

leaders that they cannot continue to sponsor terrorism and call for the destruction of Israel and expect to receive American financial and diplomatic support. America will stand firm with Israel against any enemy who seeks to terrorize its people or disrupt the lives of its citizens.

With that being said, it is also important for the Palestinian people to know that America is not an enemy, but that we seek to help establish a two-state system, with Israel and Palestine coexisting side by side in peace. America strongly believes in the peace process and we hope to facilitate that process so the entire region will be better for it. When Congress passed H.R. 4681 it was not a vote against the Palestinian people, but a vote against terrorists of those who have called for the destruction of Israel and who have sponsored terrorism in the past and continue to do so.

Congress understands that we must be resolute against terrorist leaders, but also show humanity and compassion towards the poor and innocent children and destitute people of the Palestinian territories. That is the only way we can achieve peace and stability in the region. Madam Speaker, I will continue to support the peace process between Israel and the Palestinian people along with my colleagues here in Congress, and America will continue to provide humanitarian aid and assistance for those people who need it most. We will not let the election of Hamas hijack the road to peace that we have all sought for so long.

IN HONOR OF GENERAL T.
MICHAEL "BUZZ" MOSELEY, USAF

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my fellow Texan and good friend, Chief of Staff of the Air Force GEN T. Michael "Buzz" Moseley, who received the high honor of being knighted during a ceremony at the British Embassy in Washington, DC on May 30.

General Moseley was awarded the honorary knighthood due to his contributions to British-American relations during his tour of duty as the commander of the air war over Afghanistan and Iraq.

In addition to being the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Moseley can now add the honorary title of "Knight Commander of the British Empire" to an already impressive service record. General Moseley becomes the next in a long line of some of our Nation's most impressive leaders and skilled military commanders to be so highly honored by our British allies including President Ronald Reagan, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, GEN Jimmy Doolittle, GEN Carl Spaatz, GEN Tommy Franks, and Secretary of State Colin Powell.

I congratulate my friend General Moseley on his knighthood, and thank him for his outstanding service in leading the United States Air Force in its continuing operations in the global war on terrorism.

IN MEMORY OF PERRY BASS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to Mr. Perry Bass of Fort Worth, Texas, for his lifelong contributions to his community and to his fellow citizens.

Born in Wichita Falls, TX, on November 11, 1914, Mr. Bass attended prep school in Pennsylvania and in 1937 received a science degree, specializing in geology, from Yale University. Mr. Perry died the morning of Thursday, June 1, 2006, at the age of 91.

Mr. Bass began his career in the legendary oil fields of Texas, where he worked with his uncle beginning in the 1930s. In 1942 Perry Bass joined the armed services as a naval architect designing torpedo boats before later continuing his career in oil and gas.

Perry Bass's professional exploits are only a small part of his life-long success. Throughout his career Mr. Bass and his family donated generously to a wide variety of charities, learning institutions, the arts and hospitals. As a former chairman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, he championed a law to preserve the population of redbellied and spotted sea trout in the Texas coastal waters and worked to preserve the natural beauty of the State of Texas.

The Bass family's investments have changed the landscape of downtown Fort Worth, transforming aging and often-vacant buildings into trendy restaurants, hotels and clubs, all anchored by the \$65 million Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall.

He was a dedicated civic pioneer and outspoken philanthropist, and it was my honor to know him and to now represent part of the great city of Fort Worth that he helped develop into one of the best places to live in the United States. He leaves behind a legacy of generosity and encouraged others do to the same. His wife, Nancy, and four sons, Sid, Lee, Edward and Robert, have continued that legacy of philanthropy and public works. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and his service to his community will always be greatly appreciated.

TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST J. ADAN
GARCIA

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of United States Army Specialist J. Adan Garcia, 20, of Irving, TX.

Specialist Garcia died on May 27, 2006 at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He died of injuries sustained on May 22, 2006, while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. Specialist Garcia was assigned to the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, in Fort Drum, NY.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Specialist Garcia. This brave young

man made the ultimate sacrifice for the security of his country and for the defense of democracy worldwide. He was an outstanding young man and we should all be grateful for his noble contributions to this nation and the advancement of freedom.

