

Mitch Carver took up "The Torch" for the country he loved. He knew who he was fighting. He was fighting the evil that plants a bomb that kills innocent women and children and families who harm no one. Murderers who kill, kidnap defenseless women and children for no reason but to show evil. He chose to do it. For it is not the press who protect our right to free speech, it is men like Mitch Carver who choose to do it. It is riot the Congress, not the government bureaucrats, who protect us from those who would enslave us. It is men like Mitch Carver who choose to do it. For another time Mitch Carver rejoined his comrades in Iraq because he knew they needed him and he believed he could, with his advanced skill, keep them safer, and perhaps lessen their danger. And that he did. We may never know how many he saved by his advanced skill.

In the 8 years I have been privileged to serve as representative on the board of our country's military academy at West Point, I have seen thousands of young men and women take the oath to protect us. Theirs is a simple pledge: "Duty, Honor, Country." In this world of being told there is no black nor white, there is only gray political correctness and "is" has to be defined, I thank God we have young men and women who have no trouble defining "Duty, Honor, Country."

The late T.B. Macaulay in his poem *Horatius at the Bridge* says, "To every man upon this earth death cometh soon or late. And now how can man die better than facing fearful odds, for the ashes of his fathers and the temples of his gods." Mitch Carver believed in and loved God. He knew the Bible. He could quote this verse better than I, "For God so loved the Earth that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Mitch Carver risked and gave his life to perform his duty, but as God promised, he did not perish but will remain in our hearts and memories until he meets his family in another life.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS G. BARTON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Mr. Thomas G. Barton, Jr. on his recent offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Thomas sought a nomination to West Point through my office, competing with a group of highly qualified applicants. He passed the evaluation process, and I am proud to have given him a Congressional nomination.

Thomas is currently enrolled in the West Point Civil Preparatory Program in Roswell, New Mexico, which speaks volumes about his passion to get into West Point. He has the military in his blood. Thomas's father and brother are both graduates of West Point's distinguished program.

A review of Thomas's life and qualities demonstrate that he should make an excellent cadet at West Point and hopefully an excellent officer. Thomas has a sense of duty to serve, as shown by the fact that he has achieved the elite rank of Eagle Scout. He has shown dedication as a member of the Kingwood High School Lacrosse Team, where he was voted captain by the rest of the team. He has held leadership positions also in the Kingwood High

marching band and the Boy Scouts. He won the coveted K Award—for best in class—for Outstanding Musical Contribution.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas is a fine young man who will serve his country with distinction. He understands the challenges and the commitment that lies ahead of him because his family is steeped in military tradition. We wish him good fortune in this new chapter of his life.

Thomas Barton will make us proud. America will be better because of Thomas Barton's choice to serve our country.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TAKAHASHI MARKET

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate the Takahashi family, proprietors of the Takahashi Market on the 100th anniversary of their operations in the city of San Mateo, California, which is located in my congressional district.

The history of the Takahashi Market begins with Mr. Tokutaro Takahashi, a former salt-mine laborer, who recognized that recently arriving Japanese immigrants in the Peninsula were quickly becoming a burgeoning new market. According to Kenge Takahashi, son of Tokutaro Takahashi, the business began as a peddling operation, with a horse and cart, to display and carry the groceries, clothes and fishing equipment he sold to them.

Mr. Speaker, the Takahashi Market is no longer a mere push-cart shop, but has grown to become an established landmark of the Peninsula, providing groceries and community, not only to the Japanese, but to all people in the Bay Area. Having been run by three successive generations of Takahashis, the business has withstood extraordinary challenges and overcame devastating obstacles. One sad example of this, is that the market was closed for several years in the 1940s when the Takahashi family was interned in the World War II Japanese relocation camps, first in San Bruno, California, and then in Utah.

After being released from the internment camps, Kenge Takahashi joined the Army, and served honorably as an infantryman in the highly decorated, all-Japanese 422nd Regiment of United States Army, F Company. After completing his service, Kenge returned to his family business, and prepared to meet the ever-changing needs of his customers. Over the next few decades the Takahashi Market grew to meet the changing demographics of its clientele and stopped carrying fishing tackle and began stocking Hawaiian food in response to a growing population of a Hawaiian community, resulting from airline hires.

