been recognized accordingly for his efforts. He worked for 22 years with the New York State Labor Department as a veterans service representative. In recognition of his work, Milton received an award from Mayor James Garner of the Village of Hempstead for dedicated service to veterans. He also received a certificate of appreciation from Governor Mario Cuomo, and a certificate from the United States Department of Labor for completing the NVTI Veterans Benefits Training Course at the University of Denver.

Milton is a valuable community activist. He served as a Prince Hall Mason in 1980 and Senior Warden of Lebanon Lodge #54. He is a Past High Priest of Royal Eagle Chapter #27 Holy Royal Arch Mason. He served as Illustrious Commander in Chief for 2 years (L.I. Consistory #61). Milton served as the Past Illustrious Potentate of Abu Bekr Temple #91, and as the Past President of the Long Island Shrine Club.

Mr. Speaker, Milton Marshall has dedicated his life to serving his country and his community through his active participation in a vast array of civic organizations. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

CONGRATULATING GEORGE
VITANOVEC AS HE CELEBRATES
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend George Vitanovec, who is retiring from the Teamsters Local 401. He was honored at the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council Dinner at Pittston Convention Hall on October 29, 2004.

George Vitanovec has been a dedicated Teamster since 1968. He worked for Acme Warehouse in Forty Fort for 22 years and represented the members as their shop steward. George was first elected as Vice President of Local 401 in 1990 and then elected President of Local 401 in 1993. He was elected for five consecutive terms and retired on June 30, 2004.

George was a veteran of the United States Army and served a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1965–1966. He was honorably discharged in 1967.

George has been involved with many organizations such as the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council, Teamsters Joint Council, Teamsters International and also the United Way just to name a few. He has been dedicated to many organizations within the com-

munity. He was a coach for St. Therese Little League, South Wilkes-Barre Mini Mohawks, Founder and President for the YMCA wrestling program and was also a baseball coach for Meyers High School. He is a member of the St. Nicholas Church, Holy Name Society, North End Slovak Club and the Brookside American Legion. He is also an avid fisherman and hunter.

George is above all a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. He is married to Shirley Morio Vitanovec. He has a daughter Kerry Ann, a son George Jr., a son-in-law Kevin and a daughter-in-law Susan. He has twin grandsons Michael and Patrick Flaherty.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in congratulating George Vitanovec and wish him all the best for a well deserved retirement.

HONORING THE CENTRAL NEW
JERSEY CHAPTER OF THE AMER-
ICAN SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL
SECURITY

HON. MIKE FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Central New Jersey Chapter of the American Society for Industrial Security on their 25th Anniversary. In 1979 a group of ASIS members chaired by Douglas Goode convened to form the Central New Jersey Chapter which has now grown to include over 300 members who represent the public and private sectors of the Security Industry.

ASIS is the preeminent organization for security professionals, with more than 33,000 members worldwide. Founded in 1955, the organization is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness and productivity of security professionals by developing educational programs on broad and specific security concerns. ASIS also advocates the role and value of the security management profession to business, the media, government entities, and the public.

I commend all the members of the Central New Jersey Chapter of ASIS for their tireless work concerning the state of security in Central New Jersey. Their efforts are an excellent reflection on ASIS international and make Central New Jersey a safer place for those who live and work there.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF
SERGEANT RICHARD MORGAN

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and community of Sgt. Richard Morgan upon the death of this outstanding soldier; and

Whereas, Sgt. Richard Morgan was a member of the 660th Transportation Company out of Cadiz, serving his great nation in the country of Iraq; and

Whereas, Sgt. Richard Morgan was a loving son to his parents, Donna and Harold Arnold,

as well as a caring husband to his wife, Diana; and

Whereas, Sgt. Richard Morgan was an active citizen in his community and did his best to make his country a better place to live; and

Whereas, Sgt. Richard Morgan will be remembered for his unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. His example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew him.

While words cannot express our grief during the loss of such a courageous Marine, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Sgt. Richard Morgan.

SPECIALIST KEITH MATTHEW
MAUPIN OF BATAVIA, OH, IS
HONORED IN PENTAGON'S PRES-
TIGIOUS WARRIOR ETHOS EX-
HIBIT

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Specialist Keith Matthew "Matt" Maupin of Batavia, Ohio, whose name was added last Wednesday to the Pentagon's prestigious Warrior Ethos Exhibit.

