

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LOSS OF U.S. MARINE CORPS CPL.
ZACHARY A. KOLDA

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 20, 2004

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great American patriot, U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Zachary A. Kolda of Corpus Christi, Texas, who gave the last full measure of devotion to the country he loved and served when he was killed in combat in Al Anbar Province, Iraq on December 1, 2004.

He served with the Marine Reserves' 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division.

This 23-year-old Marine, who taught others how to live and enjoy life, left his studies at the University of Texas at Austin this spring when called to active duty for deployment to Iraq. Those who knew and loved him described him as a compassionate, funny, and lively young man who was always encouraging his friends and family to live life to the fullest each day.

That is a fitting legacy for this brave young Marine, who hailed from a family of military service. One grandfather served in the Navy for 28 years, while the other grandfather served in World War II.

Cpl. Kolda was mischievous, fun-loving, and forever cheering up his family and friends. He was an artist, peppering friends and family with cherished drawings and cartoons. He was proud to be a Marine, proud to serve this Nation in battle. His gentle spirit was uplifting and an inspiration to those who knew and loved him.

He had a sweet soul and he saw the best in people. He had a gift for cheering people up, making them laugh and see the silly side of life. He was friendly, engaging and straightforward.

Cpl. Kolda, who was majoring in international business at UT, lived with his wife, Arleen, in Austin. They were married in April, 2004, after a year-long engagement.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering with gratitude this great, sweet, funny patriot; his sacrifice on behalf of all of us; and the family he leaves behind in South Texas.

DIRECTING CLERK OF THE HOUSE
TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS
IN ENROLLMENT OF H.R.
4818

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. I rise today in support of the measure before us today, H. Con. Res. 528. This will come as no surprise to anyone since I am fairly certain that this

resolution has unanimous support from my colleagues, and rightly so. H. Con. Res. 528 corrects a provision included in H.R. 4818 that permits members of the Appropriations Committee and their staff to examine individuals' Federal tax returns. This is clearly a gross invasion of privacy, and I am thankful that this provision was brought to light before it was signed into law.

However, Mr. Speaker, the fact that we are considering H. Con. Res. 528 at all highlights the need for a change in the way this institution operates under the current Majority's leadership. Far too frequently in recent years, the Majority has brought significant pieces of legislation to the floor with little, if any, chance for Members to review the measures. We considered the Omnibus Appropriations bill here in the House the same day it was completed, which is a perfect example of this egregious process. H.R. 4818 included funding for 15 governmental agencies in the amount of approximately \$388 billion dollars, and stacked up at over 3,000 pages long. Yet Members and staff had less than 24 hours to go through the measure before voting on it.

Mr. Speaker, each and every time the Majority subverts the democratic process and brings legislation to the floor in this fashion, we are doing a disservice to the people of this country. It must stop and it must stop now. I am hopeful that we will return to "regular order" in the 109th Congress.

HONORING LIFETIME TELEVISION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 20, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Lifetime Television on its 20th anniversary and honor not only the outstanding work of the network in raising awareness about the issues affecting women, but for their efforts to pass critical legislation that will make a real difference in the lives of women.

I have been fortunate to work with Lifetime Television to end violence against women and families by pushing Congress to pass landmark legislation that I introduced, "The Debbie Smith Act," that will put rapists behind bars by reducing the number of unprocessed rape kits. In March 2002, Lifetime sponsored several events on Capitol Hill to educate Congress about the violence that many women face daily and what was being done to stop it. It was then that I introduced Debbie Smith, a courageous rape survivor whose assailant had been identified through the use of DNA technology, to Lifetime. This occasion marked the beginning of a collaborative effort to move "The Debbie Smith Act" through Congress and signed into law.

Lifetime initiated a petition drive, and 120,000 signatures were sent to Congress expressing outrage that rapists were walking the streets when the evidence that could put them

behind bars was collecting dust. By holding numerous educational briefings and receptions over the course of 2½ years, Lifetime continued the momentum to pass this legislation. Through their relentless work, Lifetime was instrumental in ensuring that "The Debbie Smith Act" became law in October.

