

thoughts and prayers. We say, "Goodbye. God bless you, we love you, and we miss you." We all loved her with all our hearts. She is now in a better place with her heavenly Father and at peace.

CONGRATULATING IRVIN "BUZZ"
CAVERLY

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, since 1933, Baxter State Park has been one of the most important natural and recreational places in the state of Maine. From an initial purchase of 5,960 acres, the park has grown to 204,733 acres that welcome more than 100,000 visitors each summer from all parts of the United States. Baxter State Park is special for its role as home to many of Maine's most beautiful mountains, lakes, and rivers and as the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail.

Throughout Baxter State Park's history, no man or woman, besides Governor Percival Baxter himself, has been as important to the park as Baxter State Park Director Irvin "Buzz" Caverly. Buzz Caverly began his career at Baxter State Park as a ranger in 1959 and by 1981 had risen to the rank of Park Director, where he has ably and enthusiastically managed the park since.

Buzz recently announced his retirement. Through the years, Buzz earned a well-deserved reputation for thoughtfulness, fairness, and dedication to the legacy of Percival Baxter and to Baxter State Park.

Growing up in the Katahdin region of Maine, Baxter State Park has always been my backyard, and I know that Buzz has continued the proud traditions of conservation and recreational access on which Baxter State Park was founded and which the people of the Katahdin region and all of Maine deeply value.

It can truly be said that Buzz knows Baxter State Park better than any man or woman alive, and his absence will be felt for years to come at the park. Indeed, Buzz's legacy will be remembered not only by those of us that love the park, but by the countless thousands of people who had the good fortune to meet him throughout the years and enjoy his own infectious love for Baxter.

On behalf of the residents of Maine's Second Congressional District, and for myself personally, I would like to thank Baxter State Park Director Irving "Buzz" Caverly for his hard work and dedication to Baxter State Park and for protecting an area that will remain a special place for all future generations of visitors from throughout Maine and away. Buzz, thank you and congratulations.

RECOGNIZING JOSH COOLEY

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Mr. Josh Cooley of Pasco County, Florida, a Purple Heart recipient from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

A deputy in the Pasco County Sheriff's office since 1998, Mr. Cooley enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in July of 2003. A third generation Marine, Lance Corporal Cooley was deployed to Iraq in December 2004.

While on patrol in Iraq, Mr. Cooley was the victim of a roadside blast. Following the attack, Mr. Cooley has required several head surgeries to remove pieces of scrapnel, some as large as a credit card. He currently remains in a local hospital recovering from his wounds sustained in early July.

While at National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, Mr. Cooley was presented his Purple Heart by President George W. Bush. An emotional and brief ceremony with Mr. Cooley's family was a fitting tribute to his and their sacrifices both on the battlefield and back here in Florida.

In addition to the support from his coworkers and family, the entire Pasco County region has helped the Cooley family. Volunteers have hosted fundraisers to help defray the costs of his medical bills, and have even reroofed his house. We are all proud to know that the good people of Pasco County have come together to support those who defend our freedoms and liberties in the United States Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, true American heroes like Josh Cooley should be honored for their service to our Nation and for their commitment and sacrifices in battle. I am honored to present Mr. Cooley and his family with this proclamation and let them know that America is grateful for the sacrifices of Lance Corporal Josh Cooley and that we truly consider him one of America's heroes.

REGARDING THE POEM "A
SOLDIER'S REFLECTIONS"

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, on July 12, 2005 I read a poem on this Floor entitled "A Soldier's Reflections." At that time, I inadvertently gave credit to the wrong author. I apologize to its author Mr. George L. Skyeck and ask that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD be amended and the appropriate correction be made to credit the author.

RECOGNIZING JOHN FEDYSZYN

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Mr. John Fedyszyn of Lady Lake, Florida, a Purple Heart recipient from the Vietnam War.

A native of Dunkirk, NY, Lance Corporal Fedyszyn was a proud member of C Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, 3rd Marine Division. Mr. Fedyszyn served as a forward-observer radioman who fought in savage exchanges with North Vietnamese Army artillery units north/northeast, west, and south of Dong Ha throughout his deployment with the 12th Marines in Vietnam.

