

Weapons of Mass Destruction and Hazardous Materials. Years before the Anthrax Letter was received in Senator DASCHLE's Office, all the HDS technicians were certified to handle nuclear, biological and chemical incidents.

Captain Udell was instrumental in the response to the Anthrax letter attack, which occurred just one month after September 11th, 2001. He led his hazmat trained bomb techs on emergency calls that appeared to never end. Prior to the Anthrax attack, there was typically one or two "suspicious powder" calls a month. That was soon to change. On October 15th, the Senator Daschle anthrax letter was opened in the Hart Senate office building. It was the 3rd, of a total of 56 "suspicious powder" response calls, for just that day. Captain Udell managed the teams' response, and being a certified bomb and hazmat technician himself, he jumped in and responded to calls with his team. The response and clean up of the anthrax incident encompassed nearly seven months until completion. Captain Udell worked tirelessly throughout the entire period, working long extended hours and rarely taking a day off. To Captain Udell, this was just doing his job; to his team, the Capitol Police, and the Congressional Community Captain Udell is a true leader and patriot in the protection of Congress.

After the Anthrax incident, Captain Udell played a critical part in the development and implementation of the police department's Hazardous Materials Response Team. He finished his career as the Commander of the newly formed Hazardous Incident Response Division of the Capitol Police. The new unit incorporated an "all hazards" response capability to deal with the new and emerging threats in the post 9/11 era.

Captain Udell started his relationship with the Congress as high school student in the Page Program. He has served the Capitol Police and the Congress in an exemplary manner throughout his career. He is a role model to those who follow in what it means to "protect the Congress"—the mission of the U.S. Capitol Police, which Captain Udell has never forgotten.

IN HONOR OF SUE SHAPIRO

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sue Shapiro for her active role in community organizations and years of dedicated leadership. Mrs. Shapiro was honored at the Bayonne Jewish Community Center's 52nd annual Sustaining Dinner Gala on October 23, 2004, in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Sue Shapiro's commitment to serving her community has been demonstrated by her steadfast involvement in local organizations. In the past, she has served as a member and trustee of the Bayonne Board of Education and was the second woman to serve as president of the Temple Beth Am.

Her most extensive service has been with the Jewish Community Center. As chairperson of the Health and Physical Education Committee for 24 of her 29 years of participation, Mrs. Shapiro has overseen a successful athletic program for youth and adults of Bayonne.

She has also served as chair or co-chair of the Open Tennis Tournament, Winter Holiday Elementary School Basketball Tournament, Annual Golf Tournament, and Annual Sports Awards Program. In addition, she has successfully organized three reunions at the Jewish Community Center.

Throughout her years of involvement with these organizations, Mrs. Shapiro has continued to work as a dedicated employee for the Rexall Drug Company and Judge Harvey L. Birne.

Born and raised in Bayonne, Mrs. Shapiro was the wife of the late Harold Shapiro and is the proud mother of three sons and three grandchildren.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sue Shapiro for her outstanding leadership and dedication to the community of Bayonne, New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN DiPOFI

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. John DiPofi of Niagara Falls, NY, who passed away this week at the age of 106. He was the oldest living Marine in the United States at the time of his death.

Mr. DiPofi joined the Marines on November 10, 1922, and served for 3 years in Haiti. He was an expert rifleman and was assigned to guard the country's agricultural assets.

Mr. DiPofi was born in Italy and came to America in 1913 at the age of 15. He lived and worked in Niagara Falls after his tour of duty.

It was an honor to have Mr. DiPofi living in the 28th Congressional District. I was privileged to meet him last year and congratulate him on his good health and service to our nation.

I offer my sincerest condolences to Mr. DiPofi's family. The nation has lost a good soldier, and Niagara Falls has lost a good friend. His extraordinary life will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING LANCE CORPORAL PHILLIP G. WEST, USMC, WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN IRAQ NOVEMBER 19, 2004

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to Lance Corporal Phillip G. West, USMC, who was killed in action in Iraq November 19, 2004. Corporal West, a 19-year-old resident of Napa County, CA, answered his country's call and paid the ultimate price.

Corporal West served as a rifleman with the 3rd Platoon, India Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Division. He was on patrol in Fallujah when he was fatally wounded by an explosive device.

Corporal West was born and raised in Napa County. He was a lifeguard at the American

Canyon Aquatics Center and taught many local youngsters to swim. He also played football for the Vintage High School Crushers in Napa.

Corporal West loved his country and he enlisted in the Marines immediately upon graduation from Vintage High in 2003. He was drawn to the Corps because, to him, it was "the best" and he wanted to be part of the best.

