

During Master Sergeant Jenkins' last 3 years of service, he has served as the Administration Chief in the Marine Corps' Office of Legislative Affairs. That office supports Members of Congress, and their congressional committees, relating to the Marine Corps and the security of our Nation. In his position as Administrative Chief, Master Sergeant Jenkins has been vital in the efficient running of that very busy office.

Master Sergeant Jenkins has made a lasting contribution in the capability of today's Marine Corps' and the future shape of tomorrow's Corps. His superior performance of duties highlights the culmination of more than 23 years of honorable and dedicated Marine Corps service. By his exemplary professional competence, sound judgment, and total dedication to duty, Master Sergeant Jenkins has reflected great credit upon himself and has always upheld the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps. I wish him, his wife, Deborah, his sons, Deven and Jarrod all the best as he pursues other interests outside of the Marine Corps.

NAZI PARAPHERNALIA IS AN ABHORRENT SIGHT ANYWHERE

HON. THELMA D. DRAKE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mrs. DRAKE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to share the following article written by a constituent, Rabbi Israel Zoberman.

The rally at the Yorktown Battlefield in Virginia, on June 25, 2005 sponsored by the Nationalist Socialist Movement (The American Nazi Party) is an opportune occasion for somber reflection and sincere soul-searching. Let us be clear: Nazi paraphernalia is bound to be an abhorrent sight anywhere, so much more so on a site resonating with sacred historical memories. A noxious display of terror-filled symbols protected paradoxically by our great democracy's freedoms which the Nazis seek to remove; freedoms and concomitant responsibilities won not without heroic struggle to overthrow tyranny and to be reaffirmed only a few days later at the July 4th celebration. Surely the rally's chosen venue and the close proximity of the two above dates is no coincidence, since the American Nazis unabashedly pretend to cloak themselves in the mantle of "the true American patriots."

How ironical as well to acknowledge that we are currently observing the 60th anniversary of the defeat of the very same forces that the American neo-Nazis and their European counterparts shamefully continue to uphold as the desired ideal for humanity. How is it that following the enormous sacrifices to uproot Nazi Germany with the critical participation of the United States, there are those growing up in our midst of enviable diversity and by-and-large, mutual respect and civility, who yet harbor the seeds of consuming diabolical hatred for all that we hold dear?

The often repeat call for constant vigilance is not a trite one. History has taught us that democratic societies are not impregnable from those who labor to destroy them from within. Unleashed poison of bigotry and prejudice when unchecked can find its way into the mainstream when deteriorating political and economic conditions are ripe for scapegoating any vulnerable minority. Once the unfathomable Holocaust occurred, is it

any wonder that we have witnessed genocides and ethnic cleansing in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, Iraq and now in the Sudan's Darfur region. The strikes of September 11, 2001 were also nourished by a similar spirit of disregarding the Other. Does it not behoove our societal institutions of home, school and religion to double our efforts in reaching the young's minds to appreciate what is at stake, promoting pluralism's open-mindedness and excising extremism's venom? Hitler and his murderous cohorts, masters of deception that they were, taught us nonetheless to seriously take ominous language and behavior.

Wider Holocaust and World War II education is a beneficial tool, along with the laudable contribution of the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C., the Virginia Holocaust Museum in Richmond, and similar ones elsewhere; particularly as time elapses from the actual tragic events with eye-witnesses dying while we confront revisionist history of Holocaust denial. We ought be immensely proud of the noble work, an exemplary model indeed, of our own Holocaust Commission of the Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater. As the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) still pursues tenaciously and admirably Nazis with blood on their hands who entered America or wish to do so, the American Jewish Committee reports that no more than 44 percent of Americans know about Auschwitz and only 30 percent are aware of what the "6 million" represents. Shockingly as well, even in Germany half of the under twenty-four year old population is ignorant of the Holocaust according to a recent poll. Thus the regrettable exposure of Nazi activity in deed and creed with today's internet utilization is also an opportunity to become cognizant of this corrosive phenomenon that we dare dismiss only at grave future risk. With the alarming rise worldwide of anti-Semitic incidents, and related anti-Israel bashing, the recently enacted German law to restrict neo-Nazi demonstrations next to sensitive historical sites is a good idea for us too.