I am proud to call Specialist Garcia one of our own, and am, again, deeply sorry for his family and friends who have suffered this loss. His legacy will remain, as the men and women of our armed services continue to fight for liberty—both abroad and on our home soil.

INTRODUCTION OF LT. COL. JAMES
MEGELLAS MEDAL OF HONOR
BILL

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to honor a true American hero by awarding him the Medal of Honor. On January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge, Lt. James Megellas led his platoon of the 82nd Airborne Division on a surprise and devastating attack on a much larger advancing German force, killing and capturing a large number of the enemy and causing others to flee. In an act of fearless courage, Megellas single-handedly destroyed an attacking German Mark V tank with two hand-held grenades. He then led the charge of his men and seized Herresbach, Belgium, during this fierce action of the Battle of the Bulge. Due to his aggressive, fearless and superior leadership, Lt. James Megellas inspired his men to excel.

After serving 4 years as a rifle platoon leader during World War II, including many combat jumps into Italy and Holland, Megellas left the active Army and served for 16 years in the Army Reserve. He retired after 20 years of service as a lieutenant colonel.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Star Medals, two Bronze Star Medals, two Purple Hearts, and he is credited with being the 82nd Airborne Division's most decorated officer. During World War II, Gen. James Gavin selected one 82nd officer—Lt. James Megellas—to receive the Military Order of Wilhelm Orange Lanyard from the Dutch Minister of War on behalf of his division.

To this day, James Megellas continues to inspire. In February, 61 years since that momentous battle, James "Maggie" Megellas set foot on a battlefield with fellow 82nd Airborne Division soldiers, this time in a current theatre of war—Afghanistan. Megellas was impressed with what he saw of the paratroopers and their work. He listened to their stories of their past year of deployment and shared with them his own experiences during World War II.

I urge my colleagues to also recognize James "Maggie" Megellas by supporting this bill to authorize and request the President to award him the Medal of Honor for his acts of valor on January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge. As time goes by, true heroes should never be forgotten, so please join me in honoring this outstanding American hero.

STATEMENT ON THE MARKEY
AMENDMENT ON GNEP**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, before Memorial Day Recess, during consideration of the Fiscal Year 2007 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, Mr. MARKEY, the gentleman from Massachusetts, offered an amendment that would have cut \$40 million for the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, a dangerous program about which we are still not fully aware of the consequences. I supported Mr. MARKEY's amendment, which unfortunately failed last night. This amendment would have funded GNEP at \$80 million. The Energy and Water Subcommittee already cut funding from this program, stating "serious reservations" about the new program. Until there are no reservations about the program, we should not continue to fund it.

The Department of Energy claims that the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership will prevent misuse of civilian nuclear facilities for non-peaceful purposes by developing enhanced safeguards over these programs and technologies. According to DOE, the program will account for materials, control technology, provide transparency to validate peaceful uses, and review international agreements and obligations.

Despite the claims of the Department of Energy, there are many consequences of this program that are costly and potentially very dangerous to Americans and the international community.

Nuclear reprocessing is a dangerous endeavor. Reprocessing nuclear waste produces separated plutonium, which can be used to make nuclear weapons. If the plutonium remains bound in large, heavy, and highly radioactive spent fuel assemblies, it is nearly impossible to steal. In contrast, separated plutonium is not highly radioactive. The simple fact is it will never be as secure as it would be if left in the spent fuel rods. By producing additional materials that aid in the production of nuclear weapons, we are potentially enabling terrorists and other non-nuclear countries to create nuclear weapons. This is not the example we want to set for the world.

Reprocessing also does not decrease radioactive nuclear waste. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has said that spent fuel could be safely stored in spent fuel pools or dry casks without significant environmental impact for at least 100 years. For the past thirty years, we have been able to dissuade countries from creating nuclear reprocessing programs on the premise that we ourselves are not involved.

Another problem with GNEP is that the Administration has not been able to demonstrate to Congress how costly this program will be. Since the program was announced in February of this year, the Department of Energy has not provided Congress with an overall cost for this program. Congress has not had the opportunity to evaluate the merits of this program or determine if it is in our best interest, in the long and short term. With such a great undertaking, we must fully understand the effects of this program.

