

HONORING U.S. ARMY SERGEANT  
JOSE REGALADO

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to U.S. Army SGT Jose Regalado who died while serving our country.

SGT Jose Regalado was from El Sereno, California. He was born on May 11, 1985, and attended Sierra Park Elementary School, El Sereno Middle School, and Woodrow Wilson High School. As a high school student, Sergeant Regalado joined the Junior ROTC where he worked hard to move up the JROTC ranks. He earned the position of cadet battalion command sergeant major, the highest noncommissioned officer position in the battalion, and received several of the highest awards possible.

Sergeant Regalado enlisted in the United States Army on July 22, 2003. He was a member of K Troop, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment from Fort Hood, Texas.

On May 3, 2007 Sergeant Regalado married Sharri J. Ford, and on August 6, 2008, they were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Jaime. Sergeant Regalado was allowed to return to the United States for 18 days to meet his daughter; it would be the first and last time he would spend time with her. Sergeant Regalado lost his life on November 12, 2008, in Mosul, Iraq, as the result of injuries sustained from small arms fire.

As a young man, Sergeant Regalado enriched the lives of his surrounding El Sereno community. His JROTC instructors recall his competitive spirit and noted that while he was very demanding of his cadets, he was well liked and respected. He was a devoted father, even carrying the ultrasound of his unborn daughter in his pocket while in Iraq. He was a loving husband and the proud son of Jose and Raquel Regalado.

Sergeant Regalado served this country with courage, pride and loyalty. He gave the ultimate sacrifice to our country and for that we will be forever grateful to him and his family. My prayers and deepest sympathy go out to his wife and young daughter, family and friends.

IN RECOGNITION OF MADISON  
FORTENBERRY

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Madison Fortenberry, whose incredible contributions to the field of robotics at the age of 16 serve as an example to young Americans throughout the United States.

Mr. Fortenberry, a junior at Pace High School in Pace, Florida, has been pursuing his interests in science and technology from an early age. He utilizes multiple computer programming languages and works with a variety of micro-controllers in the creation of his robotics systems. While maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average, Madison finds time to

teach both basic electronics and micro-controller programming to his high school Robotics Club and to conduct his own robotics summer camp for elementary school children.

Madison has spent years studying and creating robotic systems, but his recent achievement deserves special recognition. Recently, he built a full-size, operational robot that can perform multiple autonomous tasks around Pace High School. The "Versatile General-Purpose Experimental Robot," or VGER, has the ability to accept a message from the school's front office, ascertain a student's scheduled location, deliver the message, and record a response for delivery back to the front office. This self-navigating robot is 5 feet tall, weighs over 200 pounds, contains 2 full computers and 11 micro-controllers, and even carries another small explorer robot that it can release to perform minor tasks. Robots like the VGER are usually developed in the advanced engineering labs of major universities; however, Mr. Fortenberry has created his robot with little assistance from his teachers. To have accomplished this enormous feat at such a young age is a testament to Madison's dedication and passion in the robotics field.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor Madison Fortenberry for his accomplishments in robotics, and I wish this young northwest Florida leader the best of luck on his future endeavours.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF  
TERRI BARTLETT AND HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE IN THE U.S. AND AROUND THE WORLD

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, throughout my public career I have been a vocal and determined supporter of women's reproductive healthcare, safe motherhood and the belief that all couples have a right to plan their family size by ensuring that women have access to voluntary family planning services. I want women in the U.S. and in every corner of the world to be healthy. Achieving this goal takes hard work and the commitment of people with passion, intellect and a drive to ensure that women have the right to make choices about their own healthcare needs.

In Congress, I have the privilege of voting to support women's reproductive healthcare, but there are many other important people who do the hard work everyday that makes the real differences in women's lives. I had the honor of working with one such person who dedicated her life to serving the health needs of women and their families.

Terri Bartlett was a champion for women and their families. She dedicated three decades of her life to ensuring the most basic right women so often are denied—the right to access safe reproductive healthcare.

I got to know Terri in 2005 in her capacity as Vice President for Public Policy and Strategic Initiatives at Population Action International. Her mantra was expanding access to

contraception for the poorest women on the planet to keep them productive, healthy and alive. Terri impressed me with her energy, good political sense, and tireless commitment.

