

CRUSH IT—IN HONOR OF A REAL
AMERICAN HERO, SGT MICHAEL
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HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a strong son of the South, and a real American hero, SGT Michael Cameron of Atlanta. Another freedom fighter, from that great State of Georgia, who went off to war for his country. On April 1, 2007, Michael lost his leg in southern Iraq, and almost his life, but he's come back home even stronger in his quest to rebuild his life. With the support of his lovely wife and their beautiful daughter, they are living the American dream as he is back in college at Emory University embarking upon a new career. I ask that this poem penned by Albert Caswell, who has grown to admire his strength and courage and determination over the years, be placed in the RECORD in honor of his courageous life . . .

CRUSH IT

In times of war, Georgia Men . . .
Have but our Nation's burdens bore!
Men like Max Cleland, whose fine hearts
have soared!
As into That Darkness, they'd so moved
forth!
As there they Crushed It! Moved it, and ran
right through it . . .
All in the darkest of all evils, as Michael you
so pursued it!
As you so ran right up to it, as death you so
viewed it . . .
Built for speed! All in your heroes creed . . .
You Crushed It!
As you could not be stopped, as you would
not heed!
As deep . . . deep . . . deep . . . deep down in-
side, your great heart . . .
So began to beat!
To give you all that you so needed!
As a Hero, a Freedom Fighter . . .
As all for God and country you would so
bleed . . .
A bold Army Man, who now so stands . . .
As life and death, all so lie all in your hands
. . .
The kind of guy, A Band of Brothers . . .
wants by their side . . .
All in the darkest of all nights, who will so
stand . . .
While, all there in that moment of truth . . .
When, all seems so lost . . .
Your fine heart so shows us the proof!
As looking down, as you so found . . . your
strong leg not found . . .
And yet somehow, your fine heart will not be
reduced!
As you had to Crush It . . . as you must re-
build, all but with your iron will . . .
As you Crushed It . . .
As so much depends upon you Mike . . .
Pumping up, as once again it's all up to you
. . . my son!
To rebuild where none lies left,
as your fine heart so instills, for you to but
be only your very best!
As with your courage, you so Crushed It . . .
Oh yes . . . as all of us you have so blessed
. . .
As we watch you, when your courage comes
to crest . . .
All in your time life's reps, as an Army man
who so can . . .
To Be The Best!
As you will not wait, as you will not rest . . .

All in this, your life's most heroic quest!
You Crush It!
Surely, legs we can all live without . . .
But, heart's . . . we can not so surely live no
doubt . . .
As but where all of your courage so comes
from, is all about!
Watching you Michael, we so understand . . .
Just what the word Hero, is all about!
Whether, on battlefields of honor seen . . .
Or back home rebuilding your life, Michael
You Are Seen, Crushing It!
With but all of your, Most Heroic Dreams!
Teaching Us! Reaching Us! As all hearts here
so Beseeching Us . . .
Making dynamic gains, all in your life's
theme!
Chiseled, from the top on down . . .
Rebuilding, your life into a work of art so
profound!
As, there is nothing that's going to hold this
Army Man down!
A Freedom Fighter, who all hearts will so ig-
nite here . . .
Crushing us now, all with what's all in your
heart so found!
And if I ever have a son, I but hope and pray
he could be like this fine one!
Who So Shines, like this Southern Son . . .
For what your heart and life has won!
You've Crushed It!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Monday, September 16, 2010, due to a meeting at the Institutes of Medicine. If I were present, I would have voted:

"Yea" on rollcall 526, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 1620—Providing for consideration of H.R. 4785, the Rural Energy Savings Program Act.

"Yea" on rollcall 527, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 1620—Providing for consideration of H.R. 4785, the Rural Energy Savings Program Act.

"Yea" on rollcall 528, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendments, H.R. 3562—To designate the Federal building under construction at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the Chaney, Goodman, Schwerner Federal Building.

H.R. 5827, PROTECTING GUN OWNERS IN BANKRUPTCY ACT

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 5827, the Protecting Gun Owners in Bankruptcy Act. This legislation would provide a special exemption to allow gun owners to keep certain firearms during bankruptcy proceedings.

