

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, due to my questioning of witnesses at a hearing of the Financial Institutions Subcommittee of the House Financial Services Committee yesterday morning, June 23, I just missed the vote on rollcall no. 304. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL RICHARD C. CROTTY, U.S. ARMY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Colonel Richard C. Crotty, United States Army, for his service and leadership while commanding the United States Army's 653rd Area Support Group. On June 25, 2005, Colonel Crotty will relinquish his command of the 653rd and report for assignment to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, J-3 Operations Directorate at the Pentagon.

After graduating from North Georgia College with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1980, Colonel Crotty began his military career at the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. As a trained parachutist, he served with a number of airborne units, including the much heralded 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

While with the 82nd Airborne Division he fought in Grenada during the 1983 U.S. invasion. Colonel Crotty spent 12 years in the Rangers and Special Forces and was a student at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania when receiving orders to take over the 653rd.

On August 9, 2003, Colonel Crotty assumed Command of the 653rd, headquartered at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, California. This unit is based in my congressional district and a number of the reservists under Colonel Crotty's command are my constituents. I have come to know Colonel Crotty as a dedicated and selfless leader with a "can do" attitude. He has demonstrated his leadership and innovation in developing and coordinating the joint training center at March Air Reserve Base. When complete, this jointly funded and shared training center will be used by 1,800 service-members.

Colonel Crotty has seen the 653rd deploy 1,367 troops in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. These troops include military police officers, chemical and biological warfare specialists, Humvee mechanics, communications experts and oil-pipeline builders. Knowing the sacrifice and challenges all reservists experience, Colonel Crotty has demonstrated a sincere dedication to preparing these service-members for the serious mission that lies before them. I know his troops share my admiration of his compassion, strength, and service to our country.

He has earned my many thanks. I wish him well in his new assignment at the Pentagon and in all of his future endeavors.

TO HONOR 125 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the exemplary service of the Hotel Lenhart of Chautauqua County, town of Bemus Point, upon the occasion of reaching their 125th year of business.

The Hotel Lenhart is dedicated to providing Bemus Point's tourists the get away that is truly a historical education. Originally the hotel was used by Dr. J.J. Lenhart as a way to use the excess goods bartered by his patients in exchange for his medical services.

Today the Hotel Lenhart is managed by Dr. J.J. Lenhart's great grandson, John Lenhart Johnston, sister Bebe and wife Deborah. Their intent is not to change the hotel but to improve it and keep it up without adding any modernizing features.

Guests of The Hotel Lenhart should not expect a hotel room full of modern day amenities. The 53 rooms do not have televisions, telephones, air conditioning or heat. Only 37 of the rooms have private bathrooms. All of this adds to the historical feel of a bygone era.

In an effort to bring guests back to a simpler time, the hotel staff will be adorned in Victorian costumes. The hotel is also offering afternoon teas and guided tours. I am honored Mr. Speaker, to have an opportunity to honor the rich heritage of this lakeside jewel.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF U.S. MARINE CORPORAL BRAD D. SQUIRES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of United States Marine Corporal Brad D. Squires, who bravely and selflessly heeded the call to duty and made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country.

Corporal Squires' life was framed by his family, friends and his community. He gained personal strength and faith from those who knew him best and loved him most, especially from his wife, Julie Squires. A kind and understanding soul, Corporal Squires was always willing to go the extra mile for an individual in need. His commitment to helping others was reflected in his studies to become a firefighter.

Corporal Squires was blessed with physical strength, a high level of intelligence and a courageous heart. His humble nature prevented him from reveling in the many honors and commendations that he received throughout his years in the service.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Corporal Brad D. Squires. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Julie; his parents, Donna Squires and Bruce Squires; his brother Chad and sister Jodie; his grandmother, Jackie Squires; his sister-in-law, Sharon Squires; his brothers-in-law, Mike Bogdan and Mike Brandyberry; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Dorothy and Rev. Simeon Brandyberry; his nephew Chad;

his nieces, Cassidy and Alexis; and his extended family and many friends.

The significant sacrifice, service, and bravery that characterized the life of Corporal Brad D. Squires will be a legacy and testament to all that is good in humanity, and his life will be forever honored and remembered by the Cleveland community, and the entire nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 23, 2005, owing to an important family matter, I regrettably missed recorded vote numbered 307, on the Bradley amendment to H.R. 3010. This amendment would add critical Federal support for grants to States to carry out the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

As a constant and long time supporter of meeting the Federal Government's share of IDEA funding, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on this measure.

HONORING SERGEANT JOHAN CHRISTIAN BAGGE AND SECOND LIEUTENANT TIMOTHY BOMKE

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of two patriots who have made tremendous sacrifices as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom to help preserve and expand the liberty that we all hold dear.

Sergeant Johan Christian Bagge of Eugene and Second Lieutenant Timothy Bomke of Portland are members of the National Guard from my home State of Oregon. They were called to active duty with Alpha Company of the Third Battalion of the 116th Cavalry and conducted training exercises at Ft. Polk, Louisiana and Ft. Bliss, Texas before transferring to Iraq at the end of last year. I had the honor of meeting with many of the citizen soldiers who comprise Alpha Company when I visited both forts during their training.

