

Fabio is committed to ensuring that the needs of our diverse community are met, the voice of South Florida is heard throughout the various levels of government and that Hispanics have opportunity for growth and success. He has set forth to empower individuals, strengthen families, create networks, and bring within reach opportunities for others.

For more than 20 years, Fabio has been instrumental in the creation of work training centers across South Florida, providing support for small businesses and assisting new business owners. As a founder and the CEO of The Americas Community Center, a non-profit organization, he has created a network of support and guidance for immigrants and minorities as they enter the workforce. Fabio himself was able to achieve his success through hard work and dedication, and it is those values which he strives to instill in others.

Fabio's work and his love of service embody the true spirit of prosperity and freedom. He is committed to defending our nation's principles, while at the same time working to ensure that his native Colombia remains the strongest democracy in Latin America.

I ask that you join me in honoring and thanking my good friend Fabio Andrade, a true leader who loves and values freedom and works so that others may enjoy it.

IOWA SAFE SCHOOLS LAW THREE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the three year anniversary of the Iowa Safe Schools law. As an Iowan, I'm proud to say that my home state has a strong Safe Schools law which protects all students against prejudice. Iowa is the 10th state to pass such a law which was the extension of the Civil Rights law which protects LGBT school staff members from discrimination.

I also rise today to recognize my friend, former State Senator Mike Connelly. Senator Connelly has been a trusted advocate for policies related to education and youth in Iowa during his 30 years working as a legislator. Senator Connelly played an integral role in the passing of the Safe Schools law serving as the floor manager in the Iowa Senate for the passing of the bill. It was Senator Connelly who successfully challenged those who were initially opposed to the Safe Schools Law. His support helped persuade many Senators to switch their final vote from "no" to "yes."

I'm pleased to be celebrating the three year anniversary of the Iowa Safe Schools law. This law will protect students against discrimination for generations to come.

HONORING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF SERGEANT GLENN LATRONICO

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Glenn Latronico of Oak

Lawn, Illinois, who is returning home after a fifth tour of duty in the Middle East as an Army Ranger.

U.S. military forces currently rely on the sacrifice and dedication of volunteer soldiers. The freedom every one of us enjoys today depends on the choice made by hundreds of thousands of men and women to risk their own lives for the sake of others through military service.

But even among our dedicated soldiers, the service of certain individuals can rise far above and beyond the call of duty. Sergeant Latronico began his service six years ago with basic training at the age of 18, and proceeded to undergo additional rigorous requirements to become an Army Ranger. After basic training, Army Rangers must take part in Advanced Individual Training and obtain a Military Occupational Specialty; complete Airborne Training; and attend the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program. Not every soldier chooses or is able to fulfill these additional requirements. Sergeant Latronico's completion of this training alone places him among the elite in our military forces.

With his training completed, Sergeant Latronico took part in five tours of duty—two in Iraq and three in Afghanistan. His steadfast service in the face of difficult conditions on the ground in these two countries exemplifies dedication, discipline, and unwavering resolve. I am proud to welcome such a committed soldier back home to my district. I ask you to join me in honoring his sacrifice, a reminder of the very best that our young servicemen and women can offer our great country.

HONORING FLYING TIGERS

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, celebrating the 69th anniversary of the first combat action of the American Volunteer Group, AVG, and to recognize the contribution of the AVG and the 23rd Fighter Group "Flying Tigers" to America's victory in World War II.

Whereas the American Volunteer Group was formed by Lieutenant General Claire Chennault for the defense of China;

Whereas the American Volunteer Group was affectionately known as the Flying Tigers;

Whereas the American Volunteer Group Flying Tigers saw their first combat over Yunnan Province in China on December 20th, 1941 shooting down nine enemy bombers;

Whereas the American Volunteer Group Flying Tigers faced a numerically superior enemy force, long logistics supply lines and poor infrastructure and despite those challenges ultimately destroyed 299 enemy aircraft and 153 probably destroyed, losing only 12 aircraft in combat;

Whereas the American Volunteer Group Flying Tigers were disbanded and the 23rd Fighter Group Flying Tigers were activated in their stead on July 4th, 1942;

Whereas the 23rd Fighter Group while facing similar challenges in the Chinese theater, nonetheless destroyed 621 enemy aircraft finishing as the third highest scoring Army Air Force's Fighter Group of World War II;

Whereas the current day 23rd Fighter Group and 23rd Wing continues the proud combat

tradition of the American Volunteer Group seeing combat action in Vietnam, Desert Storm, Operation Allied Force, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Resolved, that the United States Congress congratulates the Flying Tigers of the American Volunteer Group and the 23rd Fighter Group for their contribution to our nation's defense and celebrates the 69th anniversary of the first combat action by the Flying Tigers.

