

HONORING LTC ROBERT ZANGAS,
USMC

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2004

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, we honor a man today who lost his life serving our country. Bob Zangas of Level Green, Pennsylvania first went to Iraq as a marine and returned later as a civilian to help rebuild that country.

His job was in public affairs, helping Iraqi journalists and media spread good news about their country. But his work transcended this simple description. He was also a teacher. One of his proudest moments was teaching Iraqi women his craft so they could open women's centers around the country. He was fully aware that he was one of the few western men who had the opportunity to interact with Iraqi women as they began to enjoy the freedom of pursuing careers of their own.

Bob was moved by his time in Iraq. He described a land that "is in desperate need of everything, where he felt he, "was pouring a cup of water out into a dry desert"—but believing some day it would make flowers grow. He lived on a hope that he made a difference and he most certainly did. He believed that our mission in Iraq was right and just. He saw firsthand the gratitude of the Iraqi people, and their gratitude to the Americans who were there to help.

Bob Zangas was proud to represent his country and dedicated to helping his fellow man. Americans and Iraqis alike mourn his passing, but celebrate his accomplishments. His wife Brenda described him as, "a true, patriotic American, humanitarian and Marine and foremost a father and husband." His brother described him as an "American's American" and talked of his "supreme sacrifice in selfless service." Bob Zangas closed one of his last letters with the challenge to, "hang on to your dreams." That is just what he did—to the very end. It is a dream of compassion, a dream of freedom, and for that the whole world is grateful. Thank you Lt. Col. Bob Zangas. Thanks to you we shall hold on to our dreams.

INTRODUCTION OF THE KNOWLEDGE
UTILIZATION IN EDUCATION ACT OF 2004

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2004

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I wish to briefly announce the introduction of the Knowledge Utilization in Education Act of 2004.

This act, which I will introduce today in the House of Representatives with bipartisan support, aims to increase the use of research-based knowledge to boost student performance and close the achievement gap.

There is a clear need for this legislation. Research shows that student achievement increases when teachers use practices based on scientifically valid research. While the No Child Left Behind Act requires educators to use instructional practices based on research, such practices are not widely used. Given that

students in 25,000 public schools may not be making adequate yearly progress, steps must be taken now to meet the demand for research-based instruction.

Overall, the act would help schools by providing new resources so educators can link education knowledge to classroom practice. The bill would also launch a national leadership initiative to bolster education knowledge.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this act. Congress should act now to give classroom teachers the research-based tools they need to help our Nation's children succeed. Thank you.

HONORING WARREN CENTRAL
RAIDERS FOR BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2004

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Warren Central Raiders for winning this year's Kentucky Men's High School Basketball Championship.

The hours of extra practice under the leadership of Head Coach Tim Riley brought this impressive distinction to Warren County. I want my colleagues in the House of Representatives to know of the pride that I have in representing these students and their families.

Everyone knows about Kentucky's love of basketball and the commitment many make every season to win. The Raiders remarkable 29-7 record reflects the great winning tradition of Kentucky basketball. I would like to commend the Raiders for their team work and determination. Third time's the charm!

OUTSTANDING YOUNG PEOPLE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2004

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring before this Congress the following outstanding young people who have voluntarily served orphans, public school children, college students, juvenile delinquents, and needy families under the official invitation and authority of government agencies in Russia, Romania, Mongolia, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and Taiwan. The excellent character demonstrated by these young people, as well as their commitment to the principles upon which our Nation was founded, have not only attracted the attention of leaders, parents, the media, and students, but it has also brought honor to the United States of America and to the Lord Jesus Christ whom they serve.

Adams, Grant (OK), Adams, Julianna (OK), Adams, Starla (OK), Adler, Robert (IN), Adler, Sally (IN), Aiken, Molly (TN), Allen, Rebekah (KS), Altman, Rachel (OH), Anders, Erin (MI), Anderson, Alice (CA), Anderson, Daniel (CA), Anderson, Donald (CA), Anderson, Julie (CA), Arevalo, David (CA).

