

young man from my Congressional District, Tyron Morrison of Woodland Hills High School. Tyron is the winner in the 2004 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery."

Tyron's piece, entitled, "T.L.," is an impressive portrait in acrylic paint of a young man's face, with a strong use of highlight and shadow.

Tyron's artwork was selected from a number of outstanding entries to this year's competition. I am certain that his family is proud of her artistic talents as well as this accomplishment.

It gives me great pride and pleasure that Tyron's painting will be representing the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be set up in the United States Capitol in the coming weeks. The winners of the Congressional Art Competitions held in each Congressional District will be displayed in that exhibit.

I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Tyron's artwork, along with all of the other winning artwork that will be on display throughout the next year. It is truly amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

I would also like to recognize all the other participants in this year's 14th Congressional District High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." I would like to thank these vibrant young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talents, imagination, and creativity. The efforts of these students in expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are no less than spectacular.

I hope that all of these individuals continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

FALLEN HEROS

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marine Private First Class Chance Phelps.

PFC Phelps, who spent much of his youth in Dubois, Wyoming, died in service to his country near Baghdad on April 9, 2004, Good Friday.

Chance, just 19, had been in Iraq for a month as part of the 1st Marine Division, based at Twentynine Palms, California. He volunteered for the mission during which he was fatally wounded, serving as a machine gunner on an escort vehicle for an Army convoy from the Syrian border to Baghdad. Chance demonstrated incredible valor and courage and will appropriately be awarded the Purple Heart.

As his mother, Gretchen Mack, noted, Chance didn't have to be a Marine, he wanted to be a Marine. After the terrorist attacks of September 11, his greatest desire was to serve his country and fight to preserve America's freedom and liberty. He did it. Both his father, John Phelps, and his mother are firm in their conviction that he willingly made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of his country.

Like many Wyoming children, Chance spent time hunting, fishing and working cows at a friend's ranch. A true All-American boy, he was a star football player who made friends easily. He leaves behind a large, loving family and many friends who will miss him dearly.

The way people felt about Chance was clear at his funeral service in Dubois. Hundreds of people lined the main street, young and old, each person holding aloft an American flag as Chance was carried to his final resting place in a horse-drawn carriage. It was a spontaneous demonstration of the love and admiration Chance inspired in anyone he met, and a testament to the sense of loss, and undying love of our country, that we all feel now that he's gone.

Chance will be sorely missed, but he will forever remain a hero in the hearts of the people of Wyoming.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, on this Memorial Day we honor the sacrifices of a new generation of heroes who gave their lives unselfishly for the safety and security of our Nation and our world.

Private Jim Hergott is one of these brave young Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice in pursuit of democracy, freedom, and liberty.

Last July, Private Jim Hergott became the first Minnesotan killed in action in Iraq. A graduate of Shakopee High School, Private Hergott was struck by a sniper while guarding the National Building Museum in Baghdad.

Private Hergott has set an example of service to which few will be called and for which all are grateful. Jim Hergott will be missed, but his contributions endure.

We enjoy the blessings of living in America as a result of men and women throughout our Nation's history who toiled, sacrificed, and struggled to ensure we would have an unparalleled quality of life.

These blessings remain with us today as a result of the men and women who continue to toil, struggle, and sacrifice on our behalf.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Private Hergott and all of the fallen heroes of this generation and those who came before. I ask you to join me in honoring Private Hergott and remembering his fellow heroes to whom we owe so much.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Billie L. Miller for his dedication to his country and exemplary service during World War II. I commend Mr. Miller for his commitment to liberty and justice and for his dutiful service in carrying freedom to the world.

World War II is filled with stories of heroism, selflessness, patriotism and a relentless desire to secure a peaceful and prosperous future for the United States of America and the international community. Brave men left their ordinary lives in order to serve a cause greater than themselves. Mr. Miller was among those great men to take up the call of service and sacrifice.

