

during dating and in marriages. Children who witness domestic violence at home do poorly in school, use drugs and alcohol at an early age, and are more likely to engage in violent behavior themselves. Boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.

As a former prosecutor and judge, I founded the Congressional Victim Rights Caucus to advocate for crime victims. I sponsored H. Res. 590 to declare October 2007 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. October will raise awareness of the increasing number of abusers who murder their victims and then take their own lives, in addition to the financial strain experienced by domestic violence victims, including loss of employment and loss of housing. In October, thousands of victim advocacy organizations, State coalitions, and community groups will hold events to bring awareness to the violence that affects men, women, and children every single year. Community awareness about domestic violence allows victims to seek help—it creates shelters for domestic violence victims to seek refuge in, holds abusers accountable, and helps children live in nonviolent homes.

In the past, Congress's support of this month has led to an increasing number of local community groups, religious organizations, health care providers, corporations, and media addressing domestic violence in communities.

Congress has been instrumental in increasing the funding for programs located under the Violence Against Women Act, VAWA, but there is still a need for further awareness of domestic violence. Let's send a message to domestic violence victims that Congress is their voice. And that's just the way it is.

HONORING 10TH DISTRICT SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 24, 2007

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor those who wear the uniform and serve their Nation in the U.S. armed services. We have more than 1.3 million active duty troops stationed throughout the world, and we owe these men and women much for their dedication and service. As a Naval Reserve intelligence officer who just returned from 2 weeks of active duty in August, I would also like to thank those who serve in our military's Reserve forces. More than 800,000 Americans serve in the seven Reserve branches, including the Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve.

Several weeks ago, I learned of one individual in my district that demonstrates the strong commitment to community and country that every Reserve enlisted person and officer has.

Tom Baier resides in Libertyville, IL, where the 53-year-old doctor has an orthopedic surgery practice. He serves as a team physician for several local youth sports teams, as well as a teacher for other doctors for arthroscopic ACL reconstruction surgery.

Dr. Baier's son Mike enlisted in the Marine Corps last spring and is currently stationed in Iraq. In part because of his son's service and his specialized surgical knowledge, Dr. Baier joined the Army Reserve's medical corps. On August 9, he was commissioned as a major and will report for training in the coming months.

Like many serving in our Reserve forces, Dr. Baier brings with him an expertise that will be an incredible asset to our military. Our men and women in the military deserve nothing but the finest medical care possible and I am grateful that we have individuals like Dr. Baier to provide that care. For all the men and women serving in the 10th Congressional District, from active duty to Reserve, as well as their families, we are honored by your sacrifices and selfless dedication to the Nation. We are a stronger country because of individuals like Dr. Baier.

HONORING BOB MIZER

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 24, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bob Mizer on the occasion of his becoming an honorary member of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, VVFD.

Mr. Mizer is a 1964 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. A retired naval officer, he moved to Fairfax County, VA, in 1979 and has been an exemplary model of service within the county ever since.

In July 2000, he took the position of volunteer liaison for the VVFD. The VVFD is a volunteer organization that works in conjunction with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department in order to provide the fire department with supplemental staffing, as well as additional units such as an ambulance and engine. VVFD owns and maintains the station and its equipment, while Fairfax County provides 24-hour staffing with paid firefighters and paramedics on three shifts.

Mr. Mizer left his position as volunteer liaison on September 4, 2007, but will continue as president of the Burke Volunteer Fire Department.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Bob Mizer for his years of service and dedication to the VVFD. The events of September 11, 2001 serve as a reminder of the sacrifices our emergency service workers make for us each day. These individuals' continuous efforts on behalf of Fairfax County citizens are paramount to preserving security, law and order throughout our community. Their selfless acts of heroism truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Mizer, and congratulating him on being named an honorary member of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MITCHELL ROSENTHAL

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 24, 2007

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the life and work of an outstanding individual whom I feel fortunate to have known. The late Dr. Mitchell Rosenthal of Vauxhall, NJ, passed away suddenly in May at the age of 58.