Baggott, Jessica (NY), Bair, Aileen (OH), Bair, Robert (OH), Baker, Jordan (OK),

Baldrige, Jana (WI), Bartlow, Jeremy (TX), Bass, Chase (LA), Bean, Amy (CA), Bell, Lauren (TX), Bell, Mike (TX), Bell, Rachel (TX), Bender, Anthony (CA), Bender, Patty (CA), Bender, Steven (CA), Berge, Melanie (MN), Bernhardt, Jacob (IL), Bogner, Melanie (TX), Bolger, Ann (NY), Bolger, Jim (NY), Bolger, Lauren (NY), Bolger, Maave (NY), Bolger, Meghan (NY), Bourne, Daniel (PA), Bourne, William T. (PA), Brock, Jarrod (WA), Books, Joy (WA), Browder, Haley (TX), Brown, James (NY), Brown, Sarah (NY), Brown, Summer (GA), Brubaker, David (PA), Brubaker, Emily (PA), Brubaker, Jeni (PA), Brubaker, Leon (PA), Brubaker, Luke (PA), Brubaker, Mary (PA), Brubaker, Nathan (PA), Buckingham, Elisabeth (OK), Busse, Nathan (OK), Busse, Jenece (MO), Butler, Isaiah (MD), Butler, Kathryn (MD), Butler, Linda (MD), Butler, Lisa (MD), Butler, Luke (MD), Butler, Rachael (MD), Butler, Tol (MD), Bye, Angela (CAN).

Carlisle, Jeshua (MO), Carpenter, Daniel (LA), Cato, David (LA), Cato, Timothy (LA), Cavender, Ben (MI), Chen, Anna (NY), Chen, Faith (NY), Chen, Grace (NY), Chen, Karen (NY), Chen, Stephen (NY), Chen, Timothy (NY), Cheney, Bailey (GA), Cheney, Erin (GA), Cheney, Linda (GA), Cheney, Ted (GA), Christensen, Joshua (MO), Coffia, Jonathan (MI), Coggin, Joshua (VA), Comaris, Shawn (WI), Comstock, Carol (IN), Comstock, Gordon (IN), Conner, Elizabeth (TN), Cook, Kristi (SC), Cook, Timothy (SC), Copu, Beny Bill (IL), Copu, Carmen (IL), Copu, George (IL), Copu, Joy (IL), Copu, Paul (IL), Copu, Paula (IL), Copu, Peter (IL), Copu, Rebecca (IL), Copu, Robert (IL), Copu, Stefana (IL), Copu, Valen (IL), Cover, Michelle (CA).

Dagarin, Ruth (MA), Davidson, Nathan (FL), David, Daniel (VA), Davis, Elizabeth (VA), Dawson, Melody (CA), DeBoer, Stephen (IL), DeMaise, Laura (IN), Dettwyler, Brad (OR), Diel, Jonathan (WI), Dillon, Kirsten (CA), Dingwall, Robert (FL), Donnenworth, Kimberly (KS), Dowden, Corey (TX), Drinkall, Craig (IL), Dudley, Crystal (TX), Dudley, Wes (MI), Dunnam, Rebecca (GA), Dzimianski, Sara (GA).

Elgard, Briana (MN), Elliott, Paul (OK), Emhof, Kalen (FL), Ewing, Crystal (MN).

Fagala, Jessica (OK), Fear, Andrew (FL), Feig, Nathaniel (WI), Fellers, Susana (MN), Ferguson, Sarah (TX), Fite, Joshua (AR), Furlong, Michael (TX).

Gaffney, Camille (MI), Garabedian, Krikor (CAN), Garner, Lisa (TX), Gentz, Benjamin (IA), Gergeni, Judy (IN), Gergeni, Rodger (IN), Gillson, Kirsten (MN), Gillson, Micale (MN), Gillson, Rowan (MN), Glasgow, Anneliese (OH), Glasgow, Kirsten (OH), Gothard, William, Goodwin, Joshua (CA), Gray, Charissa (OR), Gwin, Jennifer (SC).

