

one of these trips, Kay met her husband Hank whom she married in 1941. As a wedding gift, Hank purchased a ranch in Canyon Creek, Colorado where they settled and operated a dairy cattle operation dubbed the H-Lazy-K. What initially started as a cattle ranch expanded into other areas including a successful guest ranch. Kay operated her Rock-n-Pines Guest Ranch until her death.

Kay was a sports enthusiast who took pleasure in golfing, fishing, and bowling, and was a devoted Denver Broncos and Colorado Rockies fan. In her spare time, she also enjoyed traveling, reading, knitting, and arranging flowers. Kay had a generous heart and told endearing stories to everyone she knew. She bettered the lives of those around her, and played host to many patrons of the guest ranch over the years.

Mr. Speaker, we are all terribly saddened by the loss of Kay Williams, though take comfort in the knowledge that our grief is overshadowed only by the legacy of kindness and generosity that Kay has left with us. I know that many throughout our state who had the chance to benefit from the opportunity of meeting Kay will miss her kind heart and generous spirit. My thoughts and prayers go out to her friends and family during this difficult time of bereavement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on November 17, 2004, I missed rollcall vote No. 532. Rollcall vote 532 was on H.R. 1417, the Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of 2004.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 532.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I inform you that my brother passed away this Wednesday morning, November 17. I returned home immediately that morning to be with my family during this time of loss. For this reason, I was unable to be present with my colleagues to take the final votes of the 108th Congress.

TRIBUTE TO LTC WILLIAM H. JEFFERSON

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel William H. Jefferson on his retirement from the United States Army National Guard Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison, United States

Army, the Pentagon, Washington, DC effective December 2, 2004.

Lieutenant Colonel William H. Jefferson has distinguished himself by twenty two years of exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the Army in a series of key positions as an Army Air Defense and Military Intelligence Officer, culminating in service with the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison responsible for liaison between the Army, Members of Congress, their personal staffs, and the professional staffs of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the House Armed Services Committee.

Lieutenant Colonel William H. Jefferson commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Air Defense Artillery, after graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point and assigned as an Improved Hawk Missile Defense Battalion, Platoon Leader in 3d Bn, 30th Air Defense Artillery in Germany and transferred to the Military Intelligence Corps where he served as an Intelligence Officer, Operations Officer and Company Commander for the 201st Military Intelligence Brigade and later served with the National Security Agency and then to the Northeastern Reserve Intelligence Support Center from 1996 to 1998.

Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson was selected and served as an Army Congressional Fellow for Congressman Jim Saxton of New Jersey's 3d District in 1999 and applied his legislative experience and missile defense and strategic intelligence expertise as a Hardware Congressional Liaison Officer in the Office of the Secretary of the Army, Legislative Liaison Programs Division from February 2000 through December 2004 maintaining a constant liaison with Professional Staff Members of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees on issues relating to Army Procurement programs focusing on Army Space and Missile Defense.

Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson has provided outstanding leadership, advice, and sound professional judgment on numerous critical issues of enduring importance to both the Army and Congress. His actions and counsel were invaluable to Army leaders and Members of Congress as they considered the impact of important issues. Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson's dedication to accomplishing the Army's legislative liaison mission has been extraordinary. He is truly an outstanding officer who displays superb professional leadership skills and is totally dedicated to mission accomplishment in the highest traditions of military service.

LLOYD WILLIAMS: A HARLEM VISIONARY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Mr. Lloyd A. Williams, an influential business and community leader who, for the past 30 years, has worked tenaciously toward the overall improvement and economic revitalization of Harlem. His contributions to the cultural life of our community have played a fundamental role in the renewal of Northern Manhattan.

For over 25 years, Mr. Williams has served as President of The Greater Harlem Chamber

of Commerce, which is celebrating its 105th year of positive and productive influence in the community. With over 1,700 members, including several Fortune 500 companies, the Chamber's activism far exceeds the borders of New York City. The Chamber's primary focus is the improvement of the economic climate of Upper Manhattan while emphasizing the needs of the business, educational and cultural sectors.

The Chairman of Harlem Week, Inc. and the Harlem Jazz & Music Festival, Mr. Williams was a co-founder of the event dating back to its inception in 1974. Now the largest festival of its kind in the Northeast, the event, which began as a one-day festival, now spans an entire month and attracts over 3 million visitors. Harlem Week draws thousands of vendors from across the country, generating millions of dollars for the economies of Harlem and New York City.

