

My Daddy's not your average Dad
 He's different from the rest
 He wears a special uniform
 He has medals upon his chest
 My Daddy's not your average Dad
 He's a HERO in the Army
 Although I don't see him much
 His love always surrounds me
 My Daddy's not your average Dad
 He's in a special place
 He watches me from heaven
 With a smile upon his face
 My Daddy's not your average Dad
 He is always here with me
 He holds my hand when I go outside
 Although no one else can see
 My Daddy's not your average Dad
 He fought for me and you
 I'm so very proud of you Dad
 And I love and miss you too!
 I love you Daddy,
 Madison McDowell (Roswell, NM)

Madam Speaker, it was Joseph Campbell who said, "A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."

Make no mistake, Army SPC Robert Matthew McDowell was not only a dedicated soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice serving in the uniform of his country, but he was also a true American hero. May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING THE INDEPENDENT
 INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS
 OF NEW YORK ON ITS 125TH AN-
 NIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of New York on the occasion of its 125th Anniversary.

This year, the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of New York, or IIABNY, will celebrate its 125th year of existence. IIABNY is very proud of the constant commitment its members have made to their communities. The theme of this 125th anniversary is "IIABNY members committed to their communities for 125 years."

IIABNY was founded in Buffalo in the year 1882 as a voice for New York's independent insurance agents. After a few name and location changes, IIABNY settled in Dewitt, a suburb of Syracuse, NY. As the oldest and largest state association for independent insurance agents and brokers, IIABNY represents nearly 1,900 agencies and their nearly 20,000 employees throughout New York State.

Many leaders at the national association, the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America (IIABA), have originated in New York. In 1898, Mr. C.H. Woodworth, from Buffalo, New York, was the second IIABA president. He is considered by many to be the "father of the association." Through the years, six New York members have served as the national president. Four New Yorkers have been honored with the Woodworth Memorial Award, which is bestowed upon an individual who has performed special, meritorious, and outstanding service on behalf of the independent agency system and IIABA members everywhere.

The mission of IIABNY, working in the public's best interest, is to advance the performance and success of independent insurance agencies and brokerages in New York. Starting with the landmark 1904 "Yonkers Case," clearly establishing agents' ownership of expirations, advocacy efforts have been undertaken and continue today on behalf of independent insurance agents and brokers as well as small business owners.

IIABNY has evolved as member needs have changed. IIABNY draws on vast experience from the past, strength and respect in the present, and foresight for the future of the independent agency system. Agents and brokers have come to rely on the association to be their advocate on many fronts. IIABNY clearly has an impressive history and they continue today as the voice of independent agents and brokers.

Madam Speaker, I ask that this honorable body join me in celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of New York.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL
 EMPLOYEE COMBAT ZONE TAX
 PARITY ACT

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing the Federal Employee Combat Zone Tax Parity Act, which would provide parity by extending the tax credit currently received by military personnel to the civilian federal employees working alongside them.

It is only fair that both military and civilian employees who are serving side by side receive the same tax treatment. In fact, even contract employees can get a tax break through the foreign earned investment tax credit, but federal employees are specifically exempted from that tax credit.

As a former federal employee, I am keenly aware of the invaluable contributions federal employees make to our country. I believe we must ensure that our federal workforce is treated with fairness and respect.

The Pentagon stated in the proposed regulations for the new National Security Personnel System that "NSPS is essential to the department's efforts to create an environment in which the total force, uniformed personnel and civilians, think and operates as one cohesive unit." What kind of message does it send to civilian employees if they receive disparate tax status from their military colleagues?

Just as military personnel, federal employees serving in combat zones must leave their families behind and this can increase the financial burdens on families. Families with two working parents suddenly have only one parent able to care for the needs of the family. Military personnel in combat zones were given a tax credit back in 1913 to help alleviate their tax burden, but federal employees were left out.

Since 9/11 it has become ever more vital to have a thriving civil service participating in our efforts to fight the war on terrorism. Now more than ever in our nation's history we must take action that reflects the contributions both our civilian and military employees are making—in

the war on terrorism and as well as the daily operations of the federal government in providing the services upon which every American relies.

