

In that same battle, PFC Gregory Goodrich was killed. SPC Keith Maupin was captured and remains missing in action.

Members of the National Guard and Reserve train on weekends and during 2-week annual training periods to prepare for that day when their country might call upon them to step away from families and civilian careers in order to fight America's wars.

These citizen-soldiers were ready to do that. The call came. They answered it. Now they have borne the terrible burden of battle. Gregory Goodrich gave his life. Keith Maupin remains missing. Matthew Brown has lost an eye and, because of that, he will probably lose his job as a Peoria, IL, law enforcement officer. Jeremy Church risked life and limb to save others and to vigorously fight back the attackers. All of these men exemplify the finest traditions of America's citizen-soldiers. We honor their service.

#### APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE RULES

Mr. LOTT. Mr President, on April 21, 2005 the Joint Committee on Printing approved the following rules for the committee. Pursuant of rule XXVI, paragraph 2, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that a copy of the committee rules be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

##### RULE 1.—COMMITTEE RULES

(a) The rules of the Senate and House insofar as they are applicable, shall govern the Committee.

(b) The Committee's rules shall be published in the Congressional Record as soon as possible following the Committee's organizational meeting in each odd-numbered year.

(c) Where these rules require a vote of the members of the Committee, polling of members either in writing or by telephone shall not be permitted to substitute for a vote taken at a Committee meeting, unless the ranking minority member assents to waiver of this requirement.

(d) Proposals for amending Committee rules shall be sent to all members at least one week before final action is taken thereon, unless the amendment is made by unanimous consent.

##### RULE 2.—REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(a) The regular meeting date of the Committee shall be the second Wednesday of every month when the House and Senate are in session. A regularly scheduled meeting need not be held if there is no business to be considered and after appropriate notification is made to the ranking minority member. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairman, as he may deem necessary or at the request of the majority of the members of the Committee.

(b) If the Chairman of the Committee is not present at any meeting of the Committee, the vice-Chairman or ranking member of the majority party on the Committee who is present shall preside at the meeting.

##### RULE 3.—QUORUM

(a) Five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, which is required for the purpose of closing meetings, promulgating Committee orders or changing the rules of the Committee.

(b) Three members shall constitute a quorum for purposes of taking testimony and receiving evidence.

##### RULE 4.—PROXIES

(a) Written or telegraphic proxies of Committee members will be received and recorded on any vote taken by the Committee, except for the purpose of creating a quorum.

(b) Proxies will be allowed on any such votes for the purpose of recording a member's position on a question only when the absentee Committee member has been informed of the question and has affirmatively requested that he be recorded.

##### RULE 5.—OPEN AND CLOSED MEETINGS

(a) Each meeting for the transaction of business of the Committee shall be open to the public except when the Committee, in open session and with a quorum present, determines by roll call vote that all or part of the remainder of the meeting on that day shall be closed to the public. No such vote shall be required to close a meeting that relates solely to internal budget or personnel matters.

(b) No person other than members of the Committee, and such congressional staff and other representatives as they may authorize, shall be present in any business session that has been closed to the public.

##### RULE 6.—ALTERNATING CHAIRMANSHIP AND VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP BY CONGRESSES

(a) The Chairmanship and vice Chairmanship of the Committee shall alternate between the House and the Senate by Congresses: The senior member of the minority party in the House of Congress opposite of that of the Chairman shall be the ranking minority member of the Committee.

(b) In the event the House and Senate are under different party control, the Chairman and vice Chairman shall represent the majority party in their respective Houses. When the Chairman and vice-Chairman represent different parties, the vice-Chairman shall also fulfill the responsibilities of the ranking minority member as prescribed by these rules.

##### RULE 7.—PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

Questions as to the order of business and the procedures of Committee shall in the first instance be decided by the Chairman; subject always to an appeal to the Committee.

##### RULE 8.—HEARINGS: PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WITNESSES

(a) The Chairman, in the case of hearings to be conducted by the Committee, shall make public announcement of the date, place and subject matter of any hearing to be conducted on any measure or matter at least one week before the commencement of that hearing unless the Committee determines that there is good cause to begin such hearing at an earlier date. In the latter event, the Chairman shall make such public announcement at the earliest possible date. The staff director of the Committee shall promptly notify the Daily Digest of the Congressional Record as soon as possible after such public announcement is made.