Many times, out-gunned and out-ranged, the 1st Battalion 12th Marines continued to return fire rather than give any quarter to North Vietnamese artillery units. Lance Corporal Fedyszyn earned his Purple Heart when he was wounded by the enemy during an attack on May 9, 1968. He was first presented the Purple Heart by the Commanding General of the 3rd Marine Division.

Mr. Speaker, true American heroes like John Fedyszyn should be honored for their service to our Nation and for their commitment and sacrifices in battle. I am honored to present Mr. Fedyszyn with his long-overdue purple heart. He is truly one of America's greatest generation.

CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL COAST
RESIDENTS REACH OUT TO VIC-
TIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the 17th District of California, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The devastation wrought on Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama is unimaginable to most Americans but we on the Central Coast of California want our fellow Americans on the Gulf Coast to know that we stand shoulder to shoulder with them to rebuild their lives and communities.

The epicenter of the 1989 Lorna Prieta earthquake occurred in the Santa Cruz Mountains 10 miles from my congressional district. It was 7.1 on the Richter scale and was the first major quake in northern California since 1906. Since that time, residents on the Central Coast have experienced many federally designated natural disasters including mudslides and flooding.

We Californians understand all too well that Federal disaster assistance has to be immediate and sustained. The \$10.5 billion in emergency funding approved on September 2 is the start of what must be a long-term Federal effort to assist the residents of the Gulf Coast communities to rebuild their lives and communities. There is no price tag on the emotional and spiritual healing for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, but it may be a small comfort to know that millions and millions of Americans are contributing in many ways to your future well-being and that you are not alone.

RECOGNIZING EDWIN BOMBLY

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of Mr. Edwin Jerome Bombly of Hernando, FL.

Born in Hamtramck, MI, Mr. Bombly moved to Hernando, FL in 1978. An Army Veteran and the owner of a local insurance company, Mr. Bombly was very involved in local philanthropic activities and social organizations.

Mr. Bombly was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus, chairman of

the Citrus County Right to Life, and had recently been elected president of the Florida Right to Life. In addition to participating in these organizations, Mr. Bombly was a devoted family man who enjoyed playing the saxophone.

Mr. Speaker, I know that his family, friends and loved ones miss his presence but are heartened to know that he has passed on to a better place.

RECOGNIZING MR. PATRICK WEST

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Ms. Linda T. Sánchez of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Patrick West for his 25 years of service to the people of Paramount, California.

Pat began his career with Paramount in 1980 at a time when the city was being called a "suburban disaster," and was ranked as one of the Nation's worst places to live. Pat was a leading part of a team of local citizens and city employees who made a commitment to turn Paramount around. And turn the city around they did.

For example, to help reduce the high crime and gang problem in Paramount, Pat and other city employees and community leaders developed the GRIP anti-gang youth program. GRIP is now nationally recognized as one of America's longest running and most successful programs at reaching children early in elementary school, steering them away from gang involvement and towards more positive activities.

Pat started work in the city's Recreation Department, where GRIP is located. During 1986–1994 he moved to the Community Development Department where he was responsible for planning, zoning, and housing efforts in the city. Then, in 1994, Pat became City Manager for Paramount. Pat's able hand at community development and city management can be seen today in the thriving business districts of Paramount, and the creative use of suburban revitalization methods, such as pocket parks. Those years in the 1980's and 1990's saw the dramatic transformation of Paramount from suburban disaster status to a model of positive suburban redevelopment, with a city that stands out today for the quality of its city management and the quality of public services that it provides its residents and businesses. Pat West has played a leading role in directing that transformation over two and a half decades.

Pat's roots and life have been spent in our region of Southern California. Born in Inglewood, raised in Huntington Beach, and educated at UC Irvine for a bachelor's degree, and Cal State Los Angeles and Cal State Dominguez Hills for masters' degrees, Pat is truly a local Southern Californian who has done well, and done well for his State and his greater community.

