

TRIBUTE TO U.S. ARMY STAFF  
SERGEANT THOMAS MICHAEL  
MCFALL

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2007*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a hero from my congressional district, U.S. Army SSG Thomas Michael McFall. Today on Flag Day as we honor the history of "Old Glory," I ask that the House of Representatives also honor and remember this incredible young man who died in service to his country.

Thomas grew up in Riverside, where his father still resides. He was a member of the 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, home-based in Fort Lewis, Washington. Staff Sergeant McFall was a career soldier who understood the dangers of his job. He joined the Army in 1994 and has been stationed all over the world, including South Korea, Panama, Japan and Afghanistan before deploying to Iraq in April. On May 28, 2007, Sergeant McFall was killed by an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq.

In reading about Thomas' life, I was impressed by his charismatic and caring nature. The Press Enterprise describes a man that would take in other soldiers who had nowhere to go during Christmas time. Sergeant McFall was also a proud and loving husband and parent. He leaves behind his wife Emily and three children Austin, Elizabeth and Matthew. He also leaves behind his father Thomas, stepmother Sherry, mother April and stepfather Charles as well as several brothers and sisters. Staff Sergeant McFall was laid to rest Friday, June 8, 2007 at Riverside National Cemetery.

As we look at the incredibly rich military history of our country we realize that this history is comprised of men, just like Thomas, who bravely fought for the ideals of freedom and democracy. Each story is unique and humbling for those of us who, far from the dangers they have faced, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. The day the McFall family had to say farewell to Thomas was probably the hardest day the family has ever faced and my thoughts, prayers and deepest gratitude for their sacrifice goes out to them. There are no words that can relieve their pain and what words I offer only begin to convey my deep respect and highest appreciation.

Staff Sergeant McFall's wife, children and family have all given a part of themselves in the loss of their loved one and I hope they know that their husband, father and son, the goodness he brought to this world and the sacrifice he has made, will be remembered.

SUPPORT FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION  
422

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2007*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand today to show support of and solidarity with Congresswoman BARBARA LEE's House Resolution 422 introduced on May 21, 2007 calling

on the Government of the People's Republic of China to "use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur." The atrocities of Darfur have carried on way too long and it is necessary for us to broaden our efforts.

The issuance of Executive Order 13067 by President Clinton in 1997; its renewal and expanded scope through President Bush; as well as the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2006 all indicate the commitment of this Nation to ending the ongoing and escalating human rights violations in Sudan. While the unilateral economic sanctions imposed by the United States are important, it is not enough: U.S. sanctions alone have been unable to discourage or discontinue the rape, killing or displacement of millions of civilians. It has become increasingly clear that multilateral targeted sanctions enforced by the international community have the potential to pressure the Sudanese government into action to end the conflict in Darfur.

As a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, investor in Sudan's infrastructure and oil industries, and supplier of Sudan's weapons, the People's Republic of China possesses an enormous amount of power to pressure Sudan to end the genocide and comply with the initiatives of the United Nations. Their support is integral in an international effort to end the Darfur conflict.

House Resolution 422 brings overdue attention to the People's Republic of China's longstanding economic and military ties to Sudan and urges China to effectively use these ties to compel Sudan to take steps to stop the attacks on civilians and comply with United Nations Security Council Resolutions. As hosts of the Olympic Summer Games of 2008, with a slogan of "One World One Dream," it is only fitting for the People's Republic of China to join the international community in our effort to bring stability to the nation. I applaud Congresswoman LEE's efforts to engage international support to end this conflict.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MOLLY  
IVINS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Tyler "Molly" Ivins, for her outstanding career in and contribution to American journalism as a columnist, political commentator and bestselling author.

Molly earned her master's degree from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and an honorary doctorate from Haverford College. She worked for several newspapers, including the Houston Chronicle, the Texas Observer, the New York Times, and the Dallas-Times Herald, and received a number of awards, especially for her efforts in defense of the First Amendment.

Molly's independence and courage marked everything she did. She had the guts to speak her mind, no matter the opposition. She repeatedly defended the powerless and the downtrodden, and she did so with wit and humor, grabbing us by our hearts and minds.

Even as she battled cancer, her concern for others did not wane. She continued to invite

people with needs into her home, educating them and teaching them the habits and values that have characterized her own life.

Molly is survived by her brother, Andy, and her sister, Sara Ivins Maley. She will be missed by family, friends, colleges, and thousands of readers.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mary Tyler "Molly" Ivins, for her love of America. May her indomitable spirit live on in the voices of all who speak out for justice.