For people who did not know Dr. Rosenthal, he was part of the small group of founders of the National Head Injury Foundation, now known as the Brain Injury Association of America. Traumatic brain injury is the leading cause of death and disability among young Americans in the United States.

During his renowned life, Dr. Rosenthal was the Chief Operating Officer for Kessler Medical Rehabilitation Research and Education Corporation in West Orange, NJ, and Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

He also served on several committees and boards dedicated to brain injury research and education, including the TBI National Database Center, funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, and the American Psychological Association. Further, he served as the President of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine in 1992.

Dr. Rosenthal received many awards during his career; he published more than 80 peer-reviewed articles, books, and book chapters, and he delivered more than 200 presentations at major national and international meetings, primarily related to brain injury rehabilitation.

As co-chair of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, I had the privilege of working with Dr. Rosenthal on the issues of TBI education, services and research funding here in Congress.

The brain injury community has lost a great advocate. Dr. Rosenthal will be deeply missed by those who knew him, and by those whose lives he has bettered through his dedication to brain injury research and education.

He leaves a legacy of true leadership, intellectual honesty, and total commitment to others. I would like to offer my condolences to the Rosenthal family, his wife Margaret, and his children Michelle and David.

The job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of dedicated community servants like Dr. Mitchell Rosenthal.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, everyone gathered this evening, Mitchell's family and friends, and me in recognizing the late Dr. Mitchell Rosenthal's outstanding service to his community.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL ROTORFEST

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 24, 2007

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Eleventh Annual Rotorfest

presented by the American Helicopter Museum and Education Center.

Every October more than 12,000 people gather at the Brandywine Airport in West Chester, Pennsylvania for Rotorfest, a weekend festival devoted to promoting rotary flight mechanics. This year's festival takes place on October 13th and 14th.

This year's All Helicopter Air Show features the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Parachute Demonstration Team, known as the Black Daggers.

There are three shows a day featuring military and civilian helicopters performing choreographed flight demonstrations.

The American Helicopter Museum and Education Center is committed to preserving the history of rotary flight mechanics.

The museum is dedicated to educating the public with programs about the principles of flight, the innovators of aviation and to encourage future scientists and innovators.

The museum features eight hands-on helicopters where visitors can test their flying skills.

This year the museum features the only V-22 Osprey on exhibit in the world. New to the museum's collection this year is a Boeing M360, an experimental, all composite helicopter that came close to breaking the world's speed record.

I am pleased to celebrate the eleventh year of this festival that is fun for all ages. I am thankful to the American Helicopter Museum and Education Center for their dedication to preserving the history and promoting the future of rotary based flight.

I ask that everyone to join me in commending the American Helicopter Museum and Education Center for their commitment to educating and entertaining the public.

HONORING HARRIS SAUL NUSSBAUM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 24, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Harris Nussbaum, who is being recognized as the first Our Children's Hero honoree by the If Given a Chance Foundation during their first annual "Chance Encounter" event. Mr. Nussbaum is being honored for his remarkable work and the positive contributions he has made in the lives of young people in the Napa Valley and beyond.

If Given a Chance was founded in 1994 by a group of concerned Napa citizens who wanted to find ways to help address the myriad problems young people face. In 1995, they made their first awards to a diverse group of young adults who had overcome unusual challenges, including a young single mother, former gang members, and a young man with cerebral palsy. Now, If Given a Chance annually awards \$150,000 in scholarships to young people from around the region.

Mr. Nussbaum has been a positive and influential force in the lives of Napa's children for many years. He has been a teacher, help-

ing students overcome the hurdles in their lives. He has founded or directed countless programs to support peer tutoring and community service for young people. His work has enabled people of all ages in our community to take control of their lives, and to reach out and help others who may need support.

