

Operation Allied Force, and has completed numerous other land and sea-based detachments.

Commander Hayes assumed command of VAQ-209 in October 2005. During his command tour, he led the Star Warriors on a 3-month combat deployment to Al Asad Air Base, Iraq for operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Under his leadership, the squadron also earned the 2005 Department of Defense Family Readiness Award and the 2006 Noel Davis Battle Efficiency Award, and received the 2006 Commander, Naval Air Force Reserve nomination for the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Excellence Phoenix Award.

Commander Hayes received numerous military decorations and awards. They include the Air Medal with Combat "V," the Strike/Flight Air Medal (8), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat "V" (2), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4), and various campaign medals and unit awards.

On a personal note, it is my honor to have served with "Woody"—his call sign. I have deployed with him many times, including to Operation Allied Force, which ended the nightmare in Kosovo, to Operation Northern Watch which enforced U.N. mandated No Fly Zones over Saddam Hussein's Iraq, and many other smaller detachments. I have flown with him. Professionalism and consummate skill are the hallmarks of this Naval Aviator in combat. Courage and inspired leadership are those of this naval officer in command.

TRIBUTE TO THE CEDARVILLE
TROJANS

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the only undefeated high school basketball team this season in the State of Michigan, the Cedarville Trojans. The journey for the Trojans to the State Championship at Michigan State University in East Lansing to win the Class D State Championship was a long road, but one that these young men navigated with heart and dignity, making all of Michigan's Upper Peninsula proud.

Last season, the Cedarville Trojans traveled to the State championship semi-finals, but their path stopped there. This year, when the team returned to Michigan State for the finals, they were determined not to be stopped. Equally dramatic, in this year's championship game, the Trojans faced the Tri-Unity Defenders, the same team that defeated the Trojans in last year's semi-final game.

The 2006–2007 Cedarville Trojans are not, by any means, the tallest team in Michigan High School Class D Basketball. The Trojans' tallest player, Justin Baker, stands at six feet and one inch. However, what the Cedarville Trojans lacked in height, they made up in hard work, practice and natural ability.

Throughout the season, the Cedarville Trojans distinguished themselves as effective scorers. In particular, the team honed their three-point shooting ability, making their outside game a dangerous weapon. Thanks to the team's remarkable shooting ability, the

Cedarville Trojans broke the 100-point ceiling during four different games throughout the season, including scoring 106 points against Posen High School in the regional final. Cedarville's scoring ability would prove critical during the State championship game.

Early in the championship game, the Cedarville Trojans put their opponents on notice that the Trojans planned to win. By half-time, thanks to their avalanche of three-point shots, the Trojans led 45–32. In the second half, while the Defenders used their superior height to creep back into the game, the Trojans continued their three-pointer scoring onslaught. Ultimately, Cedarville would score 11 three-point shots, breaking the previous record of 10 three-point shots in a single State championship game. This shooting lead Cedarville to a 77–74 victory and capped a perfect, 26–0 season.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating the 2006–2007 Cedarville Trojans: Jordan Sweeney, Sheldon Tassier, Jim Eberts, Matt Hansen, Kevin Thompson, Jason Duncan, Jordan Duncan, C.J. Paquin, Taylor Smith, Luke Murray, Justin Baker, Cody Thompson, Scott McGreevey, James Mitchell, and Keith Foster.

It is with great pleasure that I single out their head coach, David Duncan, who has built a solid coaching record over the last year 17 years, winning 248 games and losing only 147 games. Mr. Duncan's assistant coaches, Scott Barr and Kurt Duncan, are also to be commended for leading this year's Cedarville Trojans through this historic season. I also salute the team's managers, Adam Dingman and Joe Duncan, for their hard work. These adults deserve our collective commendation for spending so much personal time preparing these young men for the challenges of the season and the challenges they will face later in life.

As Coach Duncan has noted, the unofficial theme for the Cedarville Trojans basketball team this year has been, "Dream Big." Clearly, the young men of this team dared to dream big by battling their way to a perfect season, defeating taller teams, and bringing home Cedarville's first State championship. For dreaming big and for making their families and community proud, I salute this fine basketball team and ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in saluting their efforts. Congratulations to the Class D, State of Michigan Basketball Champions, the Cedarville Trojans.

THE GLOBAL WARMING
EDUCATION ACT

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the legislation I am introducing, the Global Warming Education Act.

