

A TRIBUTE TO MR. CLIFFORD L. STOFFEL

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER
OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to Mr. Clifford L. Stoffel who was awarded the 2005 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the Second Congressional District of Maryland's Veterans Advisory Group.

It is with great pleasure that I bring before you a man who has selflessly committed himself as a volunteer driver and as the Coordinator for the Transportation Section at the Glen Burnie Clinic for Veterans.

In the past six years, Mr. Stoffel has driven 41,986 miles to take patients to and from scheduled and emergency doctor appointments. The veterans have come to rely on him when other drivers cancel or when they forget to request a driver. He is always willing to assist them, ensuring that those in need of a ride to the nearest veteran facility, will have transportation.

Because of Mr. Stoffel's generosity, approximately 2,258 patients have had reliable transportation when necessary. His generosity is recognized as an example of dedication amongst veteran volunteers.

I believe this country should honor the service and sacrifices of those who place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms of the American citizens. The Veterans Advisory Group provides an excellent opportunity for me to share pending legislation with people who have done just that, as well as, gain their perspective on specialized issues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me, and the Veterans Advisory Group to commend the efforts of Mr. Clifford L. Stoffel in his kind-heartedness and willingness to help others. He has gone above and beyond to aid those who have dedicated their lives to serve our great country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 572 on H. Res. 444, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

A PROCLAMATION THANKING LANCE CORPORAL HICKORY OGLE OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Lance Cpl. Hickory Ogle served with the 1st Platoon, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines, 4th Marine Division with honor, courage and commitment; and

Whereas, Lance Cpl. Hickory Ogle has continued in his family's proud footsteps of service and dedication to America; and

Whereas, Lance Cpl. Hickory Ogle has taken part in numerous offensive operations in Iraq, including Matador and Sword for the preservation of American liberty and freedom for the Iraqi people.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in thanking Lance Corporal Hickory Ogle for his service to the United States and welcoming him home to an appreciative nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, on Monday November 7, 2005 I missed the following votes: rollcall No. 570: H. Con. Res. 260, "Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions"; rollcall No. 571: H.R. 1973, "Water for the Poor Act of 2005"; and rollcall No. 572: H. Res. 444, "Gynecological Resolution for Advancement of Ovarian Cancer Education." Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 570, rollcall No. 571, and rollcall No. 572.

RECOGNITION OF THE PMI GROUP

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate The PMI Group's tenth anniversary as a publicly traded company. The PMI Group's company headquarters is located in Walnut Creek, California, which is in my district. Ten years ago when the company first went public it was the sixth-largest IPO in the New York Stock Exchange's history. In the past decade it has grown from one of the nation's leading providers of private mortgage insurance to a global provider of credit enhancement. PMI has helped to push homeownership rates to a historic high, while consistently providing a strong average return on shareholders' equity.

Founded over 30 years ago, The PMI Group, Inc., offers residential mortgage insurance and credit enhancement products that promote homeownership and facilitate mortgage transactions in domestic and international capital markets. Currently the company has over \$5.2 billion in total assets, serves two million families worldwide and has been recognized as one of the best places to work in the Bay Area of California.

Under the leadership of Chairman and CEO Roger Haughton, The PMI Group's mission is to put people in homes—and keep them there. They have been integral in helping low and moderate income families become homeowners by developing affordable mortgage programs that help them to realize their dreams of homeownership. Now with operations in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Europe they have taken that commitment

globally. The company's management is committed to the belief that homeownership helps build strong families, which in turn builds strong communities.

The company's commitment to facilitating homeownership goes beyond its fundamental business model to its relations with the communities in which it operates, exemplified in the generous spirit of their foundation. The PMI Foundation supports national and local organizations that create housing opportunities and revitalize neighborhoods. Most notably the company has been a part of building over 125 Habitat for Humanity homes worldwide. They have also led the business community in initiatives to reinvest in inner-city and rural communities. Most recently, PMI stepped up to the plate and contributed a \$2 million relief package for the victims of the Gulf Coast hurricanes.

I greatly appreciate everything The PMI Group, Inc. has done for the citizens of my district, as well as our citizens nationwide. Facilitating homeownership is an admirable business, so I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in congratulating The PMI Group on a very successful 10 years as a publicly traded company and I wish them many successful years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain how I would have voted on November 7, 2005 during rollcall vote Nos. 570, 571 and 572 during the first session of the 109th Congress. The first vote was on H. Con. Res. 260—Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration of the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, the second vote was H.R. 1973—Water for the Poor Act of 2005, and the third vote, H. Res. 444—Gynecological Resolution for Advancement of Ovarian Cancer Education.

If present, I would have voted "yea" on these rollcall votes.

