

has a price, we hold in the highest regard these men and women who have the courage to pay it.

We mourn the loss of the following heroes in central Pennsylvania: Gunnery Sgt. Ronald E. Baum, 38, of Hollidaysburg, PA; Pfc. Bradley G. Kritzer, 19, of Irvona, PA; Spc. Clint Richard Matthews, 31, of Bedford, PA; Sgt. Timothy L. Hayslett, 26, of Newville, PA; Staff Sgt. Christopher E. Cutchall, 30, of McConnellsburg, PA; Pfc. Richard W. Hafer, 21, Seward, PA.

America's pursuit of freedom is a beacon of light in an otherwise starless sky. I continue to be immensely proud of our soldiers who are fighting this war on terror and I lament those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. They have left homes, families, and jobs to extinguish a threat, and they stand as testament to the strength of our resolve and the durability of our fabric.

America will never forget these heroes.

RECOGNIZING THE SELECTION OF
BRENT BAIR AS CHAIRMAN OF
THE INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION
SOCIETY OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. I rise today to recognize the accomplishment of Brent Bair for being named Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITSA). ITSA is a not-for-profit organization established in 1991 to coordinate the development and deployment of transportation-related technologies in the United States.

Mr. Bair was named ITSA Board Chairman at the ITSA annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Previously, Bair served as vice-chairman of the board and has served as a board member since 2001. Mr. Bair has also served as chairman of the Congressional ITS Caucus Advisory Committee and is a board member and former president of the Intelligent Transportation Society of Michigan.

As an ardent supporter of Intelligent Transportation Systems, Mr. Bair brought the FAST-TRAC system to more than 600 intersections in Oakland County, Michigan. The FAST-TRAC system uses video cameras to detect vehicles approaching an intersection and computers determine, in real time, the most efficient timing for the traffic signals at that intersection. Because of Mr. Bair's vision for the future, the Road Commission for Oakland County now operates the largest system of adaptive traffic signals in the nation and the largest deployment of video imaging for traffic management in the world.

Mr. Speaker, Brent Bair has served the people of Oakland County with distinction and I am confident his abilities will serve all Americans as chairman of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the appointment of Mr. Bair and to thank him for his service to the people of Michigan.

HONORING ALPHA NU OMEGA
CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA
ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the Alpha Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., as it celebrates its 75th Anniversary. Since it was chartered on June 8, 1929, the Alpha Nu Omega Chapter has enriched the social and intellectual life of African American college women in Berkeley and Oakland, California and contributed to the social and economic well-being of the greater East Bay community.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is an international society that was founded at Howard University in January 1908. First conceived as an organization to enrich the social and intellectual aspects of college life, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority cuts across racial, international, and social barriers to help individuals and communities develop constructive relationships with others.

Inspired by the mission and dedication of the National Sorority, young women in Oakland and Berkeley, California founded the Alpha Nu Omega Chapter 21 years later. The moving spirit in the establishment of Alpha Nu Omega Chapter was Soror Ida L. Jackson who, at that time, was an Oakland public school teacher.

Over the years, Alpha Nu Omega Chapter has undertaken a wide range of community service activities that have greatly benefited communities in the East Bay and throughout the country.

The main thrust of its work has been to aid the community through social, civic, and health programs, vocational guidance, and political awareness.

As early as 1934, the chapter began supporting health programs and projects when Soror Ida L. Jackson proposed opening a health clinic in Lexington, Mississippi. In 1964, before Head Start, the chapter organized and operated an interracial "Pre-Kindergarten Program" for children from two elementary schools in Berkeley. Since the early 1970's, the chapter has sponsored a reading experience program—"Reading is Fundamental"—in several schools in Oakland.

Political activities such as the Rumford Fair Housing Bill, passage of school financial bills affecting thousands of California students and teachers, and voter registration and education have all been part of Alpha Nu Omega's ongoing commitment to community service.

