

War College. Just last month, Major General Williams retired after serving our nation admirably for 36 years.

Major General Williams is a highly decorated officer who served in a number of combat and non-combat assignments. His assignments included: Tank Company Commander in the 4th Battalion, 63d Armor at Fort Riley, Kansas; Executive Officer of the 3d Battalion, 67th Armor at Fort Hood, Texas; Assistant Division Commander (Support) for the 1st Infantry Division in Schweinfurt, Germany; Deputy Chief of Staff, G3/Operations, HQ Allied Command Europe, Rapid Reaction Corps, Moenchengladbach, Germany; and Commanding General of the United States Armor Center at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was also deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the C3 for CJTF-7.

In January 2008, Major General Williams was assigned as the 47th Commandant of the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. I had the distinct privilege to interact regularly with Major General Williams during his tenure at the War College and witnessed first-hand his exemplary leadership. Major General Williams' candor and passion for the Professional Military Education (PME) system helped to strengthen the critically important mission of the War College and thereby enhance the strategic leadership qualities of the College's graduates.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Major General Williams on his well-deserved retirement and express my heartfelt gratitude for his patriotic service to our nation. I and all Americans are forever indebted to him.

TRIBUTE TO DR. EVIE GARRETT
DENNIS

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and exceptional accomplishments of Dr. Evie Garrett Dennis. On August 13, 2010, Dr. Dennis will be honored by the dedication of the Evie Garrett Dennis Campus of the Denver Public Schools. Dr. Dennis served as Superintendent of Denver Public Schools from 1990–1994. She was the first and to date the only African American and woman to hold this position.

Dr. Dennis was born on September 9, 1924, in Canton, Mississippi, the eighth of nine children born to Mrs. Ola Brown Garrett and Rev. Eugene Garrett. A graduate of Cameron Street High School, she married in 1950 and her daughter Pia was born in 1951. After earning her bachelor's degree in Biology from St. Louis University, she worked as a research assistant and associate. In 1958, Dr. Dennis and her daughter moved to Denver, Colorado, where she worked as a researcher and specialist in childhood asthma at the Children's Asthma Research Institute and Hospital, the Jewish National Home for Asthmatic Children, and other medical institutions in the area.

In 1966, Dr. Dennis began her tenure with the Denver Public Schools (DPS) as a math teacher. After earning a Master's degree in education from the University of Colorado in 1971, she worked in the DPS administration. In 1974, she successfully implemented and

monitored the U.S. District Court ordered school busing plan. In 1976, she earned a doctorate in education from Nova University. From 1977 to 1989, she served as administrative assistant to the Superintendent of Schools. She was appointed to the position of Deputy Superintendent of DPS in 1989.

In 1990, Dr. Evie Dennis became Superintendent of the DPS. Under her leadership, four innovative educational programs were launched in the district's schools: Expeditionary Learning in partnership with the Upward Bound Program; the Denver School of the Arts; the K–5 International Baccalaureate Program; and the International Studies Program at West High School. She implemented site-based management practices in the system's schools and started the district's educational advisory councils; the Denver Energy, Engineering and Education Program (DEEP); and, the American Israel Student Exchange Program.

Dr. Dennis is also known for the contributions she has made to Denver and the broader world. In 1986 and 1988, Denver Mayor Federico appointed her to the Denver Private Industry Council and the Mayor's Black Advisory Council. In 1994, she received the Nation Builder Award from the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. She received the Russell T. Tutt Award for Excellence in Leadership for Outstanding Leadership in Colorado's non-profit community in 1999 from the El Pomar Foundation.

Dr. Dennis is a multifaceted, dedicated, and talented woman whose contributions to amateur athletics and the International Olympics are recognized internationally. In 1962, she helped to form the Denver All-Stars which became the Mile High Denver Track Club, in order for her daughter to have opportunities to compete in an era before the existence of a girls' high school track program.

The team was a member of the Amateur Athletic Union, which later became the United States Amateur Athletic Union. Dr. Dennis was a member of the Rocky Mountain Association of the Amateur Athletic Union in 1975. In 1978, she was elected the first female vice-president of the national association. Dr. Dennis served USA Track and Field, Inc. for more than four decades in numerous capacities, including as its first acting president. She has served as a member of the board of Trustees for the U.S. Sports Academy and the USA Track and Field, Inc., and delegate to the International Association of Athletics Federations.

She was the first woman vice president of the United States Olympic Organizing Committee (USOOC) and has been involved with every U.S. Olympics team since 1972. She became a manager of the U.S. Women's Track and Field team for the Montreal Olympics in 1976. She served on the United States Olympic Committee's Task Force on Doping and chaired the Women's and Diversity and Leadership committees. She remains a member of the Governing Bodies Council and became a member of the International Olympic Committee in 1992.

