

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO AMEND PL 10-348 TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR ESTABLISHING A MEMORIAL IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OR ITS ENVIRONS TO HONOR VETERANS WHO BECAME DISABLED SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

### HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 12, 2007*

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to introduce a bill to ensure the creation of a Disabled Veterans Memorial. This bill would extend the memorial's charter until 2015, allowing the necessary time to raise the private resources and navigate the 10-year approval process required to bring the memorial to life in Washington, DC.

There are more than 3 million disabled veterans living today, and millions of veterans from past and future conflicts who will be honored by this long-overdue memorial. The memorial will be located on an impressive 2-acre site within full view of the U.S. Capitol, adjacent to the National Mall, and across Independence Avenue from the U.S. Botanical Garden, at Washington Avenue—Canal Street—and Second Street, SW.

Adding to the beauty of our Nation's capital, the memorial will soon become one of our country's treasured landmarks. It will bring together visitors of all ages and backgrounds—a fitting tribute to the brave men and women who stand watch over America. No Federal funds have been or may be used for planning and construction of the memorial.

In the 109th Congress this bipartisan bill passed by voice vote, but it was not taken up by the Senate. Therefore it is critical that this legislation be considered this Congress, since the authorization for the memorial expires in October 2007.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure the creation of this memorial to honor those who have sacrificed so much for our Nation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO  
JIMMIE JACK KNOX, SR.

### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 12, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend, Jimmie Jack Knox Sr., who died December 5th, 2006.

Jimmie was the former owner of Boulder City Marine, but his biggest accomplishments were serving and playing an active part in the community. He was always eager to get involved in community activities and philanthropic efforts. He was a member of the Rotary International, Boulder City Elks Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars, a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, and a co-founder of Operation Godspeed. Jimmie served as the president of the National Midget Racing Association. In addition he was Vice President of Public Relations for St. Jude's Ranch for Children in which he assisted St.

Jude's with grants that have provided new playgrounds and educational classroom facilities to expand the outreach program.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and legacy of my friend Jimmie Jack Knox Sr. for his work on behalf of Boulder City community. His was dedicated to the community and enriched countless lives in southern Nevada. He was truly a distinguished humanitarian and will be profoundly missed.

RECOGNIZING DEBORAH MOSS AS  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA'S  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 12, 2007*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize Deborah Moss as Washington County's Teacher of the Year.

Deborah Moss joined the Washington County School District Administration in 1996, with an education background in speech pathology and 17 years of teaching experience in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties of northwest Florida. Mrs. Moss has proudly served the Washington County School District for over 10 years, where she currently serves as a speech pathologist at Kate M. Smith Elementary School in Chipley, Florida.

As a speech pathologist, Deborah Moss enjoys working with students from kindergarten to fourth grade who experience difficulty in the classroom due to articulation, language, voice, and stuttering disorders. She has been defined as an educator with enthusiasm, dedication, and integrity. Her passion for teaching and her love for children have positively shaped her students in a way that they are able to overcome their challenges and are given the hope and strength that is needed to succeed.

The Teacher of the Year recognition highlights one year of teaching, but the proof of greatness lies well beyond the title—it lies in the hearts and minds of the students who have been deeply affected. Deborah Moss has left her fingerprints over much of northwest Florida and has touched a number of lives. Through her hard work and dedication, the impact she has had on her students has proven her to be among the great teachers in northwest Florida, and Washington County is honored to have her as one of their own.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Deborah Moss on this outstanding achievement and her exemplary service in the Washington County School District.

TRIBUTE TO SGT. CARLOS  
MADDEN

### HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 12, 2007*

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sgt. Carlos Madden, a heroic citizen-soldier. On Saturday, February 10,

2007, Sgt. Madden was awarded the Soldier's Medal, the highest decoration given by the United States for "heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy."

On December 22, 2005, a neighbor of Sgt. Madden, Mary Elizabeth Hooker, a professor at UMass Lowell, was attacked by a knife-wielding assailant. Sgt. Madden's 13-year-old sister, Mary, heard her screams and called her brother who rushed, unarmed, to Ms. Hooker's aid. He confronted her attacker and, directing another neighbor to call 911, pursued the man, caught him, and held him until the police arrived. His swift action very likely saved Ms. Hooker's life: his presence brought an end to the stabbing and secured prompt medical attention.

Sgt. Madden is a graduate of Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School and a junior majoring in American history at Framingham State College. He joined the Army Reserve in February 2002, and serves with the 401st Chemical Company, commanded by Capt. Jeffrey A. Fidler. Seventy members of his unit, his family, and Ms. Hooker were present to see Col. Stephen Falcone present the award.

We all hope that we would act in a crisis as Sgt. Madden did. Most of us are never tested and we do not know if we would put ourselves in harm's way, without hesitation, to save the life of another person. Carlos Madden inspires us with his bravery and with his reflections on the event. "I know I would do it again, for any of you," he said, "and I know all of you would do the same for me." Madam Speaker, I want to thank Sgt. Madden for his courage and for his faith in his fellow citizens.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO  
EUGENE EISENMAN

### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 12, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Eugene Eisenman, who passed away on January 29, 2007.

Eugene Eisenman was born on August 15, 1945 in St. Augustine, FL, and studied medicine at the Universidad Autonoma in Guadalajara, Mexico. Eugene completed his medical residency at Tulane University in New Orleans where he specialized in obstetrics. In 1981, Dr. Eisenman moved to Nevada to practice medicine. Throughout his 25-year medical career in Nevada, he served as chairman of Sunrise Hospital's Obstetrics Department and was president of the Clark County OB-GYN Society. During his many years of devoted service to the community, Dr. Eisenman delivered thousands of babies and cared for his patients with enduring compassion.

In addition to Eugene's many years of service to the medical community, he also served his country as an airman in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam war, was a member of the Chabad Synagogue in Las Vegas, and dedicated himself to his family and community.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and the legacy of Eugene Eisenman. His lasting dedication to the community should serve as an example to us all. I applaud his efforts and his life's work.