

October 31, 2006. John had served nearly 5 months in Iraq, when his unit was ambushed in Baghdad on March 17, 2007. John had been spending time on leave with his family in Florida just 8 days before his tragic death in that ambush.

John served as a rifleman with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based at Fort Bliss, Texas. He was 20 years old, having been born on Christmas Day in 1986.

John's parents, John and Pamela, were proud of their son, not just for the supreme sacrifice he paid on behalf of his country, but for the honor he brought to them as a soldier. Military service runs deep in the Landry family. John's grandfather was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division and his father served in the U.S. Marine Corps. All of his life, John dreamt of becoming a part of that legacy of service, and he died fulfilling that dream.

Before joining the United States Army, John attended Lowell Catholic High School where he was remembered for his kindness, his aptitude in the classroom and his hard-nosed leadership a co-captain and as an offensive and defensive lineman on the football team. Lowell Catholic was nearly finished with a care package to send to John in Iraq when they learned of his death.

As John's aunt, Missy Surette, said: "All that were fortunate enough to have had John as a part of their lives, feel the sadness and loss beyond words. Along with that sadness is a sense of honor and of being very proud of John. We will forever keep him in our hearts."

John died fighting for the country he loved, alongside comrades he respected and with the family he adored, forever in his heart. Our Nation is humbled and grateful for his sacrifice.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we all take a moment to recognize PFC John Francis Landry, Jr., United States Army, who paid the ultimate sacrifice fighting for our country. Our Nation will be forever grateful.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GLOBAL WARMING ACKNOWLEDGMENT RESOLUTION

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Mr. DICKS. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing a bill that calls for a comprehensive and effective national program of mandatory, market-based limits and incentives to slow, stop and reverse greenhouse gas emissions. The Global Warming Acknowledgment Resolution also states that these corrective actions should not harm the economy unduly, and that they should be designed in a way to encourage other countries to take similar steps to mitigate global warming.

As the producer of roughly one-quarter of the world's greenhouse gas emissions—more than any other country—the United States has a responsibility to take the lead in confronting the threat of global warming. And with the release of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's most recent report in February, it is clear that the U.S. Congress must begin to act now to reduce greenhouse gases.

The IPCC report, which represents the most comprehensive and up-to-date climate research, found that global warming is unequivocal and that it is more than 90 percent probable that human activity is responsible for most of the warming of the past 50 years.

Madam Speaker, the time for "what-ifs" is over and the time for corrective action has arrived. During this 110th Congress, we will debate the best ways to reverse the increased accumulation of greenhouse gases. While we may disagree on the particulars of this debate, it is clear that global warming is a real threat, and the Global Warming Acknowledgment Resolution is a first step toward the development of a comprehensive strategy. There are 22 original cosponsors of the resolution, and I urge your support. Feel free to contact my staff if you would like to sign on to this important legislation.

HONORING THE WOODBRIDGE KIWANIS CLUB

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 60th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Woodbridge, Virginia.

In 1947, Frank Sigman and Carroll White noticed a dearth of civic engagement in their local Woodbridge community. Having been previously exposed to Kiwanis, they decided that the culture of civic and community engagement promoted by Kiwanis would greatly benefit the area. They canvassed their neighborhoods in an effort to create an interest in starting a Woodbridge club. This work paid off and on March 22, 1947, the Woodbridge chapter was chartered. In fact, they were so successful in creating support that more than 200 people attended what turned out to be a gala affair.

Taking root from these strong seeds, the club became a positive factor in shaping the development of Woodbridge. In the early days, the club helped establish a public water and sewage system, create a rescue squad, obtain land for a little league and provided organizational support for the creation of the Prince William County Police Department and the formation of the Potomac Hospital.

Currently, the club maintains its strong ties to the local community by working with the local Boys and Girls Clubs, the Salvation Army, Action in the Community Through Service, Potomac Hospital's Mobile Family Health Clinic, the Senior Citizen's Center and the Special Olympics to provide services and financial support to those in need.

Kiwanis is an international institution created to "serve the children of the world." They were founded on six guiding principles that continue to lead their activities to this day. These six permanent "Objects of Kiwanis" are: to give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life; to encourage daily living of the Golden Rule; to promote the adoption and application of higher social, business, and professional standards; to develop by precept and example a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship; to provide a practical means to form enduring friendships; and better communities and to cooper-

ate in creating and maintaining sound public opinion and high idealism.

The Woodbridge Kiwanis Club continues to use these noble principles to guide their efforts in the community to this day. It is plain to see that the club has played a fundamental role in making this area of Eastern Prince William County a great place to live, work and play.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to commend and congratulate all Kiwanians on the service they provide to their communities. Their tireless efforts on behalf of the next generation truly merit recognition. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the Woodbridge Kiwanis Club on its 60th anniversary and in wishing them continued success in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures on March 19. If I had been present for rollcall votes on the following bills; I would have voted "yea" on each.

Rollcall No. 157: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to the Resolution H. Res.138—Recognizing the importance of Hot Springs National Park on its 175th anniversary.

Rollcall No. 158: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 658—Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act.

Rollcall No. 159: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 839—Arthur V. Watkins Dam Enlargement Act.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE MEALS ON WHEELS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, ITS MEMBER SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND THEIR ANNUAL MARCH FOR MEALS CAMPAIGNS

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Mr. LoBIONDO. Madam Speaker, I rise here today in support of a resolution honoring and recognizing the work of the Meals on Wheels Association of America, its member senior nutrition programs throughout the country, and their annual March for Meals campaigns.

