

WHAT IS WRIGHT—A TRIBUTE TO
AN AMERICAN HERO, LANCE
CORPORAL RANDAL WRIGHT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. WALT MINNICK

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. MINNICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American Hero from my state of Idaho, Lance Corporal Randal Wright of Cottonwood, Idaho, of the 1–2 Marine Division. On May 23, 2010, Corporal Wright almost lost his life in an I.A.D. explosion that took his two fine legs and arm. Against all odds he survived, and now courageously goes forward with his new battle to rebuild his life. His faith and his courage is a lesson to us all, about to what heights a heart can soar. In less than three months, Randal has come so far, so fast in his recovery. On Friday July 23, Randal plans to marry the love of his life, Vanessa Hylton. In honor of his courage, and selfless sacrifice, and his family and the upcoming wedding on this Friday, I submit this poem penned in honor of them by Albert Carey Caswell for the RECORD. And may they have a wonderful life together.

WHAT IS WRIGHT

What Is Wright?
What is bold? What is bright?
To fight the darkness, for hearts to hold . . .
to bring the light!
Who evil must fight!
And what is true, to make all hearts believe
in . . . ignite!
Is but a man who will go off to war, all for
his country such burdens bore . . .
Who'll walk through the valley of death, all
for our nation to so bless . . .
A man who wears the uniform, of a United
States Marine so very warm . . .
What Is Wright?
Are all of these magnificent's, who evil must
fight!
Is but a heart, that will bring its light!
For in that moment Randal, when you
looked down. . . .
And saw, all of what you had lost . . . that
you had found!
How easily you could have given up, let
down!
As the tears, broke upon your fine face so
now . . .
As when Marine, your fine heart began to
pound!
And told you, that you have to cover some
ground. . . .
For you have a life to live!
So much more to give!
To Beseech Us! To So Teach Us! To So Reach
Us!
As you Marine, do so now!
For all in this world of darkness,
and wrong. . . .
Your fine life Randal, is but a bright light
. . . a song!
Of what is Wright, to take with us into those
darkest of all nights . . . so now!
To lead the way, but with your light!
Of, all on God's green earth . . . of what is
Wright!
And if ever I but have a son. . . .
May he shine Randal, as bright as you fine
one!
Of What Is Wright!
Thy will be done!

CONGRESS SHOULD SUPPORT
ETHANOL

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Members of Congress are working to remedy the current economic imbalance, immense unemployment, job creation and both domestic and international energy based issues. As we look to the future; we must confront the many dimensions of these complex challenges to create solutions that will have a lasting positive benefit for America. I believe investing in renewable energy sources, including ethanol, is an efficient and effective economic stimulus. Ethanol serves as an aid to meet energy policy goals by promoting domestic production of renewable energy, reducing green house gas emissions and providing financial support for the agriculture sector.

Nationwide, ethanol has increased tax revenues for both State and local governments by over \$5 billion. Ethanol production and use today reduces green house gas emissions compared to gasoline by 59 percent. According to the Congressional Budget Office report as of this July, Argonne National Lab concluded corn based ethanol produced 20 percent less green house gas emissions in its life cycle compared to gasoline and petroleum diesel. Ethanol production contributed \$53.3 billion to the Nation's gross domestic product and created over 200,000 jobs in all sectors of the economy. The state of Illinois produces over 1.5 billion gallons of ethanol annually and is ranked third in ethanol production with 14 facilities. Just as ethanol has been a valuable tool for the state of Illinois, I strongly believe support for this renewable energy source can be a great benefit to the Nation.

Our current energy economy is not sustainable. It is imperative we restructure our energy infrastructure in a sustainable manner while simultaneously reducing our green house gas emissions. Investing in ethanol and other renewable energy sources are an important piece of our Nation's economic and energy future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 448, I was not present due to my flight being delayed. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE TWENTIETH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT
OF THE AMERICANS WITH DIS-
ABILITIES ACT

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues

in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the twentieth anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law on July 26, 1990. Twenty years ago, I proudly supported the passage of this landmark legislation in the House of Representatives along with 376 of my colleagues.

The Americans with Disabilities Act is often described as the most sweeping non-discrimination legislation since the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The Act's purpose is to "provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities." It prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, public services, and public accommodations to enable millions of disabled Americans to fully function in society.