Mr. Williams is a co-founder of the National Black Sports & Entertainment Hall of Fame. Since its creation, the group has inducted 25 extraordinary African-American sports and entertainment figures each year, while recognizing outstanding contributions by performers of all races. Former inductees include Quincy Jones, Harry Belafonte, Dionne Warwick, Joe Cuba, Julius "Dr. J" Irving and many others.

Mr. Williams is also the acting President of the Greater Harlem Housing Development Corporation, a group dedicated to attracting businesses and professional persons to relocate to the upper Manhattan area. The Development Corporation recently completed construction of "Strivers Garden", a residential and business complex that is expected to encourage further growth in Harlem.

Recently, Mr. Williams was honored for his tireless philanthropic efforts at the Museum of the City of New York's annual exhibition titled: "Harlem is . . . Activism". Joining Mr. Williams as awardees were Basil A. Paterson, Dr. Muriel Petioni and Percy E. Sutton.

It is the ever-growing list of accomplishments and works of excellence that defines Lloyd Williams as a leader in his community. Truly a pioneer in both the fields of culture and commerce, he has managed to harmoniously unite the two, providing opportunities for Harlem residents to thrive. There is no question that the long-term impact of Mr. Williams's successes will reach far into the future. The Harlem community, indeed all of New York City, owes a debt of gratitude to Lloyd Williams.

IN HONOR OF A1C JESSE SAMEK

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of America's bravest, Airman 1st Class Jesse Samek. Jesse, a 2001 Rogers High School graduate recently died in Afghanistan while honorably serving his country.

A flight engineer assigned out of Nellis Air Force Base, Jesse was killed on October 21st, when his helicopter crashed during a rescue mission. The mission that day was to carry a wounded Afghan election worker to a medical facility. Jesse was a true hero who was literally protecting democracy.

I attended Jesse's funeral and the outpouring of love and respect from his community was overwhelming. Over 300 people were there to honor him.

Jesse joined the Air Force in February of 2003 and was assigned to the 66th Rescue Squadron, an elite group that qualified for rescue duty on a HH-60 Para Rescue helicopter. His mother said Jesse loved that his job was to rescue and save people.

Mr. Speaker, Airman 1st Class Jesse Monroe Samek, at the age of 21, made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. He is a true American hero. I ask my colleagues to keep Jesse's family and friends in their thoughts and prayers during these difficult times.

DEDICATION OF CPL LARRY E.
SMEDLEY MEDAL OF HONOR
HIGHWAY

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, on October 30, a dedication ceremony was conducted in Orlando, Florida in honor of Corporal Larry E. Smedley at the Orange County Courthouse Plaza.

Corporal Smedley who died in combat in Vietnam in December 1967 is Orlando's only recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor from that conflict. The ceremony conducted in our community was to commemorate the naming of a section of our Interstate 4 highway from Colonial Drive to State Road 436 in memory of this Central Florida hero. That section of our major thoroughfare was designated by an act of the Florida Legislature the "Corporal Larry E. Smedley Medal of Honor Highway." It was my privilege to attend that ceremony and meet Corporal Smedley's mother Mary Smedley Smith, from Virginia Beach, his brother, Russell Smedley, from Orlando, Florida, and his sister, Valerie Smedley, from Orlando, Florida. I know I join all those in attendance at that ceremony and countless Americans who appreciate Corporal Smedley's heroism and his family's incredible sacrifice to our nation. It is my honor to include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the House of Representatives the outstanding and heartfelt remarks from The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Department of Veterans Affairs delivered at the dedication ceremony.

Good morning.

It has been said that "True heroism is remarkably sober . . . It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost."

History is defined by critical moments . . . sobering moments, costly moments . . . moments that are turning points in time. The United States of America has existed for less than three centuries. And throughout our history, we have been tested, time and again, by defining moments of conflict. Vietnam was one of those moments.

The men who fought there were young and untested. Citizen-soldiers from all walks of life . . . native-born and immigrants. From cities large and small . . . and from towns, villages, and farms. Yet they were bound together in a brotherhood whose lodestar continues to shine bright on an immutable truth given poetic definition by President Abraham Lincoln. "Our reliance" he said, "is in

the love of liberty. . . [and] in the preservation of the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere."

And so the young Americans of more than three decades past fought with a gritty sense of purpose . . . fortitude . . . and, many times, sheer obstinacy. They were tested in the raging fires of adversity at Ia Drang . . . Hue . . . Khe Sanh . . . Pleiku . . . and in a thousand clashes and skirmishes remembered, now, only by those who fought them.

