

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL
JEFFREY COLE, USMC

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today I ask the House to recognize the service and sacrifice of Lance Corporal Jeffrey Cole, a Marine from Woodstock, Georgia. Although just twenty years old, this young man has already earned a place in the ranks of America's beloved veterans.

Growing up, Jeffrey Cole saw the examples of his family members who had served in the Army and Air Force. So it is no surprise that while attending Woodstock High School in Georgia's Sixth District, he prepared for his own military service as a member of the school's JROTC unit. After graduation in 2009, Cole became the first member of his family to enlist in the United States Marine Corps, where he attained the rank of Lance Corporal.

This past July, duty called. Lance Corporal Cole said goodbye to friends, family, and his young wife Brandi and deployed to Afghanistan. Just a month later, his unit was ambushed while on patrol and came under heavy fire. During this attack, Cole was hit six times—twice in the front, once in the back, once on his side, and twice in his left arm. Although Cole's flak jacket thankfully stopped the rounds to his front and back, severe nerve damage and a severed artery have left him with almost no feeling in his arm.

Lance Corporal Cole has now undergone several surgeries to repair his arm, although only time will tell if he will ever regain its use. Yet despite these wounds, his main concern is about his fellow soldiers still in harm's way. It cannot be said strongly enough—this young man has earned the thanks, admiration, and respect of every single American.

Choosing to don the uniform of this country is one of the most selfless and honorable decisions an American can make. Jeffrey Cole could have taken many paths in life, but he chose to join our military and give back to the country that he loves. It is because of the service and sacrifices made by him and his fellow service members and veterans that Americans can live free of the oppression and terror experienced by so many around the world today.

Lance Corporal Cole will soon return to his family and friends in Woodstock, where the Legionnaires of American Legion Post 316 will live up to their motto as veterans "Still Serving America" by hosting our whole community in giving Jeffrey the heartfelt welcome and "Thank You" he deserves. He has carried out his duty with courage and commitment, and it is my distinct honor to welcome him back home.

May God Bless Lance Corporal Jeffrey Cole, our troops still on the front lines, and all our veterans for their countless sacrifices in defense of this great nation.

SOUTH ALABAMA HONOR FLIGHT
FOUR ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON,
DC

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

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Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Honor Flight South Alabama and the World War II veterans this very special organization is bringing on its fourth flight to Washington, DC on September 22, 2010.

Founded by the South Alabama Veterans Council, Honor Flight South Alabama is an organization whose mission is to fly heroes from southwest Alabama to see their national memorial.

Over six decades have passed since the end of World War II and, regrettably, it took nearly this long to complete work on the memorial that honors the spirit and sacrifice of the 16 million who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and the more than 400,000 who died. Sadly, many veterans did not live long enough to hear their country say "thank you," yet for those veterans still living, Honor Flight provides for many their first—and perhaps only—opportunity to see the National World War II Memorial, which honors their service and sacrifice.

This Honor Flight begins at dawn when the veterans will gather at historic Fort Whiting in Mobile and travel to Mobile Regional Airport to board a chartered flight to Washington. During their time in their Nation's capital, the veterans will visit the World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and other memorials.

The veterans will return to Mobile Regional Airport that evening, where some 1,000 people are expected to greet them.

Madam Speaker, the September 22 journey of heroes from South Alabama is an appropriate time for us to pause and thank them—and all of the soldiers who fought in World War II—for they collectively—and literally—saved the world. They personify the very best America has to offer, and I urge my colleagues to take a moment to pay tribute to their selfless devotion to our country and the freedoms we enjoy.

I salute each of the veterans who made the trip to Washington. May we never forget their valiant deeds and tremendous sacrifices: Victor Adams, Edward Adler, William Barnes, James Botts, Shelby Brooks, Ollen Burnette, Jr., Marion Bush, Edward Case, Robert Chapman, William Chavis, John Coulter, Leon Davidson, Gerald Davidson, Henry Day, William Day, John Duncan, James Duncan, Jr., Joseph Duteil, Jr., Julius Eardley, James Early, Robert Engel, Claudie Feagin, Jr., Osburn Flener, Joseph Garner, John Garrard, Jr., Thomas Grace, Samuel Graham, Francis Gregory, Daniel Gunther, Joe Harper, Roy Harris, James Hathcock, Jr., William Heard, Jr., Robert Hensel, James Holloway, Charles Holloway, William Hooper, Vinson Huegele, William Isbell, Henry Jackson, Elystan Jeffreys, Jack Jones, Roy Le Drew, Lawrence Lockhart, John Loper, Reginald Loper, John Luker, Percy Maynard, James McDonough, Jr., T. McIntyre, George McPherson, John Medynski, Richard Meyers, William Morris, Charles Murphy, John Nichols, Dwayne Nickerson, Robert Nicks, Chester Noble, Orin