Spc. Maupin, 21, has been missing in action in Iraq since April 9, 2004, when his convoy came under attack outside Baghdad by rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire. He was the first known U.S. serviceman to be captured by insurgents and is now the longest held military hostage in wartime since the end of the Vietnam War. Spec. Maupin is an Army Reservist with the 724th Transport Company stationed in Bartonville, Illinois.

Spc. Maupin went to Iraq to fight for freedom for the Iraqi people and for a safer world without the brutal dictatorship of Saddam Hussein. Spc. Maupin is an American hero, and we are grateful for his bravery and courage.

In our area of southern Ohio, there has been an outpouring of support for Spc. Maupin and for the Maupin family. Matt's parents, Carolyn and Keith Maupin, have set a tremendous example of hope and faith, and unqualified support for our troops. Spc. Maupin's father is a veteran, and his brother, Lance Corporal Micah Maupin, is a Marine stationed in Miramar, California. Spc. Maupin is one of the best and brightest. A scholar athlete in high school, he is viewed by his fellow soldiers as a skilled, professional and compassionate soldier.

Last Wednesday, Spc. Matt Maupin's name was added to the Pentagon's prestigious Warrior Ethos Exhibit. This display honors the service and sacrifice of soldiers living the Warrior Ethos, including Spc. Maupin. Composed of three diagonal LCD panels, it features the Army Star; a sampling of the more than 30,000 "To Our Troops" virtual notes sent to service men and women by the American people; and images of faces of soldiers everywhere. The words, "We Honor and Appreciate," "We Remember," and "We Take Care of Our Soldiers" are inscribed on the panels. Above all, this tribute is an enduring legacy to soldiers, like Spc. Maupin, who are keeping us safe and free today.

Perhaps the Army's "Soldiers Creed" states the commitment of these outstanding young

men and women best: “. . . I always place the mission first. I will never accept defeat. I will never quit. I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life. . . . I am an American Soldier.” This is Spc. Matt Maupin.

All of us are proud of Matt Maupin and his family, and we pray for his safe return.

A TRIBUTE TO NEW LOTS COMMUNITY CHURCH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of New Lots Community Church in Brooklyn, NY, in commemoration of its 180th anniversary and spiritual leadership in the community.

Around 1667, the area of New Lots, originally known as Eastwoods, was reportedly purchased by the Dutch from the Canarsie or the Rockaway Indians. The town of New Lots extended from what is now Highland Park on the north to Jamaica Bay on the south and from Rockaway Avenue on the west to Elderts Lane on the east. During the early years of the settlement, the most important highway in the area was the New Lots Road frequently noted in historical accounts of the Revolutionary War. In all this vast acreage of New Lots, there was no church. The residents had to travel by horse and wagon to Flatlands or Flatbush churches for services, marriages, and baptisms.

New Lots was part of a collegium of six churches sharing a ministry: Flatbush, Flatlands, Brooklyn, New Utrecht, Bushwick, and Gravesend. These churches are still part of the Brooklyn Classis. An elder and deacon from New Lots served on the Collegiate Consistory. Consistory meetings consisted of one minister serving six churches with a widely scattered membership. Rev. Malcom Evens in his historical sketch written for the 140th Anniversary Celebration retells how New Lots was built. In 1821 an “Act of God,” as hurricanes are often called, hastened a decision by the residents of New Lots to build their own church. The hurricane toppled many oak trees. The Dutch, noted for being a frugal and prudent people, accepted God’s gift of lumber. After the wood had seasoned for about a year and a half, they began to cut, hew and saw the trees in preparation for building their house of worship. Abraham and Cornelia Van Siclen deeded over to the building committee one-quarter acre of land on New Lots and Schenck Avenue. In 1832 a fundraiser was held and volunteer workers and well wishers came from near and far. Through the united efforts of the congregation, this House of God was reportedly built for somewhere between \$25 to \$35. This small colonial clapboard structure, unique in New York, was designated an official city landmark in 1966.

