

II Victory Medal, the Honorable Service Lapel Button, the European Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one bronze star, the Good Conduct Medal, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart, the oldest military decoration in the world more than 50 years overdue.

I am humbled by the courage and sacrifice of Joseph Fales. I am thankful for the gift of freedom that he fought to protect. We must never forget Joseph Fales and those soldiers who paid the ultimate price on our behalf.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID
LORENZ

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the importance of our community parks, and their caretakers. Often parks and cityscapes go overlooked during our busy days. However, keeping open spaces green, clean and well-kept is not an easy task. For this reason, I rise to pay tribute to David Lorenz for being awarded the 2003 Manager of the Year Award by the Special District Association of Colorado.

Mr. Lorenz has been the executive director of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District for the last 17 years. His accomplishments include overseeing the Goodson Recreation Center and the Sheridan Recreation Center. He has worked to preserve 3,000 acres of land for parks and open space, as well as a comprehensive 120 mile trail system used by walkers, joggers, and bicyclists.

David Lorenz has shown devotion to the community by maintaining and designing a variety of outdoor activities for the residents of South Suburban. He also received Honorable Mention in the Special Projects category for the "Living Well" initiative which helps to fight obesity in children and adults.

Mr. Lorenz' dedication, and the dedication of other caretakers, to the provision of recreation activities and the upkeep of our parks serve as a great benefit to all Americans.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN
ALAN L. TEBRINK

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, to place your life in danger for the sake of others is an honorable and noble task, and that is exactly what police officers do regularly. Captain Alan TeBrink of the Colorado State Patrol will be retiring after twenty-five years of dedicated service, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the important role that he has played in protecting and serving the people of Colorado.

Alan graduated from the Colorado State Patrol Academy in 1979, and was assigned to Telluride where he was the only state trooper stationed at that location. In 1983, he transferred to the Colorado State Patrol Academy and was a staff instructor for four years before being promoted to Sergeant and transferring

to the Colorado Safety Institute serving as an instructor and supervisor. In 1989, Alan was reassigned as a first line supervisor for the newly created Hazardous Materials section where he was active in creating the emergency response and enforcement section, as well as developing training techniques for section personnel. Alan was promoted to the rank of Captain in 1994 and assigned to Troop 5A in Durango where his leadership and dedication earned him the admiration of his fellow troopers and community.

As a dedicated member of the Durango community, Alan is also well known for his civic participation. He is a referee for high school basketball games, and plans to continue as a referee for both basketball and football during his retirement. He is also active in the First Presbyterian Church, where he frequently teaches Sunday school and is and formerly served as church Elder.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Alan TeBrink acted with great commitment and leadership in all that he did throughout his career as a Colorado State Trooper. Alan never forgot that safety and protection came first and foremost for the people he served. It is my pleasure to recognize Alan before this body of Congress and this nation. I would like to extend my appreciation to him for everything that he has done and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

CHILD CREDIT PRESERVATION
AND EXPANSION ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today the House considers H.R. 4359, to make the increase in the child tax credit permanent and expand it for taxpayers in the \$110,000 to \$300,000 range. Instead of taking responsible steps to make permanent a tax cut to help working families with children, this bill balloons our federal debt and gives thousands of dollars in extra tax breaks to the very wealthiest Americans.

Meanwhile, those who need help the most, low- to moderate-income working families with children, receive little benefit under this bill. And those at the very bottom get nothing. Even worse, this bill threatens middle-class families as the legislation fails to pay for these tax cuts—increasing record deficits that threaten economic growth, raise interest rates, and cost jobs.

I support middle-class tax cuts and the child tax credit, but middle-class families would be much better off if these tax cuts were paid for and targeted to those who need them most. I support the Democratic alternative which makes sure these tax cuts are paid for through 2010, increases the child tax credit for more than 31 million middle-income families with children, over 75 percent, currently receiving the credit, and provides the child tax credit to an additional 2.5 million working families, instead of showering more tax cuts on those who have already benefited under the Bush tax cuts.

HONORING FRANCIS (FRANK) A.
DEMITA

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Francis (Frank) A. DeMita on his retirement from the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU). Mr. DeMita has devoted much of his life to the credit union, with more than 50 years' experience as a volunteer in the credit union community. There is no doubt in my mind that our good friends at NAFCU will feel a great void once Mr. DeMita departs.

Mr. DeMita's devotion to the credit union community was evidenced by his service as Chairman of the Board of the Nassau Educators Federal Credit Union for over 30 years. A retired teacher himself, Mr. DeMita has not only been active in the credit union movement, but also with many charitable organizations and causes on Long Island. For the last six years, Mr. DeMita has balanced his time as NAFCU Board Member in addition to his leadership at the Nassau Educators Federal Credit Union and in the Long Island community. However, one element has remained constant—Frank has always given selflessly of his time to promote and enhance the lives of credit union members in the great state of New York, as well as across the nation. But he also has remained committed to the educational background that he came from. Mr. DeMita helped start a scholarship program in 1990 that has awarded 75 scholarships every year since to outstanding high school seniors in Nassau County. To date, the program has provided over \$300,000 to help these students attend college.

As a member of the NAFCU Board of Directors, Mr. DeMita worked tirelessly to enhance the federal credit union charter by working with Congress for regulatory relief legislation for credit unions. His work has helped maintain NAFCU's status as a leading credit union trade association.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mr. Frank DeMita on all of his fine work throughout his illustrious tenure as a Board Member of NAFCU. I have worked with Mr. DeMita on issues that are important to the credit union community in the past and I am committed to continuing to do so. Congratulations on your retirement from the NAFCU Board, Mr. DeMita.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, May 20, 2004, I was unavoidably detained, and unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall numbers 203 and 204. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 203 on the Tauscher Amendment to H.R. 4200, the Defense Authorization Act for FY 2005; and rollcall vote 204 on the Ryun (KS) amendment to H.R. 4200.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 203 and "nay" on rollcall vote 204.