Mr. Speaker, while the Takahashi Market has occupied many storefronts at various locations on the Peninsula during its 100 year history, the store continuously maintain its extraordinary reputation as a reliable, family-owned and run business that specializes in products and foods to sustain the Japanese community, and now also the Hawaiian community. On the occasion of its centennial, Takahashi Market is remodeling to add a commercial kitchen, once again, expanding and di-

versifying the business to offer prepared foods for sale.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Takahashi Market for its 100 years of outstanding achievements on the Peninsula and extend my hope that many more generations of Takahashis enjoy the success and community involvement of the Takahashi Market.

TRIBUTE TO THE FOX CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate The Fox Chapel High School Marching Band of Pittsburgh for its success at the Gator Bowl on December 31, 2005.

The Fox Chapel High School Marching Band traveled to Jacksonville, Florida to play in the Gator Bowl. While at the game the bands' performance won nine awards. The band won five awards at the field show, including first place in Class A and also won Outstanding awards for general effect, auxiliary, marching and maneuvering and music. In addition to the five awards won on the field, the band also won four awards at the parade, including first place in Class A, as well as three Outstanding awards.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating The Fox Chapel High School Marching Band. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute a distinguished group like The Fox Chapel High School Marching Band.

IN RECOGNITION OF LUCY NOLES GREEN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Lucy Noles Green, of Randolph County, Alabama. Ms. Green had a very special birthday recently, having turned 105 years old on December 31, a day which she celebrated with family and friends in the Hawk community where she lives.

From 1900 until today, Ms. Green has lived in the Hawk community. She has enjoyed life, and fondly recalls playing the organ and sewing. She has witnessed the introduction of cars, computers, and laundry machines, wars, depressions, and peaceful times alike. She was married to Thomas Emmett Green for sixty years, and together they raised five sons. These days Ms. Green enjoys visitors and family, and her 14 grandchildren.

I am proud to recognize Ms. Green today in the House, and congratulate her on this important milestone in her life. I wish her all the best and many more enjoyable years with her family and friends.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CORETTA SCOTT KING

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Coretta Scott King, devoted wife, mother, grandmother and civil rights leader, whose courageous mission has left an indelible light of peace and justice visible across our country and around the world. Mrs. King gracefully raised aloft the dreams and legacy of the most prominent visionary for social change in our nation's history, her husband, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Their unified mission of peacefully dismantling the racist foundation of America would change the course of our Nation forever.

Mrs. King's entire life was framed by dignity, courage and an unwavering commitment to social justice and humanitarian causes. She grew up working in the cotton fields of Alabama, where she experienced the harsh reality of racism. Taught by her parents that only a solid education could open the door to freedom and opportunity, Mrs. King focused on her studies and graduated with honors from Antioch College in southern Ohio, one of the first integrated colleges in the country. While a student, she joined the NAACP and became deeply involved in the civil rights movement, foregoing a career in music to carry out the work of peace and justice.

The assassination of Dr. King did not diminish her resolve. She courageously forged ahead on the road to justice, despite the danger inherent in her noble cause. As a young widow with four young children to raise, Mrs. King remained steadfast in her commitment to her children and also unwavering in her determination to continue on the path set by Dr. King. She took up the torch of her late husband, holding it high and dignified, exposing a broken society degraded by racism and injustice and illuminating the reality of peaceful change.

Refined, articulate and reflecting a quiet grace, Mrs. King did not retreat from the movement sparked by Dr. King. She deliberately stepped out into the sharp glare of the public and bravely marched on, leading civil protests where her husband had marched before. She led an unrelenting effort to establish Martin Luther King Jr. Day, an endeavor that took her fifteen years and over six million petitions. Determined to keep Dr. King's legacy alive, Mrs. King founded the King Center in 1968, serving as its president for 26 years.

Armed with a sharp mind, a warm smile and a passion for social change, Mrs. King journeyed around the world, speaking to college and church audiences and meeting with world leaders. Mrs. King championed the rights of the poor and advocated for social and economic justice for women and for the protection and rights of gay men and lesbian women. She marched in protest against racial discrimination across the South and was arrested for protesting apartheid in South Africa.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and memory of Coretta Scott King, whose life mission on behalf of human rights has served to raise the collective

conscience of the entire world into the promise of universal freedom from oppression. Mrs. King's brilliant legacy, framed in peace, determination and dignity, will forever resound with the voice of her husband, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—along our urban streets, across the South and around the world—echoing the ongoing struggle for freedom in a chorus of hope that will someday rise with their words on the dawning of a new day of peace and justice for all.