Scientific concepts, whether simple or complex, can take a significant amount of time to become widely known and understood. Hundreds of years ago, Galileo and Sir Isaac Newton made remarkable discoveries about gravity and the behavior of falling objects, but to this day, most people cannot explain the Law of Gravity, what determines the speed of

a falling object, or why an astronaut in orbit appears to be weightless. Many adults have difficulty explaining the cause of the seasons, the phases of the Moon, or the composition of the atmosphere.

People can go on with their everyday lives without most scientific knowledge, suffering no ill effects. You don't need to understand gravity for things to keep falling. You don't need to understand how your lungs work in order to breathe.

Global warming, however, presents a new kind of problem. The widespread understanding of global warming will play a significant role in our ability to actually address the problem. If we do nothing, carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions will continue to rise, and global warming will continue. We don't have much time.

It is well established that global warming may cause significant negative impacts, including drought, rising sea levels, retreating glaciers, changes to wildlife migration patterns, and increased storm strength. These threats are real. They are the natural consequences of a worldwide over-reliance on fossil fuels, an insatiable appetite for energy, and inefficient use of resources.

There are things that people can do, right now, to help fight global warming. People need to be armed with the knowledge that will help them in this fight. I believe that by expanding knowledge, we can maximize the impact of carbon-reducing measures.

My new legislation, the Global Warming Education Act, will create a Global Warming Education Program in the National Science Foundation, to broaden the understanding of human-induced global warming, possible long and short-term consequences, and potential solutions. This program will provide formal and informal learning opportunities to people of all ages, including those of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. The program will provide actionable information to enhance the implementation of new technologies, programs, and incentives related to energy conservation, renewable energy, and greenhouse gas reduction. Maximum understanding will ensure maximum impact.

The activities in the Global Warming Education Program will include a public information campaign to help people understand global warming, and grants for innovative projects to expand climate science education. These grants can be used to develop new climate science education materials including print, electronic, and audiovisual materials.

With the increased knowledge provided by this act, people will be able to make choices in their lives and in their communities to fight global warming. People will learn about home improvements, tax incentives, and other measures that can benefit the environment. They will learn about alternative energy sources and new technologies. They will learn about transportation and consumer choices that can also benefit their pocketbooks. They will learn how their own actions and their own informed choices can make a difference.

The Global Warming Education Act is one part of the solution to global warming. In addition to improvements in climate science education, this Congress will need to pass measures to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, promote clean, renewable energy, and increase energy efficiency.

I thank the cosponsors of this bill for their support, and I urge the rest of my colleagues

in the House to support the Global Warming Education Act.

TRIBUTE TO MAN MINH PHAN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a man whose life has touched many people in San Rafael, California. Man Minh Phan, known as Mr. Man, is receiving the 2007 Citizen of the Year award from the city for his outstanding community activism in the Canal neighborhood. This area has a large immigrant population, including 500 Vietnamese-Americans, endeavoring to assimilate into our country's culture.

Now 73-years-old, Mr. Man is a former South Vietnamese army officer who immigrated with his wife to the United States in 1990 after 6 years of imprisonment in a communist re-education camp and another 8 years waiting for relocation. They joined his son, a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, who had arrived in San Rafael a year earlier after escaping Vietnam by boat. Mr. Man also has two daughters who live in Vietnam.

During his 16 years in the Canal area, Mr. Man has been active in organizing and teaching classes in citizenship as well as Vietnamese (for the children) and English as a Second Language (to help adults). He founded the Vietnamese-American Friendship Group, serves on the Advisory Board of the local Pickleweed Park Community Center, leads the Canal Beautification Project, served on the Marin County Sheriff Advisory Board, and helps organize the annual Tet New Year festival.

But these descriptors do not do justice to the man who is the very heart of his neighborhood, a man who works tirelessly and enthusiastically for his community. Often referred to as the "Angel of the Canal," Mr. Man is everywhere, offering a helping hand to anyone who needs it. His neighbors in the Canal understand that his classes are a place to bring people together, not just to learn languages. He is not paid for his teaching and lives simply, relishing the opportunity to give back for the freedom he enjoys here.

Mr. Man also gives to his homeland. He is known for his habit of picking up recycling on the streets, with the proceeds sent to the needy in Vietnam, from wartime amputees to orphans—"whoever wrote me a letter," he says. Others have been inspired to join him in the collection to add to the amounts he can provide.

Madam Speaker, Man Minh Phan's activism and spirit inspire all of us. His own words sum up what our country is about: "I was asked what we need, and I said the most important need is freedom. Freedom is the top of my life."

