

Sergeant First Class Bowman, a former member of the Army Special Forces and the “Golden Knights”—the Army’s elite parachute team—has inspired the world in his recovery and unwavering will to succeed, despite all odds, following his tragic training accident in 1994. At Yuma, Arizona, Sergeant First Class Bowman and his fellow paratrooper, Sergeant First Class Jose Agillon, struck each other midair, severing both of his legs.

Not only did Sergeant First Class Bowman recover and re-enlist in the Army after a mere nine months, thereby becoming the first double amputee to re-enlist, but he became the United States Parachute Team’s recruiting commander and lead speaker, telling others of the great sense of fulfillment and accomplishment such a duty can bring. From his military retirement in 1996 to the present, Sergeant First Class Bowman has encouraged the physically impaired and disabled community to never underestimate their potential to achieve their dreams, succeed in work and thrive in life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of SFC Dana Bowman. His positive outlook on life, personal strength, and will to uplift others touches all who come in contact with him.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF PASTOR ANDREW WILSON

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the important contributions of Pastor Andrew Wilson of the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

A native Texan, Andrew Wilson grew up in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from Guadalupe Theological Seminary in 1984 and later was named recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Theology from the Guadalupe District Association College.

Reverend Andrew Wilson has served as Pastor of the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church for over twelve years. Under his active and passionate guidance, the Shiloh “Missionary Baptist Church has taken on numerous important community projects.

He serves as an active member of the Baptist Ministers Union, the Community Churches for Social Action, and as Spiritual Advisor to the San Antonio Chapter of the Texas Gospel Announcers Guild/Gospel Music Workshop of America. He also participates in the Nolan Street Bridge Program, which helps to feed the homeless in our community.

Pastor Wilson is the husband of Yevette Wilson, and father of Andrenette and the Reverend Leonard Wilson.

Mr. Speaker, Pastor Andrew Wilson is a source of tremendous strength for his community, and his commitment to serving his fellow man serves as a powerful example. I am proud to have the chance to honor him here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MODESTO
POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Modesto Police Department for being awarded full accreditation by the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA). This accreditation is a significant accomplishment for the Department as only twenty four percent of all full-time police officers in the United States are members of agencies officially accredited by CALEA.

The goals of the CALEA are to strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities, formalize essential management procedures, establish fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices, improve service delivery, solidify inter-agency cooperation and boost citizen and staff confidence in the agency. The Modesto Police Department was recognized with full accreditation for achieving and sustaining these goals.

Under the leadership of Police Chief Roy Wasden, the Modesto Police Department has worked diligently for many years to ensure that high quality professional police services are provided to the community of Modesto. The Department was finally recognized for their longstanding commitment to excellence in law enforcement after a thorough agency-wide evaluation and exacting outside review. The Modesto Police Department became the 13th law enforcement agency in California to achieve accreditation. It is now the largest police department in California to be accredited.

I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Modesto Police Department for their hard work and commitment to protecting and serving our community. Standing with tradition, the Department can always be counted upon and turned to during times of need. Such outstanding departments are the cornerstones of each member of the Department for their hard work and tireless dedication. They are truly heroes of our community. I am honored to represent such a distinguished police department in the 18th Congressional District of California.

REMEMBERING THE SREBRENICA
MASSACRE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of my colleagues House Resolution 199, regarding the 1995 massacre at Srebrenica in eastern Bosnian-Herzegovina. In July, ten years will have passed since thousands of Bosniaks perished in what was the worst atrocity committed during the three-and-a-half years of conflict in Bosnia. This was an absolute fiasco by the international community, eroding its credibility and principles. Those of us who worked together at the time in urging a more decisive international response can remember the horror associated with that conflict.

Many may ask: why do this? Why focus on what happened ten years ago in a region that

we are encouraging to look forward to a future that includes further European integration? I believe it is impossible to look forward without acknowledging the past and what really happened at Srebrenica. We have many lessons to learn from the past.

First, the very fact that many of those responsible for the Srebrenica massacre—especially Ratko Mladic and Radovan Karadzic and others—not only have evaded justice in The Hague but may be receiving protection and are held almost as folk heroes by some indicates that the past has not been fully understood. Hundreds of people currently holding positions of responsibility are only now being investigated for possible connections to the massacre. Clearly the myths and propaganda originally used to justify a slaughter still hold sway in the minds of too many people.

Second, the international community must learn not to repeat the mistakes it made with horrible consequences in 1995. Some lessons have been learned. For the first time since World War II, for example, an international tribunal was created to prosecute those responsible for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. That body has borne some results, though its task is not complete.

