

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TERRY
PHILLIPS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity and pay tribute to Terry Phillips and thank him for his dedication to Colorado and his community as a two-term State Senator. The level of energy and integrity that he has brought to the General Assembly throughout his years of public service are truly outstanding. As Terry celebrates his retirement, let it be known that he leaves behind a great legacy of commitment to the people of Colorado and the Colorado General Assembly.

A Boulder County Assessor from 1989 to 1997, Terry was elected from District 17 to serve the community of Boulder in the State Senate in 1996, and subsequently in 2000. As a dedicated public servant, Terry also is a member of the Colorado Student Loan Program Advisory Committee, Executive Committee for the Council of State Governments West, Water Policy Committee, and the State/Local Forum and Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. For this current term he serves as a member of the Appropriations, Business Affairs & Labor, Finance, and Joint Computer Management Committees. Some of the honors he has received for his significant accomplishments while serving in the General Assembly include the Colorado Assessors' Association Legislator of the Year award in 2002, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center Alumni Legislative Award in 2000, and the University of Colorado Boulder Alumni Legislative Award in 1999.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that Terry Phillips is a person that has displayed a terrific level of dedication and commitment to his life long pursuit of public service. Terry's selfless dedication to his Boulder community and the State of Colorado is truly outstanding, and it is my privilege to recognize him today before this body of Congress and this nation. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN D.
HILLER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, Spc. Stephen D. "Dusty" Hiller, 25, of Killeen, Texas, died on April 4, 2004, in Iraq. Spc. Hiller was a member of the Army's 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, based at Fort Hood, Texas, and was killed when his unit was attacked near Baghdad. He is survived by his wife Lesley and their four children, and is the son of Elizabeth Hiller of Opelika, and Steve and Glenda Hiller of Waverly.

Stephen Hiller was eager to serve his country, Mr. Speaker, and earned the nickname "Dusty" from his father. After attending Opelika High School, in 1998 he pursued his dream of serving in the military and enlisted in the Army. He later served in the Alabama National Guard. Like every other soldier, he duti-

fully left behind his family and loved ones to serve our country overseas.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and for the gratitude our country feels for his service. Spc. Hiller died serving not just the United States, but the entire cause of liberty, on a noble mission to help spread the cause of freedom in Iraq and liberate an oppressed people from tyrannical rule.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this mournful day.

HONORING ZOILA PEREZ ROBAINA

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Zoila Perez Robaina on her 90th birthday. On Sunday, April 18, 2004, Mrs. Perez Robaina celebrated this momentous occasion with her closest friends and family.

Zoila Perez Robaina was born in Consolacion del Sur, Pinar del Rio, Cuba on April 22, 1914. She was one of 11 children born to Encarnación Robaina Gonzalez and Antonio Perez Robaina. At a young age in Cuba, Mrs. Perez Robaina took an apprenticeship in embroidery and fashion design. Once she was proficient, she began a private business from her home specializing in infant clothing and bridal accessories.

After sustaining 10 years under the Castro regime, Mrs. Perez Robaina, who met her husband Wilfredo Alfonso Ortega in Cuba, left the island with her daughter in 1969 and made her way to Newark, New Jersey. Her husband was forced to stay in order to be supportive of their son, Lazaro, who had been imprisoned for his political pursuits against the revolution. It was 4 years until the entire family was finally reunited in the United States.

Once in New Jersey, Mrs. Perez Robaina worked tirelessly at Koryette's Department store as an inventory clerk to provide for her family. She was a dedicated parishioner of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. After the passing of her husband in 1981, Mrs. Perez Robaina moved to the City of North Bergen where she began to attend Our Lady of Libera church. During her time at both Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and Our Lady of Libera Church, she was an active member of Mary's Legion.

Mrs. Perez Robaina is the loving mother of two children, Lazaro and Gloria, and the proud grandmother of 7 grandchildren. And at the age of 90 years, she is an integral part of her family, with her infectious energy and love.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Zoila Perez Robaina in celebration of her 90th birthday. I wish her good health and happiness in the years to come.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
DYLAN FOWKES

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Dylan Fowkes has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Dylan Fowkes has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Dylan Fowkes has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Dylan Fowkes must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 23 and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Dylan Fowkes as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

TRIBUTE TO TAIWAN RELATIONS
ACT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan and to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act. Originated in the Congress, the Act protects a people who would otherwise be at the mercy of their larger cousins across the Strait.

The Act, signed into law by President Jimmy Carter on April 10, 1979, forms the basis for the security of our most important Asian ally and trading partner. It has enabled that beleaguered island to become an economic and political miracle.

Mr. Speaker, Taiwan enjoys a vibrant democracy, with competitive political parties participating in free and open elections. Its government and its market-based economy are models for those nations struggling to lift themselves out of the poverty Taiwan once suffered.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CARL
MILLER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity and pay tribute to Carl Miller and thank him for his dedication to Colorado as a four-term representative in the State House of Representatives. Carl has brought an outstanding level of energy and integrity to the State House throughout his years of public service, and as he celebrates his retirement, let it be known that he leaves behind a great legacy of commitment to the people of Colorado and the Colorado General Assembly.

A third generation Leadville native, Carl has always held firm to his beliefs of serving his community and country. Graduating from Leadville High School in 1956, he joined the army and served in Germany from 1958 to 1960. In 1977 Carl filled his first elective office as Lake County Commissioner, and served as past chairman and member of Region 13 Council of Governments. In 1996, Carl was elected to serve District 56 in the Colorado House of Representatives, and presently serves on the Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources Committee; Information & Technology Committee; and the Capital Development Committee.