A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING MRS. BONNY HUFFMAN UPON HER RECOGNITION AS A GREAT PHILANTHROPIST

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Bonny Huffman was nominated by Marianne Campbell, Board Chair of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio; and

Whereas, Bonny Huffman has displayed a commitment to education, the Wellston City Schools, Junior Achievement, the United Fund, the Hope United Methodist Church and the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio; and

Whereas, Bonny Huffman is a blessing upon her community and has been a bottomless well of generosity for all those she meets.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in

congratulating Mrs. Bonny Huffman and thanking her for many years of generosity to the community.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN FLUTKA

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER
OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to Mr. Flutka who was awarded the 2005 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the Second Congressional District of Maryland's Veterans Advisory Group.

I am pleased to bring before you a man who has generously taken time to assist the Occupational Therapy Department of the Baltimore Veterans Rehabilitation and Extended Care Center.

Mr. Flutka, a veteran himself, updates forms used to evaluate and treat patients, resulting in better quality of care. He also organizes supply closets, making for quick and easy access to indispensable materials. By utilizing his diligence, staff members can swiftly remedy the veteran's vulnerabilities.

I believe this country should honor the service and sacrifices of those who place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms of the American citizens. The Veterans Advisory Group provides an excellent opportunity for me to share pending legislation with people who have done just that, as well as gain their perspective on specialized issues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me and the Veterans Advisory Group to commend Mr. John Flutka for his efforts in assisting the Occupational Therapy Department. He has gone above and beyond to aid those who have dedicated their lives to service our great country.

GYNECOLOGICAL RESOLUTION FOR
ADVANCEMENT OF OVARIAN
CANCER EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO
OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague from Texas for his leadership on this important issue. Nineteen years ago, I learned for myself the deadly toll ovarian cancer can take. Back then, I knew little about these diseases. But then I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer during an unrelated doctor's visit. I was fortunate to have excellent doctors who detected the cancer by accident in Stage 1 and underwent radiation treatment for the next two-and-a-half months. I am proud

to say that I have now been cancer-free for 19 years.

I was lucky—lucky that my life was given back to me. But of course, my life was changed at the same time. We all hope to see the day when cancer is prevented and no one has to go through what I and so many others have endured. When it comes to life and death, no one should have to depend on luck.

And frankly, we are asking 25,000 women a year to do just that. As we commemorate the first National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, we do so with the understanding that more than 25,000 women are diagnosed every year with ovarian cancer—1 out of every 57 women. 16,000 of those women will die simply because the disease is not detected until it has reached an advanced stage.

The tragedy of it all is that ovarian cancer can be cured if it is detected soon enough. When detected in the early stages, more than 94 percent of women survive longer than 5 years, and most are cured completely. The problem is simply that women have never had a reliable, accurate method of screening for ovarian cancer in the early stages.

But that may be changing. Today, researchers are on the cusp of a breakthrough, of giving real hope to women who might otherwise not be diagnosed until it is too late. And our investment in ovarian cancer research is paying dividends, which is why we must keep fighting to make sure that ovarian cancer grants at the National Institutes of Health are fully funded. With 25,000 lives on the line every year, we can ill afford any setbacks in our work to find potential screening tools and treatments for this deadly disease.

Mr. Speaker, providing hope to women across the country is what that investment is about—highlighting the need to make that hope a reality is what this resolution is about. It is my privilege to support it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber November 7. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes Nos. 557 and 558.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, today I was unavoidably detained in

District-related events and missed rollcall votes Nos. 570, 571 and 573. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yea" on rollcall No. 570, H. Con. Res. 260—A bill to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, *Nostra Aetate*, and the continuing need for mutual interreligious respect and dialogue,

"Yea" on rollcall No. 571, H.R. 1973—The "Water for the Poor Act of 2005," and

"Yea" on rollcall No. 572, H.R. 444—The "Gynecological Resolution for Advancement of Ovarian Cancer Education."

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF
SPECIALIST RICHARD A. HARDY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker: Whereas, Specialist Richard A. Hardy of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, United States Army honorably and with courage fulfilled his duty to the United States of America; and

Whereas, Specialist Richard A. Hardy volunteered to serve his country and fought to secure freedom for an oppressed people and for the continued liberty we enjoy at home; and

Whereas, Specialist Richard A. Hardy gave the last full measure of devotion to his country amid the sands of Ar Ramadi, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While words cannot express our grief during the loss of such a courageous soldier, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Specialist Richard A. Hardy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal family matter I was not available for votes on November 7, 2005. Had I been present I would have voted:

Roll Call:

No. 572 Supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. "Yea". No. 571 Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act "Yea". No. 570 Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, *Nostra Aetate*, and the continuing need for mutual interreligious respect and dialogue. "Yea".