(b) So far as practicable, all witnesses appearing before the Committee shall file advance written statements of their proposed testimony at least 48 hours in advance of their appearance and their oral testimony shall be limited to brief summaries. Limited insertions or additional germane material will be received for the record, subject to the approval of the Chairman.

##### RULE 9.—OFFICIAL HEARING RECORD

(a) An accurate stenographic record shall be kept of all Committee proceedings and actions. Brief supplemental materials when required to clarify the transcript may be in-

serted in the record subject to the approval of the Chairman.

(b) Each member of the Committee shall be provided with a copy of the hearing transcript for the purpose of correcting errors of transcription and grammar, and clarifying questions or remarks. If any other person is authorized by a Committee Member to make his corrections, the staff director shall be so notified.

(c) Members who have received unanimous consent to submit written questions to witnesses shall be allowed two days within which to submit these to the staff director for transmission to the witnesses. The record may be held open for a period not to exceed two weeks awaiting the responses by witnesses.

(d) A witness may obtain a transcript copy of his testimony given at a public session or, if given at an executive session, when authorized by the Committee. Testimony received in closed hearings shall not be released or included in any report without the approval of the Committee.

##### RULE 10.—WITNESSES FOR COMMITTEE HEARINGS

(a) Selection of witnesses for Committee hearings shall be made by the Committee staff under the direction of the Chairman. A list of proposed witnesses shall be submitted to the members of the Committee for review sufficiently in advance of the hearings to permit suggestions by the Committee members to receive appropriate consideration.

(b) The Chairman shall provide adequate time for questioning of witnesses by all members, including minority Members and the rule of germaneness shall be enforced in all hearings notified.

(c) Whenever a hearing is conducted by the Committee upon any measure or matter, the minority on the Committee shall be entitled, upon unanimous request to the Chairman before the completion of such hearings, to call witnesses selected by the minority to testify with respect to the measure or matter during at least one day of hearing thereon.

##### RULE 11.—CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FURNISHED TO THE COMMITTEE

The information contained in any books, papers or documents furnished to the Committee by any individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity shall, upon the request of the individual, partnership, corporation or entity furnishing the same, be maintained in strict confidence by the members and staff of the Committee, except that any such information may be released outside of executive session of the Committee if the release thereof is effected in a manner which will not reveal the identity of such individual, partnership, corporation or entity in connection with any pending hearing or as a part of a duly authorized report of the Committee if such release is deemed essential to the performance of the functions of the Committee and is in the public interest.

##### RULE 12.—BROADCASTING OF COMMITTEE HEARINGS

The rule for broadcasting of Committee hearings shall be the same as Rule XI, clause 4, of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

##### RULE 13.—COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) No Committee report shall be made public or transmitted to the Congress without the approval of a majority of the Committee except when Congress has adjourned: provided that any member of the Committee may make a report supplementary to or dissenting from the majority report. Such supplementary or dissenting reports should be as brief as possible.

(b) Factual reports by the Committee staff may be printed for distribution to Committee members and the public only upon

authorization of the Chairman either with the approval of a majority of the Committee or with the consent of the ranking minority member.

**RULE 14.—CONFIDENTIALITY OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No summary of a Committee report, prediction of the contents of a report, or statement of conclusions concerning any investigation shall be made by a member of the Committee or by any staff member of the Committee prior to the issuance of a report of the Committee.

**RULE 15.—COMMITTEE STAFF**

(a) The Committee shall have a staff director, selected by the Chairman. The staff director shall be an employee of the House of Representatives or of the Senate.

(b) The Ranking Minority Member may designate an employee of the House of Representatives or of the Senate as the minority staff director.

(c) The staff director, under the general supervision of the Chairman, is authorized to deal directly with agencies of the Government and with non-Government groups and individuals on behalf of the Committee.

(d) The Chairman or staff director shall timely notify the Ranking Minority Member or the minority staff director of decisions made on behalf of the Committee.

**RULE 16.—COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman of the Committee may establish such other procedures and take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the foregoing rules or to facilitate the effective operation of the Committee. Specifically, the Chairman is authorized, during the interim periods between meetings of the Committee, to act on all requests submitted by any executive department, independent agency, temporary or permanent commissions and committees of the Federal Government, the Government Printing Office and any other Federal entity, pursuant to the requirements of applicable Federal law and regulations.

**ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, yesterday marked the 90th anniversary of the beginning of the Armenian Genocide. A date of great significance for many Rhode Islanders, and growing in significance for all Americans, this day not only commemorates the atrocities of the past, but also reminds us that it must not happen again. Remembering the victims is our duty to the past and to the future.

The term "genocide" did not even exist when these atrocities occurred from 1915 to 1923, yet the numbers are staggering. Over 1.5 million people perished. Over 500,000 people were forcibly removed from their homes and their homeland. Armenian religious, political, and intellectual leaders were killed. Men were removed from their families and women and children were left vulnerable to deportation, kidnapping, and starvation, and 132,000 Armenian orphans became foster children in American families.

It is vital for the distinct identity of every culture to be honored and celebrated. Over one and a half million Americans are of Armenian heritage, and on this day we are grateful for their many contributions to our country. Rhode Island and this entire Na-

tion continue to benefit from a strong and vibrant Armenian community.

**HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES**

MEDIC STEVEN SIRKO

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude to honor the life of a brave young man from Portage. Steven Sirko, 20 years old, died on April 17 while stationed in Maqadiyah, Iraq. With his entire life before him, Steven risked everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

Recently married to another army medic, Steven turned down a chance to stay stateside with the Army's Special Forces in order to be in Iraq near his wife. A football player in high school, Steven was remembered by friends and family as a tough, outgoing student. His father told a local newspaper, that his son was "very strong, very outgoing, very respectful. After 9/11, like so many young men, he wanted to fight terrorism." His stepbrother, who also served in the Army, called Steven, "the light of any crowd."

Steven was killed while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served in the first battalion, 30th infantry regiment, third brigade, and third infantry division. This brave young soldier leaves behind his wife, Virginia; his father, Rick Sirko; his mother, Linda Lipford; his stepmother, Rose Sirko; three sisters; one brother; and two stepbrothers.

Today, I join Steven's family and friends in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over this loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is his courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Steven, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

Steven was known for his dedication to his family and his love of country. Today and always, Steven will be remembered by family members, friends, and fellow Hoosiers as a true American hero and we honor the sacrifice he made while dutifully serving his country.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring Steven's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: "We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of Steven's actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Steven Sirko in the CONGRESSIONAL

RECORD of the Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy and peace. When I think about this just cause in which we are engaged, and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that families like Steven's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God be with all of you, as I know He is with Steven.

SPECIALIST GRANT CROFT

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to publicly recognize SPC Grant Croft of Sioux Falls, SD, for receiving the Army Commendation Medal.

Specialist Croft is serving in Mosul, Iraq, as a medic for the 2nd Platoon, 194th Military Police Company based at Fort Campbell, KY. He is a talented and dedicated serviceman, who, according to his superiors, "On a daily basis, sets the standard for what a soldier medic should be. Specialists Croft's strength, stamina and moral character are a constant source of strength for our platoon."

On January 21, 2005, while training at the Udari Range in Iraq, prior to the platoon's arrival in Mosul, Specialist Croft earned the Army Commendation Medal for his performance following an Apache helicopter crash. The Army's description of the event states: "Without regard for his own safety, Specialist Croft quickly moved to the crashed aircraft and immediately began the necessary medical treatment for [the pilots'] life threatening injuries. He placed himself in harms way through the entire process. His selfless act and professional actions were those of a highly skilled and dedicated medic."

It is with great honor that I share Specialist Croft's tremendous accomplishments with my colleagues. He is a true patriot, and America is deeply grateful for his service.

**TRIBUTE TO JOE BEYRL**

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, on Friday, April 22, a true American hero was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Joe Beyrle of Muskegon, MI, was a paratrooper in the 101st Division on D-Day in World War II. His capture by the Germans and his heroic escape to fight with the Russian Army on the Eastern Front, making him the only American soldier to fight with both the United States and Russian armies against Nazi Germany, have been chronicled in a wonderful book by retired Army Colonel Thomas Taylor called *The Simple Sounds of Freedom*.

It was my privilege to speak at the burial ceremony for Joe Beyrle. I ask unanimous consent that my remarks be printed in the RECORD.

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