Lifetime also has committed itself to providing valuable information to its viewers about women's healthcare, childcare, voting and running for elected office, and women who are making the world a better place. The network was one of the earliest leaders of efforts to raise awareness of breast cancer and refuses to back down until this deadly disease is eradicated. Lifetime, along with more than 10 million of its viewers, also continue to urge Congress to pass critical legislation to end the disgraceful practice of drive-through mastectomies, when women are forced out of the hospital only hours after surgery. In addition, one of Lifetime's original movies, "Video Voyeur: The Susan Wilson Story," helped to inspire recently passed legislation that will make video voyeurism a serious, punishable crime.

I believe that with its ability to reach millions of people everyday, Lifetime will continue to educate and enlighten. Although Lifetime's commitment is company-wide, I want to specifically acknowledge its outgoing president and CEO Carole Black and its executive vice president of public affairs Meredith Wagner, who initiated the network's advocacy efforts. Thanks to their passion and dedication, Lifetime truly has become an example of the power of the media to cause positive change, and I hope that others will follow its lead.

Once again, I commend Lifetime Television for its dedication to improve the lives of women and families, and I look forward to working with them again in the future. Lifetime will once again be bringing its campaign to Stop Violence Against Women to Washington in March 2005, and I hope all of my colleagues will get involved.

TRIBUTE TO ANN O'CONNELL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 20, 2004

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give thanks and praise to a fellow Nevadan and friend who has served her state well in many capacities. Ann O'Connell, a former Nevada State Senator, retired at the end of this state session. I stand today to give praise to her for her wonderful 19-year contribution to the great state of Nevada.

Ms. O'Connell was born in 1934 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She later earned a degree from the University of New Mexico. Upon moving to Nevada she began a very successful career in politics in which she has served her fellow Nevadans well.

In 1988 Ms. O'Connell received the Woman of Achievement in Politics award from the

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Women's Council of the Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce. She has also appeared in several editions of the "Distinguished Women's Book of Nevada." In 2002 she received the Women's Role Model Award from the Nevada Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I stand today to pay tribute to a great legislator and public servant. Ann O'Connell will be missed but not forgotten. I know that her retirement will not be the end of her public service and I thank her for her diligence in serving those around her.

LOSS OF U.S. ARMY CPL ISAAC E. DIAZ

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 20, 2004

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great American patriot, U.S. Army CPL Isaac E. Diaz, of Rio Hondo, Texas, who gave the last full measure of devotion to the country he loved and served when he was killed in Afghanistan on December 1, 2004.

He served with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light) from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He had been driving military vehicles in the Army for several years.

Like so many young people, Corporal Diaz wanted to find a way to go to college, so he joined the military in 1998, after graduating from Rio Hondo High School. Yet, the 26-year-old never enrolled in college. He was killed in Sharona, Afghanistan, when his Humvee rolled over while on routine patrol in the Paktika province.

In a sad—but brave—irony, after Corporal Diaz completed his initial three-year tour of duty at Fort Campbell, KY, he reenlisted for another four years to financially support his wife, Amber, and their infant son, Aaron.

Those that knew him well in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas spoke of his quiet intensity and his hard-working nature. The Rio High School Principal, Juan Montez, remembered Corporal Diaz as a studious teenager, the sort of student educators enjoyed having in class.

He worked hard and didn't complain. He was an excellent soldier. He was serving in the front of this war that is closest to the hiding places of Osama bin Laden and the al Qaida leaders who plotted the attack on this nation on September 11, 2001.

Corporal Diaz's service was honorable, as was his life. We all mourn the loss of this young American, whose life was cut short, leaving a hole in our hearts and forever altering his young family.

I want Corporal Diaz's son, Aaron, who is too young now to understand the depth of his father's sacrifice, to one day appreciate that his father loved this country—and him—enough to go in harm's way to protect our democracy.