During critical periods in our history—such as the transition from segregation to integration, wartime, the post war era, sit-ins, struggles for human dignity, acts of civil disobedience—Alpha Nu Omega has held high the torch for equality and social justice. I have no doubt that they will continue to blaze new trails and provide visionary leadership in the area of community service and political action throughout the Oakland-Berkeley area.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT AND SHERRI
VINES

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Robert and Sherri Vines, who are to receive this year's the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award for service to our community on June 12, 2004, also marking the 113th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation Emanu El. As members of the Congregation for the past 30 years, they have embodied the characteristics of integrity, humility, and love. I join today with family and friends in honoring their remarkable achievements and expressing pride in this recognition that has been afforded to them.

Robert and Sherri have served the Congregation in numerous capacities over the years. As a teacher at the School of Jewish Living, chair of the Community Seder, and member of the Executive Committee, Sherri has continued to provide invaluable insight and unyielding effort in improving her community.

Robert has equally shared in the leadership responsibilities while serving on the United Jewish Welfare Fund of San Bernardino County as President, the Dues Adjustment Committee, and the Board of Managers for the Home of Eternity Cemetery.

In addition to these contributions, Robert is a celebrated attorney, receiving many accolades in his profession for integrity and performance. He was previously recognized in the Inland Empire Magazine as one of the top ten attorneys in the Inland Empire.

Through their pro-active approach to leadership, Robert and Sherri have generously contributed their time, knowledge, and resources not only to their Congregation but also the entire Inland Empire community. The Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award is a way we can recognize these good works and pay tribute to their immense dedication over the last three decades.

I join today with their children, Jennifer, Jill, and Michael, to express our pride and admiration that they have received this well-deserved award. They are symbols of the qualities that Rabbi Feldheim exhibited and a continuing inspiration to their community.

RECOGNIZING THE ANNANDALE
HIGH SCHOOL UPON ITS 50 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Annandale High School as it prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Since its establishment in 1954 when President Eisenhower's "Atoms for Education" program lent its name to the school's mascot, the Annandale Atoms, Annandale High School has committed itself to lofty standards of academic and extracurricular excellence. Over the years, as the Annandale area has expanded

and diversified, Annandale High School has followed the community's example. The school boasts such a great diversity that it recently received national attention. During his second term, President Clinton publicly recognized Annandale as a "model school for diversity", commenting on the fact that Annandale's student body represents over 80 countries and more than 40 native languages.

To this day, Annandale High School remains a distinguished and greatly lauded school in all aspects from sports to the arts to academics. Annandale High School has won six state football championships and many other state-level recognitions. In addition, the band program, accompanied by the choral department, has won multiple awards in national competition and has performed in concerts at the Kennedy Center. This summer, a select choir will participate in the second part of an international exchange program with Germany. Furthermore, Annandale High School has taken the initiative to pioneer the International Baccalaureate program within the Fairfax County Public School System. This program, which allows students to take accelerated, honors courses that count towards an internationally recognized diploma, is one that other schools throughout the county remain reluctant to adopt due to its rigorous nature.

Annandale High School plays an instrumental role in shaping its students into kind, considerate, and generous individuals devoted to helping others and improving their community. Most recently, three sisters, all students at Annandale, founded Wash America, a car wash initiative designed to provide financial support to families of the victims of the September 11th attacks.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank Annandale High School faculty and staff for the immeasurable contributions that they have made to the community by shaping today's youth and tomorrow's future. I congratulate the High School on its successes over the last 50 years and I wish it more successful years in the future. I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this outstanding and distinguished institution.

RECOGNIZING SETH THOMAS
JOHNSEN FOR ACHIEVING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Seth Thomas Johnsen, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 135, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brian has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 4 years Brian has been involved with Scouting, he has earned 26 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Patrol and Senior Patrol Leader, 4-year camper at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, and as a Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Tommy organized the Scouts and Leaders into teams for

the purpose of cleaning and painting fire hydrants in the City of Kearney to the color of safety yellow.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Seth Thomas Johnsen for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Gary Weston, who was recently killed in Kosovo.

