

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

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

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

Therefore, I join with Troop 358 and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Michael Zvolensky as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. HELEN
SNELL CHEEL

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 100th birthday of Mrs. Helen Snell Cheel of Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ. Mrs. Cheel is the daughter of the late Honorable Bertrand H. Snell, minority leader of the House of Representatives from 1931–1938 and Congressman for 24 years from the 31st District of New York. Mrs. Cheel is also the great aunt of my Connecticut staff member, Elizabeth J. Buell.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Cheel is a remarkable, independent woman. Her friendships, keen intellect, sense of humor, infectious laugh, unwavering generosity and ability to live in the present have served her well for 100 years. At a time when few women attended college, Mrs. Cheel earned a B.S. in Music Education from Columbia University. She married the late Harold W. Cheel, an engineer, successful architect and developer of Cheelcroft in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Cheel has been recognized on many occasions for her lifelong philanthropic endeavors and her community service. She has been a standard-bearer, true friend and proud supporter of Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY, the Emma Willard School in Troy, NY, and the Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ. She has served on the boards of many local and regional organizations and institutions. I wish to recognize Mrs. Cheel and congratulate her on her 100th birthday.

ALAMEDA CORRIDOR REPAYS
FEDERAL LOAN AHEAD OF
SCHEDULE

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday, the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTH) paid, in full, the balance of the federal loan that financed construction of improved access for cargo container traffic from the Port of Los Angeles and Long Beach. I congratulate the Authority for retiring this debt 28 years ahead of schedule.

Approved by Congress as part of the 1997 Transportation Appropriations Act, the loan provided crucial support for the \$2.4 billion construction project. Together, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach comprise the largest port complex in the United States, han-

dling more than 40 percent of the Nation's imports. Last year, for example, the Port of Los Angeles, which I represent in part, handled more than 7.1 million cargo containers a 17½-percent increase over the previous year.

Moving these containers safely and efficiently from both ports to points east is a Herculean task. The Alameda Corridor, which opened in April 2002 on time and within budget, comprises railroad and highway improvements and, in particular, a 20-mile grade-separated rail line that relieves congestion and mitigates the impact of cargo container movement on neighboring communities.

Financing of the Alameda Corridor would not have succeeded if it were not for the persuasive bipartisan efforts of the entire Los Angeles congressional delegation. On many occasions, I joined then-Representative Steve Horn, who represented the Port of Long Beach, Representatives JERRY LEWIS and LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD and the late-Representative Julian Dixon, key members of the appropriations committee, and my colleagues JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD and DAVID DREIER, in pressing for enactment of the federal loan at key points in the legislative process.

I also want to praise Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta for his leadership as Secretary and as both the chairman and ranking member of the House Public and Transportation Committee during his tenure in the House. His unflinching support of this project has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

Mr. Speaker, with cargo volume forecasted to dramatically increase as a result of the worldwide economic recovery, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are poised to take advantage of increased trade from the Pacific Rim. The Alameda Corridor project demonstrated the constructive roles both the federal and local governments can play in meeting the needs of expensive, complex but nonetheless important projects for moving containers to markets overseas and elsewhere. Indeed, plans are already underway to extend the Corridor eastward—a plan I strongly support and which will further enhance the economy of southern California and the Nation.

My congratulations to the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, and to all the individuals and local officials who supported this project, for a job well done.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
DANIEL THOMPSON, POET LAUREATE
OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Daniel Thompson, Poet Laureate of Cuyahoga County, OH. Daniel Thompson passed away last week after a 2-year battle with cancer. Through his words as a poet and his deeds as a tireless advocate for the homeless, the hungry, and people on the streets, Daniel Thompson set an example for his community.

Daniel's public readings were held as often in jazz clubs, junkyards, and jailhouses as they were in bookstores, cafes, and other ordinary venues. His poetry, often humorous and

playful, conveyed messages about our times and inspired our thoughts and actions. He was a frequent contributor to the "Homeless Grapevine," Cleveland's monthly street newspaper sold by homeless vendors. His poem, "A New Beatitude," was published in the March–April 2004 issue of the Grapevine:

Walking to starlight

In a dark season:

I hear a new beatitude, America

Listen

Blessed are the homeless

For they shall inherit the street

The sidewalks, the bushes

The cold, cold ground

Whatever falls from heaven

Pennies of rain, of snow

Any spare change of weather

Day-old manna

The donut and the hole

The donut, the hole in the sock

In the sole of the shoe

And in the cold, cold ground

And O I almost forgot, America

This, too, from you

The cold eye of the stranger . . .

But it was not just Daniel's words, but also his deeds that will be missed. He frequently brought food and water to Cleveland's homeless and he petitioned city and county officials to install public drinking fountains for people living on the streets. He marched with Martin Luther King in Chicago and as a freedom rider in the deep south in the early 1960s where he was targeted by an angry mob in North Carolina in 1961.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and remembrance of Daniel Thompson. Like other poets hailing from Cleveland such as Langston Hughes, Hart Crane, and d.a. levy, Daniel has a place in our community's literary history. And as a citizen, Daniel Thompson will long be remembered for his advocacy, sympathy, and soul. But his presence on Cleveland's streets will be sorely missed.

HONORING THE AMERICAN LUNG
ASSOCIATION ON ITS 100 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the American Lung Association on the occasion of its 100th year anniversary. Over the past century, the American Lung Association has played a vital role in protecting public health and shaping public policy in this country and worldwide. We all live in a safer and healthier world thanks to the diligent efforts of the American Lung Association and its many staff and volunteers.

The American Lung Association developed the Nation's very first public health campaign, and it has been on the forefront of public health ever since. I have had the great privilege of working closely with representatives of the American Lung Association for more than 20 years, and I have seen first hand their role in shaping national policy to improve public health. As the former chair of the Health and Environment Subcommittee, I frequently heard testimony from American Lung Association witnesses who provided important information regarding a wide range of health issues—ranging from the devastating health effects of