Parker, Jr., Helen Pearson, Robert Philips, Walter Prodouze, Harry Read, Nelson Richardson, Thomas Robinson, Leonard Rose, John Rouse, Columbus Sanders, Jr., Robert P. Scott, Robert T. Scott, William Simpson, Jr., John Sims, Anthony Skivo, Jr., Norman Snyder, Cecil Sossaman, Sr., Thomas Southall, Floyd Stahl, Bernie Steele, Lloyd Stennett, Harold Stevens, Sr., William Summersgill, Cecil Tanner, Albert Thompson, Frank Tindall, Roger Turnquist, James VanDevender, Lambert Waltman, Orville Wenzel, Sr., Clarence Wheeler, David Whitten, Thomas Wilson, Robert Wilson, Sr., Harold Winger, and Keith Winkler.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND
OPENING OF THE FISHER HOUSE
OF THE EMERALD COAST

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fisher House of the Emerald Coast and the courageous men and women of Northwest Florida who have answered the nation's call to defend our freedom and way of life.

Founded in 1990 by Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher, the Fisher House Foundation has helped open the doors at 48 locations, which serve as a home away from home for our nation's hospitalized military personnel, veterans, and their families. The Fisher House of the Emerald Coast joins 20 years of dedicated service to the mission of continually improving the quality of life for our servicemembers.

Our military is the best in the world due to the selfless sacrifice of the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families. So much is asked of them, and the Fisher House seeks to extend a helping hand and grateful heart when needed most. By providing housing for wounded servicemembers and their families at no cost, the Fisher House Foundation enables family members to be close to a loved one during their treatment.

Madam Speaker, we owe a debt of gratitude to our Armed Forces' courageous members and families; to that end, I applaud the Fisher House for their continued support of our wounded warriors. On behalf of the United States Congress, I commend the community members of Northwest Florida who have worked tirelessly to make the opening of the Fisher House of the Emerald Coast a reality.

RECOGNIZING JAMIE KONSTAS,
RECIPIENT OF THE SERVICE TO
AMERICA MEDALS, JUSTICE AND
LAW ENFORCEMENT MEDAL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize FBI Intelligence Analyst Jamie Konstas for receiving a Service to America Medal for Justice and Law Enforcement.

As a leader of the national initiative to combat the exploitation of children through prostitution, Ms. Konstas works with the Innocence

Lost National Initiative, combining resources from the Department of Justice and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. She is responsible for the development and implementation of a new database that is assisting authorities in identifying victims of prostitution, particularly children, while also collecting and tracking intelligence information in order to build investigations on suspected sex offenders.

A resident of Fairfax, Va., Ms. Konstas considers her work a calling rather than a job. Her commitment has led to the rescue of more than 1,000 children and the conviction of more than 500 predators, numbers that would not be possible if it were not for her innovative database.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing FBI Intelligence Analyst Jamie Konstas for her commitment to protecting our communities and our at risk young people. She is just one example of the tremendous caliber of our federal workforce, and I congratulate her for receiving the Service to America Medal for Justice and Law Enforcement.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT
OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an institution in Norfolk, Virginia. On Friday, September 24, 2010, Union United Church of Christ will celebrate its 100th anniversary, and I would like to highlight some moments from the history of the church and its contributions to our community.

Union United's history began in 1908 with a small prayer band made up of new arrivals to Norfolk who found no Christian church in their area. The church formed as Union Christian in 1910 and was organized and led by Rev. J.J. Faulk.

Many pastors served Union Christian faithfully in these early years, including Rev. G.T. Hall from 1929–1930, Rev. R.J. Alston from 1931 to 1934, and Rev. S.A. Howell from 1934 to 1935. Under Rev. Alston, the church was renamed Union Congregational Christian Church.

Rev. Mann assumed the pastorate in 1935 and served the church faithfully until 1951. His leadership saw both milestones and improvements, including the burning of the church's mortgage.

Rev. Z.P. Jenkins served as pastor from 1953 to 1960. During this time the church was renovated, and the church bought a house on Bane Street to serve as a parsonage. It was also during Rev. Jenkins' tenure that nationally the Evangelical and Reformed Church merged with the Congregational Church to form the United Church of Christ.