Today, mayors and Meals on Wheels volunteers in all 50 States will join together to deliver meals to seniors. Mayors for Meals Day is part of March for Meals, a national campaign during the month of March to raise awareness of senior hunger and to encourage action on the part of local communities. The month of March was chosen because it was during this month that the law was enacted that included senior meal programs in the Older Americans Act.

This resolution recognizes the important work Meals on Wheels does in preventing senior hunger and improving the quality of life for hundreds of thousands of our Nation's seniors. It also encourages Members of Congress to support their local senior nutrition programs by participating in their annual March for Meals events and delivering meals to home-bound seniors in a community within their district or State.

While, due to our business in Washington, DC, today, I am unable to participate in this year's celebration, I have proudly participated in past Meals on Wheels Association of America's March for Meals events. I have joined volunteers from Meals on Wheels organizations throughout my district in delivering meals and witnessed first hand both the need for these important programs and the incredible dedication of their staff and volunteers. I encourage each of you to get involved with your local programs—whether you help prepare meals, deliver meals, or just join local seniors in enjoying their meals—your support can make a difference.

I also encourage you to join me as a cosponsor of this resolution which will give the Meals on Wheels Association of America and its member programs the honor and recognition they so richly deserve.

HONORING JUSTIN PAWLEY

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, the right to vote is the cornerstone of our American democracy. I rise today to honor Mr. Justin Pawley, an exemplary individual from my Congressional District, who has fought hard to protect and expand voter rights.

Mr. Pawley, a self-described political junkie, is one of millions of Americans living with Down Syndrome. His civic awareness and interest in our political system motivated him to utilize his right to vote in 2000. Sadly, Mr. Pawley was turned away due to a State statute that prevented adults with guardians to vote in the Commonwealth. Soon thereafter, he began a 7 year effort to correct this injustice.

Mr. Pawley has demonstrated remarkable courage and determination through his work with State and local officials to get his right to vote. The Justin Pawley Act was introduced in the Kentucky Legislature last year to allow thousands of individuals with guardians the right to vote in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Mr. Pawley's quest came one step closer to realization last week when the bill passed both houses of the Kentucky State Legislature.

Mr. Pawley's relentless pursuit of his right to vote is an inspiring example of how one person can make an important difference in our political process. It is my honor to recognize Justin Pawley today before the entire House of Representatives. He is an outstanding citizen worthy of our collective appreciation and respect.

RECOGNITION OF BILLY WALKABOUT

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of a great American and great Oklahoman, Billy Walkabout. Mr. Walkabout was the most decorated American Indian soldier in the Vietnam War, and this weekend his family will have the great honor of laying him to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

Walkabout, a Cherokee, joined the Army soon after graduating from U.S. Grant High School in Oklahoma in 1968. On November 20, 1968, Army Ranger Sergeant Walkabout and 12 of his fellow soldiers were on a mission behind enemy lines when they suddenly came under fire. The battle lasted several hours, during which Sergeant Walkabout was seriously injured. Despite these injuries, Walkabout continued to provide life saving measures to his wounded colleagues and help them board evacuation helicopters—all while continuing to return fire.

Because of his incredible courage and valor, Billy Walkabout received the Distinguished Service Cross, 5 Silver Stars, 5 Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to be a Member of this House and to serve those great Americans like Billy Walkabout. His service, bravery and patriotism are true testaments of his character. I am proud to stand before this House in recognition of the great life and service of Mr. Billy Walkabout.

CONGRATULATIONS GROVE JUNIOR HIGH DARE STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the DARE Students of the Year from Grove Junior High School in Elk Grove Village.

These students participated in the Grove Junior High DARE program during the 2006–2007 school year to learn about the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol. In recognition of their outstanding classroom participation and positive attitude, Anthony White and Christian Barajas were named DARE Students of the Year and Jaela Gibbs and Dahee Will were named runners-up.

These students have learned to resist peer pressure and live productive drug, gang, and violence-free lives. I commend these students for their hard work and encourage them to continue to set a good example for their peers.

Anthony, Christian, Jaela, and Dahee, your families, your school, and your community are extremely proud of what you've accomplished. I wish you all the best in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, due to the fact that my flight reservation was inadvertently canceled and I had to take a later flight, I missed three rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H. Res. 138, which passed 399–0 on rollcall vote No. 157, H.R. 658, which passed 390–10 on rollcall vote No. 158, and H.R. 839, which passed 394–1 on rollcall vote No. 159.

NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Mr. DICKS. Madam Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, Members of Congress, leaders of our armed forces and, of course, our treasured Medal of Honor recipients. Thanks to all of you all for joining me in remembering the extraordinary achievements of our combat veterans—particularly those who wear the Congressional Medal of Honor. It's also a real pleasure once again to have the chance to be with Bruce Crandall, who received his Medal recently at a White House ceremony that I attended earlier this month. When the President read the citation detailing the amazing heroism that Bruce displayed in Vietnam, it was again a reminder to me of how special each of these individuals are and how important it is that we provide adequate recognition to those who achieve this highest military commendation.

Out of more than 3,400 individuals to receive this medal in our nation's history, just 112 remain with us today.

Their actions in battle, and their continued efforts now as shepherds of patriotism, remind us all how fortunate this Nation is to have men as brave as these among us. Your legacy and lessons of sacrifice continue to inspire us to act with loyalty where we work, live and serve; to walk with courage when obstacles hinder us from the right path.

I am honored to be able to serve in my capacity as a member of the United States Congress, and am proud to be an original cosponsor of this resolution creating the National Medal of Honor day. You have been recognized by your Nation's leadership with the highest medal of military distinction. Now your fellow citizens will always recognize you with a day in your honor.

Thank you for your bravery that brought America to where she is today, and thank you for all that you continue do to demonstrate the values of loyalty, sacrifice, integrity, and courage.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Agriculture Day,