Since that time they conducted regular mobile infantry missions to secure dangerous areas of Iraq and to help Iraqis rebuild their country after decades under Saddam Hussein's ruthless regime. On the morning of June 3rd they were traveling in a convoy toward Forward Operating Base Warrior near Kirkuk as part of a road clearing mission when, without warning, two separate roadside bombs detonated, damaging two of the three vehicles in the convoy and injuring ten of the soldiers.

Both Sgt. Bagge and Lt. Bomke sustained severe wounds in the attack and were transferred back to the United States for further treatment. They were brought to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC briefly to begin their recoveries and have since been relocated to Brooke Army Medical Center and Ft. Lewis. From conversations with family and friends, I understand that these soldiers have maintained extremely positive attitudes

throughout their ordeals even as they've undergone a series of significant medical procedures.

Mr. Speaker, these two men exemplify the honorable character of the men and women who have answered duty's call throughout our Nation's history. Their willingness to serve and sacrifice for our country is a clear demonstration of the courage and professionalism that distinguish our armed forces. This grateful Nation owes these men and their compatriots in arms who serve around the world every day a profound debt of gratitude. I am proud to call Sgt. Bagge and Lt. Bomke fellow Oregonians, I thank them for their service and I wish them both a healthy recovery.

God bless America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 20, I was unavoidably detained at the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's Regional Hearing in St. Louis, Missouri and therefore absent for votes on rollcall nos. 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall nos. 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD "DALE" HINES II

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. The City of Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Donald "Dale" Hines is one of these individuals. On June 22, 2005, Dale was the proud recipient of the Congressional Award Gold Medal.

The Congressional Award is the U.S. Congress' award for young Americans that demonstrate a commitment to community service and physical fitness. This non-partisan, voluntary, and noncompetitive program is open to all 14 to 23-year olds. The Congressional Award challenges young adults to meet goals in four program areas: Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration. The Congressional Award Gold Medal is the highest honor one can achieve through this program.

To meet this challenge, Dale enrolled himself in an emergency medical technician (EMT) training school and subsequently graduated at the top of his class. In order to meet the physical demands of his work as an EMT, Dale began to regularly go to the gym and lift weights. Additionally, Dale found a way to match his work with his physical activities by serving on a bike-medical team that provides emergency medical care at special events in the community.

As an active participant in the Boy Scouts of America, Dale serves as an Assistant Council Commissioner for the California Inland Empire Council. He is a past recipient of the Venturing Silver Award and an Eagle Scout. Furthermore, Dale is dedicated to sharing his passion for community service with others and became active in the Buckskin Junior Leader Training program. While at Buckskin, he served as a Camp EMT and Associate Course Director for Physical Arrangements.

Dale's sincere commitment to community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of our community and I am proud to call him a fellow community member and a great American. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and I salute him as he receives the Congressional Award Gold Medal.

HONORING THE EXEMPLARY EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF CATHERINE E. DIAMOND CREELEY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary educational achievement of Catherine E. Diamond Creeley, a former resident of the Chautauqua County town of Jamestown, upon the occasion of her receiving her Doctoral Degree in Behavioral Neuroscience from the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

Catherine Creeley is both a graduate of Jamestown High School and Jamestown Community College. Upon graduation she proceeded to obtain her Bachelor's degree in psychology, with biology minor, from the State University of New York at Cortland.

Mrs. Creeley is an extremely dedicated student, whose goal of her dissertation was to find new treatment options for Alzheimer's disease. Catherine will continue her research on the neurobiology of the brain, as well as teach as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

Mrs. Creeley is the granddaughter of Eugene Diamond and the daughter of Suzanne Diamond, both residents of Jamestown, New York. Catherine lives with her husband Scott, and son, Nicholas in St. Louis, Missouri.

Catherine Creeley also was awarded a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Washington University School of Medicine.

IN HONOR OF ACCLAIMED FILMMAKER BRENDA BRKUSIC

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of filmmaker Brenda Brkusic. Brenda is a courageous and hard working young woman who has been identified as a visionary in the Croatian community. At the age of twenty-one, Brenda started working on the film *Freedom From Despair* as her student thesis at Chapman University in Los Angeles, California.

Freedom From Despair explores one man's arduous journey from his homeland of Yugoslavia to the United States, and his fight for human rights and Croatian independence. It also scrutinizes the relationship between ruthless dictators, the slaughter of 250,000 people, and the silence of the mainstream media. It creatively portrays the power of the human spirit and the tenets of democracy, without preaching or the use of propaganda.

Her film has been met with critical acclaim, and has garnered countless awards, including the CINE Golden Eagle award, which has previously been awarded to Steven Spielberg and George Lucas. Her peers have recognized her as an emerging talent in the film industry, and a remarkable human being.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Ms. Brenda Brkusic, the writer, producer and editor of *Freedom From Despair* for her hard work encouraging human rights and personal triumph over evil.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 23, 2005, owing to an important family matter, I regrettably missed recorded vote numbered 305, on the Obey amendment to H.R. 3010. This amendment would restore critical Federal support for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

As a constant and long time supporter of public broadcasting, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on this measure.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 282. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my statement appear in the permanent RECORD immediately following this vote.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, Representative SHAYS and I introduce legislation to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and to commend the organization on its history of diplomatic achievement throughout the world.

Since its founding, the United Nations has made many contributions to the global community in the fields of health, medicine, education, peacekeeping and humanitarian aid.