HONORING ARMY STAFF SERGEANT ERIC BYRON SHAW

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Army Staff Sergeant Eric Byron Shaw of Exeter, ME who was killed while serving his country in Afghanistan.

Eric was well-loved by his community, family, and friends. He is remembered for his dedication to serving his nation, his generous spirit, and his devotion to his family. On June 23rd, Sergeant Shaw was killed in action on his third tour of duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. This loss is particularly painful as Shaw leaves behind a young family.

Known for his good nature, Shaw was a 1999 graduate of Dexter High School. After high school, he enrolled in the University of Southern Maine where he was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. As a history major with a minor in education, Shaw planned to pursue a career teaching history. His close friends remember him as a caring person willing to do volunteer work and participate in community activities.

Staff Sergeant Shaw was on his third tour of duty with the 327th Infantry, First Brigade Combat Team from Fort Campbell, Kentucky. During his service, he received many awards including the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the National Defense Service Ribbon. Sergeant Shaw will be receiving three awards posthumously, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and the NATO Medal.

In Maine, our communities are known for coming together during a crisis, and I know that everyone in the state stands together to support Eric's mother, wife and three children, although they do not live in the state. Eric is mourned by all as a true American hero and a defender of the freedom we all hold dear.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the memory of Staff Sergeant Eric Byron Shaw for his patriotism and devotion to his community and his country.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK AND SERVICE OF ANA SOTORRIO

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ana Sotorrio for her years of service to the residents of Miami-Dade County, as she retires this month.

During the last three decades, Ana has demonstrated extreme professionalism, loyalty and commitment to her work. She has proven to be an exceptional leader with the ability to work in a team, develop and maintain working relationships at the local, state, and federal levels and ensure that the goals and priorities of Miami-Dade County are met.

Ana joined the County Manager's office in 1974 and later moved on to Miami-Dade Aviation, where she has served with six Aviation Directors and has been instrumental in the growth and expansion of Miami International Airport.

For 22 years, Ana has been critical to the ongoing operation of the Miami-Dade Aviation Department. Through her leadership in developing the government and regulatory agenda she was successful in securing funding for vital projects at Miami International Airport, including \$100 million for a runway project, \$74 million for the federally mandated explosive detection systems, and approval of the ongoing \$6.3 billion Capital Improvement Program.

Ana is not just a leader at the Airport, but also an activist in the community, serving on numerous boards and associations including the Florida Airports Council, of which she recently served as President, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium and Leadership Miami.

Ana's work and dedication have directly impacted her colleagues, the residents of Miami-Dade County and the thousands who travel through South Florida each day, as well as those involved in the aviation community across the nation. She has been a steadfast leader with qualities that many, including myself, admire. She will be missed at the County, the Airport and even in Washington, DC, but I know that the positive impact left behind through her work will be felt for years.

I ask that you join me in recognizing Ana Sotorrio for her service, her activism and her commitment to working towards improving Miami-Dade County and the lives of others. I wish Ana the best in her future endeavors and on behalf of our community, I thank her for her years of service.

HONORING RICHARD "DICK"
WILSON, SR.

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to honor the life of Richard "Dick" Wilson, Sr., who recently lost his 21-month battle with brain cancer at the age of 78. Dick is survived by his wife Phyllis JoAn; two sons, Rick (and his wife Leslie), Indianapolis, Indiana—my long-time staffer and former District Director—Steve (and his wife Michelle), Overland Park, Kansas; a daughter, Patricia Geyling (and her husband Rolf), Santa Barbara, California; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Study after study has proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that fathers play an important role in teaching their children life lessons and preparing them to succeed in life. Although I did not know Dick Wilson, Sr. very well, I do know his son Rick extremely well. For a little over 15 years Rick Wilson served the people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District with grace and skill; first as director of my mobile office and later as my District Director. And if the measure of a father is the quality of the children that he raises, then based upon what I know about his son Rick, Dick Wilson, Sr. was undoubtedly an exceptional man.

