

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.

Mr. Speaker, Professor Turner has given back to his community four-fold. His vivid memories of the early days of UCR, the joys of building a new university, seeing it grow and become a formidable institution, and recruiting faculty members, some of who are still on the faculty, serve to give us a foundation by which we may judge the progress of our community and future generations.

Professor Turner has been and continues to be a shining example of a person with passion and principles, who has strived to improve the cultural and political direction of our nation. We have a vast system of public higher education in this country; a network of great state universities and colleges. Today we enjoy academic excellence in America as it is enjoyed nowhere else in the world. Professor Turner is one of those responsible for that part of America's incredible educational experiment known as UCR.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, today, Congress comes together to honor those veterans who selflessly made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. More than 42 million people have served the United States in war, and more than 1 million have died in battle or service. This moment of silence is a tribute to them, but does not fully express our gratitude for their bravery and sacrifices.

Next weekend, the National World War II Memorial will officially open. More than 16 million Americans served in the Armed Forces during World War II, and more than 400,000 died. The memorial will stand as a reminder of the commitment, bravery, and sacrifice of those who died, and those who survived.

At the same time, today, more than 100,000 service members are risking their lives in the dangerous operations taking place in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. The daily and vivid reminders of their courage provide a window into the sacrifices of the past. These reminders should harden our resolve to work for a peaceful future in a just world.

Veterans have continuously defended our democracy and renewed America's promise through their efforts. No service to our nation comes with more peril or is more deserving of our gratitude. With our silence we pay them tribute. With our actions we can begin to repay our debt.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, each year, Memorial Day gives us the opportunity to honor the brave men and women who have so selflessly stood in harm's way to protect the fundamental freedoms of our great nation. Our soldiers have made so many sac-

rifices from the Revolutionary War, to the World Wars, to the modern day engagement in Iraq. All of our military personnel deserve our utmost respect, gratitude and care. The great sacrifices that they have made must not be forgotten.

Army Spc. Kyle A. Griffin of Emerson, New Jersey, is one such brave soldier whose sacrifice we must recognize. He laid down his very own life for liberty fighting in Iraq this past year, while defending the very freedoms and rights Americans enjoy today. He did not die in vain, but with a very noble mission in mind—to protect our nation and our citizens against those who wish to see us fail. We must always remember the valiant efforts of Spc. Griffin and continue to pay tribute to all soldiers who have paid the ultimate price.

In 1868 Major General John A. Logan established a "Decoration Day" on May 30 as a day of remembrance for the dead of the Civil War. General Logan ordered his posts to decorate the local cemeteries "with the choicest flowers of springtime" to honor the thousands killed during those four terrible years.

General Logan's original Decoration Day proclamation called us to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, "We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance . . . Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

However, the remembrance and dedication General Logan meant to preserve through Decoration Day, seems to have gotten lost over the many years. A recent Gallup poll found that just 28% of Americans are able to explain why we celebrate our modern day version of Decoration Day—Memorial Day.

We may sometimes take for granted the many liberties we enjoy in America, but they have all been earned through the sacrifice paid by so many of the members of our armed forces. Many soldiers have died for our liberty and prosperity. They acted with patriotism and commitment to their country. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

I urge you to take this charge to heart and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country by stopping what you are doing at 3:00 p.m. on Memorial Day to participate in the National Moment of Remembrance. Consider what the world might look like if not for the service of generations of Americans in uniform. Take a moment to remember those who gave their lives, so that you may have freedom. But, don't just stop there.

Take time throughout the rest of the year to reach out to the members of our armed services who are fighting freedom's newest enemies. While we take this day to honor those who have given so much for our freedom in the past, our thoughts should also be drawn on a daily basis to the brave men and women of our armed services who are fighting for the cause of freedom and democracy around the globe today. Tell them that the citizens of our state and nation are grateful for their service, and thank them and their families for the daily sacrifices that allow them to serve.

We must always remember our fallen soldiers, our veterans and our military currently serving as we celebrate Memorial Day. They deserve the highest praise of all.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD BEDAL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard W. Bedal, a dedicated member of the Santa Cruz community, upon his retirement. Beginning his commitment to public service in 1970 as a Legal Clerk in the Superior Court Clerk's Office, Mr. Bedal has continued to serve the county of Santa Cruz for over 30 years. Mr. Bedal will be enjoying his retirement in the company of his family and wife, Martha.

In 1975, Mr. Bedal became a Judge Pro Tem in the Small Claims and Traffic Court before accepting the position of Assistant County Clerk in 1976. After spending 6 years supervising the Superior Court Clerk's Office, Mr. Bedal was elected in 1982 and then re-elected in 1986 and 1990 to the position of County Clerk-Recorder for the County of Santa Cruz. His public service took a new turn in 1994 when he was elected to the consolidated office of County Clerk-Recorder and Treasurer-Tax Collector, continuing to serve in this office until his retirement this year. Though a well deserved retirement, Mr. Bedal's long dedication to the county of Santa Cruz will be missed.

In addition to serving the county of Santa Cruz, Mr. Bedal also has been the President of the California Association of County-Treasurers-Tax Collectors, President of the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Cruz, President of the County Recorders' Association of California, and President of the Santa Cruz County Employee's Credit Union throughout his many years of service to his community. An avid biker, Mr. Bedal has also completed the California AIDS ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles and once even biked from Santa Cruz to Santa Barbara to visit his daughter.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize Mr. Richard W. Bedal's accomplishments and contributions to our community. I am immensely grateful for his dedication and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF SYBILLE IRWIN

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional teacher at Bella Vista High School, in Fair Oaks, California. Sybille Irwin, after 32 years of dedicated service, has been chosen as the Fair Oaks Teacher of the Year.

Sybille Irwin is a German teacher who has single-handedly managed the German Program at Bella Vista High School. All German classes, German 1 through Honors German 5 are taught by Ms. Irwin. Her classes are rigorous and her standards are high. At the same time, she creates a classroom atmosphere of friendliness and fun. Over the years, her creativity, her organization and her passion for the language have resulted in many cultural events including the annual Oktoberfest celebration for the entire Fair Oaks community. She has organized trips to Germany