A man of courage, Mr. Miller served in the 92nd Bombardment Group as a stealth gunner on a B-17 bomber and participated in numerous flying military missions. As a prisoner of war, captured by the enemy, he was forced to trudge alongside his American comrades during an 86 day, 488 mile march from Gross Tychon, Poland to Halle, Germany. A true guardian of freedom, Mr. Miller kept his morale high and persevered, earning several honorary medals and helping America achieve greatness.

I am often reminded that our country has been blessed with great people and leaders; Americans who rose to the challenge when their country was in need. I take great pride in representing a district with so many heroes.

In June of this year, the Slippery Rock Area High School of Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District will honor Mr. Miller for his service and bravery during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring Mr. Miller for his dedicated service to our country. The spirit of his sacrifice lives on in the strength of the United States of America.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, today we honor those men and women who have fought and died for the cause of freedom. The cost of freedom is not small, and throughout history our nation has risen to accept this mortal cost so that our fellow citizens of the world could be free.

This generation of Americans, like the generations before, has been called on to serve our great nation with honor, upholding our ideals for people at home and around the world. We are in debt to our brave men and women in uniform who have heeded the call to service in conflicts around the world throughout history, most recently in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Today on the floor of the people's House, we pause to offer a special tribute to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our nation. Our brave men and women in uniform selflessly sacrifice their own tomorrows so that we may live in freedom. Their families, and especially their children, make sacrifices for us too. As these children grow into young men and women, we need to remind them that their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their parents were not made in vain. We must remind them that as the Bible says, "in the path of righteousness there is life, [and] in walking its path there is no death". Most important, we need to remind them that they are the inspiration for their parents' sacrifices; that their parents sacrifice so that they and their children and grandchildren may know the blessings of liberty.

The citizens of the 16th District of Texas have volunteered to preserve freedom at home and abroad throughout our nation's conflicts. We, in El Paso, intimately know and understand the sacrifices that are made by troops and their families in times of war. We are used to seeing our soldiers leave and return, as El Paso's own Patriot battalions based at Fort Bliss are some of the most frequently deployed units in the country. The soldiers, who call Fort Bliss home, even if only for a brief time, are our neighbors, our friends, and our family.

Last year, the people of El Paso gathered together in prayer for the safe and swift return of members of the 507th Maintenance Company who were ambushed by Iraqi forces outside of Al Nasiriyah. The memories of those who were lost were not forgotten in the midst of the joy of welcoming many of them home. They will forever be sons and daughters of El Paso.

As a veteran of the Vietnam War, I know what it feels like to put on the uniform of the United States and leave my family and friends for an uncertain future in an uncertain place to defend the ideals of our nation. I was one of the lucky ones who returned home. We owe much to those who are not so lucky—to them and their families, we owe our deepest gratitude for their sacrifices.

Today, I give a solemn but proud salute to the men and women from El Paso and Fort Bliss who have lost their lives in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. These fallen heroes will rest with their comrades from around our nation who paid the ultimate price for freedom. They will forever be honored with our sincere gratitude and respect.

IN HONOR OF TOM REEFE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I am able to rise today to recognize Tom Reeve, the Executive Director of Leadership Santa Cruz County. Tom has held the position of Executive Director for twelve years, and will retire this coming June.

Leadership Santa Cruz County, an organization that promotes civic participation of emerging community, political and business leaders, has grown tremendously under the tutelage of Tom. He has, for the past twelve years, dedicated a tremendous amount of strength and energy into this noble endeavor.

More than 500 people, including some of my staff, have graduated from Tom's program during his tenure as Executive Director. These graduates come from all walks of life, yet they came to Tom for a common reason: they had a desire to approach the problems, issues, and needs facing our community in a matter of fact and head-on manner.

Indeed, Santa Cruz has benefited greatly from Tom's contributions. His dedication, dynamism and spiritedness have rubbed off onto everyone who has the opportunity to work with him. Our central coast community is truly indebted to Tom Reeve.

IN HONOR OF CAMERON MCLEOD AND JOAN SEGERSTROM

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cameron McLeod and Joan Segerstrom for being chosen as the Fair Oaks Team Teachers of the Year.

