

For 35 years, Captain Jennings has served the Concord Police Department and surrounding community. His hard work has improved the safety of the city as well as bettered the overall quality of life for all members of the community. I am proud to commend him today for his leadership, dedication, and commitment to the people of the city of Concord.

THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed privilege to honor the city of Northampton, MA, and its residents as they celebrate the 350th anniversary of its European settlement in 2004. This occasion presents a wonderful opportunity for this community rich in history to reflect on its achievements, to celebrate its quality of life, and to join in ensuring this legacy for future generations.

Northampton was founded in 1654 on lands previously known as "Nonotuck" or "Norwottuck." This fertile Connecticut River Valley has been inhabited for more than 10,000 years by native peoples who began their agricultural industry. The fur trade was later established in the 1630s, upon the arrival of the Europeans. Once beavers grew scarce, the Pocumtuck and Mohican leaders began transferring lands to pay off debts to traders. Northampton became an established trade and marketing center in the 18th century.

Present day citizens of Northampton are proud to follow in the footsteps of an esteemed heritage. Famous Northampton native Jonathan Edwards sparked the religious revival of the Great Awakening in the 1740s with his enthused ministry. This historic city produced heroes such as General Seth Pomeroy of the Revolutionary War who was a delegate from Northampton to the First and Second Provincial Congresses, a major general in the Massachusetts Militia and fought at Bunker Hill. There was much economic unrest following the Revolutionary War that led to Daniel Shay leading his rebellion before the Constitutional Convention. Caleb Strong, who was a delegate to the Convention, became Massachusetts' first senator and an 11-term governor.

The dawn of the 19th century welcomed new economic opportunities. The New Haven canal promised to be profitable, however, the beginning of the American Railroad system and the shareholders failure to recoup their investments prevented this from thriving. Northampton provided an enriching environment for many industries, including education, with the foundation of the Northampton Association of Education and Industry. This association combined a radical abolitionism with a communally owned and operated silk mill, including members such as Sojourner Truth, William Lloyd Garrison, and Frederick Douglas in its inner circle.

Northampton continues to thrive in education. George Bancroft established the Round Hill School in 1823. Author George Washington Cable founded the Home Culture

Clubs in 1884. The Hill Institute created one of the first kindergartens in the United States. The prestigious Smith College was founded here in 1871, and the North Hampton Law School claims such alumni as Franklin Pierce.

Probably one of the most famous natives is former President Calvin Coolidge, who took office in 1923. Described by Jenny Lind as the "paradise of America," she was one of many who were drawn to the beauty of Northampton. Other famous visitors over the centuries include famous poet Ralph Waldo Emerson, Marquis de La Fayette, and Henry James who chose Northampton as the setting of his first novel. Artist Thomas Cole captured its beauty in art and called the city "picturesque." Also poet Sylvia Plath found inspiration in Northampton. Sylvester Graham, a diet and health food enthusiast, hails from Northampton as well and is the inventor of the Graham cracker. Also Lydia Maria Child, an abolitionist, poet and writer, was born in Medford in 1802.

Northampton prides itself on its long and distinguished past, and its claim as one of the oldest cities in the United States. With such prominent and influential figures dotting its rich history, it is evident as to why Northampton is such a thriving and vivacious city today.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING NA-
TIONAL MORTGAGE BROKER DAY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas mortgage brokers originate two out of three residential home loans in the United States;

Whereas mortgage brokers have played a key role over the last 30 years in helping to raise the nation's homeownership rate to an historically high level of over 68 percent;

Whereas mortgage brokers are an integral component of the national housing market that has played a critical role in bolstering the American economy;

Whereas mortgage brokers are typically family-owned, small businesses employing 360,000 Americans at 44,000 firms with deep roots in their local communities;

Whereas mortgage brokers work every day to provide home financing options and resources to Americans in under-served low-to-moderate income and minority communities;

Whereas mortgage brokers help millions of Americans realize the dream of homeownership each year;

Therefore, I join with my colleagues in urging that June 7, 2004 be designated "National Mortgage Broker Day", as a tribute to the mortgage broker industry, which for more than 30 years has provided new homeownership and financing opportunities for millions of American families enabling them to build equity that can be passed on to future generations.