In 1977, as a member of the USOOC, she presented the successful motion to move the headquarters from New York to Colorado Springs, Colorado, which was accomplished in 1978. In 1980, she received the Congressional Gold Medal along with the U.S. Olympic Team. She served as Chef de Mission for the

U.S. delegation at the 1998 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea. In 1992, she received the Olympic Order for outstanding service to the Olympic cause. In 2004, she was inducted in to the United States Olympic Track and Field Hall of Fame.

Dr. Dennis has authored several papers and articles on public education and childhood asthma. She is a staunch supporter of Title IX, ensuring access to sports for young women. She has been recognized for her many volunteer contributions to various committees, associations, organizations, foundations, and other groups that focus on the advancement of education and the value of sports in our society.

She is a lifetime member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Dr. Dennis served as president of the Epsilon Nu Omega chapter in Denver and was instrumental in hosting the sorority's national convention in the city in 1972.

Having been inducted into the Colorado Sportswomen Hall of Fame in 1998, Dr. Dennis was then inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame in 2008 as one who exemplifies the best qualities of the people who have built and sustained Colorado.

Please join me in paying tribute to Dr. Evie Garrett Dennis for her life's work as a distinguished educator, remarkable sportswoman, and global community servant.

IN HONOR OF AND RECOGNITION
OF THE BOLZAN FAMILY'S 6TH
REUNION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Bolzan Family's 6th reunion, which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio from July 31 to August 6, 2010 and to acknowledge the family bonds that span generations and continents.

Over 100 descendants of Benvenuto Antonio and Mathilde De Lorenzi Bolzan will gather from around the world in Cleveland, Ohio to celebrate their unbreakable bonds and unwavering support for each other. In a time of widespread use of cell phones, email, and video communication via the internet, it is important to recognize a family that prioritizes in-person interaction with family members.

Of the six original siblings in this family, one remained in Italy while the others emigrated to Argentina, Luxembourg, France, and the United States. As a result, previous family reunions have taken place across Europe, including Italy during World War II, in France, and in Luxembourg. Many family members have chosen to extend their stays to include visits to other locations around the United States. In addition to sharing their fondest memories and exchanging news and other current events, the family has several tours planned during their visit, including those that will showcase Cleveland's cultural and artistic locations. I would like to particularly recognize Robert Milluzzi of Brecksville, Ohio, who is in charge of all of the arrangements for this memorable event.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating the Bolzan Family on the occasion of their reunion. May they continue this tradition that celebrates family, love, and commitment to each other for years.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND
DEDICATION OF TED CANTER

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and dedication of Ted Canter, a member of my staff who is leaving my office to pursue a law degree at Emory University.

Ted grew up in Maryland and graduated cum laude from Vanderbilt University with a degree in English. After getting his start on the Hill with the office of Senator Tim Johnson, Ted joined my office as a Legislative Correspondent last fall and was soon promoted to Legislative Assistant. Ted was a welcome addition to the office from the start. He handled his legislative work skillfully and was good-natured to professional contacts, constituents and coworkers alike. His unflappably good manners on the phone were renowned among our staff.

As a Legislative Assistant for education, housing, agriculture and other vital domestic issues, Ted has been a valuable resource to me and to constituents with concerns in these areas. He transitioned easily to the position, quickly grasped the intricacies of the issues, and speaks to the legislative process with the confidence of a veteran staffer. Ted's dedication and enthusiasm for the job helped me to advance my legislative priorities and better serve my constituents.

Madam Speaker, I am certain the qualities that made Ted a fine staffer will make him an equally fine fellow lawyer, and I wish him all the best in the future.

STAFF SERGEANT TONY WINTERS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and a heavy heart that I honor a fallen Son of Texas today. Staff Sergeant Leston Michael Winters—known to his friends and family as Tony—gave his life in Afghanistan in defense of freedom.

Tony was killed July 15th when an IED exploded near his dismounted patrol. Tony was in the Zhari District of the Kandahar Province. The IED is the weapon of cowards who hide in the shadows. These cowards are too afraid to stand and fight.

Staff Sergeant Tony Winters was all American. He graduated from Hardin-Jefferson High School in 1998. He joined the Army and served as a combat medic.

Medic! Medic! Those are the words that ring out when warriors are injured in battle. And it is the rare breed of medical man who runs to their aid in the heat of the battle. Through the dust and sand and heat of the desert sun, the medic in Afghanistan saves lives.