Bankruptcy is a difficult and trying time for all families who face it. The federal system is designed to protect some personal items from being seized, because they are essential to an individual or family's livelihood. Assets such as

clothing, household furnishings, retirement funds, and social security benefits are exempt from seizure—within certain limits—so that those struggling through bankruptcy have something to restart their lives with. While this bill may be a political victory for the American gun lobby, a special carve-out for guns would do nothing to help families emerge from the crisis of bankruptcy.

In these times of economic hardship, millions of working families are facing bankruptcy and foreclosure. They need real help, not carve-outs for special interests.

RECOGNIZING MR. CLYDE
MCQUEEN OF THE FULL EM-
PLOYMENT COUNCIL

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of Mr. Clyde McQueen, an individual who has dedicated his life to economic development and job training initiatives in the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri, the district that I am honored to represent. This week, during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, Mr. McQueen will be inducted into the Missouri Walk of Fame, an annual occasion held to honor the achievements of African Americans who have made significant contributions to Missouri.

Mr. McQueen serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Full Employment Council—Missouri Career Center, a center that works to promote job training and placement in the Kansas City, Missouri and the surrounding areas. The Full Employment Council is a nonprofit organization tasked with providing career employment and training for the unemployed and the underemployed. In this position, Mr. McQueen, administers and directs funding towards job training, education, and economic development. The Full Employment Council is responsible for program activities that work to develop employment training programs in rural, urban, and suburban areas.

Mr. McQueen has served in this role for over 23 years, and has assisted over a half a million people during his tenure. While in this position, Mr. McQueen's commitment to unemployment has been recognized by a proclamation from the Missouri House and Senate, as well as from a letter of appreciation from former President Bill Clinton in recognition of support offered to the President during his 1996 visit to Kansas City. Prior to serving as President and CEO of the Full Employment Council, Mr. McQueen served as Division Director of Training and Employment Development for the Texas Department of Community Affairs. In this role, Mr. McQueen was responsible for directing the budget to fund units of government, business organizations, and community based groups for job training and employment initiatives.

Mr. McQueen received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Speech Communication and Political Science from the Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Currently, he is a board member of the U.S. Conference of Mayor's Workforce Development Council, and was appointed to the Missouri Automobile Task Force by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon. Mr. McQueen has been

awarded the "Professional of the Year" award by the Missouri Association of Workforce Development and a "Local Hero" award by Ingram's Magazine.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor and privilege for me to recognize Mr. Clyde McQueen for his efforts to improve the workforce and advance job training in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. I know that Mr. McQueen will continue to fight for both the unemployed and underemployed in my district, and in this time when unemployed rates have plummeted, I am grateful for the hard work and dedication of Mr. McQueen. It is with great pride that we honor Mr. McQueen today for his commitment to the residents of Missouri.

HONORING THE 2010 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS OF THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I honor the four schools in the Fifth Congressional District of Texas recently recognized for excellence in education. Fred Douglass Elementary School in Jacksonville, Lake Highlands Junior High School in Dallas, Scurry-Rosser Middle School in Scurry and West Side Elementary School in Jacksonville were named to the Department of Education's 2010 Blue Ribbon Schools list.

Their performance illustrates the commitment and dedication of the students, parents, teachers, and administrators to a quality education. Education is the backbone of a successful society, and I am proud to know that the students of these four schools are receiving a quality education that will provide a solid foundation for future academic success.

This is a great honor of which the school, its students, parents, and communities can be justifiably proud, and I offer my warm congratulations on this fine achievement.

Madam Speaker, as the representative for the Fifth Congressional District of Texas, I would like to commend these schools for their continued achievements in education.

EDMUND G. SCHMIDT OF HUTTO,
TEXAS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Edmund G. Schmidt of Hutto Texas. "Mr. Hutto", is what they call him. Mr. Edmund G. Schmidt has served the Hutto community in countless ways for decades. First being elected to city council in 1961, Ed served the city for 29 consecutive years, 9 as city councilman and 20 as mayor of Hutto. A World War II Veteran, and small business owner for over 50 years, Schmidt has also continued serving with several groups, including the Hutto Lions Club, where he is in his 54th year of perfect attendance as a charter member, and Hutto Lutheran Church where he

has served for more than six decades. Schmidt served as the first President of the Hutto Economic Corporation.