Mr. Nussbaum has also been tireless in his work with a wide ranging group of organizations benefiting our community. I have been personally privileged to see the work he did as a founding member and president of Aldea, helping to provide for some of the area's neediest children. As an advisor to the California legislature on educational policy and community service programming, he has lent his expertise to our State's policy makers. He has been of the greatest service to Napa County, serving on the Commissions on Children, Youth and Families; Mental Health Services Act Advisory Board; and the Opera House Board.

Madam Speaker, at this time it is appropriate that we recognize Mr. Harris Nussbaum for his work on behalf of Napa County's children. He richly deserves recognition as Our Children's Hero, and I know he will continue to support the superb services he has helped create for our children.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL PETER PACE, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 24, 2007

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, today I want to recognize and pay tribute to a true patriot and exceptional leader of our military, General Peter Pace, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service to the U.S. Armed Forces and to our country.

General Pace was born in Brooklyn, NY, and grew up in Teaneck, NJ. A 1967 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from The George Washington University and attended Harvard University for the Senior Executives in National and International Security program. The General is also a graduate of the Infantry Officers' Advanced Course at Fort Benning, Georgia; the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, in Quantico, Virginia; and the National War College, at Ft. McNair, Washington, DC.

In 1968, upon completion of The Basic School, Quantico, Virginia, General Pace was assigned to the 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam, serving first as a Rifle Platoon Leader and subsequently as Assistant Operations Officer. He joined his platoon, their third platoon leader in as many weeks, during the battle for Hue City. He was decorated for valor during his tour in Vietnam, yet General Pace holds as one of his most valued treasures the photo of LCpl Guido Farinero, the first Marine he lost in combat. The lance corporal's forever young likeness is under the glass on General Pace's desk, each day reminding him of the impact of his decisions as a military leader. Following

Vietnam, he was assigned to Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, where he served as Security Detachment Commander, Camp David; White House Social Aide; and Platoon Leader, Special Ceremonial Platoon.

General Pace has held command at virtually every level, and served in overseas billets in Nam Phong, Thailand; Seoul, Korea; and Yokota, Japan. While serving as President, Marine Corps University, then Brigadier General Pace also served as Deputy Commander, Marine Forces, Somalia, from December 1992–February 1993, and as the Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force–Somalia from October 1993–March 1994.

After an assignment as the Director for Operations (J-3), on the Joint Staff in Washington, DC, then Lieutenant General Pace served as the Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Atlantic/Europe/South. He was promoted to General and assumed duties as the Commander in Chief, United States Southern Command in September 2000.

General Peter Pace was sworn in as the sixteenth Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on September 30, 2005, giving him the distinction of being the first Marine to serve in this role. In this capacity, he served as the principal military advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council, and the Homeland Security Council. Prior to becoming Chairman, General Pace served as the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from October 2001 to August 2005, also earning him the distinction as the first Marine to have served in this capacity.

General Pace and his wife, Lynne, have a son, Peter, a daughter, Tiffany Marie, and a daughter-in-law, Lynsey Olczak Pace.

General Pace represented the U.S. Armed Forces with great distinction for the past 2 years as its senior military officer and throughout his more than four decades of service to our great Nation. He is a highly respected source of military counsel for our country's leaders, always keeping at the forefront the best interests of our men and women in uniform. General Pace is known for his thoughtful manner, his sense of humor, and his integrity. One Pace trademark we have all come to value is his constant consideration of "PFC Pace" in all military-related discussion, thereby ensuring the President, the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council, the Homeland Defense Council, and this body of Congress consider the impact of their decisions on even the most junior members of our military. General Pace's leadership significantly contributed to the success of military operations in recent years and improved the security of the United States.

General Pace took every opportunity to recognize the tremendous efforts of the 2.4 million active, guard and reserve members of the Armed Forces, and he likewise recognized the invaluable dedication and sacrifices of the family members who sustain our all-recruited force. During his tenure as Chairman and Vice Chairman, General Pace traveled more than 715,000 miles to meet with his counterparts around the world, and visit troops stationed overseas and across the United States.

Madam Speaker, I know the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to General Pace and in thanking him for his dedicated leadership to our country.