

held major command and headquarters-level positions. Among her many accomplishments, Maj. Gen. Peyer was directly responsible for ensuring the highest quality support to maintenance programs supporting the C-130, F-15, C-17, and C-5 aircraft, among others. Her commitment to excellence directly led the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center to garner 61 national, Air Force, and command organizational awards, and resulted in the Air Force's ability to achieve goals set for the troop surge in Afghanistan, while simultaneously supporting ongoing operations in Iraq.

Dedicated to the well-being of Team Robins, Maj. Gen. Peyer oversaw the development of the "You Matter" program to raise awareness of suicide and develop understanding, recognition, and skills to proactively prevent it. Maj. Gen. Peyer was also a staunch advocate of workplace safety and implemented the Commander's Safe Site Challenge to implement tenets of OSHA Voluntary Protection Programs. Furthermore, Maj. Gen. Peyer and her husband, Colonel (Retired) Brian Grady, were untiring advocates for various organizations, causes, and issues including one of our Nation's most outstanding gems, the Museum of Aviation.

Madam Speaker, Major General Peyer leaves the United States Air Force, the Department of Defense, the Nation, and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center stronger through her vision and leadership. Her dedication to excellence and devotion to duty, honor, and country have marked her distinguished service. Her record of achievement and manner of service throughout her long career in positions of enormous responsibility are commensurate with honoring her in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I thank her for her service.

TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS B. GIBBS

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my most trusted advisors and closest friends, Francis B. Gibbs, who is moving on to new opportunities in the private sector.

Many staffers come and go on Capitol Hill, as many Members can attest, but I've been fortunate to have Francis at my side for over five years. He has been a dedicated public servant and a terrific sounding board for me, and he has been an incredible advocate and mentor for my staff.

Before serving as my Legislative Director and then my Chief of Staff, Francis worked for Congressman ANDER CRENshaw as his Legislative Counsel. A native Floridian, Francis understands the values and attributes of our great State.

More importantly, Francis shares a strong passion for the ideals of freedom and free markets. He is deeply committed to the Constitution and the principles of federalism, and his work reflects his commitment to limiting the size and scope of an ever-intrusive federal government. A famous man once said, "No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation." Francis has been, and always will be, a true patriot and defender of freedom.

While I am happy for Francis to begin this next phase of his professional career, make no mistake about it, he will be greatly missed. He has been a valuable member and an irreplaceable part of my team, but I know I can continue to count on his advice and friendship in the years ahead.

Madam Speaker, I would not be where I am today were it not for Francis' dedication, service and hard work. On behalf of the people of Florida's Fourteenth Congressional District, I want to thank Francis for his nearly ten years of service to the people of Florida and the Nation. He is my friend, he is a true public servant in every sense of the word, and I wish him all the best as he begins this new and exciting chapter of his life with his family.

IN HONOR OF ANGELO ROMEO, RESPECTED DIRECTOR OF THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Angelo Romeo as Director of the Gloucester County Department of Veterans Affairs. A resident of Newfield, New Jersey, Mr. Romeo has demonstrated a tireless work ethic and dedication to Gloucester County veterans that deserves recognition.

Mr. Romeo's life shows the strong influence of his mother and political mentor, Virginia Romeo, the first woman elected to the Newfield City Council. Following in her footsteps, Mr. Romeo first ran for a freeholder position in 1972 and was later appointed to fill Lee Ranstrom's seat in 1974 before winning his own election in 1975. He also served as a Captain in the U.S. Army from 1966–1969.

After a 20-year break from politics, Mr. Romeo joined the Department of Veterans Affairs in Gloucester County in 1998, where his part-time position quickly flourished into a full-time leadership role. Mr. Romeo excelled at finding and meeting the needs of veterans in Gloucester County.

Mr. Romeo worked tirelessly to establish the Veterans Affairs clinic and the Williamstown cemetery. Since the beginning of 2010, the VA clinic in Gloucester County has seen over 4,000 individuals with a combined 18,000 appointments. Furthermore, the State of New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration awarded the Veteran Small Business Advocate of the Year to Mr. Romeo.

Mr. Romeo and his wife, Susan, have four children and eight grandchildren whom they plan to take to Disney World after he retires next month.

Madam Speaker, Angelo Romeo's commitment to Gloucester County and its veterans must be recognized. I wish him the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his continued service to the veterans of Gloucester County.

HONORING DAVID S. AMERYUN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David S. Ameryun. David is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, David has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding David S. Ameryun for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN MEMORY OF U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST SHANNON "CHANEN" CHIHUAHUA

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a brave soldier, a dedicated citizen of Thomasville, Georgia, and a great American, U.S. Army Specialist Shannon "Chanen" Chihuahua, who selflessly gave his life while serving his country in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Specialist Chihuahua was born in 1985, and was raised in Thomasville, Georgia. After graduating from Thomas County Central High School in 2004, he attended Valdosta State University. He met his loving wife, Kristen, in July of 2006 and the two were married November 4, 2006.

Answering the call to service, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Specialist Chihuahua was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

His awards and decorations include: Purple Heart; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; NATO Medal; and Combat Medic Badge.