Schmidt grew up on a farm outside of Taylor. "God's country," he calls it. Looking for a way to a way to provide for his young family after returning from the war, some friends convinced him to open his own grocery store in Hutto.

Signing a 5-year lease for \$25 a month, Schmidt transformed a big, open building on East Street into his own grocery store, Red & White, with his wife Julia. They opened their doors on Friday, July 13, 1951, with three other groceries in the area to compete with. Ed proved himself to the community of Hutto and 2 years later, in 1953, he bought and expanded into the space next door. When his lease expired he purchased his first building. He owned and operated his grocery store with Julia on East Street until 1990. With the store closed, Schmidt had the opportunity to get in the insurance business with his son Dennis, so he sold some of his building space and kept enough for an office where he still works with his son. As an established resident, small business and property owner in Hutto, in 1961 Schmidt learned of a place on the council through a good friend from church who was also council member. When an opening came up mid-term, Schmidt filled it and then kept getting re-elected, never spending a cent on a campaign. "I never thought, and no one on council, thought of ourselves as politicians," he said. "We were serving the community. We just had to pitch in."

At this time, the city assessed and collected its own taxes; it had one elected marshal who was replaced with a one-person police department, a distant thought from the Hutto we see today, with a full police force, and new neighborhoods and schools being built to keep up with the rapid growth. On Friday, October 20, 2007, the city honored Schmidt, renaming County Road 119 after him, for his contribution to Hutto's growth. Ed Schmidt Boulevard links Hutto to Pflugerville's FM 685.

Though he continues to work hard every day without any sign of slowing down, Ed cherishes his time spent with Julia. Married 68 years, the Schmidts have raised four children and now take great pride and joy in their 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren who all live between Austin and Rockdale.

CONGRESSIONAL MADE IN AMERICA PROMISE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2039, the Congressional Made in America Promise Act. This bill extends the provisions of the Buy American Act to the legislative branch. It is important that the Congress lead by example and support American manufacturers and businesses.

In the global economy, American manufacturers are being pressured from all angles. It is important for this Congress to pursue policies that ensure that our businesses are able to compete in the world economy.

There is much to be done, but this bill is a step in the right direction and allows for us to support our manufacturers directly. I look forward to working with the my colleagues to continue to support American manufacturing and a strong, vibrant workforce.

HONORING LARRY POWELL

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Larry Powell for receiving the 2010 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Sequoia Council Boy Scouts of America. Larry has had a distinguished career as the Superintendent in the Fresno County Office of Education, adhering to extremely high standards of quality and integrity.

Larry is a lifetime resident of Fresno County who has created a legacy in his 40 years of service in public education. He has served students and lead community educational endeavors in Sanger Unified School District, Fresno Unified School District, and Central Unified School District.

Larry is also very involved and well connected within his community. He has participated in many civic and church activities, including membership on the Board of Trustees for Fresno Pacific University, the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, Break the Barriers, the Sequoia Council of the Boy Scouts, and many others.

Larry's educational leadership has been recognized by the California School Administrators of Region 9, who awarded him as Superintendent of the Year. He has been recognized by Fresno State as a Noted Alumni.

Larry is married to Dot, a former principal and Executive Director of SALT Fresno and READ Fresno, Inc. He has a daughter and two grandchildren. It is clear that Larry will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Larry Powell for his distinguished career and community service, and in wishing him the best of luck and health as he continues to set standards in Fresno County.

HONORING THE 300 ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Congregation of Great Valley Presbyterian Church in Tredyffrin Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania as they celebrate the Church's 300th anniversary.

Recognized as the second-oldest Presbyterian church in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, services originally were held in homes of various members. Rev. Malachi Jones delivered the first sermon in 1714 from a wooden pulpit inside the rough log cabin held together by iron nails forged on site and with windows made from imported glass.

Organized more than 65 years before our nation declared its independence from Great