I ask my colleagues to remember this great patriot, his sacrifice on behalf of all of us, and the family he leaves behind in South Texas.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 2845, INTELLIGENCE REFORM AND TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, the Conference Report we have before us today is of great importance to the safety of our Nation and I would like to commend my colleagues involved with the negotiations of this conference report for their diligent and tireless work.

Unfortunately, once again, the amount of time allotted for debate, as well as the amount of time we had to try and determine what actually is in the conference report does not do justice to the important task at hand. We may sound like broken records on this point, but that's simply because the majority continues to undermine the democratic process by putting critically important pieces of legislation on the bullet-train for passage.

Mr. Speaker, we are talking about no less than the most dramatic restructuring of our Nation's intelligence community since the creation of the National Security Council and Central Intelligence Agency in 1947. As such, each and every member of this body should have adequate time to sift through this lengthy and important legislation in order to have a full understanding of what exactly we are voting on tonight.

Nevertheless, as best as I have been able to determine from looking through the conference report thus far, it is a great improvement on the politically driven, partisan legislation the House passed in October. The 9/11 Commissioners who made these important recommendations support the conference report, as do families of the victims of the 9/11 attacks. Although I plan to vote in support of this conference report, I will be doing so with great concern over several provisions.

I have concerns that important civil liberty protection provisions have been watered down. I am pleased that there is language in the conference report to establish a Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, but am concerned that it was not given enough independence from the White House. The 9/11 Commission recommended the Board be given subpoena power. This bill gives no such power. I will introduce legislation in the 109th Congress to give the board this subpoena power it deserves to do its job. Also, Mr. Speaker, I am concerned that the sunset of specific provisions of the PATRIOT Act pertaining to financial institutions has been eliminated.

Despite these concerns, I believe this legislation is too important to the safety of our country and will therefore be voting in support of it. I do hope, however, as I recently stated during debate of a different bill, that the majority will stop bringing legislation and conference reports to the floor in the manner that this was brought before us today. It is a subversion of the democratic process and it must stop.

S. 2845, INTELLIGENCE REFORM AND TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, earlier, I had an opportunity to praise the work of the 9/11 Family Steering Committee and of the "leaders in Congress that has allowed the Congress to vote on and pass the Conference Report to S. 2845, which is the legislation that will enact the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission. While it would be nearly impossible to thank and recognize everyone that played a part in its passing, I would like to recognize the hard work of two 9/11 Pentagon family members, Abraham Scott and Rosemary Dillard.

Over the last several months these two individuals have been a constant presence on the Hill fighting for the implementation of intelligence reform. During this time I have had a chance to get to know these two remarkable individuals and I would like to share with you a little bit about them.

Abraham Scott, lost his wife of 24 years, Janice Marie, who was working in the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Everyday that Abe has traveled to the Hill, I have always been touched by the pictures of his family and his wife. He speaks fondly of his children and he speaks lovingly of his wife.

Rosemary Dillard lost her husband, Eddie A. Dillard, who was on flight 77 that struck the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Ms. Dillard, as a retired flight attendant manager for American Airlines also lost a crew of flight attendants that she managed.

I cannot imagine the grief and loss that these two individuals have had to endure, but I am honored to have had the opportunity to know them and work with them in fighting for the passage of the 9/11 Commission's recommendations. Both of them know that we still have work to do to ensure that our Nation will be safe from future terrorist attacks and I look forward to the opportunity to working with them again.

HONORING RAYMOND RAWSON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 20, 2004

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand today to pay tribute to a friend and fellow Nevadan. Mr. Raymond Rawson has served the great State of Nevada in the Nevada State Senate since 1985. I have had the honor to serve with him as he served as the Senate Assistant Majority Floor Leader in which he served as a great legislative role model and leader. I know that he will be missed in his retirement.

Mr. Rawson was born in Sandy, Utah, in 1940. He later moved to Nevada to pursue a bachelor's degree at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He received his D.D.S. from Loma Linda University Dental School, California, and then returned to Las Vegas to pursue a masters degree at UNLV in physical anthropology.