As a result of this Act, employers are no longer allowed to single out disabled individuals in hiring, firing or advancement practices. State and local governments must now follow specific design standards when constructing or altering new buildings to accommodate individuals restricted to wheelchairs, and restaurants and retail stores are required to make reasonable accommodations for disabled individuals. The Act also requires that telecommunication services be provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week for individuals with hearing or speech impairments.

Twenty years after its inception, Americans across the country continue to benefit from this legislation. Many of the everyday services and accommodations we now take for granted are a direct result of this ground-breaking law.

For example, mass transit systems are now equipped with voice messages to help the visually impaired independently navigate their daily routines, and new stadiums feature accessible seating for those in wheelchairs and their guests.

The Americans with Disabilities Act's footprint can be strongly felt throughout my district in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Whether it is access to handicapped parking spaces at the Steamtown Mall, or sidewalk ramps around the public square in Wilkes-Barre, my constituents continue to benefit everyday from this legislation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the twentieth anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is my sincere hope that in the coming years we continue to remove barriers that prevent our fellow citizens from fully functioning in society.

CONGRATULATING THE PHOENIX MERCURY

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Phoenix Mercury for their championship victory during the 2009 Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Finals.

On October 9, 2009, the Phoenix Mercury defeated the Indiana Fever in a best-of-five series. The Phoenix Mercury has won the

WNBA Championship twice in the last three seasons and they are now set to solidify their mark in women's basketball. The Mercury proved to be the best team in the WNBA from start to finish, ending with the best record in their conference and in the league.

The Mercury succeeded through the dedication, hard work, and passion of the players, coaches, and staff. More importantly, this team owes a great deal of its success to their fans, which have demonstrated their support in record numbers. Arizonans and WNBA fans across the world share in the excitement and pride that the Phoenix Mercury displayed both on and off the court during this inspiring victory.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the Phoenix Mercury team, including Head Coach Corey Gaines and his Assistant Coaches, Julie Hairgrove and Bridget Pettis; and players Dawanna Bonner, Candice Dupree, Sequoia Holmes, Tameka Johnson, Taylor Lilley, Nicole Ohlde, Brooke Smith, Tangela Smith, Ketia Swanier, Penny Taylor, and Diana Taurasi.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the remarkable success of this team, whose achievements and camaraderie should be models for other teams across the country. Congratulations to the Phoenix Mercury on an impressive season and best of luck in continuing your championship stride.

RICHARD J. WILDING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Richard J. Wilding. Richard will be retiring July 31 after 19 years on the Mid-Continent Public Library Board of Directors.

Richard has served as Director of Libraries for the past four years, providing the leadership and vision that has provided the Kansas City area with a fiscally sound library program and expanded the Mid-Continent Public Library system into the largest in the State of Missouri. Richard has also taken an active part in the construction and renovation of libraries throughout Clay, Jackson and Platte Counties throughout his many years serving as Business Manager, Assistant Director and Director of Libraries.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Richard J. Wilding for his accomplishments with the Mid-Continent Public Library System and in wishing him the best of luck in the years to come.

HONORING SIERRA NO. 3

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Railtown 1897 State Historic Park volunteers upon their diligent work and commitment to restoring the famous Sierra No. 3 locomotive. The restored Sierra No. 3 made its debut at

the Railtown 1897 State Historic Park in Jamestown, California on Friday, July 2, 2010.

Sierra No. 3 is an 1891 vintage steam locomotive built by Rogers Locomotive Works in Paterson, New Jersey. The locomotive was originally purchased in 1891 for use on the Prescott and Arizona Central, a railroad owned by Thomas Bullock. Due to the failure of the Prescott and Arizona Central railroad, Sierra No. 3 was transported to California and used in the building of the Sierra Railway from Oakdale, California.