The issue confronting us as Americans crosses boundaries of group, background, faith, gender and race. It ought to unite us anew as one yet diverse American nation in pursuit of our binding democratic agenda whose noble fulfillment is the ultimate response to those threatening it. The counter peace rally sponsored by The National Conference for Community and Justice which took place on June 21 at Virginia Wesleyan College was reassuring in the broad coalition it represented of concerned and involved citizens. The concluding moving dedication of the Peace Garden in memory of Dr. Catharine Cookson, founding director of Virginia Wesleyan's Center for the Study of Religious Freedom, was an apt act reflecting the great American ideal of bridge-building and mutual embrace. During this trying time of a global war against radical Islamic terror with the old Nazi specter refusing to totally go away despite our victory, we are reminded of the worst in human nature but also the best in us.

Rabbi Israel Zoberman is the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Born in Kazakhstan in 1945 to Polish Holocaust survivors, he is past President of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis and Cantors.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROSE F. PIERCE

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with utmost appreciation and sincerest admiration to honor the inspirational life of Mrs. Rose F. Pierce of Poughkeepsie, New York. She is survived by her adoring niece, Shirley and her husband, Richard Panessa of Poughkeepsie; two sisters, Lena Lewis of Syracuse and Gaspar Peschel of Sarasota, FL; and several other nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

After 88 years of a life complete with civic accomplishments, Mrs. Pierce's passing concludes a remarkable chapter of a life dedicated to volunteer service, while setting a commendable standard for all other leaders and volunteers to follow.

Mrs. Pierce is remembered by all in the Poughkeepsie and Hudson Valley community as a compassionate, considerate and unwavering in her commitment to others. She overcame adversity in life with a unique energy and spirit. Her distinguishing enthusiasm and vigor was ever apparent when she would dress as Betsy Ross and make presentations about our flag in local school districts.

Mrs. Pierce became known in the community for her commitment to those who made the greatest sacrifice by serving our country. She was a volunteer for many years at Castle Point VA Hospital in Dutchess County where she was recently received the United Way Points of Life award. She aided local veterans who were homebound, often driving them to the doctor or grocery shopping for them. Rose possessed an unwavering love for her country and humbly urged everyone to cherish and remember our veterans for the sacrifice they made to preserve our way of life.

Besides her commitment to veterans, Mrs. Pierce's service to her community came via volunteering, civic activities, and selfless acts of benevolence. She was a past President of the VFW Post 170 Ladies Auxiliary in Poughkeepsie and a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Italian Center. Some of her other civic activities included involvement in the Naval Fleet reserve, A.A.R.P., Dutchess Garden Club, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, St. Rita's Society of Mount Carmel Church, and the Lions Club.

PERSON EXPLANATION

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 18, 2005, I was unable to be present for the following rollcall votes: H. Res. 328, H. Con. Res. 175, H. Res. 364.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H. Res. 328.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H. Con. Res. 175.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H. Res. 364.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, due to inclement weather, my original flight tonight was cancelled, and I was forced to miss the rollcall votes on House Resolution 328, House Concurrent Resolution 175, and House Resolution 364. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on each of these measures.

RECOGNIZING EMANUEL "TROOPER" LEDEZMA**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Emanuel "Trooper" Ledezma, a rising star in San Antonio, Texas.

Emanuel was born in 1982 to two Mexican immigrants who came to our country to achieve the American Dream. Emanuel immediately took an interest in boxing, joining his brothers at the San Fernando Gym.

Although Emanuel has been a dedicated boxer since the young age of 9, he realized the importance of education and service, graduating from Clark High School and enlisting in the United States Army in early 2002.

Emanuel served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division while he was stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In 2003 he was deployed to Iraq for a tour of duty, and while there, he received numerous medals including, among others, Operation Iraqi Freedom, National Defense Medal, and two Army Accommodation Medals.

While enlisted and stationed at Ft. Bragg, Emanuel joined the Ft. Bragg Boxing Team and traveled throughout North Carolina in competitions. He now trains at the Zarzamora Street Gym and plans to make San Antonio and his family proud by pursuing and succeeding at boxing at the professional level.

Being fluent in both English and Spanish, Emanuel hopes that his cultural and ethnic roots can help him reach out to Latino youth and show them the importance of education, hard work, and perseverance.