Wooden pegs secure this building of colonial architecture with timber notched and joined. It stands today as a tribute to the soundness of the craftsmanship of the Dutch people. In 1972, in order to meet the growing needs of the community, the church built the educational complex next door—The New Lots Family Center. Within the last year and a half an entire renovation of the Family Center was undertaken. Over the years, the church build-

ing began to lean and a large wooden truss broke in the ceiling. In 1990, the congregation was compelled to vacate the sanctuary and have worship in the New Lots Family Center until repairs could be made. Upon completion of the renovations, the sanctuary was rededicated in 1991.

The original and official name is the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the town of New Lots. However over the years, the church has gone through several name changes. In the early 1980s, the church obtained the current name of the New Lots Community Church, R.C.A. to be used as an assumed name. Today within these hallow walls, sons and daughters of slaves boldly bear witness to God’s Amazing Grace. In 1975, the Rev. Dennis A. Westbrook became the first African American pastor of New Lots Community Church, R.C.A. In 1979, the Rev. Dr. William T. Coles became the second African American pastor of this great historic church. He labored in the vineyard for 20 years ministering to members, friends, and the community of New Lots Community Church. In 2002, the Rev. DeLafayette Aikward became the third African American pastor. Under his leadership, the church is currently embarking on new and exciting ministries. New Lots Community Church has always been a beacon of hope in the community and remains actively involved in the community as they continue to strive for excellence in their mission to win souls.

Mr. Speaker, New Lots Community Church has been a source of community and spiritual leadership in Brooklyn for 180 years. As such, it is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable church and its congregation.

CONGRATULATING DAVID
SCHWAGER, AS HE IS HONORED
UPON COMPLETION OF HIS TERM
AS PRESIDENT OF TEMPLE
ISRAEL

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to my good friend David Schwager as he is honored upon the completion of his term as president of Temple Israel in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

David is a partner in the law firm of Chariton and Schwager. He is the past president of the Luzerne County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates. He chairs the Association’s Statutory Law Committee. He is a past vice-chairman of the Business Law and Real Property Law Sections of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. A past Assistant District Attorney, David is treasurer of the Middle District Bankruptcy Bar Association. David also serves as solicitor to District 16 Little League and The Music Box Players.

David graduated from Lafayette College in 1984 and received his J.D. from the Dickinson School of Law in 1988. David is married to the former Laurie Mersay, assistant vice president of First National Community Bank. They have two children, Max and Melissa.

Among his many civic activities, David serves as vice president of the JCC, vice president of the American Cancer Society Wyoming Valley Unit, vice president of the S.J. Strauss Lodge of B’nai B’rith Housing Foundation and secretary of the UHI School Board. A past president of the Wyoming Seminary Alumni Association and a past president of B’nai B’rith Lodge No. 139, David serves on the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority, a past director and officer of Jewish Family Service, and a past director of Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre. David serves as a class fund manager and alumni admissions representative for Lafayette College.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and honor to represent a man who is so dedicated to serving his community. I ask that my colleagues pay tribute to David Schwager as he receives this well-deserved honor.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING OF-
FICER BILL CLEVELAND ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Officer Bill Cleveland is retiring from the United States Capitol Police after 30 years of exemplary service;

Whereas, Officer Cleveland served his country in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and served his community of Alexandria as a respected member of the City Council for over 10 years;

Whereas, Officer Cleveland has been among the most well-liked and well-respected officers of the United States Capitol Police for his good humor and dedication to his job;

Whereas, Officer Cleveland will be deeply missed by many Members of Congress, their staffs, and his fellow officers.

Therefore, I join with my fellow Members of Congress, their staffs, and his fellow officers at the United States Capitol Police in thanking Officer Bill Cleveland for his 30 years of service to the Capitol Hill community and wish him the very best on the occasion of his retirement.

PROVIDING CBO COST ESTIMATE
FOR H.R. 4453

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, on October 5, 2004, the Committee on the Judiciary filed its report on H.R. 4453, the “Access to Rural Physicians Improvement Act of 2004.” At that time, the Committee had not received a Congressional Budget Office cost estimate for the bill, and it filed the report with a committee cost estimate as provided in clause 3(d)(2) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives. Subsequently, the Committee received the CBO cost estimate on H.R. 4453, and I am submitting it here for the record.