

RECOGNIZING JAMES HATLER FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize James Hatler, 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 214, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

James has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years James has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

10TH ANNUAL WOMEN IN MILITARY
WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the entire Women's Caucus, Co-Chairs LOIS CAPPS and CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS and my co-Vice Chair, MARY FALLIN, to honor four women who have served our Nation with honor and distinction. Today, the 10th Annual Women in Military Wreath Laying Ceremony hosted by the Caucus, was held at Arlington Cemetery. The purpose is to honor our Nation's servicewomen and women veterans for their courage and achievements, and to remember the women who have died in service to the United States of America.

SFC Barbara Clavijo, United States Army, distinguished herself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as the Multi-National Division Baghdad Force Protection Vulnerability Assessment Team NCOIC, 4th Infantry Division, Camp Liberty, Iraq from December 2, 2005–November 15, 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While assigned as the Multi-National Division Baghdad Vulnerability Assessment Team NCOIC, SFC Clavijo was directly responsible for the development and execution of the Division's force protection program. Without hesitation and with great enthusiasm, and despite the inherent threats and dangers, she continuously navigated the MND-B's battle space to conduct vulnerability assessments. These assessments required SFC Clavijo to plan, coordinate, and participate in over 125 ground and air movements in support of these missions. During the course of these assessments she was forced to travel many routes known to be covered with Improvised Explosive Devices, IEDs. During one of these assessments she had the unlucky fortune to have her vehicle targeted by an IED. For this

reason she was awarded the Combat Action Badge. Her awards also include the Bronze Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Drill Sergeant Badge, and Combat Action Badge. I am truly pleased to honor SFC Barbara Clavijo for her service and dedication.

Master Chief Ann L. Tubbs began her career with the U.S. Coast Guard in July 1980 when she graduated from the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey and was assigned to Coast Guard Station Jonesport in West Jonesport, ME. Later, she was assigned aboard the Coast Guard icebreaker *Glacier* where she made 2 trips to Antarctica as part of Operation Deep Freeze. After leaving *Glacier*, Master Chief Tubbs spent 2 years in Mobile, AL., as a small boat engineer running search and rescue boats in the Gulf of Mexico.

In August 2001, she accepted an active duty position in the Office of Reserve Affairs at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. In 2002, she advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer and was assigned as the Enlisted Gender Policy Advisor to the Commandant. She advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer on January 1, 2005. She assumed her current job as Special Assistant to the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard in October of 2006. Master Chief Tubbs' military awards include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation, the Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal and the Reserve Good Conduct Medal, and the Antarctic Service Medal. I am so pleased to recognize Master Chief Tubbs today.

SSGT Cassie L. Lucero began her career with the Marines in 1998. During her career in the Marines, she has been decorated with numerous medals, including the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, three Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medals, two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, two Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and three Sea Service Deployment Awards. It is my pleasure to honor SSGT. Cassie L. Lucero for her service.

CMSGT and Barbara S. Taylor is the Chief of Supply for the United States Air Force Band, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. Originally from Kingsport, TN, her military career began in 1982. CMSGT Barbara S. Taylor was assigned to the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. There, she was both a euphonium and vocal soloist. She was the band's Director of Operations from October 1995 until her reassignment to the United States Air Force Band in January 1997. In 1993 and 1996, Chief Taylor was named the Air Combat Command Band's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, and in February 1997 she was named the Air Combat Command Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for the band career field. Chief Taylor was also awarded the Commandant's Award at both the Airman Leadership School and the

Noncommissioned Officers Academy. I am so honored to recognize Chief Taylor for her dedication to the United States.

Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration and pride that the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues honors these four servicewomen and their extraordinary accomplishments. In a time when our military faces especially difficult challenges both at home and abroad, these four women have shown exceptional courage, ability and loyalty to the Armed Services of the United States of America. They are true shining examples of the numerous women serving in our military today.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CAPTAIN
PETER CHARLES
SIGUENZA, USMC (RET)

HON. MADELINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Captain Peter Charles Siguenza, United States Marine Corps (Retired), who passed away on May 17, 2007, just two days after his 87th birthday. He was the first Chamorro to be commissioned as an officer in the Marine Corps. Peter was also a well known public figure on Guam, and a genuinely fine and honest man who consistently gave of himself in service to his community and his fellow Marines. The outpouring of public condolences and accolades in my home district following the news of Peter's passing is indicative of the respect, admiration, and affection the people of Guam had for Peter and his service to his country.

A person's record of military and community service can be extensive and very impressive, but records do not convey the admiration or depth of emotion of the recipients of the service. Peter C. Siguenza was born on May 15, 1920, the second of nine children born to the late Jose and Consolacion Mendiola Siguenza. He attended Seaton Schroeder Junior High School in Hagåtña and graduated from Coronado High School in Coronado, California. He attended San Diego State College for 2 years, from 1940–1942. After the attack on Pearl Harbor plunged the United States into war, Peter, like thousands of young men, enlisted in the Armed Forces. Peter volunteered for the Marine Corps. After completing boot camp, he was assigned to the Third Marine Division. He saw action in New Zealand, Guadalcanal, and Bougainville. The division was then ordered to the Marianas to recapture Guam.