In the early 1900's, Hollywood producers first discovered Tuolumne County and its historic trains. Since then, Hollywood has been filming Sierra No. 3, the photogenic steam locomotive along the Sierra Railroad's scenic route, to satisfy America's love affair with Western movies. Starring in more than 100 movies and television productions, Sierra No. 3 has appeared in more motion pictures, documentaries and television productions than any other locomotive. It appeared in *The Virginian* with Gary Cooper in 1929, the first sound movie filmed outside of a Hollywood sound stage. Shortly after it appeared in *The Texan*, Sierra No. 3 was derailed from the movie business as the depression hit and the Sierra Railway was struggling with bankruptcy and reorganization. In 1948, repairs were made to Sierra No. 3 and the locomotive hit the movie scene once more, appearing in *High Noon*, *The Great Race*, *Bound for Glory*, *Back to the Future III* and *Unforgiven*. The locomotive also appeared on numerous commercials and television shows, including *Lone Ranger*, *Tales of Wells Fargo*, *Petticoat Junction*, *Rawhide*, *Death Valley Days*, *Lassie*, *Gunsmoke*, *Bonanza*, *The Wild, Wild West*, and *Little House on the Prairie*.

After sitting idle for many years, Sierra No. 3 was overhauled and returned to service in 1948. It operated for many years pulling special excursion trains and starring in movies. It was Sierra No. 3's use in the movies that preserved the Historic Jamestown Shops and Roundhouse when most railroads were scrapping their locomotives and demolishing the old railhouses. In 1995, the Federal Railroad Administration implemented new requirements to ensure the safe operation of the aging American steam locomotives. The 110-year-old Sierra No. 3 was assessed and it was determined that major repairs were required for it to be in compliance with the new regulations. In early 2000, a crew began to disassemble the locomotive, but the project was put on hold until a major fundraising effort was initiated in 2007. The restoration process took almost three years and cost 1.5 million dollars to complete.

Today, Sierra No. 3 is fully repaired, restored and ready for its debut. The locomotive is housed at the original Historic Jamestown Shops and Roundhouse (now Railtown 1897 State Historic Park). Railtown 1897 operates, preserves and interprets one of just two remaining, fully intact and still functioning steam-era shortline railroad roundhouse complexes in the United States. With the dedication of many volunteers and partnerships, Sierra No. 3, originally built almost 120 years ago, will be available to carry passengers along the historic gold country route.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Railtown 1897 State Historic Park volunteers and the partners involved upon their success in bringing back Sierra No.

3. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing all involved many years of continued success.

HONORING JACK SAUM FROM
MARYLAND AS TRUCK DEALER
OF THE YEAR

HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. BARTLETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine who was recently honored by his peers within the trucking industry. Mr. John "Jack" Saum was named the 2010 Dealer of the Year by the American Truck Dealers, ATD, and Heavy Duty Trucking magazine during the annual ATD Convention and Expo in Orlando, FL. The award recognizes excellence in dealership performance, industry leadership, civic contributions and community service. The winner was chosen by a panel of distinguished professors from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.

Mr. Saum is Chairman of the Board of Beltway Companies, LLC, which is headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland in my Congressional district. Beltway Companies LLC is a truck dealership with six locations in Maryland which provide sales, parts and service to a large number of trucking companies and their truck fleets. Two of Jack's dealerships are in the Sixth District. Central Maryland International Truck is in Hagerstown, Maryland. Central Maryland International Truck and Idealease is in Frederick.

Mr. Saum has been involved in the truck business for more than 40 years having begun his career with International Harvester as a sales trainee in 1969. He held a series of management positions with International Harvester in the Northeast region of the country before joining Beltway International in 1984. Mr. Saum initially served as general manager at the Beltway dealership and assumed the role of dealer principal in 1997 when he purchased the dealership.

Under his leadership, the dealership grew exponentially from a single point location in Baltimore to six locations throughout Maryland.

Mr. Saum is also a strong supporter of green technologies both in commercial trucks as well as dealership fixed operations. His innovative business approach is exemplified in his "A New Truck is a Green Truck" initiative which focuses on environmentally friendly truck technologies. With support from the National Automobile Dealers Association, NADA, and Navistar, Mr. Saum has led efforts to educate public officials about the environmental and fuel efficiency advantages of new truck design improvements with a focus on new diesel-powered trucks, diesel-electric hybrid trucks, auxiliary power units, APUs, and retrofit programs. Another example of Jack's commitment to being a green truck dealer was his incorporation of "green" features at his newest dealership in Frederick. Jack installed a recycled oil heating system at this state-of-the-art facility that reduces the carbon footprint of Beltway's operations.

As part of his education outreach, Jack contributed a new class 8 18-wheeler "green truck" as an exhibitor at the second annual Go