IN MEMORY OF REV. TRACY
CARROLL

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I have the regrettable duty to inform the House of the death of Rev. Tracy Allen Carroll of Camdenton, MO.

Reverend Carroll was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, and was raised in Des Moines, Iowa, where he was baptized at the Park Avenue Christian Church. He attended Northwest Christian College in Eugene, OR, where he met Colleen Troxell, whom he married in 1980. In Eugene, Reverend Carroll was ordained at the Allison Park Christian Church after earning his Masters of Divinity from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX, in 1988.

Reverend Carroll served many communities in Oregon and Texas, and arrived in Missouri to minister to the people of Cape Girardeau and Camdenton. He also spent a year in Tokyo, Japan, and served as chaplain at the Edna Galdney Maternity Home and Adoption Agency in Fort Worth, TX.

Reverend Carroll's compassion extended beyond the doors of his congregation. Benefiting from his many philanthropic activities in the Camdenton area were the LAMB House, Camdenton Manor, Citizens Against Domestic Violence, Missouri Mental Health Association, Helping Hands Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, and the Salvation Army. He was also the volunteer mediator for the Missouri Bar Association, a position he filled from the program's inception in 1991.

As you no doubt recall, on January 29, 2003, Reverend Carroll served as Guest Chaplain for the House of Representatives. I know we all found wisdom and guidance in his words that day.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Carroll will be missed. His care and compassion touched many people, probably more than he ever knew. His life of service is an example to us all. I know my fellow Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his wife, Colleen; his son, Nathaniel; his daughter, Tabitha; and the rest of his family and friends.

RECOGNIZING VALUABLE CON-
TRIBUTIONS OF MILITARY IM-
PACTED SCHOOLS, TEACHERS,
ADMINISTRATION, AND STAFF
FOR THEIR ONGOING CONTRIBU-
TIONS TO EDUCATION OF MILI-
TARY CHILDREN

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 598, a bill recognizing the valuable contributions of military impacted schools, teachers, administration, and staff to the education of military children.

Approximately 750,000 children of Active Duty Armed Forces members attend public or

Department of Defense schools here at home and around the world. While no student lacks his or her share of difficulties, being the child of active-duty personnel comes with its own unique uncertainties regarding seemingly simple matters like where one's family lives year to year and how often mom or dad is away from home. I am aware that military service comes with particular hardships, and the children of military personnel often experience a measure of those difficulties. In the extreme, children may have to deal with the death of a parent in a far-away country; or, less troubling but difficult nonetheless, moving from base to base as one or both parents are reassigned.

Especially distinctive are the schools that serve students on military bases overseas. These students grow up in a foreign environment far from home and in a country where they may not speak the native language. The Department of Defense schools there provide a sense of home for these children and a network of adults to look after their educational needs.

Schools that serve children of military families have a special mission, then, to pay careful attention to the effects of world affairs and military deployments on their students. The teachers and faculty at these schools provide an outstanding service, affording students a safe and reassuring environment.

Military impacted schools provide superior counseling services to children, staff, and families of military personnel. From the death of a parent to a reassignment to a new community, school counselors serve as linchpins for students struggling through new and trying circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in commending the efforts of military impacted schools to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children to learn and mature. These teachers, administrators, and other support staff play a pivotal role in supporting the brave men and women of our Armed Forces.

I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this bill.

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL
ANTHONY P. ROBERTS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a brave young marine who died Tuesday, April 6, 2004, due to hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. United States Marine Lance Corporal Anthony P. Roberts was a proud marine who gave his life, along with a dozen of his fellow soldiers, helping the Second Battalion of the Fourth Marine Regiment secure the Iraqi city of Ramadi.