Pat is leaving Paramount after 25 years to take a promotional opportunity working for the larger city of Long Beach where he will head up that city's redevelopment agency and help another city in our region successfully meet the challenges it faces.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Pat West for his

many years of service to the people of Paramount, CA and in wishing him the very best in his work ahead for the people of Long Beach, CA.

RECOGNIZING JOSHUA JOEL
GRAMLING OF ZEPHYRHILLS,
FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Corporal Joshua Joel Gramling of Zephyrhills, FL, a Marine Corps veteran of the war in Iraq. I am proud to join the entire Zephyrhills community, his friends and family, and his fellow soldiers to welcome Corporal Gramling back safely from Iraq.

Following his enlistment in the Marine Corps in 1998, Corporal Gramling served as a tank gunner for the first four years of his service. Following the completion of his four-year duty, Corporal Gramling decided to re-enlist in the Marine Corps. Activated before the end of the year, Corporal Gramling was deployed to Iraq in March, 2005 where he served in Regimental Combat Team 8.

During his time in the Marine Corps, Corporal Gramling has received two Good Conduct Medals, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the National Defense Medal.

Born into the military with both parents serving at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida, Corporal Gramling comes from a long line of military veterans. A proud member of three generations of American military men and women, Corporal Gramling continues his family's tradition of service to America's Armed Forces. In fact, twelve members of his family have served in the Gulf War, the Vietnam War and in World War II.

Mr. Speaker, the entire Zephyrhills Community is proud to have a native son and proud soldier return home safely from active duty. True American heroes like Corporal Gramling should be honored for their service to our nation and for their commitment and sacrifice in battle.

RECOGNIZING CENTRAL HIGH
SCHOOL NJROTC PROGRAM

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps unit of Central High School in Brooksville, FL for being recognized by the Navy as the 2005 Best Unit in the Navy's Area 7 and runner up as the 2005 Best Unit in the Nation. Both of these prestigious awards are sponsored by the Navy League of the United States.

Central High's NJROTC program is focused on the development of their cadets as model citizens as well as fostering the growth of tomorrow's leaders. In addition to their countless time spent drilling and reviewing on the pa-

rade grounds, the unit has amassed over 5,900 community service hours in a wide variety of community oriented activities. The unit has also pushed its cadets to achieve in the classroom, with several cadets participating in national academic contests, three cadets being awarded NROTC scholarships, and one cadet appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy.

In his application to the National NJROTC Awards Nominating Committee, the Area 7 manager stated that he had never seen a more inspiring event than the Evening Parade conducted by Central High's NJROTC Unit. Working as a team, the unit performed with a flawless precision that was of the same caliber as some of the finest honor guards in Washington, DC.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of Central High's Area 7 Best Unit award and their number two ranking in the nation, I would like to congratulate all the cadets participating in Central High's NJROTC program and their instructors for their dedication to the cadet program, for their service to the Brooksville community, and for their love of the United States of America. This unit will serve as an inspiration and an example for other NJROTC programs throughout Florida and throughout the Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTH HIGH
SCHOOL'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, in North St. Paul, MN, this year marks 100 years of North High School, a pillar of the community since 1905. North High is one of three high schools serving the North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale School District, a district which educates nearly 12,000 students each year.

As illustrated by the school's vision statement and exemplified in the work of its faculty and staff, learning and citizenship come first at North High. Generations of students and their families have acquired knowledge, attained skills, and developed values that prepare them for lifelong learning and civic participation in our democratic society.

Learning and growth happen outside of the classroom at North High as well. Students are provided with many leadership opportunities, including participation in more than 25 clubs and organizations, such as National Honor Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and Teens Advocating Peace. In addition, North High offers more than 26 athletic team opportunities for both boys and girls to learn the values associated with teamwork and physical fitness.

Many families in Minnesota and in North St. Paul have shared memories and developed lifelong friends because of their North High experiences. My own family has strong connections to North High—both of my children are alumni of North High and I was a student teacher at North High while finishing my bachelor's degree at the College of St. Catherine.

We count on our Nation's schools to help create and support our communities, strengthen our neighborhoods, and educate and prepare our children and youth. North High is a