

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2004

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 118, 119, 120, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE
GORNICK FAMILY**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated family that has provided a tremendous service to the Pueblo community for many years. Rose and Jack Gornick, the original founders of the Gornick Furniture Store, and their sons Jack Jr. and Gene, and now Jack's grandsons Ken and Scott have devoted their time to helping Pueblo citizens improve the decor of their homes. I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing their longstanding generosity and creative endeavors before this body of Congress.

What initially began in 1928 as a small but successful grocery store on Northern avenue, has transitioned into a blossoming and prosperous furniture store that has kept generations of customers coming back to furnish their homes. The Gornick family has devoted over eighty years of long hours in the store and at trade shows, taking risks to find the cutting-edge pieces of furniture that will lure customers into their store. Despite the tough years during World War II in the grocery business, and the immense amount of devotion that goes into the furniture business, the family has maintained their Slovenian tradition, which prides itself on providing the customers innovative items with high quality. The family has been able to watch their combined hobby and business interests bear fruit as childhood friends grew up to become loyal customers.

Mr. Speaker it is a privilege to honor the Gornick Family for their many years of dedication to the Pueblo community. They are lucky to inherit and pass along to future generations a wonderful business that gives people a reason to come home to peaceful and relaxing locales that offer salvation from the hectic pace of today's modern world. The Gornick family is truly a gem in the Pueblo community that I hope will long endure as an example of amiable citizens that inspire future generations to work hard and to achieve their dreams. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors, and I thank them for their service.

RECOGNIZING LANKENAU
HOSPITAL**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lankenau Hospital on the 50th anni-

versary of its move to Wynnewood, Pennsylvania and for its 50 years of dedication and service to the Wynnewood community.

Established in 1860, Lankenau Hospital is an acute care teaching hospital with an affiliated medical research center on its campus. In 1953, Lankenau moved to its present location in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania where it continues its contribution to the overall quality of life in communities throughout the entire Delaware Valley.

Lankenau Hospital is known for its pioneering vision in the field of medicine. Its specialties include: a heart center, a neonatal intensive care unit, accredited sleep medicine services and a cancer center. Lankenau Hospital offered the first cobalt radiation unit in the Philadelphia area and the fourth in the country. It opened the first hospital-based health education museum in the country, while also creating the first suburban kidney transplant program (now in its tenth year) and the area's first suburban heart failure and transplant program which recently performed its first transplant on a patient from Philadelphia.

Above all, Lankenau Hospital has a history of an outstanding medical staff, including physicians who are internationally-recognized innovators in the treatment of cancer, heart disease, kidney disease, and other disorders. For example, it was a Lankenau physician who developed the first digital hearing aid. The Hospital is proud to have served hundreds of thousands of patients during the past 50 years in Wynnewood. The community has benefited greatly from the outstanding contributions of Lankenau Hospital and its staff and area citizens, look forward to a bright future of medical achievement and service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Lankenau Hospital for its 50 years of exemplary service to the Wynnewood community and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

RECOGNIZING SPECIALIST
ENRIQUE ALVARADO**HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize U.S. Army Specialist Enrique Alvarado, a resident of the 28th district of Texas and, most importantly, a returning hero from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Specialist Alvarado grew up in Villa Coronado on San Antonio's Southside and graduated from Southside High School in 1993. In 1999, Specialist Alvarado enlisted in the US Army and was assigned as a Cavalry Scout in Iraq with the Scout Platoon of the 2nd Battalion 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division based in Fort Stewart, Georgia.

In Operation Iraqi Freedom, Alvarado served courageously with his fellow soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division who, along with its supporting units, was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, the division defeated or destroyed four Republican Guard Divisions, one Iraqi Regular Army Division, three Special Republican Guard Brigades, and thousands of paramilitary forces.

Individually, Specialist Alvarado received an Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) for his

service in Iraqi Freedom and a Certificate for Order of the Golden Spur. Specialist Alvarado has also been nominated for the prestigious Soldiers Medal for rescuing a fellow soldier in Iraq.

Specialist Alvarado now resides in San Antonio and serves in the Garrison Headquarters at Fort Sam Houston. He has been happily married for six years and has three children.

Specialist Alvarado served and continues to serve our country valiantly. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize him today.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND LACY R.
HARWELL SR.**HON. JIM DAVIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend Lacy R. Harwell Sr., a man who faithfully dedicated his life to serving his family, his congregation, his community and his country.

The City of St. Petersburg was blessed with Rev. Harwell's talents starting in 1969 when he came to serve as senior pastor at Maximo Presbyterian Church. For a quarter of a century, Rev. Harwell guided his congregation and ministered to the poor and downtrodden.

Rev. Harwell worked to establish substance abuse programs in the community. As a member of the board of Bayfront Medical Center, he fought for better health care services for the poor.

As St. Petersburg struggled with racial conflicts, Rev. Harwell worked to unify the community. In the 1970s, after the Pinellas County School Board ordered the busing of school children to further integrate public schools, Rev. Harwell, who served on the School Board's Bi-racial Committee, called a special meeting of his congregation to encourage parents to support public education and to refrain from pulling their students out of the schools.

Rev. Harwell ministered to his community in countless other ways. He was a chaplain and student government adviser at the University of Florida, a charter member of the Community Alliance, and he served on the boards of trustees for Eckerd College, St. Petersburg Junior College and the Presbytery of Southwest Florida. In 1986, the local chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews honored Rev. Harwell for his "strong commitment to interfaith service and community involvement."

Before entering the ministry, Rev. Harwell served his country in the U.S. Coast Guard and then as a chaplain in the U.S. Naval Reserve. By the time he retired as a Captain in 1986, he had earned the USNR American Defense Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the USCG Commendation Medal.

The citizens of St. Petersburg, as well as Philadelphia, where Rev. Harwell had also ministered, were very fortunate to have him as a devoted servant. On behalf of our community, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Rev. Harwell's family.