

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING ANDREW JAMES MILLER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew James Miller, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Andrew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. He has served as a quartermaster and assistant senior patrol leader and achieved the rank of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow and Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Over the many years Andrew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Andrew installed a fire ring and five benches at the Heartland Presbyterian Youth Camp for the use and enjoyment of all of the visitors.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Andrew James Miller for his accomplishment with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO VINCENT AND MARIA DEJOY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vincent and Maria DeJoy of Jamestown, New York for their years of service to the community through their catering and grocery store business.

As presented in a ceremony to honor Mr. and Mrs. DeJoy:

DEAR MR. AND MRS. DEJOY: Let me extend my warmest wishes on your retirement. It is an honor for me to celebrate this momentous occasion with you. For over 30 years you both have been a staple in the Jamestown community. No matter the occasion, whether it be fundraisers, weddings, baby showers or retirement dinners, your service, presentation and food were first rate.

In this day and age, it is rare to find a business like Hebner Heights Catering. It was certainly the quintessential neighborhood store, complete with a huge fan base of neighborhood children. Vincent and Maria took pride in their catering business and also their corner store. This was a family business in every sense of the word. All five of their children have been employed at one time or another, as well as their grandchildren.

The DeJoy family business went far beyond the boundaries of catering and selling penny candy. Vincent and Maria are two of the most giving people you will ever meet. They have never failed to meet the needs of the community and their loved ones. St. Susan's Soup Kitchen could always depend upon a donation of food and grieving families never went without a gift.

Truly, it is an honor for me that you chose this event to be your last. On behalf of all of the people you served so well, let me offer my sincere thanks and Godspeed.

Vincent and Maria have served this community so well for over 30 years, and that is why Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor them today.

HONORING IRVIN BRAD McDOUGAL

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay public tribute to a remarkable individual from my congressional district. Brad McDougal, supervisory park ranger at Mammoth Cave National Park, was recently awarded a Citation for Valor from the U.S. Department of Interior recognizing his actions to disarm a man threatening suicide.

On April 19, 2004, park rangers at Mammoth Cave National Park received a report that a suicidal individual was in the park preparing to take his own life. Supervisory Park Ranger Brad McDougal responded solo from his residence and quickly located the subject, parked in his vehicle with a loaded gun in his lap. While other rangers were minutes away, Ranger McDougal decided to take immediate action, approaching the man with a calm and reassuring voice, gaining his confidence and disarming him without violence.

When fellow officers arrived, Ranger McDougal had stabilized the scene, saving the individual's life, and perhaps others, by his quick, calm and decisive action. Handling this volatile situation in any other manner could have easily resulted in tragedy.

I would like to publicly thank Brad McDougal for his professionalism and the strong example he sets for others in performing his job far beyond the call of duty. His actions, on duty and off, demonstrate a genuine concern and personal involvement in protecting safety and improving quality of life in his community.

It is my great honor to recognize Brad McDougal today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for his leadership and service. His unique achievements and dedication to public safety make him an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAJOR MICHAEL R. MARTINEZ

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor today to recognize the life of Major Michael R. Martinez, who passed away on January 7, 2006 in Iraq while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As a husband, father, lawyer, and soldier, Major Martinez will be missed by many.

Major Martinez lived in Platte County, Missouri during a two year posting at Fort Leavenworth. Major Martinez most recently served as a lawyer in the Judge Advocate General Corps. The Major served with the 24th Infantry Division at Fort Riley and the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth. He was assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado as chief of legal assistance and went to Iraq with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

While in Iraq, Major Martinez served as a legal counsel to the troops. Major Martinez helped soldiers with wills, power of attorney, and provided legal guidance. Major Martinez's expertise gave soldiers a sense of comfort that all of their legal concerns would be addressed and that they had someone to talk to about their legal affairs.

Major Martinez was a good friend to many in the military and in the State of Missouri. He was very knowledgeable on issues pertaining to the law. He was an outstanding leader that will be missed. In 16 years of enlisted service to his country, Major Martinez developed a reputation as being a dedicated soldier that created a strong work environment and was a great person to work with.

I offer my condolences to his wife, Kelly, sons Alexander, Colby, and Benjamin, and step-daughters Kathryn and Samantha, and the rest of the Martinez family. In this time of sorrow, may the thoughts and prayers of friends and family comfort them and may his memory bring them peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I missed a roll-call vote yesterday evening, Tuesday, May 23, 2006.

On roll No. 190 regarding the Flake Amendment No. 1, an amendment to the Agricultural, Rural Development, FDA and related agencies Appropriations Act, I would have voted "no."

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