REMEMBERING SERGEANT
NICHOLAS J. LIGHTNER

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Ms. HOOLEY. Madam Speaker, I ask this chamber to pause today and reflect upon the life of Sergeant Nicholas J. Lightner, United States Army.

Nicholas served proudly with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the famed 1st Cavalry Division.

Sergeant Lightner was known by his peers as a tough soldier; to his men he was known as the kind of leader that people followed. He set an example of courage and valor that will stand the strains of memory and time.

For much of his twenty-nine years, Nicholas Lightner wore the uniform of our country because he believed there was no higher calling.

He took his profession seriously, and Sergeant Lightner reflected great credit upon himself, the Army, and the State of Oregon.

Sadly, Sergeant Lightner died just a few days ago, just a few miles from the Capitol at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Most of his patrol perished in the attack on March 15, 2007. Nicholas Lightner survived Baghdad, and fought for his life with the same bravery he showed in the field. But the wounds were too severe; his devotion to duty ultimately was paid in full with his last measure.

I am here today to ask us all to remember. Remember the sacrifice of those we send onto foreign soil for our benefit; to pledge to ourselves and to the families forever altered by this sacrifice that they will not have perished in vain.

America is a great nation: great, because it is defended by volunteers that answer the call of service and stand in our stead; great, because our values are important enough to the men and women of our Armed Forces that they willingly sacrifice their sweat, their labor, and sometimes their lives.

Nicholas Lightner died because he took upon himself the burden of protecting the Nation, State, and community he loved. Newport, Toledo, in fact all of Oregon, are now forever less than we would have been had Nicholas survived.

Let us begin anew to dedicate ourselves to a cause that Nicholas Lightner believed in; let us begin today.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND
IDEALS OF PROFESSIONAL SO-
CIAL WORK MONTH AND WORLD
SOCIAL WORK DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank my colleague Congressman CIRO RODRIGUEZ for arranging this time on the floor for us to celebrate World Social Work Day and to acknowledge the contributions of social workers to the well-being of our society.

I'm proud to say that I'm a social worker and that my predecessor, former Congress-

man and now mayor of Oakland, Ron Del-lums, was also a social worker. I believe our records, interests and efforts here in Congress and outside reflect the influence of our social work background. This education has helped me to form my principles and has helped me to fight injustice and inequality, not just here in the U.S. but also abroad.

Social workers make a difference in people's lives everyday and at all levels. They're in the streets working one-on-one with the homeless. They're in the hospitals and clinics helping people through their health crises. They're in the schools making our kids safe, adjusted, and prepared to take on the world. They're advocating for the rights of our country's most vulnerable citizens—our children, the elderly, the mentally ill, the poor, and others in our society that may not have a strong voice. They're fighting for social justice and human rights internationally and they're creating policies and programs here in the halls of both the Congress and the Senate that address the needs of our society.

The hallmark trait of a social worker is their ability to empathize—their ability and willingness to put themselves in someone else's place. This is not always an easy thing to do. Many times social workers encounter people who are in extreme states of crisis. Times when their lives are feeling out of control. It's no easy feat to step into someone else's nightmare and help them find the strength to cope, to problem-solve, and to move forward. But this is what social workers do on a daily basis.

Nonetheless, there are also times that are incredibly heartening and rewarding—times that renew your faith in humanity. They are the times when you see the first trusting smile on the face of a child that came from the chaos of an abusive home and you feel that connection. They are the times when you're able to help a family—homeless and devastated by the ravages of a massive natural disaster. They are times when the grassroots movement you've been working with is able to achieve its goal. They're the times when you're able to help a young man who seemed like he was starting down the path to a life of crime to find a better road and to make better decisions.

One of the ways that I think I've best used my social work education has been in the work I have done here in Congress. As a social worker, I am concerned about the many things that ail our community as a whole. That is why I have made the fight against AIDS a priority—not just domestically, but also abroad. We need to stop crimes against humanity, like the genocide that continues to ravage the Darfur region. I also believe we need to fully fund No Child Left Behind. Our education system is failing—No Child Left Behind is failing our children, our teachers, our parents, and our community as a whole.

Recognizing the importance that social workers bring to our schools, I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues who have cosponsored H.R. 171, the Student Support Act. I hope more of my colleagues will consider supporting this legislation, which helps ensure that our schools have the necessary amount of mental health professionals at their schools, including school social workers, school psychologists, counselors and psychiatrists. Almost all States fall below the recommended guidelines by the American Counseling Association of 1 counselor for every