Corporal West was deployed to Iraq's Al Anbar Province in June. As a rifleman, he was often in combat situations, either on safety patrol or in directly confronting insurgents. He excelled at his job, was highly regarded by his unit and received a commendation from the Marine Corps for superior performance.

Corporal West died serving the country he loved, with comrades he loved and with the love of his family in his heart. Our nation is humbled and grateful for his sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Lance Corporal Phillip G. West, USMC, who gave his life in service to his country.

HONORING THE WOODCLIFF COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Woodcliff Community Reformed Church, which celebrated its 75th anniversary on November 18, 2004, in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Throughout the years, the Woodcliff Community Reformed Church has helped the residents of Jersey City by supporting local organizations, providing outreach programs, and aiding in the spiritual development of its congregation.

Its efforts to serve the community include establishing a program to feed the homeless and offering building space to local Alcoholics Anonymous groups. It has also been a major supporter of the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops in the area. The church's dedication to serving others has greatly contributed to the success and stability of the community, and its contributions to the surrounding areas are to be commended.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Woodcliff Community Reformed Church for its 75 years of exemplary work within the community and its spiritual leadership in Jersey City, NJ.

COMMENDING HUMBERTO LOZANO LOPEZ

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a unique American patriot and pioneer in the Tejano recording industry and the world of radio and broadcasting, my friend from our hometown of Robstown, TX, Humberto Lozano Lopez.

Humberto was just inducted into the Tejano Hall of Fame in Texas for his lifetime of excellence in broadcasting and for the extraordinary

addition he has made to the tapestry of our lives through broadcasting—both music and community interest programming—composing, promoting Hispanic talent, and finally obtaining and operating the Lopez Broadcast System that now consists of several South Texas radio stations.

His introduction to radio came in 1955, while he was still in high school, conducting the American GI Forum Weekly Program on KCCT in Corpus Christi, TX. After graduation he continued this work he loved, and it took him all over south Texas and northern Mexico. In the early 1960s, he moved the family to San Antonio, where he branched out to television, and worked in the first U.S. Spanish Radio station, KCOR, and the first U.S. Spanish Television station, (KWEX).

His voice won him voice-over roles in some classic American movies—for voices of Spencer Tracy, Sidney Poitier, Anthony Quinn, and many more—and he dubbed several Hollywood movies into Spanish for broadcast into Mexico and Latin America. For his work in this venue, Humberto picked up an award for "Best Performance in Dubbing."

In the early 1970s, he returned to live in Robstown and work in Corpus Christi. He began as program director for KCCT, spicing up the classic station with a new motto, "Radio Jalapeno—Caliente." While in Corpus Christi, he worked for a while in print journalism for the Corpus Christi Sun Newspaper, as sales manager and columnist.

In the early 1980s, he longed to put his management skills and talent to use in a larger sphere, and applied with the FCC to own his own station. He quickly began acquiring radio stations in South Texas under the Lopez Broadcast System, which currently includes: KTMV-TV, Corpus Christi; KTMV-TV, Victoria (UPN affiliate); KTMV-TV, San Antonio; KMIQ 104.9 FM, Robstown-Corpus Christi; KINE 1330 AM Robstown-Kingsville; KXTM 107.7 FM, Benavidez; KHMC 95.5 FM, Victoria; and KLMO 98.9 FM, San Antonio. He continues to explore expanding Lopez Broadcast System into other markets such as College Station, San Angelo, and Houston.

Humberto's most memorable experiences included interviewing the widow of Mexican legend, Pancho Villa; Texas' first Hispanic Congressman, Henry B. Gonzalez; and the members of Battalion 201, the World War II Mexican Battalion. Easily, his most rewarding experience is the continuing success of the Lopez Broadcast System, which serves our home community in South Texas. Humberto's philosophy is: "It's not about how much money someone may earn but the accomplishments and lives you touch—which leaves a legacy of hope."

He is supported by the love of his life, his wife Minerva Rodriguez-Lopez; their children: Mario Humberto, Luis Homero, Larry, Manuel, Carlos, Humberto II, Ernesto, Mena Lamar, Melinda, Ray, Lisa, and Mary Helen; their 27 grandchildren—Mario Humberto II, Michael Anthony, Marissa, Celina, Carissa, Crista, Lizette, Lynsey, Ashley Nicole, Manuel Omar, Mireya, Alejandro, Gabriella, Laura Lynn, Carlos Eric, Crystal, Katherine, Ernesto Nicholas, Raul Jr., MiaMar Minerva, Isabella, Giselle Fey, Cristian Esai, Ray Jr., Amy Desiree, Nayeli, and Orlando DeLeon II; and their 2 great grandchildren, Mario Humberto III, and Michael Anthony.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending my dear friend, Humberto

Lozano Lopez, for the amazing achievement so far in his lifetime and for his recent induction into the Tejano Hall of Fame.

