

negotiations with the Chrysler Groups in 2004, helped win a first contract for workers at Thomas Built Bus in 2005, helped win a first contract for workers at the Michigan Global Engine Manufacturing Alliance facility in 2005, and helped secure options for Mack workers affected by the closing of the Winnsboro plant; and

Whereas, Mr. Nate Gooden has attended Wayne State University's Labor Studies program and serves as an advisor to the Ken Morris Center for the Study of Labor and work at Oakland University; and

Whereas, Mr. Nate Gooden is a U.S. army veteran, the executive secretary of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Deputy Chair of the World Employee Committee at DaimlerChrysler, a national board member and life member of the NAACP, and an active member of the Michigan Democratic Party; and be it therefore

Resolved, That Mr. Nate Gooden be commended and honored on the 17th Day of May 2006 on the occasion of his retirement as Vice President and Director of the UAW DaimlerChrysler Department—for his unwavering commitment to the highest standards of integrity and professionalism as a dedicated and renowned leader and activist.

Congratulations, Brother Gooden. I must say that knowing Nate, I take any discussions of his immediate retirement with a grain of salt.

Congratulations, Nate Gooden, on a job well done.

HONORING COLONEL HUGH L.
DUKES, JR.

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay public tribute to Chaplain (Colonel) Hugh Dukes, an exemplary minister, soldier, and citizen from my congressional district. Colonel Dukes and his wife Linda were honored earlier this month at a Court of Honor ceremony held at the United States Army Armor Center at Fort Knox, attended by the Commanding General and numerous other distinguished guests who gathered to celebrate Dukes' approaching retirement.

A native of Carrollton, Georgia, Colonel Dukes is an ordained minister of the American Baptist Churches, USA. He received direct commission into the United States Army Chaplain Corps on July 4, 1976 following his completion of theological studies at Duke University School of Divinity. After completing his 3-year obligation, Dukes joined the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell and went on to fulfill a wide variety of assignments at home and abroad throughout his 30 years of pastoral service to the U.S. Army.

Prior to his assignment as Fort Knox Staff Chaplain, Colonel Dukes directed education and promotions for the Army's Chaplain Corps at the Pentagon. He was on hand as Acting Executive Officer for the Chief of Chaplains on September 11, 2001 when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the building. He served earlier pastoral missions at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, and numerous other assignments with soldier divisions and brigades in Kentucky, Virginia, Hawaii, and South Korea.

At Fort Knox, Colonel Dukes' supervises 23 unit chaplains with direct oversight of 17 dif-

ferent congregations. His leadership and spiritual guidance play an important role in the lives of thousands of soldiers, civilians, and their families, a fellowship that makes Fort Knox and its surrounding communities a great place to live and work. His spiritual advice has been especially important during a time of war as he's often called on by soldiers preparing for deployment or returning from combat contemplating serious questions about life and concern for loved ones.

Chaplain Dukes' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

It is my great privilege to recognize Chaplain (Colonel) Hugh Dukes today, before the U.S. House of Representatives, for his lifelong example of leadership and service. His achievements and dedication to the men and women of the U.S. Army make him an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and respect.

TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT
DALE JAMES KELLY, JR.

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sorrow that I rise to recognize the loss of a brave soldier in Iraq, Staff Sergeant Dale James Kelly, Jr., a member of the Maine Army National Guard and former Rhode Island resident who served his country with dignity and honor. I join his family and the people of Rhode Island and Maine in mourning this great loss.

Staff Sergeant Kelly grew up in Cranston, Rhode Island, and graduated from Cranston East High School in 1976. After school, he signed up with the Rhode Island Air National Guard, where he met his future wife, Nancy Cabral. He later sought work at Bath Iron Works in Maine, where he and Nancy raised their three children, Jennifer, Julie, and Christopher. In addition to being deeply committed to his family, he was remembered as an avid outdoorsman and a model of selflessness, always ready to assist those in need.