Emanuel is a true representation of the "American Dream" that his immigrant parents came to this country to achieve, and I am proud to have this opportunity to recognize him here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained due to a delayed flight and, therefore, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 380, 381, and 382. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all three votes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FRITO-LAY, TECHNOLOGY PROCESS CENTER

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Frito-Lay, Technology Process Center in Dallas, Texas, for outstanding achievement in the field of occupational safety and health.

The tremendous efforts on behalf of the entire workforce have resulted in the center's approval to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Volunteer Protection Programs at the Star Level. Frito-Lay, Technology Process Center has now been a VPP participant for 5 years.

Since 1982, OSHA has recognized American worksites that have exceptional records and exemplify commitment to workplace safety and health. Less than 1,000 worksites under Federal jurisdiction currently share this distinction. Sites meeting VPP's demanding requirements typically experience injury and illness rates 53 percent below the industry average.

It is my pleasure to commend the men and women of Frito-Lay, Technology Process Center for being approved once again as a VPP participant. Their dedication to workplace safety and health deserves to be recognized.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to rise before you today, and to ask my colleagues in the 109th Congress to please join me in celebrating the 75th anniversary of a wonderful city in my district, Grand Blanc, Michigan. This momentous occasion will be marked by a series of events, including the dedication of a new Town Square and the opening of a connector street, both on July 26.

Originally a settlement of the Chippewa Indians, French traders arrived at the turn of the 19th century, naming their new home Grand Blanc, or "Great White." By 1823, pioneer families had set up trading posts, and built homes and farms on the abundant land, which sold for \$1.25 an acre. The railroad added more work and growth to the small community in 1862. In 1904, the village became the first in the State to consolidate its schools, and on March 4, 1930, the residents adopted a City Charter.

Over the past 75 years, Grand Blanc has grown to become one of Genesee County's and Michigan's fastest growing cities, while still maintaining its small town atmosphere. It is the proud home of one of the State's top school systems, thriving commercial districts and downtown area, and many public and private golf courses, including Warwick Hills, site of Michigan's only PGA Tour event, the Buick Open.

Grand Blanc's greatest treasure, however, is its residents. From those who have lived there

for a generation, to those who call it home for the first time, the people who make Grand Blanc such a warm and welcoming community shall always serve as its true nucleus.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Grand Blanc Mayor Michael Matheny, City Manager Randall Byrne, and the dedicated City Council for their vision in recognizing the need to acknowledge this milestone. I am proud to call them my colleagues, my constituents, and my friends. Once again, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Grand Blanc, Michigan on its 75th Anniversary.

HONORING JAMES C. BRAZELTON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. James C. Brazelton of Modesto, CA upon his retirement for his dedicated service with the Office of the District Attorney of Stanislaus County.

Mr. Brazelton began his law enforcement career as a Military Policeman assigned to the White House Security Detail. In 1963, he joined the City of Bakersfield Police Department where he served as a Patrolman, Motorcycle Officer and Detective. He accepted a position with the City of Orange Police Department in 1968 and worked his way through the ranks as a Patrolman, Detective, Watch Commander, SWAT Team Commander, and Sergeant. While with the City of Orange Police Department, he attended Western State University, College of Law, in Anaheim, California. Upon graduating in 1974, he moved on from the City of Orange Police Department to spend the next 11 years in the private practice of law.

In 1985, James Brazelton accepted the position as a Senior Deputy District Attorney with the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office. Primarily serving in the Felony Trial Division, Mr. Brazelton was responsible for prosecuting many high-profile homicide cases. In 1993, Mr. Brazelton was appointed Chief Deputy District Attorney for the Felony Superior Court Division and in August 1995, he was named Chief Deputy District Attorney for Administration.

On March 19, 1996, James C. Brazelton was appointed by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors to fill the unexpired term of the retiring District Attorney and was sworn in as District Attorney on March 29, 1996.

In 2001, Mr. Brazelton was appointed by California State Attorney General Bill Lockyer to serve on the Blue Ribbon SWAT Team Practices Commission. He is also a member of the National District Attorneys Association and an alumnus of the National College of District Attorneys. In 2005, he was appointed by President Bush to a four-person focus group on capital punishment litigation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. James C. Brazelton of Modesto, CA upon his retirement from the Office of the District Attorney of Stanislaus County. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Brazelton many years of continued success.