A combat medic is the bravest kind of warrior—running into the battle to aid the fallen soldier.

Tony was safe and snug serving at a state-side hospital in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. But last Christmas he decided to transfer to a base that would go into combat.

He wanted to serve on the front lines.

Tony knew full well what that decision meant. You see, he had already served three tours overseas, one in Kosovo and two in Iraq.

Tony knew where his skills would be best used fighting the terrorists who attacked America on September 11th. Tony knew the importance of his job to the war effort. He was a saver of lives in the combat arena. An Army combat medic.

General Douglas MacArthur was speaking of real men like Tony when he spoke those immortal words: Duty, honor, country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be.

Tony understood duty and personal sacrifice. He went to Afghanistan to save help save the lives of his warrior brothers and sisters.

Tony is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, sons, Remington and Jonathon, daughter Emma, his parents Kenneth and Cheryl Spivey of Sour Lake, Texas, his sister Alisha Martin of Port Arthur, and brother Cory Hunt also of Sour Lake.

Staff Sergeant Tony Winters will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery in August.

As the early American poet Joseph Drake said, "And they who for their country die shall fill an honored grave, for glory lights the soldier's tomb, and beauty weeps the brave."

It is my honor to offer a grateful nation's thanks and prayers. We are grateful that a man like Staff Sergeant Tony Winters lived and loved America.

It was once said that what we do for ourselves dies with us—but what we do for the others and the world remains and is immortal. Tony's life was dedicated to saving the lives of others.

All give some in Afghanistan, but Staff Sergeant Tony Winters gave all. He is an American hero.

I offer my heartfelt condolences to Tony's wife and children and to his friends and family.

Today we honor this great American warrior's life and are humbled by his greatest of sacrifices.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING GREENE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPUTY JON WILLIS

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call my colleagues' attention to the tragic slaying of a 30-year-old Sheriff's Deputy in my home state of North Carolina.

Greene County Deputy Jon Willis died in the direct line of duty on July 28, 2010 while responding to a domestic disturbance call. During the call, Deputy Willis was shot and killed before the shooter ended his own life.

I have expressed my condolences to Greene County Sheriff Lemmie Smith, and I know that the department and the entire community are shocked and deeply saddened by this tragic event. Flags at the Greene County Courthouse were flown half-staff yesterday as the community paid tribute to Deputy Willis.

The father of two children, Deputy Willis joined the Greene County Sheriffs Office in

December 2001, but left for a job at the Winterville Police Department. He returned to the Greene County Sheriff's Office in April 2009.

Deputy Willis' death marks the second time the Greene County Sheriff's Office has lost a deputy in the line of duty. Deputy Ernest Martin Hull died in a vehicle crash on Jan. 2, 2000.

Deputy Willis is also the second area officer to lose his life in the line of duty in the past 15 months. Lenoir County Deputy Allen Pearson was shot and killed in April 2009 near Grifton, N.C.

On average, a law enforcement officer is killed in America every other day. Since 1792, when recordkeeping started, more than 20,000 officers have lost their lives in service to their communities. And sadly, 101 officers have already been killed in the line of duty across the country this year.

This event reminds us of the mortal dangers that our officers face each day in the line of duty.

Madam Speaker, it is with both sadness and pride that I share with you the death of Deputy Jon Willis. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing his loved ones the strength they require to overcome their loss. God bless Deputy Jon Willis. His bravery, courage, and goodness will never be forgotten by his community or his state.

IDA PROTECTION ACT OF 2010

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the "IDA Protection Act of 2010." This bill will help the Individual Development Account program weather a tough economic climate, so it can continue to help lower income Americans to go to college, buy a home, or start a small business.

IDA accounts are designed to help low income individuals pull themselves out of poverty and learn how to manage their family's finances. Through a partnership between local government, non-profits, and businesses, each dollar someone saves in an IDA account is matched at a one or even two to one ratio.

To participate in this program, an individual must agree to take classes on financial literacy and agree to use the proceeds to buy a home, start a small business, or pay college tuition. Since the program's inception in 1999, more than 86,000 people have opened IDAs, many of them opening bank accounts for the first time. These individuals have sacrificed to save and thus, increased the standard of living for their family.

Unfortunately, the recent recession has threatened the future of this important program. Congress annually appropriates \$24 million for IDA Accounts, and local non-profits must find private sector matches in order to receive a portion of these federal funds. Since Wall Street's meltdown shook our economy, the usual corporate partners have not maintained their traditional level of IDA donations, and as a result much of this \$24 million for this year remains unspent.

This bill would create a bridge for the IDA program to better times. It more than doubles