When Terri and I met it was not a good time in Congress to be advocating for women's reproductive rights. Women healthcare was on the defensive and the world's poorest women who needed U.S. support the most were increasingly being ignored. Their pain, their hopes and their desire for healthier children and control of their own lives was never ignored by Terri. She was their champion. She was often their voice in the halls of Congress.

As we look ahead, with the election of President-Elect Barack Obama and strong Democratic majorities in the U.S. House and Senate, the issues of women's reproductive healthcare and family planning will once again be the focus of constructive action and hopefully increased funding that will put the needs of women first—women in the U.S., as well as women in poor villages in Ethiopia and in the slums of Nairobi. This was the moment and the goal that Terri Bartlett worked so hard to achieve. The repeal of the Global Gag Rule, reinvestment in family planning, and making the lives of poor women a priority were Terri's fights and she fought tirelessly.

On Saturday, November 8, 2008, Terri Bartlett died unexpectedly in Nashville, TN. Her passing was a great shock and loss to friends, colleagues and those who loved her. This was a sad loss for me personally.

In my work I get to meet many, many people who try and influence public policy. Terri Bartlett's work and life went beyond shaping public policy. She helped to improve life for millions of women who never knew her. I am grateful for Terri's work and I am thankful she entered my life. She will be missed by many, including me.

WORLD REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD  
CRASH VICTIMS AND THEIR  
FAMILIES

**HON. ROBERT WEXLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in observance of the World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims and their Families, which was on Sunday, November 16, 2008, and to remember the countless victims of road crashes worldwide and offer my sincerest condolences to their families. Each year, road traffic crashes kill nearly 1.3 million people worldwide and injure over 50 million more. It is time for drastic measures to be taken to counter this unacceptable statistic, and until we take such action, the number of deaths and disabilities from road traffic crashes will continue to increase. At the current rate of growth, road traffic accidents will be the eighth leading cause of death by the year 2030.

The unfortunate reality of traffic accidents is that they are indiscriminate and affect victims regardless of age and class. Globally, more than 40% of all road traffic deaths occur among individuals under 25 years old, and crashes are the second leading cause of death for young people aged 5–25 years. Road crashes also come at a great cost to the

global economy. It is estimated that road traffic crashes cost \$518 billion globally each year. In developing countries, road traffic crashes have a dramatic impact on their fragile economies, costing an estimated \$100 billion, often exceeding the total amount received by these countries in development assistance.

The real tragedy is that road traffic crashes are predictable and can be prevented. It is critical that America play an active role domestically and internationally to address traffic accidents. Many countries have achieved sharp reductions in the number of crashes and the frequency and severity of traffic-related injuries by addressing key issues, but this progress can be enhanced by encouraging governments to create lead road safety agencies in the image of our lead road safety agency, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Additionally, the Congressional Caucus on Global Road Safety, which I am privileged to co-chair with Congressman Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, is involved in efforts to encourage governments to improve reporting standards for deaths of their citizens abroad from road crashes so that more light can be shed light on the impact of this global epidemic.

As more Americans travel globally and more of our college students participate in study abroad programs in developing countries around the world, many of them will be at risk of injury or death due to hazardous traffic conditions. Now is the time to do whatever is possible to keep them safe, and it is essential as the international community stands together in remembrance of global road traffic victims that the United States join the United Nations, NGOs, and foreign governments in commemorating this important day and work swiftly to implement policies that will prevent further accidents and the needless loss of life.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. OVIDIO JOSEPH  
FALCONE

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor Dr. Ovidio Joseph Falcone. Dr. Falcone, born in Salerno, Italy and raised in Yonkers, New York, displayed a passion for science, math, and sports from an early age, attending Manhattan College and obtaining his BS degree in Biology.

Dr. Falcone began his medical career in 1982, when he entered the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, obtaining his D.P.M. and beginning his residency at the Interfaith Medical Center in 1986, serving as its Chief Resident from 1987 to 1988 and later as its On-Site Director.

Dr. Falcone later became the Director of the Podiatric Surgical Division in 1998, developing one of the strongest Podiatric Surgical Residency Programs in the country as well as a dedicated, vibrant Podiatric Surgical Service at IMC.

Dr. Falcone is a member of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery, a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, and is a member of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education. In addition to these responsibilities at Interfaith Medical Cen-

ter, Dr. Falcone has private practices in Queens and Brooklyn.