Hagemeyer, Leah (CA), Hall, Parys (PA), Hargrove, Sarah (OH), Hausner, Zachary (MO), Havlik, Timothy (MN), Hawkins, Donald (OR), Hawkins, Jonathan (OR), Hawkins, Sally (OR), Hawkins, Susan (OR), Haynes, Esther (OK), Haynes, Harriet (OK), Haynes, Hubert (OK), Haynes, Mary (OK), Heisey, Joel (PA), Henderson, Johanna (FL), Hill, John (IA), Holley, Melanie (MI), Hoppe, Jonathan (MN), Hordyk, Jaclyn (CAN), Horneman, Hosea (FL), Houser, Galen (CA), Huber, Monica (PA), Hutson, Kristin (MO), Hullinger, Jennifer (IL).

Jefferies, Megan (MI), Jensen, Joy (IL), Jernigan, Ginger (FL), Johnson, Alanna (MI), Johnson, Benjamin (PA), Johnson, Katie (IN), Johnson, James (MI), Johnson, Juliana (PA), Josephsen, John (MT), Joyner, Sarah (NC).

Kaessner, Jennifer (CO), Karam, Rebecca (FL), Kjos, Stephen (MN), Klassen, Jonathan (TX), Koby, Keith (MI), Koby, Penny (MI).

Lafaurie, Majorie (NY), Leigh, Daniel (MS), Leigh, Sarah Catherine (MS), Levendusky, Tim (OK), Liljenberg, Zachary (WA), Lindemann, Ingrid (WA), Linhardt, David (KS), Lipp, Christopher (CAN), Ludden, Naomi (IN), Lundmark, Samuel (PA), Lyons, Naomi (IL), Lyons, Rachel (IL).

Mancillas, Gonzalo (MEX), Mancillas, Yolando (MEX), Marsh, Jeremy (NC), Martens, Brooke (MI), Martens, Timothy (MI), Martin, Brooke (MT), Martin, Gabrielle (IL), Martin, Jonathan (PA), Martin, Samuel (IL), Martin, Stephen (IL), Matchak, Joel (CA), Mattix, George (IL), Mays, Isaiah, (CA), McCloy, Mike (TX), McCray, Elizabeth (AR), McCray, Ellianna (AR), McCray, Emily (AR), McCray, James (AR), McCray, Jason (AR), McCray, Jo (AR), McCray, Kevin (AR), McCray, Melissa (AR), McCray, Mitchell (AR), McCray, Virginia (AR), McCurdy, Terry (MI), McDonald, Brandon (WI), McDonald, Jessica (WI), McEndarfer, Andrew (OK), McGregor, Benjamin (MI), McGregor, Megan (MI), McNab, Jill (CO), McOlin, Erin (TX), Means, Mary Ann (MI), Melvin, Bryce (FL), Melvin, David (FL), Messick, Rebekah (TX), Millard, Hannah (OR), Millard, Sarah (OR), Miller, Amber (TX), Miller, Debra (IL), Miller, Heidi (IL), Miller, Jeanne (PA), Miller, Katie (IL), Miller, Rachael (MT), Minner, Aaron (MO), Moody, Christina (IL), Moon, Bethany (MO), Morgan, Bert (IN), Morgan, Dorothy (IN), Morgera, John (CT), Murray, Kristin (PA)).

Neu, Daniel (KS), Neu, Michelle (WI), Nisly, Vincent (CAN), Noland, Margaret (MA), Norvell, Joseph (AR), Norvell, Robert (AR), Novotny, Dewey (TX), Novotny, Gina (TX), Nunez, Jeremy (MI).

Osbourne, Heather, Oathout, Floyd (IL), Ouatu, Andrew (CA), Ouatu, Cristian (CA), Ouatu, Gabriela (CA), Ouatu, Jonathan (CA), Ouatu, Joshua (CA), Ouatu, Katherine (CA), Owens, Charis (MO).

