

RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF
THE THIRD ANNUAL MID-MICHIGAN
NATIONAL DANCE WEEK

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to recognize the outstanding success of the third Annual Mid-Michigan National Dance Week. National Dance Week is a wonderful opportunity for the children in Michigan's Eighth District as it encourages their cultural growth and promotes their physical well-being. In late April, over 450 mid-Michigan dancers representing 16 dance, gymnastics and performing arts studios delighted over 3,000 spectators who enjoyed a weekend filled with free, family-oriented entertainment.

Over the past 23 years, National Dance Week has actively encouraged the growth of dance in America. Today, National Dance Week is providing an opportunity for many young Michiganders to learn about the cultural and artistic expression of dance.

Mr. Speaker, National Dance Week is broadening the horizons and opening doors for many of mid-Michigan's most talented dancers. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the success of National Dance Week 2004 and to wish continued success to National Dance Week this year and beyond.

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A.
AWARD WINNER, MOLLY GOODMAN OF ASTORIA, ILLINOIS

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute an outstanding young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award by Girl Scouts of Two Rivers Council in Quincy, Illinois. She is Molly Goodman of Astoria, Illinois.

She is being honored for earning the highest achievement award in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The Girl Scout Gold Award can be earned by girls ages 14–17 or in grades 9–12.

Girl Scouts of the USA, an organization serving over 2.6 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must fulfill five requirements: earn four interest project patches, earn the Career Exploration Pin, earn the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, earn the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, and design and implement a Girl Scout Gold project. A plan for fulfilling the requirements of the award is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

The earning of the Girl Scout Gold Award is a major accomplishment for Molly and I believe she should receive the public recognition due her for this significant service to her community and her country.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember our veterans and to mourn all our losses. Our words today cannot match the eloquence or power of the moment of silence that preceded them because that silence reflects all the voices that have been stilled by war.

Each Memorial Day we pause to remember those who have fallen in the service of our country. Sadly, in the last year we have added hundreds of names to that tragic roll call.

Among those names is that of twenty-six year old Specialist Joseph Carl Norquist, of Oakland, California in my district. Specialist Norquist died in Iraq on October 9, 2003. He was serving in the 588th Engineering Battalion. He died when his convoy came under fire, and he posthumously received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Today, my thoughts and prayers go out to Specialist Norquist's family and friends and to all of those who mourn loved ones that they have lost.

This weekend, we also dedicate the World War II Memorial on the Washington Mall, to honor the service of those veterans, to recognize their tremendous sacrifice, and to shudder to think for a moment about what our world might have been like had they not served.

Mr. Speaker, on Memorial Day, we are especially aware of the terrible costs of war. Let us also then re-dedicate ourselves to the cause of peace so that we can dream of a year when we add no new names to the roster of those who have fallen in battle.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADULT REHABILITATION CENTER OF THE SALVATION ARMY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Adult Rehabilitation Center of the Salvation Army in Alexandria, Virginia.

The Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC), is a social service organization dedicated to saving people from addiction, dysfunction, poverty, incarceration, and homelessness. It provides support to those who suffer from social and emotional needs and enables them to provide for themselves.

An impressive 600-person turnout at the dedication ceremony on January 29, 1984 re-

vealed both a need and support for the work of the ARC in Northern Virginia.

The ARC provides adequate housing, therapy and employment in an orderly and nourishing environment. ARC focuses on the physical and spiritual needs of participants to facilitate re-entry into society through gainful employment. Frequently those who are rehabilitated experience a normal lifestyle.

ARC is also unique in that its programs are self supporting. Items such as clothing and household items are brought to the salvation centers, repaired and refurbished and then resold to the public in the Salvation Army Thrift Stores.

Finally, ARC does not discriminate based on race, color or religious belief and is open to all men with a treatable handicap. Because of these distinct and honest characteristics, the Salvation Army is very successful. Since its inception ARC has provided an invaluable asset to the Northern Virginia community. Its services are greatly appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to congratulate the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center of Alexandria on 20 years of successful service. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding their efforts to prepare individuals in body, mind and spirit for active useful roles in society.

TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY ACEVEDO

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I pay tribute today to Anthony Acevedo. He is a man who has exuded integrity and great character throughout his life, and it gives me no greater pleasure than joining today with family and friends in honoring this great patriot.

Anthony was born in San Bernardino, before moving to Mexico at the age of 13 where he was schooled. His overwhelming feelings of patriotism, however, brought him back to the United States where he registered for the draft and was inducted in August of 1943. As a member of the 70th Division, 275th Regiment, Company B, he was sent to Marseilles, France in December 1944 to fight on the front lines of WWII.

Anthony paid the ultimate price of being a soldier when he was captured during the Battle of the Bulge in the winter of 1944 and forced to endure unparalleled torture. Yet through it all, he remained proud, determined, and hopeful. Throughout his time serving our Nation, he always exhibited a tremendous passion and a deep resolve to fight for the freedoms that Americans experience on a daily basis. He is truly one of our American heroes.

Today, I am proud to join family and friends in paying tribute to Anthony Acevedo, a true American patriot. His unselfish duty to our country should not be overlooked. He is a symbol of all that we, as Americans, strive to be and I present to him today my steadfast thanks for his service.

RECOGNIZING ERIC G. ANDERSON
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 Eric G. Anderson, 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 1024, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eric has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities and earning a number of merit badges. For his Eagle Scout project, Eric built a one-hundred fifty-foot vinyl fence at the Earnest Shepard Center in Liberty, Missouri. Eric will be graduating

from Liberty High School this month and will begin his college career next fall at the Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri.

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