Peter was on board the USS *Dupage*, where he and his fellow Marines watched the intense pre-invasion bombardment of the island. He often spoke about how difficult it was to witness the bombing knowing his family was somewhere on the island, but not knowing whether they were safe.

Peter was among those destined to hit the beach at Asan, Guam, and begin the retaking of the island from the Imperial Army of Japan. But he was ordered away from the battle to attend Officer Candidate School before the landing occurred. Peter returned to Guam as a second lieutenant and participated in post-invasion operations to secure the island. He remained on Guam at the end of the war and was assigned to Island Command in 1946.

Peter joined the Marine Corps Reserves and was assigned to the 12th Reserve District in San Francisco after his discharge from active duty. Upon returning to civilian life, Peter returned and completed college, earning a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's College in Moraga, California, in 1949. He then earned a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California at Los Angeles in 1955. In 2005, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Guam.

On September 2, 1950, Peter married his sweetheart, Barbara Bordallo. They had three children: Peter, Monica, and Donna.

After retiring as a captain from the Marine Corps Reserves, Peter went to work for the Government of Guam, serving as director of Labor and Personnel under Governors Carlton S. Skinner, Ford Q. Elvidge and Richard B. Lowe. He then entered into federal service and worked at posts throughout the United States. He also served as a personnel management specialist and appeals and grievance examiner with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools in Europe and the Pacific, and as a personnel management and labor relations specialist on the director's staff. After retiring from federal service, Peter went to work as personnel director for Jones and Guerrero Company, Inc., from 1980–1986.

In addition to his military, government, and private sector careers, Peter always found time to serve his community. He served as chairman of the University of Guam's Board of Regents; was on the Board of Trustees of the Guam Community College; was a member and past president of the Guam Chapter of the Third Marine Division Association, the National Association of Federal Employees, the Guam Territorial Society of Washington, D.C., a member and past vice president of the Young Men's League of Guam, and member of the St. Jude Assembly of the Knights of Columbus.

Peter C. Siguenza passed away just 5 days after the passing of former Senator Paul J. Bordallo on May 12, 2007. Both men were my brothers-in-law. The entire Bordallo family mourns the passing of two of its finest members. Peter was a proud and life long Marine, a war hero, a diligent public servant at both the federal and local government levels, a valued professional in the private sector, a devoted Catholic, and an upstanding citizen.

My prayers and condolences are with his wife, Bobbie; his son, Peter C. Siguenza, Jr., the retired chief justice of the Supreme Court of Guam; his daughters and sons-in-law, Monica and Michael Sphar and Donna and Joel Rigler; his grandchildren, Dawn, David, Isaac, and Nathaniel; his siblings, Olivia S. Guerrero, Eduardo C. Siguenza, and Antonio C. Siguenza, and with his other Bordallo brothers- and sisters-in-law.

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues that May is Mental Health Month. I would also like to thank those who have dedicated their lives to mental healthcare.

Now more than ever, we must commit ourselves to full mental health parity. An estimated 26 percent of Americans between the ages 18 and older suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year. This means that 57.7 million people currently suffer from a mental disorder. Millions who suffer from serious, debilitating, and life altering mental disorders. Mental disorders such as Alzheimer's, Schizophrenia and Bi-Polar Disorder. Nearly two thirds of all people with diagnosable mental disorders do not seek treatment.

The burden of mental illness on health and productivity amongst society in the United States has been underestimated. A massive study conducted by the World Health Organization, The World Bank, and Harvard University, discovered that mental illness, accounts for over 15 percent of the burden of disease in market economies, such as the United States. This is more than the burden caused by cancers.

I am grateful to the Committee on Education and the Workforce for reauthorizing the Older Americans Act. The Older Americans Act supports the mental health needs of the elderly. Nearly 236 elderly people per 100,000 suffer from a mental illness. The highest suicide rate in America is among those aged 65 and older. Elderly men are the demographic area that is most likely to commit suicide. Specifically, I want to ensure that senior citizens have access to mental health services in their respective communities or wherever they receive primary health care services. I would like to commend the Honorable PATRICK KENNEDY for his efforts in providing mental health parity in Medicare. I am pleased that we are beginning to make some headway on this important issue.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, I missed recorded votes due to familial obligations. Please let the record show that had I been here, I would have voted the following way: Roll No. 386—"yea;" roll No. 387—"yea;" roll No. 388—"yea;" roll No. 389—"yea;" roll No. 390—"yea;" roll No. 391—"yea;" roll No. 392—"yea;" roll No. 393—"yea;" roll No. 394—"yea;" roll No. 395—"yea;" roll No. 396—"nay;" roll No. 397—"yea;" roll No. 398—"yea;" roll No. 399—"yea;" roll No. 400—"yea;" roll No. 401—"yea;" roll No. 402—"nay."

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and

any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 5

2 p.m.

Judiciary

To continue hearings to examine the Department of Justice politicizing the hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence.

SD-226

JUNE 6

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine patent reform, focusing on the future of American innovation.

SD-226

JUNE 7

2 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine S. 453, to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections.

SD-226

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings with the House Science and Technology Committee's Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight to examine the investigation of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Inspector General.

SR-253

JUNE 12

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine United States trade relations with China.

SR-253

JUNE 13

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to markup pending legislation.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine nominations to the Federal Election Commission.

SR-301

JUNE 27

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense, focusing on cooperation on employment issues.

SD-562