Richard "Dick" Wilson was born December 29, 1931, in Schenectady, NY. He graduated from Mount Pleasant High School in 1950 and attended the University of Kansas on a cross country and track scholarship. Dick was a member of the 1953 NCAA championship cross-country team—Kansas' only cross-country team to ever win a national championship—and part of the four-mile relay team that broke the American record that same year. In 2008 he was inducted into the KU Athletics Hall of Fame.

After graduating from the University of Kansas, Dick Wilson served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves from 1956 to 1968, achieving the rank of captain.

On July 15, 1956, he married Phyllis JoAn Fink. He and his wife raised three children, moving from Schenectady, NY, to Palatine, IL, and then to Indianapolis before settling in Lawrence in 1992.

Dick began his career in commercial underwriting in 1957; eventually serving with the Travelers Insurance Company for 35 years before he retired in 1992 in Lawrence.

In addition to working hard all of his life and raising a family, Dick Wilson was also a competitive Masters runner for more than 30 years; and was nationally ranked in the top 10 of his age group every year from 1985 to 2005—a remarkable 20 year streak. In fact, in 2003 Dick was ranked No. 2 in the nation and No. 4 in the World in his age group.

Twenty-one months ago though, Dick began the race for his life when he was diagnosed with cancer; a race he would ultimately lose. However, no matter the odds, Dick never gave up living life. Last year, after doctors removed 95 percent of a brain tumor, Dick ran in the Head for the Cure 5K—a race to support the Chris Anthony Tumor Research Fund at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. The race honors the late Chris Anthony, who died at the age of 37 from a brain tumor. When interviewed by the *Kansas*—the University of Kansas' Daily newspaper—about what running in the Chris Anthony meant to him, Dick said: "Maybe someday there will be a cure, and if there is, it can hopefully help my children and help my grandchildren."

Shakespeare once wrote: "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and entrances, and one man in his time plays many parts. . . ." Dick Wilson played his parts and played them well. May flights of angels sing him to his eternal rest.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in sending condolences and best wishes to the Wilson Family in their time of need. God bless you.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF JUBILEE DAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Jubilee Day, which is celebrated on October 6 of every year by the Fisk University community.

Just after the end of the Civil War, the Fisk School was founded in Nashville, Tennessee as an educational institute that would be open to all, regardless of race or age. However, just five years after its founding, the school faced dire economic struggles.

In an effort to save the University from closing, a group of students formed a choral group, the Fisk Jubilee Singers, with the goal of raising money to fund the institution. They took all of the funds in the university's treasury for travel expenses, hoping that the enormous risk would pay off.

Despite a few initial struggles, the Jubilee Singers eventually came to tour throughout the United States and Europe and raised enough funds to not only preserve the university but also to pay for the construction of Jubilee Hall, the first permanent structure built for the education of African-American students in the South.

The singers came to perform for such notable figures as William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Ulysses S. Grant, William Gladstone, Mark Twain, Johann Strauss, and Queen Victoria, and introduced the world to the spirituals of enslaved Africans as a musical genre.

Since its founding in 1866, Fisk has educated countless intellectual, artistic, and civic leaders, and has played a pivotal role in the advancement of education for African-American students. None of its accomplishments would have been possible without the talents and sacrifices of that first group of nine students.

To honor the hard work, perseverance, and accomplishments of the original Jubilee Singers and the continued success of the generations of Jubilee Singers who followed and continue to tour today, Fisk University celebrates Jubilee Day on October 6 of every year.

This year in particular, members of the Fisk community in Washington, DC, will come together for an event at the Capitol to celebrate Jubilee Day along with the Fisk community in Nashville.

Madam Speaker, as a proud alumnus of Fisk, I urge my colleagues to join me in this year's celebration of Jubilee Day by cosponsoring this resolution, and I urge its immediate consideration.