Those battles, known and unknown, prove one thing—there is the possibility for triumph . . . dignity . . . and great honor in even the most difficult, the most trying of circumstances. Especially when these qualities are rooted in men dedicated to each other and to the principle—not the objective—for which they fight. Men descendent of a common creed—One Nation, under God . . . and guardian of a common trust—Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Men like Corporal Larry E. Smedley, United States Marine Corps, who served America and served others in the highest tradition of America's greatest patriots . . . and who paid the cost of that selfless service with the coin of incredible sacrifice.

The true mettle of those who love Liberty is tested in moments such as the December night in 1967 when heroism emerged in the jungles of Quang Nam Province . . . heroism larger than life itself . . . full with its attendant valor, purpose, and sacrifice.

Corporal Smedley's awe-inspiring bravery is the stuff of American legend. In him we see the mighty strengths and quiet virtues of the American spirit. In him we see the outward courage and inner character of the American soldier . . . sailor . . . airman . . . Marine . . . and Coastguardsman. In him we see the very best of what it means to be an American. Though we are poorer that he was taken from us, we are richer for what he so selflessly gave us.

By his devotion to country and to his comrades on that night so long ago, Larry Smedley joined the revered ranks of America's heroes from Valley Forge . . . Fredericksburg . . . Belleau Wood . . . Normandy . . . and the Chosin. Together, they wrote boldly . . . largely . . . and indelibly . . . across our great National chronicle of military history.

For the story of America is the story of America's defenders . . . in war and in peace . . . at home and abroad. A story whose chapters speak eloquently of Duty, Honor, and Sacrifice. A story whose words and phrases recount unbreakable bonds of camaraderie forged in service to country. Whose words speak softly of beloved family and friends, and lives forever changed by the wounds of war . . . and whisper of faithful comrades forever young, cut down in life's prime. It is the story of Corporal Larry E. Smedley, United States Marine Corps. A hero who served his country . . . who served others . . . and who stands tall in the most honored pantheon of American patriots.

By today's ceremony, the spirit [of] liberty that Lincoln extolled lives here, among Central Florida's towns, fields and groves so familiar to Larry Smedley, the young boy. And by this dedication, the indomitable spirit of Larry E. Smedley, the young Marine, lives here in perpetuity . . . amid the expanse of the ribbon of highway stretching to the unbroken horizon of America's Sunshine State.

On this day of dedication . . . at this time of remembrance and reflection . . . we honor great deeds . . . great achievement . . . and great personal fortitude. We honor the memory of an ordinary American who served America in the most extraordinary way.

As one who, like Larry, served in the Republic of Vietnam, I struggle today to find

words that can give proper honor to the painfully short life of my brother-in-arms, Corporal Larry Smedley . . . knowing full well that words alone will never be enough.

And so, with your indulgence, let me close with the poignant words of the English poet, Laurence Binyon, whose poem "For the Fallen," was written in honor of England's World War I dead. I read from it today in memory of America's fallen hero—Corporal Larry E. Smedley:

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning

We will remember them.

May God always bless America and the sons and daughters who so courageously defend her.

STATEMENT REGARDING IDEA
CONFERENCE REPORT

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, as a former teacher and principal, the issue of special education is very personal to me. I know firsthand that too many children in the United States are deprived of a quality education because the federal government has not met its commitment to special education.

That is why I give my qualified support to the conference report on the Improving Education Results for Children With Disabilities Act of 2003 (H.R. 1350). Above all, this legislation reaffirms that all children have right to a high quality education tailored to their needs, and that the federal government has an obligation to ensure that school districts and educators have the appropriate resources to provide it. Indeed, this conference report is a step in the right direction.

Every child learns at his own pace and our educational system must be able to accommodate the needs of each individual student. Accordingly, this legislation allows students, schools, parents, and teachers to focus more of their time and energy on the individualized education programs (IEPs), and less on paperwork and procedure. The effect will be a more stimulating and constructive environment for students.

The IDEA reauthorization conference report increases parental involvement in the education of children with disabilities. Parents will have more opportunities to consult with teachers to deal with problems in an early and effective way, without the need to go through formal due process channels. It provides Parent Training Institutes, where parents can learn to use the resources available to them when working with schools to get the best education for their child. Additionally, in fifteen states IDEA will implement a pilot paperwork reduction program to help expedite the development and execution of IEPs.

This bill contains provisions for early intervention for students with special needs and mandates ongoing updates on student progress. It allows students to stay in the same, specially tailored program throughout their entire educational career, even if they switch schools. This provision is especially