

Industries, the Agana Restoration and Redevelopment Corporation, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Pacific Islanders in Communication, the Young Presidents' Organization and the Financial Services and Information Technology Committee, Saipan.

Tony Leon Guerrero was truly a leader in the business community. Although he was an innovator and consummate entrepreneur, the island spirit in him never changed. Despite his many accomplishments, he was still just "Tony" to those who knew him best. The respect that people felt for him in his professional life was equaled only by the love they felt for him in his personal life. He was dedicated to the island in which he lived and worked. The Bank of Guam is often referred to as "The People's Bank," and Tony was a leader in the business community and a conscience for social activism. He understood that with great talent comes great expectations, and he exceeded the expectations of his father and his business associates as the Bank of Guam grew and prospered under his watch. Tony was an advocate in the community for the revival of pride in the Chamorro culture and the cultures of the indigenous peoples throughout Micronesia. His bank invested in indigenous arts and crafts and the bank's branches are themselves centers for the display of Pacific cultures. As chairman of the board and CEO, Tony ensured that the Bank of Guam lived up to its commitment to our island's development and steered the bank through the difficult years of an economic recession. The bank's solid performance and success is a testament to his business acumen and his vision. The sense of loss in our island and throughout our Pacific region is a testament to a great humanitarian and community leader.

I am deeply saddened by this loss and know that the many people on Guam and throughout the Pacific are mourning as well. My thoughts and prayers are with his mother Eugenia A. Leon Guerrero, his wife Mari Flor Herrero, and his three children, Maria Eugenia, Alexandra and Jesus. My condolences also go to his brother Jesse A. Leon Guerrero and his wife Deirdre, his sister Senator Lou Leon Guerrero and her husband Jeff Cook, their families, and the entire Leon Guerrero extended family. Although he will be missed by his family, friends and business associates throughout the Pacific, his legacy of service will live on in our community.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF MRS.
CHRISTINE KENNEDY

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Christine Kennedy, the Administrator and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Mrs. Kennedy has served the House of Representatives with distinction since 1972. Unfortunately, Mrs. Kennedy will be retiring at the end of this year and will be starting a new and I am sure equally rewarding private life. I know that she is looking forward to spending more time with her daughter, Lauren.

I have known Chris since I came to Congress. Chris started her career with the Federal Government in 1972 as a clerk at NASA. She joined the staff of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in 1974 becoming the Administrator and Chief Clerk in 1995 of the Committee on Resources which was the successor Committee to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

When I moved from the Chairmanship of the Committee on Resources to the Chairmanship of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I asked Chris to take the position of Administrator and Chief Clerk of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Thank goodness, she agreed to do so.

Chris is one of those people who often is unheralded and unseen but who is essential to the workings of this institution. She is one of the most organized and efficient people I know. You know that if Chris is on the job, the job will get done and will be done well. She is thorough and has a detailed knowledge of the procedures and processes that keep the Committee operating.

In addition, she is loyal and generous to her colleagues, her friends, and to myself and my wife, Lu. We have relied on her in so many ways over the years to insure that our work with Committee, including the many codels and field hearings conducted by the Committee have been done in full accordance with the Rules.

I want to express to her my deep appreciation for her hard work and for her support of my efforts as Chairman of two Committees. Without her efforts, our Committees would not have a record of accomplishment that is unmatched by any Committee.

I know that I speak for my wife, Lu and for the Members and Staff of the Committee and for the many friends that she has made as a member of this Congressional family in wishing her all the best and many years of happiness in her new life.

She will be missed in so many ways, but we expect that she will continue to be a member of our Congressional family in the years to come. Best wishes to a good friend and an outstanding staff member.

TRIBUTE TO THE 75 YEARS OF
SERVICE THE DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS HAS PROVIDED

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to commemorate the 75 years of service the Department of Veterans Affairs has provided to the servicemen and women of this great Nation.

May we never forget, and continue to honor, those who made a commitment to protecting the security of our Nation by joining the Armed Forces. We owe our veterans a tremendous debt of gratitude for this commitment, and commend the VA for their pledge to ensure that they continue to receive support and assistance.

The men and women of the VA are dedicated each and every day to meeting the needs of the millions of veterans who have defended our Nation's freedom.

Nearly a quarter of a million veterans reside in our great State; a number that continues to grow. The VA ensures that these men and women, who were dedicated to defending our Nation, receive the services they rightly deserve. As a nation, we owe these great Americans a debt of gratitude for their sacrifice for our Nation's freedom and security.

With an ever growing population of veterans, may we always be reminded of Abraham Lincoln's philosophy and principles that guide the Department of Veterans Affairs: "To care for him shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan."