Pallock, Christina (IL), Pallock, Dawn (IL), Pallock, Vanessa (IL), Paul, Kristin (IL), Payne, Nikolai (IA), Payne, Tara (IA), Payne, Tosha (IA), Pellascio, Megan (IL), Pellascio, Mike (IL), Pellascio, Susan (IL), Pellascio, Veronica (IL), Perez, Beverly (TX), Perez, Kimberly (TX), Perez, John (TX), Perkins, Glory Lauren (GA), Peterson, Amber (WA), Pintilie, David (CO), Plaiasu, Alina (CA), Plaiasu, Ana-Maria (CA), Plaiasu, Simona (CA), Pleus, Ruthann (FL), Policastro, Lauren (WI), Pollett, Kelly (CA), Powell, Kelsie (OK), Prentice, Valerie (OK).

Randall, Erin (TX), Ralya, Lindsey (FL), Rawson, Ben (NM), Reed, Aimee (NJ), Reed, Charity (TX), Reed, Michelle (TX), Rees, Rebecca (IL), Reimer, Beth (CAN), Reimer, Brian (TX), Reimer, Kate (CAN), Reimer, John (CAN), Reimer, Randall (CAN), Reimer, Timothy (TX), Reitz, Amber (NY), Richmond, Kezia (OR), Richmond, Pricilla (OR), Riness, Jeanna (MI), Risma, Jordan (CO), Risner, James (OH), Robertson, Aaron (AL), Robertson, Adam (AL), Robertson, Alan (AL), Robertson, Amy (AL), Robertson, Andrew (AL), Robertson, Anthony (AL), Robertson, Ashley (AL), Robertson, Autumn (AL), Robertson, Avery (AL), Robertson, Linda (AL), Robertson, Michael (AL), Ross, Charles (IN), Ross, Mary (IN), Ross, Rebecca (IN), Roth, Hannah (NE), Roth, Janell (CA), Roth, Lydia (OK), Roth, Rebecca (OK).

Sanborn, Diane (FL), Schaus, David (BC), Schwartz, Kyle (FL), Sellers, Susanna (FL), Sellin, Dexter (KS), Shafer, Laura (AR), Sherwin, Todd (CO), Silverman, Nathaniel (FL), Skwarek, Gary (CO), Smillie, John (CO), Snyder, Thomas (CA), Sobie, Nathan (POH), Sondergaard, Ron (CA), Southards, Matt (IL), Spillers, Daniel (LA), Staddon III, Don (WV), Stallings, Brandon (CO), Stallings, Grayson (CO), Steed, Bethany (CO), Stein, Naomi (WI), Stewart, Samuel (OH), Stewart, Timothy (OH), Stutzman, Julie (OH), Sullivan, Andrei (NC), Sullivan, John (NC), Sullivan, Roslyn (NC), Sullivan, Sarah (NC), Sullivan, Tom (NC).

Tanner, Justin (TX), Thompson, Ginny (GA), Thomson, Grace (NM), Thomson, Margaret (NM), Thornton, Lauren (GA), Thornton, Paul (GA), Thornton, William (GA), Tiemann, David (MN), Tiemann, Ryan (MN), Tillotson, Vanessa (NE), Tranberg, Catherine (OK), Treahy, Rachelle (AZ), Truhlar, Timothy (IL), Tsui, Nathan (TX).

Vanderhorst, Amy (KS), Vanderhorst, Daniel (KS), Vincent, Ethan (MI), Vinson, Micaela (KS), Visser, Ronald (IN), Wagley, Amy (LA), Wagley, Elizabeth (LA), Waller, Adam (WI), Walklin, Elisa (TX), Walley, Jennifer (NC), Walley, Joanna (NC), Warfield, Charles (CA), Weis, David (OH), Weldon, Sandi (TX), Wenstrom, Angie (FL), Wenstrom, Brittany (FL), Wenstrom, Chris (FL), Wenstrom, Heather (FL), Wenstrom, Jim (FL), Wenstrom, Kimberly (FL), Wenstrom, Matthew (FL), Wenstrom, Michelle (FL), Weston, Jennifer (CA), Weston, Kevin (CA), Williams, Cheri (CA), Williams, Elizabeth (AUS), Williams, Jamie (IN), Williams, Nathaniel (TX), Williams, Randahl (PA), Williams, Richard (AUS), Wold, Amy (MD), Wolfley, Audra (OK), Wright, Charissa (AZ).