Staff Sergeant Kelly was serving in Iraq with B Company, 3rd Battalion of the 172nd Infantry Regiment, based in Brewer, Maine. A trained medic, he was in the lead vehicle of a convoy when a bomb detonated in Ad Diwaniyah, killing him and another soldier. However, prior to the incident, Staff Sergeant Kelly had taught his fellow soldiers how to administer their own intravenous medication in the event that he were harmed or unavailable. That instruction may have saved the life of Private Chris Fraser, who was seriously injured in the blast and administered his own IV. As was the case so many times in his life, Staff Sergeant Kelly's actions helped others in harm's way.

This loss causes us to reflect on the bravery demonstrated by our men and women in uniform as they carry out their obligations in the face of danger. When Staff Sergeant Kelly's nation called him to duty to preserve freedom, liberty, and security, he answered without hesitation. We will remember him as a patriot who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

Staff Sergeant Kelly is survived by his wife, three children, and three grandchildren; his mother, Barbara Kelly of Cranston; three sisters, Kathleen Kelly Sullivan, of Narragansett, Rhode Island, Barbara Wheaton of Yarmouth, Maine, and Kristin Kelly Ciamborne of Ashland, Massachusetts; two brothers, David Kelly of Warwick, Rhode Island, and Joseph Kelly of St. Petersburg, Florida; and many beloved nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives.

May we keep his loved ones in our thoughts and prayers as they endure this difficult period. We will also continue to hope for the safe and speedy return of all of our troops serving throughout the world.

RECOGNIZING CAREER OF CAROL
KIENTZ

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Carol Kientz for over 40 years of dedicated service to the field of nursing.

Since receiving her B.S. in nursing from Cornell University in 1965 and her M.S. in nursing from the University of California, San Francisco in 1968, Ms. Kientz has been an active member of the healthcare community; serving in a variety of professional and community volunteer positions. She has served as a community health nurse for the New York City Health Department, a nurse educator in New York and New Jersey, supervisor for the Visiting Nurse Association, director of health services at Christ Home Hospital in Jersey City and for the past 16 years, as the Executive Director of the Home Care Association of New Jersey.

Outside of her professional responsibilities, Ms. Kientz has also participated in many healthcare organizations and activities including serving as a founding board member of the New Jersey Commission on Accreditation for Home Care, participating on numerous committees within the National Association for Home Care, and serving on the editorial review board for New Jersey Medicine and the Home Health Care Management and Practice.

Throughout her professional career in nursing, Ms. Kientz has received numerous recognitions and has had the distinct honor of receiving a number of public appointments. Most notably, she was named Home Health Assembly Member of the Year in 1989 and received the Home Health Assembly Martha Esposito Award in 1997. For her commitment to improving public health, Ms. Kientz was appointed and has served on the New Jersey Governor's AIDS Council from 1994 to 2002 and presently, serves on the Medical Assistance Advisory Council for the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services since 1995, Governor Corzine's New Jersey Healthcare Advisory Committee since 2002, and the Bioterrorism Advisory Committee for the Department of Health and Human Services since 2002.

In her most recent position, as executive director of the Home Care Association of New Jersey, Ms. Kientz has displayed great character and commitment towards achieving her

goal of ensuring that all patients receive the highest quality of care. She has been instrumental in developing and facilitating committees within the organization responsible for addressing industry issues as well as advocating on a variety of healthcare policy issues. Her efforts have included establishing the Real Coalition, which allowed the home care industry to formulate a collective and unified voice, participating in the development of the Assisted

Living Regulations for the State of New Jersey, improving the process for home health aide competency testing, strengthening relationships with State agencies, advocating for government initiatives to address the nursing and workforce shortage issues affecting the home care industry, establishing the home health aide scholarship process, and establishing the Home Care Foundation of New Jer-

sey to explore Grant opportunities to benefit the greater home care industry.

Throughout her career, Ms. Kientz has genuinely demonstrated a strong commitment towards improving home healthcare. It is the enthusiasm and dedication of people like Ms. Kientz that have raised the bar of excellence in patient care. Please join me in recognizing her many accomplishments.