The church underwent multiple changes under the leadership of its longest serving pastor to date, Rev. Joseph M. Copeland. Arriving in 1960, Rev. Copeland instituted a Deacon Board, and the church became very active in the community. A Citizen's Club, Boy Scout Troop, USDA Share Program, and 4-H Club were all founded under his direction.

Another milestone during the tenure of Rev. Copeland was the relocation of the church. In

1971, the church was forced to move due to redevelopment projects in the city of Norfolk. The present site on Goff Street was purchased, and a new church was built and dedicated in January 1977. Through the dedication of the congregation, the church was able to pay off the mortgage in just 11 years and held a burning ceremony in May 1988. Rev. Copeland retired in 1992 after 32 years of service.

The church continued to make history under seventh pastor, Rev. Anthony Taylor, ordaining its first female deacon. Rev. Taylor served for eight years, leaving in 2000 to serve his country in the U.S. Army. Rev. Copeland returned for a brief period as interim pastor in 2000, at which point Union United made history yet again.

In 2001, Associate Pastor Linda Clark was installed as Union's Pastor, the first female to serve in this post. Under her leadership, Union United re-dedicated itself to the community by establishing after-school tutorial programs and a Narcotics Anonymous program, and doing outreach work with the Norfolk State University School of Social Work. Currently serving under Rev. Clark is her twin sister, Rev. Brenda Brown.

As Union United gathers to celebrate its centennial, the Church can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on the future with great expectations. I would like to congratulate Rev. Clark, Associate Pastor Brown, Pastor Emeritus Copeland, and all of the members of Union United Church of Christ on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. I wish them 100 more years of dedicated service to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF LEROY BOYD

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved LeRoy Boyd.

Mr. Boyd is survived by his wife, Jeanne. To his family and friends, I would like to offer my sincere condolences. LeRoy Boyd was a proud resident of Pensacola, Florida. He was a champion of freedom and equality for humankind, whose life was framed by immense courage and an unwavering commitment to social justice. Northwest Florida has suffered a great loss.

Mr. Boyd began his quest for social justice and equality at a young age. Under the leadership of the Reverend H.K. Matthews, Mr. Boyd became President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Youth Council. He also became a founding member of the Escambia County Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and served as President of the Pensacola Chapter of Blacks in Government. LeRoy Boyd's leadership capabilities and willingness to fight for equality in employment was demonstrated when he successfully won a court case allowing many African-Americans and women the opportunity to serve in supervisory positions at the Naval Aviation Depot. His tenacity and perseverance were dem-

onstrated in the mid-1990s when he became the chief warrior in a battle to rename a street in honor of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King. Mr. Boyd's steadfast resolve in the face of strong opposition served as a testament to the great accomplishments of Dr. King.

Mr. Boyd's continued commitment to serving the community led him to eventually found Movement for Change, an organization dedicated to increasing knowledge and awareness of community issues affecting the social well-being of the citizens of Northwest Florida. Movement for Change was guided by the belief that the best way to achieve meaningful and lasting unity in our society is through mutual respect for our fellow citizens, including respect for differences. Mr. Boyd's life, and his accomplishments, served as proof of the immense capability of the human spirit to overcome difference and unite for the common good.

Mr. Boyd was recognized by a number of organizations throughout his life. During his youth, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. As an adult, Mr. Boyd served as the chairman of many organizations, including the Commanding Officers Advisory Committee for Equal Employment Opportunity and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Special Events Committee. His service and commitment to his community was also acknowledged with myriad awards, including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award of the Year, the Florida Department of Corrections Servant Leader Award of the Year and the Hugh L. King, Sr. Excellence in Civil Rights Leadership Award.

To some LeRoy Boyd will be remembered as a staunch advocate for civil rights and social justice and to others an example of the inestimable capability of the human spirit to conquer all. He will long be remembered by his family and friends as a loving and compassionate husband and companion; and we will all remember his energy, motivation and commitment to serving his community. His impact on Northwest Florida will forever be remembered.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor the life of LeRoy Boyd, and his living legacy.

TRIBUTE TO DENNY JONES

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to share with you my admiration for a man who has deeply affected my life, and the lives of countless Oregonians, Denny Jones. Denny celebrated his 100th birthday yesterday. Denny crossing the century mark is a very special occasion, but more importantly is what he has done with those 100 years. Denny was my father's close friend when they served together in the Oregon legislature in the 1970s. More than a decade later, I had the privilege of serving with him in the Oregon legislature. As House Majority Leader, I frequently sought Denny's advice and counsel and like so many others, relied on his deep sense of right and wrong, his clear commonsense philosophy and his thorough knowledge of water and western agriculture. He is a close friend and mentor, the