Ziesemer, Ben (IL), Ziesemer, Daniel (IL), Ziesemer, Penny (IL), Zrinski-Myers, Brenda (TX).

RECOGNITION OF PAT RICHTER

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2004

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pat Richter and his incredible career as Athletic Director for the University of Wisconsin. After over fourteen years in that position, he is retiring on April 1, 2004.

Pat Richter played basketball, football, and baseball during his college days at the University of Wisconsin, lettering three times in each. He also went on to a professional career in football, but it is his legacy as Athletic Director that will carry on for years to come. Badger fans will always be grateful for his successful efforts in turning around an athletic department that faced financial difficulties, out of date stadiums, and waning fan support. Today, the University of Wisconsin boasts an athletic program that has attained nationwide acclaim for success and innovation both in athletics and academics.

Under Pat Richter's watch, the University of Wisconsin has built modern athletic facilities, including the Kohl Center, University Ridge Golf Course, the Fetzer Academic Learning Center, and the Goodman Softball Diamond. The University has also renovated the

McClimon Track/Soccer Complex, and recently began renovation of Camp Randall Stadium. Badger fans will be able to enjoy these facilities for generations to come.

I am most proud of Pat Richter's efforts toward equality in the athletic department. In his fourteen year tenure, the University of Wisconsin has added three women's sports—softball, lightweight crew, and hockey. The University of Wisconsin now has a policy that strives to have a percentage of female athletes proportionate to the overall female population of students on campus.

The success of Wisconsin athletics under Pat Richter has been phenomenal. The Badgers have won three national championships—men's hockey in 1989–90, men's rowing in 1989–90 and men's soccer in 1995—and a remarkable 49 Big Ten Championships. The football team has won three Rose Bowl games. The women's basketball teams have played in six NCAA tournaments, while the men's basketball team recently played in their seventh NCAA tournament in eight years, a remarkable run that also includes a trip to the Final Four by the 2000 team.

Mr. Speaker, I join all of Wisconsin in recognizing Pat Richter's achievements as Athletic Director and we wish him much success.

THE UNITED STATES, ROMANIA, AND . . . MOLDOVA

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2004

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request that the following document be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. As you may know, many of my constituents and friends in the state of Nevada are of Romanian descent, and it is with those individuals in mind that I make this request.

The Romanian-American Community greeted with joy the fall of communist dictatorships and the dissolution of the former Soviet Union. They also greeted with optimism the declaration of independence of the newly created Republic of Moldova. Their paramount hope was that the people of this republic, of whom the majority are ethnic Romanians, would develop along democratic lines and would become part of the enlarged European family. Their joy was short-lived. Russia soon launched a new geopolitical policy aimed at bringing back to its fold Moldova and other parts of the former Soviet Union. As of March 2004, Belarus is well under Moscow's control, Ukraine is barely capable of claiming its independence, and Moldova has virtually collapsed as a result of new Russian political pressure and economic strangulation. The communist government of Moldova has recently withdrawn the parliamentary immunity of the last members of the democratic opposition and is ready to imprison them. Due to these humanitarian, political, and geopolitical reasons, the Romanian communities of the United States have changed their views and have suggested a new policy toward Moldova . . . Here is their new stand as prepared by Dr. Nicholas Dima.)

THE UNITED STATES, ROMANIA, AND . . . MOLDOVA

This essay represents the position of a large number of responsible and loyal American citizens of Romanian descent with regard to the current status of the Republic of Moldova. Heretofore, we present the facts.