HONORING THE BALLOU SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the District's own Ballou Senior High School Marching Band for its recent extraordinary achievement at the Home Depot National Battle of the Bands Competition. The band, numbering 86 members, placed second among eight bands in a competition which included 110 entrants in the initial field. Ballou deserves recognition from the House of Representatives not only because of this notable accomplishment. I ask the Congress to recognize the Ballou Marching Band also because these students, led by their able and devoted band director, Darrell Watson, overcame nearly impossible odds.

The high school is located in one of the city's most disadvantaged and besieged communities. The students have lived with unusual human tragedy, including the fatal shooting of two fellow students this year. Also in 2003, the school was closed for more than a month because of an accidental mercury spill. At the end of the school year, many of the problems of the school were blamed on allegations of poor leadership and the principal was dismissed.

This is not an atmosphere conducive to producing award winning bands. Yet, the Ballou Marching Band's band director and the new principal, Daniel Hudson, persevered. However, talent, intelligence, diligence and dedication could not cover the \$70,000 needed to travel to California to compete. The often struggling families of the students, and their inner-city community certainly did not have such funds. Still, the band and their school did not give up. They sought help from the business community, alumni and others. Many were moved by the determination of the students. Among the many contributors who made the trip possible were Federal Express—inspired by a Ballou alumna who was a vice president—Lockheed Martin, Embassy Suites Hotels, and William C. Smith and Company. The outpouring of love and support that the Ballou band received was inspired not only by the need, but by the students' own determination and efforts in doing car washes and selling dinners to earn funds for the trip.

The concrete show of confidence in these children enabled the band's participation and its prize-winning finish. In fact, the competition was razor close, and Ballou almost came away with the top prize. Its reward was a trip to Disneyland and the opportunity to play in the holiday parade. The larger and lasting reward is the sense of accomplishment the students received and the opportunity to broaden their horizons and expectations concerning where hard work and high aspirations can lead. On a visit to the school, I was moved to see the effect of the band's achievements on the entire student body, which gathered to celebrate the band with principal, teachers and staff all present. The band director, Darrell

Watson, spoke of the numerous compliments he received, including words of praise concerning the exemplary behavior of the members of the band. Principal Hudson is leading the students to transfer the band's achievement to academic achievement as well for the student body.

I am proud that the band represented the city so well and proud to represent the band, the school, and the community in the Congress of the United States. Last week I wrote to President Bush to ask that the Ballou Band march in the upcoming Inaugural Parade. Considering what the band has achieved and the obstacles the students have overcome, I believe that the band and the school deserve this national recognition. Mr. Speaker, the Ballou Senior High School Marching Band deserves the accolades the band is receiving since returning from California. I ask the House of Representatives to add its own congratulations as well.

HONORING MARCELLUS'S GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary group of athletes, the Marcellus Girls Varsity Soccer team. Marcellus captured its second consecutive Section 3, Class B state title with a 6 to 0 win over Fredonia, ending their season with an overall record of 23–1–1.

The Marcellus Mustangs lived up to their season long No. 1 ranking with a decisive victory over Fredonia led by senior striker Jenna Farneti scoring three goals and two assists. Amy Ware and Hannah Vaughn struck the final blows to the nails in the coffin adding three more goals with Meghan Mannion and Alyssa MacLachlan contributing the assists.

While acknowledging these five, outstanding athletes for their efforts in the championship game is well deserved; any member of a team knows that victory isn't possible without the contributions of all team members and coaches.

Coach Laurie Updike, Jenna Farneti, Rachel Farneti, Stephanie Gosson, Kelly Hanlon, Sarah Holden, Jocie Jankowski, Alyssa MacLachlan, Meghan Mannion, Ashley Martin, Lauren Longo, Alyse O'Brien, Sarah Potter, Catherine Scott, Amanda Stessen, Hannah Vaughn, Katie Walter, Amy Ware, Jennifer Young, Katie Young, Katie Zimmerman, Emily Zimmerman, Emmy Potter, Meghan Kaminska are all equally valued components of the Marcellus perennial powerhouse.

A special recognition is also deserved to those whom support Marcellus's fine athletes, the parents, teachers, students and fans. You were all instrumental in the Mustang's success.

I commend the Marcellus Girls Varsity Soccer team for their dedication and congratulate them on a triumphant season. Your continued success reflects your tireless work ethic.

Congratulations to the Champs.