At only 18 years of age, Anthony was an inspirational young Delawarean who graduated from Middletown High School in June of 2003, where he had been a cadet first lieutenant in the Air Force Junior ROTC program. Only a short time after successfully completing boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina, Anthony dutifully accepted service in Iraq, where he was an honorable defender of liberty at the epicenter of the war on terror.

A few weeks ago, I had the honor of attending Anthony's funeral, where I learned that

during his short life, Anthony was a patriotic American who enjoyed music and spending time with friends and family. Like his father, a military veteran who died several years ago, Anthony made the choice to serve his country. In making this choice, Anthony bravely defended the rights and lives of others. The youngest of three children, Anthony will be deeply missed by his mother and two sisters, his friends, teachers, and fellow soldiers.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere privilege to honor the life of a proud marine and heroic representative of the state of Delaware. Lance Corporal Anthony Roberts deserves our gratitude and respect.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during rollcall votes 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, and 152. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of those rollcall votes.

REGARDING COSPONSORSHIP OF
H.R. 4061

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in regards to H.R. 4061, the Assistance for Orphans and Vulnerable Children Act of 2004, which passed the House International Relations Committee by unanimous consent on March 31.

Last week the International Relations Committee filed House Report 108-479.

Because House rules prohibit the addition of additional cosponsors to a bill once the committee report has been filed, I am not able to formally add six Members of Congress as cosponsors of this legislation.

I ask that the record show that Mr. OLVER of Massachusetts, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. GILLMOR of Ohio, Ms. HART of Pennsylvania, Mr. HOLT of New Jersey, and Mr. CROWLEY of New York are in support of my bill and should be considered by this body as cosponsors of H.R. 4061.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
GENERAL JAMES E. SHERRARD III

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to our country are exceptional. This country has been fortunate to have dedicated individuals who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make this country a safer and better place to live. Lieutenant General James E. Sherrard III is one of these individuals. Today, May 11, 2004, we should pause to honor him on the

occasion of his retirement from the U.S. Air Force on May 31, 2004, after nearly 39 years of service.

Lieutenant General Sherrard was a distinguished graduate of the University of Mississippi's Reserve Officer Training Corps program and entered active duty in July of 1965. After flight school at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia, he became an instructor pilot at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas and Eglin Auxiliary Field 3 in Florida. In September 1977, Lieutenant General Sherrard became the operations squadron for a C-130E squadron at Willow Grove Air Reserve Facility in Pennsylvania. Following this tour, he became the Assistant Deputy Commander, later, Deputy Commander for Operations of the 459th Tactical Airlift Wing at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

Since 1981, Lieutenant General Sherrard has commanded at the Group, Wing, and Air Force level including the 910th Tactical Airlift Group in Youngstown, Ohio, the 440th Tactical Airlift Wing at Billy Mitchell Field, Wisconsin, the 433rd Military Airlift Wing at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, the 4th Air Force at McClellan Air Force Base, California, the 22nd Air Force at Dobbins Reserve Base in Georgia, and currently as the Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander of the Air Force Reserve Command. He has accumulated more than 5,000 hours of flight time and has flown numerous aircraft including the T-41, T-37, T-38, C-130A/B/E/H, AC-130A, C-141B, and C-5A/B.

Throughout his distinguished career Lieutenant General Sherrard has received over 20 major awards and decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Air Force Commendation Medal; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with silver and bronze oak leaf clusters; Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters; Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters; National Defense Service Medal with bronze star; and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with hourglass. In addition to his dedication to his military career, Lieutenant General Sherrard is a member of the Air Force Association, the Reserve Officer Association, the Order of the Daedalians and the Airlift and Tanker Association.

Lieutenant General Sherrard's tireless passion for service to country and community has contributed immensely to the betterment of our nation's military and to the security of this nation. I am honored and proud to call him a fellow American and friend. I know that speaking for citizens across this country, I am grateful for his service and salute him as he moves on to the next chapter of his life.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
MICHAEL Z. ZVOLENSKY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

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

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