

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BARRY
BECKER JR.

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend Barry Becker Jr., who passed away August 12, 2008.

Mr. Becker was born on June 11, 1970 in Burbank, California, and within a year of his birth he was a resident of the Las Vegas community. He graduated from Bishop Gorman High School in 1988. After high school he attended Arizona State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts. After graduating from college, Barry decided to uphold the endeavors and honorable work ethic of his family by joining their business, Becker Realty Corp. His congenial personality and his strong ties to the community were immediate assets to the company, but they also helped make Barry independently successful.

Through his many humanitarian efforts in community and business activities, he continuously demonstrated the honorable principles and standards championed by the Southern Nevada community. A man of great faith, he truly understood the importance of prayer and positivity and he strived to maintain a positive attitude and uplifting spirit.

As son, brother, husband and friend, Mr. Becker never failed to show the utmost respect, dedication and love to everyone around him. I offer my heartfelt condolences and genuine support to his dear wife Shannon, his brothers Danny and Randy, his parents Sue and Barry, his grandmother Betty and to all those who held him dear, of which there were undoubtedly many.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and legacy of my friend Barry Becker Jr. His work and dedication to the Las Vegas community were commendable and enriched countless lives. Mr. Becker was a great man and he will always be admired for his compassion, dedication to his family, and his generosity. Most of all, he will be profoundly missed.

IAN RONDALL CALEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ian Rondall Caley, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 100, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ian's Eagle Scout service project consisted of building a scoreboard table for the Bethany Memorial Park Softball Field. Ian supervised other scouts, friends and family that assisted with this project. This project continues the long tradition of community service established by the Boy Scouts of America.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ian Rondall Caley for his

accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

THE DAILY 45: MENTALLY ILL
ASSAILANT KILLS SIX

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States, a significant number of those deaths stem from a lethal weapon wielded by a mentally ill assailant. Such was the case, last week, in a small town in Washington state where reports say that a 28-year-old young man killed Skagit County Deputy Sheriff Anne Jackson, and five other men and women who were also in the line of fire.

How did this happen? The assailant's grieving mother, Dennise Zamora, said her son had refused treatment for mental illness for years and, for much of that time, he had been living, literally, in isolation in the woods of the town of Alger where the rampage took place. Mrs. Zamora called police that day in a desperate cry for help as she'd noticed her son invading her neighbors' homes. The responding officer, Sheriff Jackson, was someone who had even tried to help Zamora's son obtain treatment.

My condolences are extended to these victims, this community and the Zamora family in the wake of these senseless deaths.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will we say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMY
FAMILY ACTION PLAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Army Family Action Plan which took place on August 15.

The Army Family Action Plan is an Army-wide program that aims to improve Army quality of life. Through this plan, all members of the Army, including active, reserve, and National Guard soldiers, family members, retirees, surviving spouses, DA civilians, and military technicians have a forum to voice concerns to Army leadership and make recommendations for a change regarding standards of living.

The past 25 years has proven to be a success for the Army Family Action Plan as the Army leadership has trusted its recommendations and taken action on many new policies due to the plan's ideas.

I was originally involved with the creation of the Army Family Action Plan after watching a film called "Where's Dad" by Dr. James Dobson. This video addresses some of the great-

est threats to meaningful family life: fatigue, time pressures, overcommitment and workaholicism watching it was a life changing experience for me. Afterward, I changed my priorities, put my family first and committed to keeping Sundays free of events to spend more time with my family. Because this video had such a profound impact on me, I shared it with others who I thought it may help, including other members of Congress and also General Wickham, who was instrumental in developing the Army Family Action Plan.

I commend the Army for enacting this plan which provides soldiers and their families a way to get their perspective heard which in turn betters the quality of life of those who serve or have served in the Army.

I am proud to join with the Army in celebrating this significant anniversary.

DAR: ALIVE AND WELL IN
GUILFORD COUNTY

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, September 17, 2008, begins the national celebration of Constitution Week. Since being signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, Americans have set aside time each year to celebrate the document upon which our nation was founded. Constitution Week also highlights the important work performed by the DAR—Daughters of the American Revolution. The DAR is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to keeping America strong by promoting patriotism, preserving U.S. history, and supporting education programs.

The Guilford Battle Chapter of the DAR, founded in Greensboro, NC, in 1901, has been hard at work since its inception in promoting Constitution Week. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate the Guilford Battle Chapter for its more than a century of dedicated service, and we send best wishes to all of its members for a successful event this year.

As a proud member of the Sons of the Revolution, a counterpart to the DAR, I am well aware of the many contributions made by the DAR—particularly the Guilford Battle Chapter. As many of our schools have reduced or eliminated teaching basic civics lessons, the work of the DAR has taken on even more significance. For example, many people do not know that the U.S. Constitution is the oldest Constitution still in active use in the world today and remains the basic document of our Republic. The DAR is committed to preserving and defending the Constitution through its educational and public service programs.

On September 17, take a moment to reflect on what the U.S. Constitution means to you. If you know anyone who is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, take another moment to thank her for her service. In particular, if you know anyone who is a member of the Guilford Battle Chapter of the DAR, tell her that Congressman HOWARD COBLE is proud of her efforts.