FALLEN HEROES

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheldon Schulman, a Vietnam Veteran who gave his life fighting for our freedom and security.

In honor of Memorial Day, I had the pleasure of recognizing the late First Lieutenant Sheldon Schulman for his heroism and bravery as a U.S. Soldier who fought in the Vietnam War until his death on June 19, 1967.

Lieutenant Schulman served his country as an officer in the Army. He was killed as the result of a gun shot wound inflicted during a battle on the Mekong Delta. Also lost that day were three of his closest friends who had served with him since their days in Officer Candidate School. Lieutenant Schulman was only twenty four.

I had the honor of presenting his family with medals Lieutenant Schulman earned during his service to our nation. They included Silver Star, Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, the Sharp Shooter Badge and Rifle Bar, and two Marksman Badges, Machine Gun Bar, and Rifle Bar, as well as the Purple Heart, the oldest military decoration in the world.

I am humbled by the courage and sacrifice of First Lieutenant Sheldon Schulman. I am thankful for the gift of freedom that he fought to protect. We must never forget Sheldon Schulman and those soldiers who paid the ultimate price on our behalf.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANDY MCKEAN

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to an individual who has worked tirelessly to bring awareness of our U.S. Constitution to both school children and adults alike, Andy McKean. Mr. McKean was awarded the 2004 Daughters of the American Revolution Medal of Honor for his efforts to educate children about our common heritage and founding documents.

Mr. McKean established a large summer-time "Earning by Learning" program in Denver-area libraries to encourage young children to read more often. While visiting one of those libraries, Mr. McKean was shocked to learn that none of the children knew the true meaning of the Fourth of July.

Mr. McKean decided that the children of America ought to learn about the founding of our nation and system of government before the fifth grade, when most kids are first taught a course in American history. Mr. McKean be-

came president and eloquent spokesman for Liberty Day, the nationwide educational organization.

Mr. Speaker, Andy McKean is a person who possesses dedication, commitment, and passion for his life long pursuit of educating young people and contributing to the betterment of America's youth. It is my distinct pleasure to honor Andy here today, and wish his all the best in his future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SHERI ROCHFORD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Sheri Rochford, a talented fundraiser and admissions counselor from Durango, Colorado. Sheri is a dedicated Fort Lewis College employee who has been helping to educate students in Colorado for twenty-six years. She is a benevolent and kind-hearted person who has been an asset to the Fort Lewis College community and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing her tremendous service and dedication to higher education.

Sheri's association with Fort Lewis College began when she was working her way through school doing odd jobs in the business school and the president's office on campus. She attributes her enthusiasm and commitment to Fort Lewis as a result of the initial encouragement she received from a college administrator. Since 1978, Sheri has had many roles at the college including Dean of Admission and Alumni Development, and Dean of Development and Alumni Relations. She will now become the Director of Foundation relations.

Sheri has made a great contribution to Fort Lewis College that will inspire many future generations to pursue their education in Durango. During her tenure, she helped to almost double the college's enrollment, raised more than one million for the Alumni Association scholarships and communications programs, and played a key role in raising funds for both the Community Concert Hall and the Center of Southwest Studies. She is responsible for raising the Fort Lewis College Foundation's assets to more than 13 million dollars. Sheri is the past recipient of the Fort Lewis College outstanding Achievement Award, and the Durango Chamber of Commerce's prestigious Athena Award for outstanding women professionals. Sheri has also served on numerous national boards and councils for college admissions, the American College Testing Program, and collegiate records associations.

Mr. Speaker, Sheri Rochford is a devoted individual who is actively involved in the education of our next generation of leaders. Sheri has demonstrated a love for Fort Lewis College that resonates in her compassionate and selfless service to the University Community. Sheri's enthusiasm and commitment certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation. Congratulations on your new job Sheri, I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

PAPERWORK AND REGULATORY IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union has under consideration the bill (H.R. 2432) to amend the Paperwork Reduction Act and titles 5 and 31, United States Code, to reform Federal paperwork and regulatory processes:

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 2432, the Paperwork and Regulatory Improvements Act of 2004. The paperwork and regulatory burdens on businesses could certainly use improvement. Unfortunately, this bill is actually an underhanded way to weaken important regulations that protect our clean air, clean water, public lands, and workplaces. This bill would diminish, rather than improve the process of developing federal regulations by elevating the interests of industries over all other considerations. This bill also fails to address real current problems in federal regulation, such as the pressure on agencies to misuse or ignore science for political ends.

I strongly support the Waxman-Tierney amendment to establish an independent commission on the politicization of science in the regulatory process. The amendment responds to a growing concern among scientists and the environmental community that the Bush administration is placing politics above science. Just last month the Bush administration issued a new policy that would allow hatchery-raised salmon in the Pacific Northwest to be included in wild salmon population counts, which could have a significant impact on whether or not the species are listed under the Endangered Species Act. It has been reported that this was done over the objection of an independent panel of scientists commissioned by National Marine Fisheries Service to advise them on the issue.

I am deeply disappointed that H.R. 2432 takes us in the wrong direction by advancing a misguided concept that elevates the interests of regulated industries over the health of our communities. I understand the burden that many businesses, especially small businesses, face in filling out government paperwork. This bill, however, is more about coming up with excuses to undermine vital health, safety, and environmental regulations than about relieving the growing paperwork burden.

HONORING TUSKEGEE AIRMEN AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION IN CREATING AN INTEGRATED UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the Tuskegee Airmen for their service, sacrifice and dedication for our country during World War II.

The National Airman's Association, an organization comprised of African-American pilots,