I am disappointed that the Markey amendment failed. It is my hope that my colleagues

will see the dangers of nuclear reprocessing and oppose this program when the final version of the Energy and Water Appropriations bill is considered in the next couple of months.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues in the House the text of a Memorial Day speech delivered by the Mayor of Largo, Florida, Mrs. Patricia Gerard.

Like so many of my colleagues in the House, I was honored to attend numerous Memorial Day services in my Congressional District to pay tribute to those who have sacrificed greatly in defense of our great Nation. It is always humbling to join with veterans young and old and to share moments of remembrance with the families that survive them. Those that we honored on Memorial Day have secured our freedom and our safety, and this point could not have been more clearly made than by Mayor Gerard's comments and her reference to the words of Mr. Charles M. Province.

I submit to you the text of Mayor Gerard's Memorial Day remarks so that we may all reflect on the debt we owe to our men and women in uniform.

Memorial Day is the time for Americans to reconnect with their history and core values by honoring those who gave their lives for the ideals we cherish.

More than a million American service members have died in the wars and conflicts this nation fought since the first colonial soldiers took up arms in 1775 to fight for independence. Each person who died during those conflicts was a loved one cherished by family and friends. Each was a loss to the community and the nation.

We in this country owe a great debt of gratitude to those who sacrificed their lives so that we could live free. We can start to pay that debt by not forgetting, by remembering what they did and what they stood for.

In the words of Charles M. Province:

It is the Soldier, not the reporter,
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the Soldier, not the poet,
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer,
Who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the Soldier, not the lawyer,
Who has given us the right to a fair trial;
And I would say:

And it is the Soldier—who leaves his or her family and goes off to war,
Who allows the protester to speak out against that war.

Far too often, the nation as a whole takes for granted the freedoms all Americans enjoy. Those freedoms were paid for with the lives of others few of us actually knew. That's why they are all collectively remembered on one special day.

Please join me as we all remember those men and women who have made our way of life possible.

A REMARKABLE MOVE TO
EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP**HON. BERNARD SANDERS**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I want to take the opportunity today to recognize the remarkable story of Bill Carris and the company he formerly owned, Carris Reels.

Carris Reels, Inc. had been a family owned company. It has been supplying wood, metal and plastic reels to the wire and cable industry for over 45 years, and it provides the most comprehensive product line of any reel manufacturer. Carris Reels has 710 employees, in 15 plants, in eight states.

I said that Carris Reels was formerly owned by Bill Carris. In 1995, at a time when the company had sales of \$83 million, Bill Carris decided that in the future the company should be owned by its employees. So the company began an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) by contributing about 10 percent of its stock to an ESOP. Since then, employee share of ownership has increased—and increased.

This past December an issue of new shares of stock to the ESOP meant that employees owned half—50 percent—of Carris Reels. Also in December, a loan to the ESOP enabled it to buy almost a third of Bill Carris' remaining shares. That meant that, by the turn of the year 2006, 65 percent of Carris Reels was owned and controlled by the company's employees. The intention is for it to be 100 percent employee-owned within 10 years.

Bill Carris strongly believes in community building and in the major role employees should play in running the business in which they work. That's why he decided on a long term plan to move his company from family to employee ownership. He hoped, and his hopes are being borne out, that in doing so he could remake the whole work situation at Carris Reels: employees would be—in fact, they are—owners responsible for charting the course of the corporation, keeping it a profitable business, and securing its long term future. Those who work at Carris Reels have moved from employees to owners, from hired workers to stewards of the company and its future. They share in the company's profits.

Today, in Vermont, the Vermont Employee Ownership Center is recognizing Bill Carris and Carris Reels for taking the enormous step to majority ownership by the corporation's employees through their employee stock ownership plan. The recognition is well-deserved. I believe Bill Carris and his employees, and Carris Reels as well, can serve as a model for our Nation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY
KOBAN**HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of my friend and constituent, Shirley Kobran. For more than four decades, Shirley has been an active resident