Intervention in Bosnia-Herzegovina was not some reckless act, as some suggest, but a needed response made increasingly difficult by unnecessary delay. Mutual congratulations will undoubtedly come later this year when commemorating the ten year anniversary of the Dayton Agreement. We would do well, however, to recall that it was the simple shame of allowing thousands to be massacred within one of the international community’s officially designated “safe areas” that finally motivated serious consideration of action against the brazen thugs responsible for these crimes. Unfortunately, it took additional atrocities before effective action was taken.

It is also helpful to listen to some of the words spoken in the aftermath of the Srebrenica massacre. For example, 27 non-governmental organizations—including religious and humanitarian organizations not usually inclined to support the use of force, as well as Muslim and Jewish organizations not known for taking common stands—issued a powerful statement:

Bosnia is not a faraway land of no concern to our “national interest.” At stake is the global commitment to fundamental human values—the right not to be killed because of one’s religious or ethnic heritage, and the right of civilians not to be targeted by combatants.

At about the same time, the U.N.’s rapporteur for human rights in the former Yugoslavia, former Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, explained why he could no longer “continue to participate in the pretense of the protection of human rights” and chose to resign in response to the events at Srebrenica. Known as a thoughtful, principled man, he said:

One cannot speak about the protection of human rights with credibility when one is confronted with the lack of consistency and courage displayed by the international community and its leaders. . . . Crimes have been committed with swiftness and brutality and by contrast the response of the international community has been slow and ineffectual.

If, when listening to these words from ten years ago, we think of subsequent events including Darfur today, we realize how little we have indeed learned.

In Bosnia-Herzegovina we also produced examples of the best in humanity, people in the international community—aid workers, soldiers, diplomats, journalists, monitors and advocates—who risked and sometimes gave their lives to prevent further loss of life. I particularly mention in this connection the American negotiators Robert Frasure, Joseph Kruzel, and Nelson Drew who died while traveling Bosnia's dangerous, war-torn roads. They deserve our gratitude for the efforts to restore peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, we cannot forget the memory of the victims of Srebrenica and those who survived, but were traumatized by the debacle at Srebrenica. Many continue to wonder about the ultimate fate of the missing, even as new mass graves have been unearthed in northeastern Bosnia-Herzegovina. For these people, ten years is not long ago, and recognizing the pain and anguish they experienced may help bring closure for them. Some of these victims, I should add, have come to our country as refugees and are now Americans. They will no doubt be remembering the tragic events at Srebrenica ten years ago.

I will not detail here the almost unspeakable horrors that were part of the massacre at Srebrenica in July 1995. Some of the events are mentioned in House Resolution 199. Mr. Speaker, I hope that my colleagues will give this measure their serious consideration and active support.

HONORING THE 2005 DR. NAN S. HUTCHINSON BROWARD SENIOR HALL OF FAME ELECTEES

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the eleven electees to the Dr. Nan S. Hutchinson Broward Senior Hall of Fame for 2005. To coincide with the month of May as Older Americans' Month, the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County annually coordinates the Hall of Fame Elections to honor seniors who are dedicated to serving their community.

Mr. Vincent Ciardullo has donated over 7500 hours of community service to the Coral Springs Medical Center Auxiliary, where he holds the elected position of Parliamentarian and Chair of "Ways and Means." Mr. Ciardullo has also raised funds in excess of \$250,000 for the facility. In 1997, Mr. Ciardullo initiated the annual Teddy Bear Parade which has collected thousands of teddy bears that local police and EMS departments distribute to children in distress situations.

Mr. Nat Goren has dedicated himself to a number of South Florida medical centers. He has served on the Board of Directors for the American Cancer Society, is the Past President of the Alzheimer's Association of South Florida, and the Past Chairman of Broward Meals on Wheels. A World War II Naval Veteran, Mr. Goren is a devoted and active member of his community.

Ms. Jean Johnson has been involved with numerous charitable organizations including Sunshine Cathedral Board of Directors, the Jail Ministry, the Women's Guild, SAGE, Hollywood Humane Resource Advisory Board, Seniors and Law Enforcement Together, and the American Cancer Society. Ms. Johnson has also been an active volunteer at the Noble A. McArtor Adult Day Care Center, serving on the Sponsorship and Publicity/Advertising Subcommittees of the Advisory Council.