An active member of his community Carl has devoted his time to numerous civic organizations. A miner for twenty-seven years, Carl served as president and executive director of the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum from 1989 to 1999. He has served on the Lake County School Finance and Scholarship Committees, Lake County Advisory group, Lake County Historic Preservation Committee, and the 3rd Congressional Military Academy Advisory Selection Committee. Carl and his wife Mary Ann of forty-three years have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that State Representative Carl Miller has ceaselessly dedicated his time and efforts to serving his district and the people of Colorado in the Colorado General Assembly. I am honored to bring his hard work and commitment to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation today. Thank you for all your service Carl and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

HONORING THE FAITHFUL SERVICE OF EDGAR B. JACKSON, JR., M.D.

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Edgar B. Jackson, Jr., M.D. in celebration of the establishment of a \$1.53 million endowed chair position in his honor at University Hospitals in Cleveland, OH. His dedicated work over the past 38 years with University Hospitals and Case Western Reserve University is exemplary.

Dr. Jackson began his work as a laboratory assistant at Western Reserve University, where he received his medical degree in 1966. He remained active at the university and became the first African-American at Case to become a professor of clinical medicine. One of Dr. Jackson's passions in life was to provide better health care for underprivileged Clevelanders, and he acted on this passion by establishing medical centers in Glenville in the 1970s and Fairfax in the 1990s.

Dr. Jackson went on to serve as the Chief of Staff and Senior Vice President of clinical affairs at University Hospitals. A true professional and family man, he is still practicing medicine but will begin to focus more of his time and attention on his grandchildren.

The Edgar B. Jackson, Jr., M.D. Endowed Chair is the first chair to be named after a black doctor at University Hospitals and will be funded by over 200 prominent Cleveland donors. Dr. Jackson served as my personal in-

ternist and is also a close friend. I would like to honor Edgar Jackson for the establishment of his endowed chair and thank him for his support and encouragement over the years.

On behalf of the people of the 11th Congressional District of Ohio and the United States Congress, I pay tribute to the leadership, dedication, support, and commitment of Edgar B. Jackson, Jr., M.D. to University Hospitals and to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, April 2, 2004, I was unable to vote on H.R. 3108, On Agreeing to the Conference Report on the Pension Funding Equity Act (rollcall 117). Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING CLUB ESPAÑA OF NEWARK

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Club España for continuing to promote Spanish culture throughout the City of Newark. On Saturday, April 17, 2004, Club España celebrated its 40th anniversary with a dinner/dance at 8 p.m., at 180 New York Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

For forty years, Club España has served the city and community of Newark as a center for promoting Spanish culture. As the city continued to diversify, Club España has continued to provide a place to keep Spanish cultural tradition alive. Through music, traditional dance, and events, Club España has afforded generations of Spanish immigrants an opportunity to continue to practice the traditions of their native land and honor their heritage. Cultural centers, like Club España, provide communities with numerous opportunities to learn and participate in activities, and for friends, families, and strangers to meet and interact.

Club España not only serves as a Spanish cultural center, but has also been actively involved in its community. Located in Newark's historic Ironbound district, Club España has instituted several social programs for children, families, and seniors, in order to assist those who are less fortunate. One shining example is the youth members program, established to teach children about the history and culture of Spain. The programs offered by Club España provide a sense of community, as well as tools and assistance for our children to succeed in the future.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Club España for its distinguished public service, and its dedication to promoting Spanish culture in the City of Newark. I was truly honored to be Club España's guest of honor at the 40th anniversary Dinner/Dance event.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING NOELLE RUPLI

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Tim and Linda Rupli are celebrating the arrival of their daughter, Noelle Rupli; and

Whereas, Noelle Rupli was born on the sixteenth day of March, 2004 and weighed seven pounds and fourteen ounces; and

Whereas, Tim and Linda are proud to welcome their new daughter into their home; and

Whereas, Noelle Rupli will be a blessed addition to her family, bringing love, joy and happiness for many years to come;

Therefore, I join with Members of Congress and Congressional Staff in celebrating with Tim and Linda Rupli and wishing Noelle Rupli a very happy birthday.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MR. EDWARD J. KEPPEL

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Edward J. Keppel.

Mr. Keppel entered active duty as a second lieutenant on Sept. 1969 with an assignment to Det 10, 6 WW, Eglin AFB, FL. He separated from active duty in Dec. 1973 to pursue graduate studies in meteorology at Penn State University.

In Dec. 1974, Mr. Keppel returned to Eglin to continue the work he enjoyed supporting weapons testing—this time as a civilian staff meteorologist for Det 10 (later renamed 46th Weather Squadron).

Throughout the next 30 years Mr. Keppel has directly influenced many changes and great technical advancements. He has seen guided missile programs such as the Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) develop from concept to operational capability.

Mr. Keppel was a pioneer in developing weather support for armament testing. He utilized DMSP equipment and "metvans" to instrument test ranges for real-time and post-test mission analysis.

His efforts contributed greatly to the fielding of the first portable upper air sounding system—initially meant exclusively for testing, but is now used for many operational weather support applications around the world.

Mr. Keppel was a driving force behind instrumenting the Eglin test range with Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS)—which are used today to provide critical data for missions ranging from armament flight test to Army Ranger Training Battalion swamp movement training.

More recently, Mr. Keppel was recognized for his expertise with sound propagation models used in support of the first two test detonations of the Massive Ordnance Air Burst (MOAB), the largest conventional bomb in the U.S. inventory. This weapon was developed and tested for use in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.