Federal employees are on the front lines of the war against terror.

The first American to die in Afghanistan was a CIA agent from my district.

Federal employees are in Iraq helping the Iraqi people to build a free nation.

Throughout the world, America's civil servants are serving our government and our people, often in dangerous locations.

How can we tell them we will not give them a fair and equitable tax credit that recognizes their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice?

We are asking federal employees to take on more and more responsibility every day. They are on the ground in the war on terrorism taking over new roles to relieve military personnel of tasks civilian employees can perform. They are all playing a vital role in keeping us safe and deserve to be treated with respect and fairness.

We have a long tradition in the Congress of recognizing the valuable contributions of our federal employees in both the military service and in the civil service by providing fair and equitable treatment. This is not the time to shirk our duty to the civil service.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of the Federal Employee Combat Zone Tax Parity Act.

TRIBUTE TO PURPLE HEART
 RECIPIENT EDGAR WILTON CARR

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Edgar Wilton Carr, a native of Essex, Ohio who served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Assigned as an Aerial Gunner with the 453rd Bombardment Group 8th, Mr. Carr bravely encountered dangerous and life-threatening events during his time in the Air Force.

As a pilot during the attack on Germany in 1944, Mr. Carr participated in the first night's bombing of Berlin. In one mission over Germany, his plane was shot down and he was forced to parachute from the damaged plane. The jump was so dangerous that part of his face and both his hands suffered severe freezing from the air temperature and altitude. Another time Mr. Carr was taken as a prisoner of war and spent fifteen months in a German prison camp.

While the mental and physical injuries he suffered in the fight against the Axis powers were great and stayed with him throughout his life, Mr. Carr always maintained a positive outlook and shared his great sense of humor with everyone he met. This light-hearted attitude made such an impression on his family that even after his passing they tell stories about him with pride and with the comment, "That's my father."

As General George Patton once said, "Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by men." The soldiers of World War II will always be remembered as the greatest generation, a generation that gave so much for our country. Mr. Carr was no exception and

will continue to be remembered as a defender of freedom.

Madam Speaker, veterans like Edgar Wilton Carr should be recognized for their service to our nation and for their commitment and sacrifices in battle. I am honored to present Mr. Carr's family with his long overdue Purple Heart. All Floridians should know that we truly consider him one of America's heroes.

IN HONOR OF THE 2007 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF UPS

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise with the support of my colleagues, Hon. ANNA G. ESHOO, Hon. BARBARA LEE, Hon. MIKE HONDA, Hon. LYNN WOOLSEY, Hon. GEORGE MILLER, Hon. TOM LANTOS, Hon. ZOE LOFGREN, Hon. MIKE THOMPSON, and Hon. PETE STARK, of California, in the House of Representatives—to recognize UPS for their 100 years of service to our communities.

In 1907 in a small basement in Seattle, Washington, two young entrepreneurs set out in search of the American dream. They built that dream on the principles of providing the best service at the lowest possible cost while always being committed to reliability, courtesy, neatness and high ethical standards. One hundred years later, the commitment to those values has not wavered and that small basement company has become the largest package delivery company in the world. It is our privilege to commend UPS for 100 years of unparalleled service.

The four major themes of the UPS centennial celebration, transformation, culture, service, and responsibility underscore the commitment of UPS to its customers, employees and stockholders.

The transformation from a small basement messenger company to the world's largest package delivery company is a testament to UPS's successful business strategies. This longevity is evidence of UPS's constant focus on the future amidst the ever changing workplace.

UPS's culture of integrity, innovation, and responsibility has fostered a respected reputation worldwide. The commitment to these principles has been instrumental in earning the trust of its valued customers.

At the core of UPS's success lies its unparalleled service to our communities. Through its commitment to its customers and its valued workforce, UPS has demonstrated its dedication to our local communities.