While deployed to Afghanistan, he was one of several service members tragically killed on November 12, 2010 when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire and rocket propelled grenades. He gave the ultimate sacrifice; he died while trying to save a fellow soldier, who was injured.

Specialist Chihuahua's death is a great loss to this country, as he was a man of great promise and honor. He was described as an energetic and positive person with a constant smile. He was well regarded by his peers and known for his congeniality.

His death is also a great loss to his loving family. He is survived by his wife, Kristen; two daughters, Sophia and Annabelle; his mother, Dennice Dinkins of Thomasville, Georgia; and father, Sebastian Chihuahua of Del Rio, Texas.

Madam Speaker, U.S. Army Specialist Shannon "Chanen" Chihuahua made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. His time on this earth was too short. He was a proud American, a brave soldier, and a true family man. In life, he was loved and honored and in death, he will be remembered by a grateful nation.

COMMEMORATING THE PERSIAN GULF WAR

SPEECH OF

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I would ask that this exchange of letters between myself and Chairman FILNER and Chairman SKELTON regarding H. Res. 1672 be submitted.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 15, 2010.

Hon. IKE SKELTON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H. Res. 1672, commemorating the Persian Gulf War and reaffirming the commitment of the United States toward Persian Gulf War veterans. This measure was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

I agree that the Committee on Armed Services has certain valid jurisdictional claims to this resolution, and I appreciate your decision to waive further consideration of H. Res. 1672 in the interest of expediting consideration of this important measure. I understand that by agreeing to waive further consideration, the Committee on Armed Services is not waiving its jurisdictional claims over similar measures in the future.

During consideration of this measure on the House floor, I will ask that this exchange of letters be included for the record.

Sincerely,

HOWARD L. BERMAN,
Chairman.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 16, 2010.

Hon. HOWARD BERMAN;
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN BERMAN: I am writing to you concerning H. Res. 1672, commemorating the Persian Gulf War and reaffirming the commitment of the United States towards Persian Gulf War veterans. This measure was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Our committee recognizes the importance of H. Res. 1672, and the need for the resolution to move expeditiously. Therefore, while we have a valid claim to jurisdiction over this legislation, the Committee on Armed Services will waive further consideration of H. Res. 1672. I do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of the resolution, the Committee on Armed Services does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the resolution which fall within its Rule X jurisdiction.

Please submit this letter and a copy of your response during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this matter and others between our respective committees.

Very truly yours,

IKE SKELTON,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 15, 2010.

Hon. HOWARD L. BERMAN,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: On September 28, 2010, H. Res. 1672, commemorating the Persian Gulf War and reaffirming the commitment of the United States towards Persian Gulf War veterans, was introduced in the House of Representatives. This measure was sequentially referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs recognizes the importance of H. Res. 1672 and the need to move this resolution expeditiously. Therefore, while we have valid jurisdictional claims to this resolution, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs will waive further consideration of H. Res. 1672. The Committee does so with the understanding that by waiving further consideration of this resolution it does not waive any future jurisdictional claims over similar measures.

I would appreciate the inclusion of this letter and a copy of your response during consideration of H. Res. 1672 on the House floor.

Sincerely,

BOB FILNER,
Chairman.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Washington, DC, November 15, 2010.

Hon. BOB FILNER,
Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H. Res. 1672, commemorating the Persian Gulf War and reaffirming the commitment of the United States toward Persian Gulf War veterans. This measure was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

I agree that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs has certain valid jurisdictional claims to this resolution, and I appreciate your decision to waive further consideration of H. Res. 1672 in the interest of expediting consideration of this important measure. I understand that by agreeing to waive further consideration, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs is not waiving its jurisdictional claims over similar measures in the future.

During consideration of this measure on the House floor, I will ask that this exchange

of letters be included in the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

HOWARD L. BERMAN,
Chairman.

HONORING JOEL LEIGHTON RONEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joel Leighton Roney. Joel is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joel has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joel has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Joel Leighton Roney for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. W. HENRY MAXWELL

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of one of the Commonwealth of Virginia's finest public servants, a great man of faith and a trusted friend, former State Senator Dr. W. Henry Maxwell. This past Saturday, Dr. Maxwell passed away, and I would like to take a brief moment to celebrate his life and legacy.

A lifelong resident of Newport News, Dr. Maxwell was born on April 3, 1935, and graduated from Carver High School in 1951. Having been raised in the church, Dr. Maxwell nurtured a deep and abiding faith that eventually led him into the ministry. In 1967, he was ordained into gospel ministry and he formalized his calling, receiving both a bachelor of theology degree and a doctorate of divinity from Virginia Seminary and College.

It is hard to separate the life and legacy of Dr. Maxwell from the history of Ivy Baptist Church, the institution that Dr. Maxwell faithfully led for 37 years. Under his leadership, the church grew in size, purchased a new house of worship, and established a child care and learning center. As a fitting tribute to his years of dedicated service, Ivy Baptist erected the W. Henry Maxwell Family Life Center in 1999.

If Dr. Maxwell's only contribution to his community was as a pastor, he would have had a lasting legacy. But Dr. Maxwell was a civic activist and a public servant who was fond of saying: "If one was to be concerned about