HONORING PATRICIA A. COPPO  
FOR 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED  
SERVICE TO THE NATIONAL  
MARROW DONOR PROGRAM

**HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2007*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, after 20 years of dedicated service, Patricia A. Coppo is retiring from her life-saving work with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). As you know, the NMDP allows medical miracles to occur every day as the program recruits adult donors and umbilical cord blood units to provide stem cell transplantations for patients with life-threatening blood disorders.

Pat, who retires as the Chief Operating Officer of the NMDP, has been with the program since its inception. With a small earmarked appropriation from the United States Navy, the NMDP began in 1987 with four staff members in a cramped room in a Red Cross office in St. Paul, Minnesota. They had a vision and a mission and with the support and guidance of Congress and the Navy began their work to save lives one at a time.

Pat started as a bone marrow search coordinator and worked with transplant centers to try to find donors for their patients from several donor registries that had developed through the work of patients and their families, blood centers and transplant hospitals. It was almost a needle in a haystack approach to saving lives. With the guidance and support of my colleagues and I on the Appropriations Committee and in this House, these individual registries came together to form the beginnings of the NMDP. No one then could have conceived of the program that has developed since. As of April of 2007, over 6.5 million donors have joined the Registry and over 28,000 patients have received a second chance at life through bone marrow, stem cell or cord blood transplantation.

Madam Speaker, over these past 20 years, Pat has helped the NMDP save lives through cellular transplantation therapy by providing guidance for the organization, leadership for the staff and stewardship of the NMDP's resources. She has made a profound impact on the organization and staff with her passion for our mission, dedication to the staff, incredible work ethic, sense of humor and ability to adapt, change and grow with the NMDP. She will leave a legacy of important and lasting relationships with a network of over 450 organizations that partner to provide cellular transplant therapies.

The NMDP will miss her but she leaves the program in a great position to continue its life-saving work. As a result of legislation adopted

by Congress in December 2005, the NMDP has been entrusted to operate the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program. The size of the registry will increase, the science of transplantation will advance, and we will continue to develop more services to support patients and families as they cope with a life-threatening disease.

Madam Speaker, I would urge my colleagues to join me in thanking Pat for her dedication to the program and the patients we serve. She has made a difference in the lives of thousands of patients and families and for that, they and we will be forever grateful. In closing let me wish Pat all the best as she closes one very long and important chapter in her life and embarks upon a new and yet uncharted journey.

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#### THE MOODY TROJANS

### HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2007

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to boast about the tremendous accomplishment of the Moody High School Trojans, winner of the 2007 Texas High School Class 4A Baseball Championship, just this past weekend.

Since 2000, the Trojans have reached the State Championship 3 times and are now walking away with the second of 2 State trophies in just 4 years.

Heading into the playoffs ranked No. 1 in the State, the Moody players lived up to their reputation of maximizing their offense, with the help of exceptional pitching from MVP Championship Pitcher Miguel Gonzalez. The Trojans controlled the championship game with 3 homeruns and crushed their opponents 9–1.

Having learned humility from past defeats, the young men of Moody continue to illustrate the South Texas baseball family tradition—they remain a brotherhood of young athletes. With inspiration, hard work, and faith, these players exemplify the “Moody magic” that has brought the Trojans to State victory once again, ending the season with a record of 39–3–1.

Having earned national recognition, this 4A baseball team from Corpus Christi has been ranked seventh in the Nation by Collegiate Baseball’s high school poll. Producing both extraordinary athletes and spectacular leaders, seven of the Moody players have been chosen to fill the 10 available spots on the all-State tournament team.

Recognized for their great accomplishments by the community after they tasted victory, the Trojan players were received by crowds of roaring fans as they arrived home, led by their head coach, Corky Gallegos, who paraded their championship trophy to their high school for display.

What is more remarkable than their success in the State championship again is the invaluable lessons that high school sports teach these young men. They learned that winning is one thing, but winners on the field are made from teamwork and faith; winners in life are those who master the fundamentals, never lose their faith, and put their whole effort into all they do.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me today in commending the following play-

ers: Joey Mendoza, Christian Gallegos, Rudy Flores, Rudy Grande, Andrew Perez, Leeroy Hinojosa, Marc A. Gomez, Miguel Gonzalez, Thomas Tovar, Jeff Rousseau, Raul Galvan, Andrew Cantu, James T. Ramirez, Gabriel Morales, Adrian J. Longoria, Justin Meza, Ryan Villarreal, Elias Rodriguez, Josiah Rodriguez, Orlando Perales, Ronnie Flores, Dan Flores, Jacob Perales, Marcus Montez, Arnold J. Franco, Justin Gabrillo, Michael Montez, Randy Rodriguez, Abraham Figueroa, and Calvin Roberts. These special young athletes were led by Head Coach Corky Gallegos, Assistant Coach Richard Diaz, and Assistant Coach Mike Leal.