Dr. Falcone has a deep love for teaching the art of surgery, a strong commitment to family, and a passion for patient care. He is committed to serving the underprivileged and he believes that there is a sense of fulfillment in knowing you participated in helping those that are in need.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Ovidio Joseph Falcone for his extraordinary accomplishments at the Interfaith Medical Center.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dr. Ovidio Joseph Falcone.

HONORING STEPHEN BAKER

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman RADANOVICH to congratulate Stephen Baker upon his induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Baker will be honored at the 50th anniversary enshrinement dinner of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

A sportswriter once said that Stephen Baker, at 5-foot-8, 160 pounds, was built more for gymnastics than for football. But with his lightning quickness, sure hands and gritty toughness, the wide receiver earned one of the game's enduring nicknames—"the touch-down maker." He was given the catchy moniker at West Los Angeles College, where he scored 31 touchdowns in two seasons, before starring at California State University Fresno for two seasons and playing six seasons with the New York Giants (1987–1992). With the Bulldogs, he was a frequent target of NCAA record-setting quarterback Kevin Sweeney, burning opponents for sixty-two receptions, an amazing 26.3 yards per catch and sixteen touchdowns over two seasons. He closed his collegiate career by catching a thirty-six yard scoring pass that gave the West All-Stars a victory in the Japan Bowl.

Drafted in the third round by the New York Giants, Mr. Baker earned the respect of Coach Bill Parcells with his ability to elude defenders and hang onto the ball. Over the course of his NFL career, he lost just one fumble. He started fifty-three games for the Giants and finished his career with one hundred and forty-one receptions, an 18.3 yards-per-catch average and twenty-one touchdowns. His best season was 1988, when he hauled in forty passes and scored seven times. The highlight of Baker's NFL career came in Superbowl XXV, as the Giants defeated the Buffalo Bills 20–19. He caught two passes—one of them a fourteen yard touchdown pass from Jeff Hostetler with just twenty-five seconds left in the first half to cut the Giants' deficit to 12–10.

Madam Speaker, we rise today to commend and congratulate Stephen Baker upon his achievements and induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Baker congratulations on his many accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE MENDOCINO  
STUDY CLUB

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Mendocino Study Club for outstanding and distinguished service to citizens of the village and north coast of Mendocino, California, on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.

Since its founding by seven women on October 30, 1908, when Mendocino was still recovering from the California earthquake and fires of 1906, the Mendocino Study Club has been an intelligent and considerate force adapting to and addressing the issues of the times. The original members traveled by horse and buggy for the first decade in order to get together on the isolated and rugged Mendocino Coast.

In the early years Study Club members met to discuss reading assignments and international cultural and historical topics. It wasn't two years before they were also a contributing force to worthy causes. For many years the MSC was in charge of the local American Red Cross Drive. Active during the First World War, they gave to war related causes, and during the Depression focused on local needs. Health and dental care, education and safety became the stalwart causes for which the MSC has been particularly philanthropic.

In 1943, the MSC began its scholarship program with \$100 to study nursing. Since then, members have granted more than \$178,400 to high school graduates, as well as to recipients for reentry and job upgrade pursuits, and to economic enterprises. Their Country Christmas bazaar of handcrafted items supports the club programs including scholarships, and humanitarian and civic projects. The Mendocino Community Library is the longest running legacy, initiated by the Study Club in 1947 and incorporated in 1979. In 1988 the Mendocino Community Library moved into its own building which continues to be staffed and supported by the MSC.

Throughout the decades the MSC has been active in improving the quality of life for local residents through their support of such vital entities as the Mendocino Coast District Hospital, Mendocino Historical Research, Inc., Sherwood Oaks nursing home, Meals on Wheels, Hospitality House, a new firehouse, soup kitchens, the Senior Lunch Program and the Food Bank, to name a few. In addition to financial and volunteer support MSC has advocated on issues on behalf of school lunches to Congress, for highway safety to the state of California, and rural community libraries to the County of Mendocino.

Their 2008 centennial activities have included heritage rose plantings, a centennial quilt, and, in honor of the history of the unique village of Mendocino, the creation of walking tour brochures as a birthday gift to community.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the Mendocino Study Club for 100 years of good deeds on the Mendocino coast. This exemplary organization lives up to its purpose to promote the highest spiritual, intellectual and cultural opportunities for its members, to provide for leadership of women