

political stability is in jeopardy. Also this month, 10 Senate seats in Haiti will be up for election. Originally scheduled for last fall, these elections had to be postponed after members of the country's electoral commission accused their leaders of embezzlement. In a country where political turnover has become the norm, President Préval's stability offers hope for Haiti. I urge the United States not to allow the current humanitarian crisis to become a political one as well.

Poverty is one of the greatest ills to plague mankind. Those who survive in poverty are under the constant threat of death. The debt forgiveness offered by the Jubilee Act will enable Haiti to address the issues of poverty, create opportunities for economic growth and establish sound governing practices. The Jubilee Act also promotes responsible development assistance by prioritizing grants over loans, which is an important measure to prevent poor nations from falling back into debt. Releasing Haiti from its onerous debt will allow the country to feed its own people and rebuild its struggling economy without the burden of diverting its scarce resources to fill the coffers of wealthy, multi-lateral financial institutions. The U.S. House of Representatives has gone on record supporting the immediate cancellation of Haiti's debt, it is now time for the President to make sure that this struggling nation is no longer held captive to its past and is put on a sustained path to development.

Haiti serves a wake up call to the potential looming global food crisis. It is taking an immense toll on the world's poorest people, who typically spend up to 80 percent of their income on food. After many years of working to end hunger and poverty, the United States and other developed nations must put forth bolder efforts to ensure progress is not lost in resolving global hunger.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

1. Project—Operable Unit-1 (OU-1) Clean-up at the Miamisburg Mound.

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: DOE, Other.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miamisburg Mound.

Address of Requesting Entity: Miamisburg, OH.

Description of Request: \$10,000,000 is authorized for the Miamisburg Mound site in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Miamisburg Mound site in Miamisburg, OH. The funding would be used by the Department of Energy for the Miamisburg Mound to complete the remaining clean up of Operable Unit I (OU-I).

2. Project—Integrated Electrical starter/Generator (IES/G).

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Air Force, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Air Force Research Laboratory.

Address of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$3,500,000 is authorized for an Integrated Electrical Starter/Generator in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. The funding would be used to help develop a pre-prototype, sensor-less IES/G to demonstrate the feasibility of supplying both main engine start function and the electrical power necessary to operate all aircraft systems.

3. Project—Security Forces Operations Facility.

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Air Force, Mil Con.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Address of Requesting Entity: Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$14,700,000 is authorized for a Security Forces Operations Facility in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wright-Patterson Air Force Base located at Dayton, OH. The funding would be used to house the operations of the 88th Air Base Wing Security Forces Squadron (88 SFS), which provides security and police services for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

4. Project—Tactical Metal Fabrication System (TacFab).

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Army, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Tank Automotive Research, Development, Engineering Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: Dearborn, MI.

Description of Request: \$6,300,000 is authorized for the Tactical Metal Fabrication System in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Tank Automotive Research, Development, Engineering Center in Dearborn, MI. The funding being requested will help Tactical Metal Fabrication (TacFab) System design, develop and build a mobile, containerized foundry, deployable overseas as a companion to RMS, the Army's Rapid Manufacturing System.

5. Project—Open Source Research Centers.

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Air Force, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Air and Space Intelligence Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$3,000,000 is authorized for Open Source Research Centers in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the National Air and Space Intelligence Center located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH. This funding will provide support to government agencies that are over-burdened with classified research requirements and do not have resources to meet the open source requirements. In addition, the program will support the Air Force Research Lab (AFRL) at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and the Ohio Department of Homeland Security with Open Source Requirements as well as support Open Source requirements for the new Department of Defense Africa Command and the US State Department.

6. Project—Metals Affordability Initiative.

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Air Force, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Air Force Research Laboratory.

Address of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH.

Description of Request: \$14,000,000 is authorized for the Metals Affordability Initiative (MAI) in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. This funding will enable MAI to maintain leadership in the strategic aerospace metals industrial sector by using technology innovation to maintain global competitiveness while improving performance and increasing affordability of weapons systems.