While a strong profitable company is the goal of any business, UPS has proven its commitment to responsible business leadership. From its partnerships with local community groups to its environmental awareness, UPS has successfully demonstrated what it takes to be a responsible, strong, and profitable business.

Through each of these themes, UPS has reaffirmed its commitment to its customers, employees and stockholders. We all wish UPS continued success in the future and hope that

their second hundred years of service will be as dynamic as the first.

HONORING THE BRAVERY AND SACRIFICE OF RYAN A. BISHOP

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, it has been said that a hero is someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with their freedom. Specialist Ryan A. Bishop, 32 years old, certainly understood that degree of responsibility.

Ryan enlisted in the United States Army out of a sense of service and duty to his country. As his wife of two years Melanie Bishop explained, "He believed deeply in what he was doing, and he just wanted to do his part." The freedom we enjoy as Americans is due in large part to the patriotism of such humble citizens throughout our history.

On April 14, 2007, Ryan was dismounted on combat patrol in Baghdad when his unit came under the attack of an improvised explosive device. Ryan pushed forward with his fellow soldiers as they searched for insurgents, terrorists, and others who seek to deny Iraq democracy. On that day, our nation lost a genuine hero.

Ryan graduated in 1996 from Tyler Junior College and also attended Marshall High School where he was a member of the 1990 state championship football team.

He will be missed by a loving family and a nation forever grateful for his service and humbled by his sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. JEAN MARIE SLOUGH MCINTOSH, MOTHER OF FORMER U.S. HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE DAVID M. MCINTOSH

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the great mothers of Indiana, Mrs. Jean Marie Slough McIntosh, the late mother of former Representative David McIntosh of Indiana, my predecessor. Mrs. McIntosh dedicated her life to the service of others as a nurse and judge, but more importantly as a mother and faithful wife.

Jean McIntosh was born on December 20, 1925 in Bourbon, a small town just off the beaten path of US Highway 30 in northern Indiana. She graduated from Bourbon High School as the Class of 1943 valedictorian. Mrs. McIntosh then moved to Chicago where she studied nursing at the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. After completing her training in nursing, she moved to San Francisco, California where she met and married Norman Benjamin and started their family of four children. After the death of her husband in 1964, Mrs. McIntosh returned to Indiana where she

remarried and raised her family in Kendallville, Indiana.

While in Kendallville, Mrs. McIntosh compassionately served her community as a nurse, and then as a two-term Kendallville City Judge beginning in 1971. After moving to Charlestown, SC in 1981, she completed her nursing career at the Psychiatric Institute of University Medical Hospital. She also taught English as a Second Language courses at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Mrs. McIntosh is survived by two brothers, Robert Slough and James Slough; two daughters, Beth Vanderbeck and Liliane Heller; and two sons, former Congressman David McIntosh and Malcolm McIntosh.

Mrs. McIntosh left a legacy of service and compassion, and through her son, David McIntosh, served the residents of the Sixth District of Indiana. Thank you, Mrs. McIntosh, for the strong foundation of service that you laid as a faithful wife, mother, nurse, and judge. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of the late Jean Marie Slough McIntosh.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month.

Due to the growing complexity of financial products being offered throughout this country and the rapidly increasing number of young adults and seniors using these various products, it is essential that everyone educate themselves so they fully understand how their activities may affect their financial standing and future.

As a member of the Financial Literacy Caucus, I believe the private financial sector and local, state, and Federal government officials should continue to further expand and promote financial literacy and education. Whether it is buying a home, opening a bank account, or acquiring a credit card, consumers are faced with a myriad of complex decisions requiring a broad knowledge of our nation's financial system.

According to a July 2005 survey of 1,000 parents of high school students by Visa, parents rank developing good personal financial skills and being able to handle their money (74 percent) ahead of both following the wrong crowd (58 percent) and drugs/alcohol use (56 percent) in terms of their concerns they have for their children's futures. Only personal safety ranked higher (89 percent). This illustrates how valuable the American public considers financial literacy.

Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of the goals and ideals of financial literacy month and I encourage my colleagues to do the same.