

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RICHARD
BUNKER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard Bunker. Mr. Bunker has served the Colorado River Commission for fourteen years, and has served as Chairman for ten years.

During his time at the Colorado River Commission, Mr. Bunker served Nevada's interests on a negotiating team with six other representatives from Colorado River Basin states and the Bureau of Reclamation, in order to establish programs allowing interstate banking in the Lower Colorado River Basin. His innovative work has allowed the state of Nevada to take a more aggressive role in the procurement of electrical power. In 1996, the Commission partnered with the Southern Nevada Water Authority to build the Newport Substation which provides electrical power for the regional water system. The time and energy that Mr. Bunker has given to the Colorado River Commission is admirable.

Richard Bunker's achievements extend beyond that of Chairman of the Colorado River Commission. Richard has received many prestigious awards such as the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Nevada Gaming Attorneys and the Clark County Bar Association in recognition of his contributions to the gaming industry as a gaming regulator, chief executive of gaming resorts, and president of the nation's leading gaming industry association. He was also the recipient of the National Jewish Medical and Research Center's Humanitarian Award in recognition of his work to foster human welfare and champion social reform.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Richard Bunker. His service to Nevada in his years with the Colorado River Commission, as well as his work with other organizations is something to be admired and commended. I wish him well in his retirement and heartily thank him for his service to Nevada.

HONORING SERGEANT CORY
LUTTREL CLARK, SR.

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Cory L. Clark, Sr., of Plant City, FL, who was killed in Afghanistan on August 28, 2007, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Assigned to the 585th Pipeline Company, 864th Engineer Combat Battalion, stationed in Fort Lewis, WA, Sgt. Clark was an Army engineer who was rebuilding roads and bridges in war-torn Afghanistan when he was fatally wounded by an improvised explosive device while his unit crossed a bridge in Jaji, Afghanistan.

I did not have the privilege of knowing Sgt. Clark personally, but by all accounts he was a courageous young man who was devoted to his country and family. Prior to joining the Army in April 2001, Cory grew up on Jenkins

Street in Plant City and was a 2000 graduate of Durant High School in eastern Hillsborough County.

Cory enjoyed life, seeing the world, making others smile and his mother, Wrenita's, home cooking. Most importantly, he was a beloved husband, son and father, who cherished spending time with his family.

Recently promoted to Sergeant, Cory earned a great deal of recognition for his service. Among his many awards and honors are the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, 2 Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NATO Medal and Combat Action and Weapons Qualification Badges.

Madam Speaker, my heart aches for Cory's family. He is survived by his wife, Monica, and his four children, Malik Mitchell, 6; twins Cory Jr. and Quinton, both 3; and Kar-Yahna, 9 months. May God bless the Clark family and continue to watch over the country that Sgt. Clark so loved. We shall never forget him.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
TIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE
HONORABLE PAUL E. GILLMOR,
A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
STATE OF OHIO

SPEECH OF

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Representative PAUL GILLMOR. I learned of his sudden passing on Wednesday, and my wife and I are greatly saddened by this news. I offer my prayers of support to his wife Karen and their two daughters, Linda and Julie and their three sons, Paul Michael and twins Connor and Adam.

I take great pride in knowing such an honorable gentleman who humbly served his country and constituents. PAUL began his life of public service as a Judge Advocate in the Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict from 1965–1966. He continued his service as a State Senator for twenty-two years and was President of the Ohio Senate for three General Assemblies. Ever since he was first elected to Congress in 1988, he has honorably represented his constituents in the most ethical manner. He was reelected to each subsequent Congress by substantial margins, indicating the trust and confidence his constituents placed in him. He served them well and diligently.

Representative GILLMOR and I were both long-time congressional representatives to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. PAUL was particularly active in this organization and served several years as Chair of the important Economic Committee, and most recently has been serving as the Vice Chair of the entire Assembly. In all Assembly activities, Representative GILLMOR conscientiously and honorably represented the interests of the United States.

Above all, PAUL was a good friend, confidante, and advisor to me. He was a fountain of wisdom and sage advice, and I deeply ap-

preciated his friendship and that of his wife Karen. My wife and I both enjoyed their company as we traveled together to NATO meetings to represent the U.S. Karen and PAUL were particularly proud of their children, and often told us about their development and prowess.

We will all miss PAUL, and express our condolences to Karen and the children. He made an important mark on the history of our Nation and the world. Our country is the better for his participation in the Congress and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

May God bless Karen, the children and all PAUL's relatives, and give them comfort and strength during this time of sorrow.

HONORING LEWIS J. BAZAKOS

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Lewis J. Bazakos, a constituent of mine and the outgoing chairman of the American Chiropractic Association (ACA)—the Nation's largest professional association for doctors of chiropractic medicine.

Dr. Bazakos, a 1978 graduate of the New York Chiropractic College has practiced chiropractics for more than 25 years. He was elected chairman of the Board of Governors during the ACA's 43rd Annual Business Meeting on September 22, 2005. In addition, Dr. Bazakos serves as chairman of the New York Chiropractic College Board of Trustees.

Dr. Bazakos has been elected or appointed to numerous leadership positions within the chiropractic profession. Prior to his election as chairman, Dr. Bazakos served on the ACA Board of Governors since 2000 and on its executive committee since 2003. In addition, Dr. Bazakos has served as the ACA's New York-Metro Delegate and was chairman of the Finance Committee.

On the state level, Dr. Bazakos has a long-time affiliation with the New York State Chiropractic Association (NYSCA). He is past president of the NYSCA and served as its legislative chairman for 15 years.

Throughout his career, Dr. Bazakos has been recognized for his commitment and service to the chiropractic profession. In 1991, he was named as Chiropractor of the Year by the NYSCA and also received the NYSCA's prestigious "Ernest G. Napolitano Award," an honor presented to a doctor in recognition of his selfless contributions to the NYSCA and the chiropractic profession.

In addition to his doctor of chiropractics degree, Dr. Bazakos holds a master's degree in clinical nutrition from the University of Bridgeport. Currently, he is involved in clinical private practice at Nassau County Pain Management & Rehabilitation and Medical Offices located in Valley Stream, NY.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to have Dr. Bazakos as a constituent and even prouder of his more than 25 years of service to patients throughout the Empire State.