Cameron and Joan provide an enriching and exciting sixth grade program for the students of LeGette Elementary School. They collaborate on their instructional program so all students receive a consistent, standards-based, academic opportunity. Along with high academic expectations, Cameron and Joan have high expectations of behavior. They teach students ethical, responsible behavior in a sensitive and caring manner. Cameron and Joan's talents lay in bringing out the best in 11 and 12 year olds. They achieve this by honoring and respecting students and providing opportunities for them to reflect on their own goals and behavior.

Cameron and Joan have worked tirelessly as a team to provide quality educational and social experiences on and off campus. They reach beyond the classroom to excite students toward achievement. Their outdoor environmental programs are the highlight of the school year: An overnight trip to Camp Winthers and the Northstar Ropes Course and a 5-day trip to Point Bonita at the mouth of the Golden Gate Bridge, provide opportunities for new curricular learning and places to practice the team spirit, pride and ethical behavior that Cameron and Joan instill in each student.

Motivating students to succeed is foremost in their program. They tailor their lessons to the learning needs of their students to make the most of their abilities. Cameron and Joan have had such an impact throughout the years, often their former students return to thank them for the influence they made on their lives.

I am honored to recognize a dedicated team whose efforts have had a profound effect on the students they teach. Please join me in congratulating Cameron McLeod and Joan Segerstrom for being named the 2004 Fair Oaks Team Teachers of the Year.

IN HONOR OF THE 395TH ORDNANCE COMPANY

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize before this House the brave men and women of the 395th Ordnance Company who last week returned home after serving 10 months in Afghanistan. These soldiers played a critical role in the war on terror, and stand as a shining example of patriotism and commitment to all Americans.

In the face of real peril and threat, the men and women of the Appleton, Wisconsin-based 395th moved essential ammunition and supplies to the battlefield for their comrades. They played a vital role in securing peace and stability in a nation once dominated by terror and

oppression, and their efforts have helped nourish the seeds of democracy in Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, when future generations of Americans look back on the conflicts in the Middle East, they will certainly remember the service and sacrifice of the 395th. And today, I am thankful that they are home safely with us once again. On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District, and a grateful nation, it is my honor to recognize these courageous individuals.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR EMERITUS ARTHUR C. TURNER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to University of California at Riverside Professor Emeritus Arthur Campbell Turner in conjunction with the Citizen's University Committee Banquet being held in his honor on June 3, 2004.

Professor Turner himself explained best his role in the creation of the University of California at Riverside (UCR), in a quote to the local newspaper, the Press Enterprise, in 1988: "I was here before the beginning. I am one of the reasons there was a beginning." No truer statement could be given. Indeed, Professor Turner stands as one of the original eight founding faculty members in 1954 when the California State Legislature deemed that the Citrus Experiment Station in Riverside should become a new campus of the University of California system.

In 1953 professor Turner was recruited from the University of Toronto by founding Provost Gordon Watkins as Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences and Associate Professor of Political Science. As Chairman, Professor Turner appointed about one-quarter of the founding faculty of the College of Letters and Sciences at UCR. In 1958, Dr. Turner became a full Professor. He remained as Chairman until 1961 and was Chairman of the Department of Political Sciences until 1966. As if that is not enough, Professor Turner proceeded to be appointed as associate dean of University of California's Graduate Division, Southern Section, and as such was instrumental in the formation of a graduate division at UCR in 1961.

Dr. Turner, professor of Political Science, was born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland. He received his undergraduate degree in History from the University of Glasgow, graduate degree in History at Oxford (Queens College), and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. While at Berkeley he met and married Netty, a graduate student. Following his Ph.D., Dr. Turner joined the faculty of the University of Toronto.

His educational career at UCR also includes his membership on the Editorial Committee of the University of California Press from 1959-65 and 1980-83, and Chairman of the Committee from 1962-65. Professor Turner has published extensively on British affairs, international relations and the Middle East. Not surprisingly, he has been named in Who's Who in America for the past thirty years. Professor Turner retired in 1988.