I join in thanking the Department of Veterans Affairs for their continued work and service for 75 years to our Nation's heroes.

May God bless Nevada, America, and our veterans.

RECOGNIZING THREE FALLEN
SOLDIERS SERVING IN IRAQ

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to three fallen American soldiers who sacrificed their lives while serving our country.

On October 14, 2005, while conducting convoy operations in the Al Taji area in Iraq, three Maryland Army National Guardsmen, 20-year-old Specialist Samuel M. Boswell, 23-year-old Specialist Bernard L. Ceo, and 36-year-old Sergeant Brian R. Connor, were tragically killed when their Humvee was accidentally hit and caught fire.

Assigned to the 243rd Engineer Company based in my district of West Baltimore, these remarkable young men had only been stationed in Iraq since mid-August. They were the first Maryland National Guardsman to be killed while serving their country overseas since World War II.

Words cannot express the sense of loss felt by the Maryland community when not one, but three of our own is taken from us in an instant. I offer my deepest condolences to the Boswell, Ceo, and Connor families during their difficult time.

Although each of these brave soldiers took different paths to arrive in the Army, they all shared great intellect, vigor, and a true commitment to serve their country. These attributes coupled with their youth makes it even more difficult to accept each soldier's fate. We all must now face the burden of uncertainty—never knowing what the future would have held for them.

Specialist Samuel Boswell of Elkridge, graduated from the technology magnet program at River Hill High School in Clarksville, Md. in 2003. He was a computer whiz with aspirations of receiving his college degree. However, as the violence in Iraq escalated, Spc. Boswell was compelled to volunteer his service and join the Army shortly after his high school graduation. On the day of his death, Spc. Boswell was on his way to meet his brother Michael, who was a civilian contract worker based in Baghdad. That reunion never took place.

Specialist Bernard Ceo of Baltimore was raised in a military family. His ambition was to

become a teacher. In fact, before joining the Army, he worked one-on-one with special needs students at the Kennedy Krieger High School Career and Technology Center in Baltimore. One of his colleagues at the school said that Spc. Ceo was a thoughtful, introspective young man who was an excellent employee, and would have made an outstanding teacher. Spc. Ceo joined the Army to help pay for college and alleviate financial strain on his family.

Along with his professional goals, Spc. Ceo was also making plans to marry his longtime girlfriend, Dajae Overton. The two had been together for years, and Spc. Ceo even took on the responsibility of caring for her two children as if they were his own. This selfless act demonstrated that Spc. Ceo was a man of integrity and honor.

Sergeant Brian Conner of Gwynn Oak was a single father of three daughters. Before joining the Army, he worked as a fireman for the Baltimore City Fire Department for 12 years. His sense of humor and clever banter were admired by all who knew him. His older brother, Paul said he was good at everything he did and that joining the Army was Sergeant Conner's mission.

These tragic deaths and these mourning families are a personal reality that we, as a people, must have the humanity to confront. These deaths remind us that sacrifice is never truly "shared."

There is nothing that any of us can say that will return these brave young men to their families.

We can only reach out to them—and to all who have lost loved ones in Iraq.

We can only stand with these neighbors in their darkest hours—and offer whatever comfort and support that we can.

As the families and loved ones of Samuel Boswell, Bernard Ceo and Brian Conner attempt to endure losses and suffering that no family should have to confront, we must all recommit ourselves to finding a way out of this conflict in Iraq.

We must find a way to bring our troops home on a timetable that is consistent with our nation's commitments to the Iraqi people.

By the end of this year, the Iraqis should have their constitution and government in operation.

That is not the reason that we went to war—but, nevertheless, it would give some meaning to our soldiers' sacrifice.

Equally important, the deaths that we mourn this week remind us that it is time for a clear and reasoned strategy to begin bringing our brave young people home.

Then, perhaps, all of the families who have sacrificed so much because of the war in Iraq can begin to heal the wounds that they have been forced to endure.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PENN
KEMBLE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, friends of freedom today are mourning the death of Penn

Kemble, who was one of its most ardent, eloquent, and effective defenders. Although he died at the relatively young age of 64, after a year-long struggle with brain cancer, Penn was an activist on behalf of social causes for more than 40 years. Whether arguing on behalf of civil rights, supporting organized labor, which he considered the "balance wheel of democracy," or advocating on behalf of democratic movements around the world, Penn brought an unparalleled passion combined with a hardheaded realism to every cause he adopted.