CONGRATULATING THE GAINESVILLE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA CHAPTER AT THE SOUTHWESTERN EXHIBITION AND LIVESTOCK SHOW IN FORT WORTH

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate members of the Gainesville Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter for their opportunity to exhibit livestock at The Southwestern Exhibition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth.

Seven members of the Gainesville FFA Chapter participated in events in late January. Among the youth project exhibited were five lambs and two goats. Marlee Bell also exhibited a first place spring heifer in the Brangus junior heifer show.

The Gainesville FFA chapter has been attending the Fort Worth Stock show for some time now, and they look forward to continuing their participation for years to come.

This is the 110th year for the show, and is billed as "the nation's oldest livestock show." Participating in the show teaches students agricultural principles along with animal husbandry and livestock judging skills.

I extend my sincere congratulations to these the youth of the Gainesville FFA Chapter for their success and participation. I wish them the best of luck in their dedicated pursuit in future opportunities.

COMMEMORATION OF BOB MARLEY'S BIRTHDAY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay homage to a man who gave a voice to the voiceless first in his native Jamaica and then throughout the world. The legendary reggae singer Bob Marley would have turned 61 on Monday, February 6 and it is appropriate that we pause to recognize the extraordinary impact of his life and work. Not only did Marley define reggae music as we know it today, but he introduced it outside his native land of Jamaica, achieving international superstar status and shaping music on a global scale. His message of freedom and empowerment resonated everywhere and was an inspiration to a generation.

While evolving his sound to encompass rock and African themes, Marley never diluted his

message, underpinning his music with the politics and theology of his Rastafarian beliefs and his personal struggles in Jamaica. He has inspired everyone from Stevie Wonder to The Clash with his lyrics.

His music was a social force, calling for opportunity, justice and freedom and challenging those who sought change to act to achieve it. Throughout his career, he was influenced by the gulf between haves and have-nots, a culture of oppression that was particularly evident in his poverty- and crime-ridden homeland. Reggae's mesmerizing rhythms carried an undeniable signature that rose to the fore of the music scene in the 1970s, largely through the recorded work of Marley and his group the Wailers. Some of his albums, such as *Natty Dread* and *Rastaman Vibration* endure as reggae milestones that gave a voice to the poor of Jamaica and, by extension, the world. Much of his music today aims to uplift the impoverished and powerless, instilling in them a beautiful sense of dignity in their culture, despite the hardships they encountered in their daily lives. In 1978, he received a United Nations Peace Award for his attempts to calm the warring factions of Jamaican politics and played at Zimbabwe's independence celebrations in 1980, where he came to learn that more Zimbabweans knew the lyrics of his song than they did the words of the national anthem.

Marley died prematurely at age 36 in 1981, after doctors discovered a cancerous growth on his foot haphazardly after a soccer game. Despite his death, the heartbeat reggae rhythms of the music that he left behind continue to thrive today. Moreover, Jamaica itself has been transformed by his legacy. Marley was buried on the island with full state honors on May 21, 1981. In a crowning irony, given the reviled status that Rastafarians and their music had once suffered at the hands of the Jamaican government, Marley's pacifist reggae anthem, "One Love," was adapted as a theme song by the Jamaican Tourist Board.

Bob Marley continues to live today in our hearts and minds, as does his music. With anthems such as "Get Up Stand" he continues to fight for those who feel they cannot. With such a vision, Marley continues to be worthy of recognition and remembrance.

TRIBUTE TO TERENCE W. STARZ, MD

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Terence W. Starz, M.D., who will become the 141st president of the Allegheny County Medical Society on January 28, 2006.

Dr. Starz is an internal medicine physician at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian Hospital. He is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, with a subspecialty in Rheumatology. He currently serves as a Delegate to the Pennsylvania Medical Society and is a member on the Allegheny County Medical Society Foundation Board.

Over the years Dr. Starz has been influential in the medical field. He was a prominent