Gary Weston was an employee of DynCorp International, which was serving with the United Nations as international police officers. Gary and other members were fired upon by a Jordanian police officer for unknown reason. Two fellow workers were killed in the resulting firefight. Gary was flown to a hospital after receiving several gunshots. He later died from complications of the gunshot wounds, his wife Nina Weston was there by her husband's side.

Gary Weston was 52 years old and lived in Vienna, Illinois. Not enough can be said about the great sacrifice this man made for his country, the ultimate sacrifice. He is survived by wife, Nina Weston; his mother, Christine Weston of Metropolis; a son, Richard N. Weston of Granite City; two daughters, Rachel A. Weston of Honolulu, Hawaii and Elizabeth E. Weston of Vienna; five grandchildren, Trey, Derek, Heather, Dalton and Parker; two brothers, Ben and wife Jan Weston of Vienna and Ed and wife Susan Weston of Cape Girardeau; a sister, Melinda and husband Ron White of Austin, Texas; and his mother-in-law, Marilyn Whiteside of Vienna. My thoughts and prayers go out to his families and loved ones. Gary Weston gave his life in an effort to improve the lives of others. This sacrifice should never be forgotten.

HONORING THE DEDICATION OF
THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II
MEMORIAL

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the dedication of the National World War II Memorial on the National Mall on Saturday, May 29, 2004.

Dedicated almost 60 years after the end of World War II, this stunning memorial honors all military veterans of the war, citizens on the home front, the nation at large and the high moral purpose and idealism that motivated the nation's call to arms.

We must never forget the 16 million troops who served in the armed forces during World War II and the more than 400,000 who made the ultimate sacrifice. As a member of the

House Armed Services Committee, I know the importance of the troops' sacrifice to protect our freedom.

I am especially pleased to welcome over 200 Long Island veterans to Washington, DC for the dedication. Serving those who have served our country has been one of my greatest honors as a Member of Congress. I am proud to have secured over \$1.16 million in retroactive benefits for veterans in my district.

On this historic occasion, we must remember to honor our troops and veterans not only with memorials and red poppy lapel pins, but also in our policies and budgets. Restoring cuts to veteran's services and making VA spending mandatory, not discretionary should be a top priority. We in Congress have a duty to make America a fit country for these heroes to live in.

This memorial is a long-overdue tribute to the "Greatest Generation." They risked and gave their lives to protect our freedom, and we must ensure our debt to them is repaid.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. PAMELA LYNN
WILEY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding and devoted citizen in my state, Mrs. Pamela Lynn Wiley. On Sunday, June 6, 2004, she will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at St. Paul's Calvary United Church of God Usher's Annual Day.

Pamela was born on November 16, 1958 in Summit, New Jersey to the late Thomas and Gloria Peterson. She grew up in Vauxhall, New Jersey, where she attended the Union County school system and graduated from Union High School in 1977.

Pamela has been an active member of Saint Paul's Calvary United Church of God for over 40 years, ministering to its members through her service on many of the church boards and committees.

She is a member of their missionary department, as well as the Saint Paul's Calvary Young Adult Choir, The Voices of Praise. She is also an advisor to the CLC ensemble.

She is a beloved member of the usher board, having joined at a very young age, and is actively serving as their Vice President.

Pamela will be joined at this celebration by many friends and family, including her husband, Nathan Lamont Wiley, Sr.; her oldest daughter, A1C Joyita Kwamina Wiley-Jackson (U.S. Air Force); her son, CS3 Nathan Lamont Wiley, Jr. (U.S. Navy); her youngest daughter, SFC Gloria Lynette Wiley (Union High School JROTC); and her sisters, Kimm and Kiesha Peterson.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in extending my thanks to Pamela Lynn Wiley for her years of ministry and service to her congregation and to our community, and I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing her the strength and grace to continue for many years to come.