Ms. Betty Kaufman has coordinated fund-raising, education and outreach efforts for over 15 years. Ms. Kaufman has been recognized as Volunteer of the Year of the Advisory Council of the Area Agency of Aging. Ms. Kaufman has also been actively involved with the Broward Grandparents program; having worked on the Senior Spring Festival, Foster Grandparents Breakfast, and "Gift of Gold" Distribution. Additionally, her service received statewide attention in 1993, when the late Governor Lawton Chiles proclaimed two days in her honor for her leadership role in the marketing industry.

Mrs. Shirley Lewenberg has proven herself as an effective fund-raiser for numerous organizations. For the past several years, Mrs. Lewenberg has been involved with the American Cancer Society's Jail and Bail event, exceeding the nonprofit's fund-raising goals many times. Additionally, she has held the Area Agency on Aging's Fund-raising Co-Chair position, and has been honored as Volunteer of the Year.

Ms. Mary Macomber is involved with a variety of charitable causes which improve the quality of life of all for all Broward County residents. Ms. Macomber is actively involved with the Coordinating Council of Broward (CCB); serving as Chair of the Steering Committee, Multicultural Board, and Million Meals Committee. Ms. Macomber also gives her time to the City of Coral Springs Multicultural Advisory Board, South Florida Human Rights Council, and she is the Vice Chair of the Noble A. McArtor Adult Day Care Advisory Council.

Mr. Matt Meadows is a Past President of the Area Agency on Aging's Board of Directors and has served as member of the Alzheimer Association's Board of Directors since 1996. Mr. Meadows has served on the City of Lauderhill's City Commission for 6 years and has served as a Board Member for both the Broward and the Florida League of Cities Boards. Mr. Meadows has also worked extensively to benefit South Florida's minority populations through his work with the Florida Commission on Minority Health, the Florida Commission on Minority Economic and Business Development and the Florida Commission of African American Affairs.

Ms. Betty Priscak has been involved with numerous charitable organizations including Sunshine Cathedral Board of Directors, the Jail Ministry, the Women's Guild, SAGE, Hollywood Humane Resource Advisory Board, Seniors and Law Enforcement Together, and the American Cancer Society. Ms. Priscak has also been an active volunteer at the Noble A. McArtor Adult Day Care Center, serving on the Sponsorship and Publicity/Advertising Subcommittees of the Advisory Council.

Ms. Esther Schneiderman has worked with the Hollywood Hills Nursing Home for over 12 years. She has been recognized by the Home

as "Volunteer of the Year," and the Miami Herald has awarded her Honorable Mention for its Good Neighbor Award. Ms. Schneiderman has been involved with Hospice and Deborah Heart and Lung Center. She has also been recognized for her 15 years of service to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Ms. Shelly Spivak has devoted herself to a variety of charitable causes, while also maintaining a full-time career. Ms. Spivak has volunteered her time for the Governance Council of the United Jewish Community, the West Broward Unit Issues Committee of the American Cancer Society, the Allocation Committee of United Way of Broward, the Unit Board of the Boys and Girls Club of Hollywood, and the Cities in Schools of Broward County School Board.

Mrs. Mary Todd has been an active member of the Broward County Medical Association Auxiliary for over one quarter of a century, while serving as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Todd is also a dedicated Board Member for the Areawide Council on Aging.

Mr. Speaker, for their dedicated service to the community, I wish to once again recognize these eleven outstanding seniors, who have been elected to the Dr. Nan S. Hutchinson Broward Senior Hall of Fame for 2005.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MAYOR BILL CARROLL OF PLEASANTON, TEXAS

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Bill Carroll of Pleasanton, Texas for his distinguished record of dedication to his fellow citizens.

Bill Carroll was born and raised in Dilley, Texas. He served his country in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969, where he was a member of the 101st Airborne. He received his Bachelor's degree in Spanish from Texas State University, and first came to Pleasanton in 1979.

Mr. Carroll has been married to his wife, Beth, for 38 years, and has two sons. He has been highly active in community volunteer activities; he has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 30 years, and currently holds the rank of fifth degree knight and Ceremonial Delegate in that organization.

In 1998, Mr. Carroll was appointed to represent District 6 in the City Council. He was elected to the same office in 1999, and then rose to the rank of Mayor in May 2000. He has been reelected as Mayor in every subsequent year, and continues to hold the post today.

Mayor Carroll has distinguished himself as a soldier, a volunteer, a public servant, a husband, and a father. He is the kind of citizen who holds our communities together, through his hard work, energy, and willingness to serve. He is a credit and a blessing to Pleasanton, and I am proud to have the chance to thank him here today.