#### A TRIBUTE TO KARL AND LINDA BENNETT

##### HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Karl and Linda Bennett of Calabash, North Carolina, for their twelve years of service to the Calabash Fire Department as they plan to retire on June 30th. Mr. Bennett serves as the Calabash Fire Chief while his wife serves as Administrative Assistant and Board Secretary for the department.

When Mr. and Mrs. Bennett first settled in North Carolina twelve years ago, they were retiring from their positions as fire volunteers with the Rivena, New York Fire Department, where they met and eventually married. Gradually, however, they became involved in another full time profession with the Calabash Fire Department. Now, after twelve years of dedication, they are retiring from their posts and will serve simply on a voluntary basis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett truly are examples of enduring public service and hard work. I have worked with them through the years on several federal projects and programs to help the Calabash Fire Department, and I know personally the absolute devotion, admirable dedication, and awesome determination that they have demonstrated in their commitment. I stand today to express my appreciation for their active efforts to protect their fellow citizens. Madam Speaker, let us honor this couple's honorable dedication as their official service to the Town of Calabash comes to a close.

#### IN HONOR OF DEREK OLSON, FINALIST FOR MINNESOTA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

##### HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Derek Olson of Afton-Lakeland Elementary School, a finalist for the prestigious Minnesota Teacher of the Year award. A sixth-grade teacher in the Stillwater School District, Mr. Olson's contributions to our children's education and our nation's future deserve the utmost recognition and respect.

Derek Olson is viewed by his peers as an innovator in his field, pushing the standards of learning for his students in ways that show he genuinely cares about each and every one of them. He is said to "really bring learning to life for kids," and "likes to teach by example and experience," rather than solely relying on a textbook.

Upon hearing the news of his nomination, Derek was hesitant to apply for not wanting to overshadow the great work of his colleagues. Derek went forward with the nomination in hopes that his recognition could bring to light the talent, commitment, and sacrifice of his fellow teachers in the district.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to stand today and honor Derek Olson's selfless service and dedication to teaching America's youth, our most valued treasure. I stand today and join his family, friends, and colleagues in wishing him a long career of success and look forward to seeing all that he does with his God-given talents.

**HONORING THE SERVICE AND THE MEMORY OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER PRIVATE MARTIN MANEY**

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and the memory of Revolutionary War Soldier Private Martin Maney of Buncombe County, North Carolina.

Each year on Memorial Day, our Nation honors the service and sacrifice of all veterans. On Saturday, May 17, 2008, in the Western North Carolina town of Barnardsville, the memory of Private Martin Maney, a Revolutionary War Soldier, was honored by the dedication of an official Veterans Administration headstone. The unveiling ceremony was conducted by the Edward Buncombe Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Blue Ridge Chapter of the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Button Gwinnett Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Private Martin Maney was a true American patriot and a proud North Carolinian. He served under Captain James Knox in the Eighth Virginia Regiment of Foot. He fought in the Battles of White Plains, New York, Germantown, Pennsylvania, and Monmouth, New Jersey prior to being discharged at Valley Forge. Following his discharge, he enlisted with the North Carolina Militia where he provided personal security for North Carolina Generals who were receiving death threats from the Tories. Following his service, Private Martin Maney received the 294th Land Grant in North Carolina. He used that land to create a farm, where today the Maney cemetery exists and Private Maney has been laid to rest.

It is with great respect that I commend and remember this brave soldier who joined hands with countless other patriots to achieve American independence. I hope that today's generation of young men and women will follow the shining example of patriotism and dedication to freedom modeled by Private Martin Maney and other Revolutionary War heroes.

**HONORING THE MEMORY OF SECOND LIEUTENANT PETER H. BURKS**

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to stand today to celebrate the life of a young man who made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in defense of our Nation.