This outstanding group of young champions representing the “Moody magic” have learned—and lived—the most important lessons of competition, faith and dignity. Madam Speaker, these young people have inspired us and made us exceptionally proud.

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#### IN RECOGNITION OF CAROLYN LOTT

### HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2007

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest pleasure that I rise today to honor a shepherd of California’s Central Valley, Carolyn Lott. I can think of no one person who has worked harder for their community and on a wider range of issues than Carolyn. As she prepares to retire from years of dedicated service, I’d like to share a little about my good friend.

Carolyn Lott has been a guiding light on the valley’s path of social and economic growth. A champion of the Highway 99 Corridor, Carolyn has ensured much needed State capital be directed to this main transportation artery through the Central Valley. Her latest position as Senior Program Manager for the Great Valley Center in Modesto, California has allowed her to continue promoting this agenda, as well as incorporate it into a blueprint plan for the region. In addition to her responsibilities with this position, she also manages the project work within New Valley Connexions, a program that focuses on helping to strengthen and diversify the regional economy of the Central Valley by advancing the use of new technologies and positioning the region to be more competitive in the 21st century.

Prior to Carolyn’s current position, she was affiliated with the Great Valley Center as a consultant coordinating a nine-county regional effort to organize sectors of the San Joaquin Valley around development of voluntary measures to help improve air quality. She successfully guided the development of 14 sectors, corresponding working groups, a draft air quality improvement plan, and an inaugural summit with more than 400 attendees. Additionally, through both local efforts and a trip to Washington, DC, congressional assistance for the effort was obtained both through endorsement of the project and actual funding commitments.

Through the Great Valley Center, Carolyn continued her affiliation with the Center for Collaborative Policy in Sacramento, California. CCP is a joint program of California State University, Sacramento and McGeorge School of

Law and offers facilitation for public policy development. Carolyn has completed the sixth year of contract services providing facilitation to the Department of Water Resources for San Joaquin County. During her tenure, the county and a joint powers authority have moved from a stalemate position to recipients of State funding for water supply projects and are currently developing an integrated regional water management plan to assure water reliability and to help restore the significantly depleted underground aquifer. Also with CCP, Carolyn was both project manager and facilitator for the Smart Growth Local Elected Officials Roundtables, a joint project of the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research, the California State Association of Counties, the Local Government Commission, and the League of California Cities.

Prior to her work as a facilitator and program manager, Carolyn (Ratto) Lott was a councilmember in Turlock, California. During this time she was actively involved in numerous policy development activities through both the League of California Cities and the National League of Cities. She played a leadership role as president of the LCC, board of directors member for both organizations, and chair of numerous committees and special projects, including chairing the National League of Cities Leadership Training Council. She has also chaired the California Cities, Counties, and Schools State Partnership and still serves on their board of directors, and served as a Governor’s appointee on the Commission for Local Governance in the 21st Century. She has completed a decade of service on the Turlock Chamber of Commerce Leadership Steering Committee and has spent more than half a decade as an advisory board member for California State University, Stanislaus. She also completed three terms as a board member for Emanuel Medical Center in Turlock. Currently she serves as an advisory committee member of the Collaborative Governance Initiative, part of the League of California Cities’ Institute for Local Government, as a board member for the California Budget Project, and on the Advisory Committee for the College of Business Administration, California State University, Stanislaus.

Carolyn’s efforts on behalf of the Central Valley have left an indelible mark. There is no doubt that future generations will benefit greatly because of Carolyn’s foresight and commonsense plans of action. As she prepares to make more time for herself and her husband, Ronald, I trust she will continue to be a great example to all aspiring stewards of our community.

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#### INTRODUCTION OF THE ALARM CUSTOMER VOIP NOTIFICATION ACT

### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2007

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to encourage my colleagues’ strong support for the Alarm Customer VoIP Notification Act, which I am introducing today. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my friend and colleague on the Telecommunications and the Internet Subcommittee, Congressman CLIFF