Penn through his close affiliation with Senators Henry Jackson and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, worked to move the Democratic Party in the direction of strong and "muscular" internationalism in its foreign policy. As Deputy Director—and later Acting Director—of the United States Information Agency under President Clinton, he played a strong role in the creation of an international network on civic education and in the establishment of the Community of Democracies. Even as the end of his life drew near, he was busy working to develop a transatlantic democracy network, collaborating with colleagues at the National Endowment for Democracy and Freedom House, where he served as a senior scholar after leaving government service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to place in the RECORD a Washington Post obituary that chronicles the life of this remarkable American. Let me take this opportunity to express my condolences to Penn's wife Mal and the other members of his family.

[From the Washington Post, Oct. 19, 2005]

POLITICAL ACTIVIST PENN KEMBLE DIES AT 64

(By Joe Holley)

Penn Kemble, 64, a political activist who considered himself a "muscular Democrat" and who kept himself in intellectual fighting trim by engaging in policy tilts with adversaries on both the left and the right, died Oct. 16 of brain cancer at his home in Washington. A former acting director of the U.S. Information Agency, he was in recent years senior scholar at Freedom House, a non-partisan, pro-democracy think tank.

Mr. Kemble believed in a robust internationalism in the tradition of former senator Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson (D-Wash.). He also had an affinity for organized labor, which was, in his words, "the balance wheel of democracy."

During his career, he helped found or lead a number of advocacy groups, including the Coalition for a Democratic Majority.

A friend and former colleague, Joshua Muravchik, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, noted that Mr. Kemble's political and intellectual journey traversed a path from democratic socialist to social democrat. It was a journey similar in its rightward arc to that of many prominent neoconservatives. Although he occasionally took such positions, Mr. Kemble stopped short of leaving the Democratic Party and never considered himself a neoconservative.

He believed, for example, in building a democratic Iraq but sharply criticized the Bush administration's approach on the country. "The distinction between liberation and democratization, which requires a strategy and instruments, was an idea never understood by the administration," he told the New Republic last year.

Richard Penn Kemble was born in Worcester, Mass., and grew up in Lancaster, Pa.,

where he was a small but feisty football player in high school. His political activism began at the University of Colorado, where he helped establish the Colorado chapter of the Young People's Socialist League.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in 1962, he moved to New York and took a job as a copy boy at the New York Times. His journalism career ended shortly afterward, when the typesetters went out on strike and he refused to cross the picket line.

He stayed in New York and immersed himself in socialist politics, seeking to resurrect the youth section of the Socialist Party, famously led earlier in the century by Eugene V. Debs and Norman Thomas.

Muravchik, who also was part of the movement, recalled that Mr. Kemble stood out as a "good-looking, neatly dressed WASP" in what was otherwise "a scruffy-looking crowd" made up primarily of young Jewish intellectuals.

He was one of the few whites among the leadership of the East River chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality, once staging a sit-in that blocked the eastbound lanes of the Triborough Bridge during rush hour. The aim was to force commuters to ponder the plight of Harlem residents before arriving back at their comfortable homes in the suburbs.

In 1967, he founded Negotiation Now!, which demanded an end to the bombing of North Vietnam and a negotiated end to the war.

In the early 1970s, Mr. Kemble moved to the District and plunged into Democratic Party politics. After the party's 1972 presidential debacle, he helped found the Coalition for a Democratic Majority. Associated primarily with Sens. Jackson and Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), the group sought to move the party back toward the center and refocus its reliance on a traditional blue-collar base.

Mr. Kemble served as executive director of the group from 1972 to 1976, when he joined the New York senatorial campaign of Daniel Patrick Moynihan. He was Moynihan's special assistant and speechwriter until 1979.

During the Reagan administration, he founded a group called PRODEMCA, or the Committee for Democracy in Central America. He caused consternation among many fellow Democrats by advocating support for the anti-communist contra rebels in Nicaragua. He sought a democratic middle way between communist Sandinistas and former supporters of rightist dictator Anastasio Somoza.

He worked in the Clinton presidential campaign in 1992 and was appointed deputy director of the USIA in 1993. He became USIA's acting director in 1999.

In recent years, Mr. Kemble sought to maintain a network of American social democrats. From his sickbed, he conceived and helped organize a conference dedicated to the thought of philosopher Sydney Hook, an intellectual model for Mr. Kemble of the politically engaged social democrat. The event took place October 1.

His marriage to Charlotte Rowe ended in divorce.

Survivors include his wife of 22 years, Marie-Louise "Mal" Caravatti of Washington; two sisters, Sara Kemble of Columbia and Eugenia Kemble of Washington; and a brother, Grover Kemble of Morristown, N.J.

Mr. Kemble was in many ways still a socialist, his wife said. "He believed in the public sector as a civilizing force," she added. "He believed in a role for government."