Second Lieutenant Peter H. Burks, 26, of Dallas, Texas, died November 14 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 4th Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

Pete answered the call of service to his country in April of 2006 when he proudly enlisted in the United States Army. In October of that same year he was commissioned as an officer. Pete was no ordinary leader. He used his warm personality and keen sense of humor to inspire others. He received numerous awards, ribbons and medals, including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Combat Action Badge.

Pete's parents have shared with my office correspondence which speaks volumes about the character of this fallen soldier. Last year he wrote to his mother, "Dad taught me how to reason, think logically and gave me a thirst for knowledge. You (Mom) gave me a fiery passion, a competitive streak, and most importantly, you taught me the importance of knowing the Lord."

An excerpt from Pete's emails to his fiancee, Melissa Haddad, includes the following: "I know that regardless of the circumstances, God is putting me EXACTLY where he wants me for the time being. I know that that is hard to swallow, but it is the truth . . . I will do my best and work to glorify God in all that I do. So long as I do that, I have accomplished the real mission that has been set out for me."

Pete answered the call to duty, accomplished his missions to the best of his ability, and has now been called home to the Lord. He leaves behind his fiancee, Melissa Haddad; his mother Jackie Merck; father Alan and stepmother Laura Burks; sisters Ali, Sarah and Georgia Burks; brother Zac Burks; grandmother Irene Merck; grandfather Haskell Burks; other family members and a multitude of friends both within and outside the service.

Madam Speaker, Second Lieutenant Peter Burks was a true American hero. As we honor all of America's fallen soldiers on this coming Memorial Day, let us pay tribute to this fine soldier and offer our deepest condolences to his family and friends. May God bless all those who serve in our Armed Forces and who defend our Nation around the globe, and may the memory of Peter Burks live forever in the hearts of all those who knew him and loved him.

**IN HONOR OF AMIT ZUTSHI**

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Amit Zutshi, who passed

away on March 19, 2008 at the age of thirty. This young man enriched the many lives he touched.

Mr. Zutshi thrived as a student at the Mission San Jose High School in Fremont, California. After receiving degrees in Information Technology and Business, he earned an MBA from University of Phoenix.

Mr. Zutshi worked for Microsoft and later worked with an e Commerce company in Santa Clara, California. He embodied the best of his generation. He felt it essential to help others. To honor Mr. Zutshi's legacy, his family is starting the Amit Zutshi Foundation to provide opportunities for disadvantaged children.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in celebrating the life of Amit Zutshi.

**OPERATION EDUCATION**

**HON. BILL SALI**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, over 1,668,000 soldiers have been deployed in the service of our Nation in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 11. These veterans sacrificed every day for the well-being of our Nation. Whether they have seen active combat or not, all veterans share a common readiness to commit their all to the defense of the land they love. Their willingness to freely sacrifice their lives epitomizes what makes our country great. As a nation, we will always owe them a great debt.

Several months ago I attended a funeral at Arlington Cemetery. That day a 19-year-old soldier from Pennsylvania was laid to rest. He was in a Bradley fighting vehicle in Iraq when an insurgent threw a grenade down the turret.

It was reported that this soldier had time to get out of the vehicle before the grenade went off, and that is what he had been trained to do. Instead, he wrapped his body around the grenade as it went off, saving the lives of three other crew members.

In the Book of John 15:13 Jesus taught, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." The young man laid to rest at Arlington that day lived an example of the love of Christ. He and countless other who had lived stories of bravery and heroism deserve our highest honor and praise. But so do all of our veterans.

That is why I was happy to recently see some developments back in my home State of Idaho that will greatly benefit the wounded warriors in my district. Through the hard work of many, including Karen White, the University of Idaho, located in Moscow, Idaho, recently launched a program known as Operation Education. The purpose of this program is to help veterans "severely and permanently wounded" as a result of their service to our Nation since September 11. Through the Operation Education Scholarship, the University of Idaho is able to offer financial support in areas from tuition and books to transportation and child care. They also offer internships and assist in job placement.

Education is one of the greatest commodities we can offer our Nation's veterans. The skills they have learned in the Armed Forces