

I am honored to join his friends, family and colleagues in congratulating him on his retirement after 36 years of service to the people of New Jersey in making a real difference in my home state's conservation efforts.

Congratulations Tom and best of luck to you in your retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 575, I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

BROTHER . . . BROTHER . . . COMBAT MEDIC SPC JEROD HEATH OSBORNE, UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American family, and a fallen hero and his brother. On July 5, 2010, Combat Medic SPC Jerod Heath Osborne of Royce, Texas, of the 4/73 82nd Airborne, died during an IED explosion in Afghanistan. In his short life he was a combat medic, an Angel on the Battlefield, the ones who rush in while all around the face of hell is going on. The lives that he has saved in his brief but great life will be measured in the future, with children and heroes that he has saved. His brother SSG Wautash Grillett of the 10th Mountain Div. 1st Combat Team 2nd Batt. 22nd Infantry, on September 21 of that same year almost died in a mortar attack and is currently fighting to save his leg. This family, throughout the generations, has served our nation in the Armed Forces. As recently as the Vietnam war, their uncle James Carter gave his life in the name of freedom. The very bed of our Nation's freedom is built upon selfless families, our prayers and thoughts go out to them. SSG Grillett has said that his brother Jerod always wanted to be just like him, but now he wants to be like his brother.

BROTHER . . . BROTHER . . .

Brother . . . Brother . . .

My . . .

My Brother's Gift . . .

So very precious, as was this . . .

My Brother's Faith, shall forever so wave . . .

My Brother's life, one of such so sure selfless sacrifice . . .

All in his amazing grace . . .

My Brother's life, so very short . . . yet shines so bright!

Moments, are all we have!

To grab hearts, To Make A Difference . . . to Heaven rise!

As an Angel on The Battlefield . . .

As into the face of death Jerod, you so ran . . . and not to yield . . .

To but so save sacred life, as was your mission . . . as was his most divine light! From dusk to dawn, as a battlefield combat medic your courage worn!

As all around you Jerod, the face of death so swarmed!

And what child may be born?

All from your love Jerod, upon battlefields of honor adorned!

That might so save the world, who now lives on . . .

And all those lives you saved, just moments from the grave . . .

And what children, all on this morning will awake?

With but the greatest gift of all, in their hearts to take!

With a Mother or Father, a Sister or Brother whose fine lives you saved . . .

Brother . . . Brother, oh how it's for you I cry!

A promise I've made, as I wipe these tears from my eyes!

That I will live for you, each and every new day, every sunrise!

To the fullest! All in your fine name!

And if ever I have a new son, your name will be his . . . this one!

Brother . . . Brother . . . I am so very proud of you!

All in what you have done . . . oh yes it's true!

Only the good die young, as now you shine all up in Heaven's sun!

As an Angel In The Army of our Lord, with your new battle begun!

To watch over us, as Thy Will Be Done!

Brother . . . Brother . . .

All across Texas this night . . .

As we lay our heads down to rest, as comes a gentle rain . . .

As upon us, are but our Lord's tears to wash over us . . .

And so bless us, to so ease our pain!

As he cries for your most sacred sacrifice, this rain . . .

Brother . . . Brother . . . I cannot wait until up in Heaven we meet again . . .

And we won't have to cry anymore, all in this pain . . .

Brother, Brother, once you so wanted to be just like me . . .

Now, I'm the one who so wants . . . to be like you!

Brother . . . Brother . . . Amen . . .

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 574 I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING TERRI HEMMERT

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements in broadcasting of Chicago's own Terri Hemmert. Ms. Hemmert, who is already featured in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's "Rock and Radio" exhibit, was inducted into The Radio Hall of Fame on November 6, 2010.

Ms. Hemmert first fell in love with music after watching The Beatles on The Ed Sullivan Show as a child in Piqua, Ohio. She began her career in broadcasting as a late night disc-jockey at WCMF in Rochester, New York, be-

fore returning to the Midwest and in 1973 joined the burgeoning progressive rock station WXRT in Chicago, where she has stayed for 37 years.

In 1981, Ms. Hemmert's career took off when she became Chicago's first female morning drive personality. The knowledge and love of the music she played, coupled with her infectious personality made Terri Hemmert one of the household names in the city's ring of FM broadcasters. As a renowned Beatles expert, she was the ideal candidate to host Chicago's Fest For Beatles Fans, a position she's held for 30 years.

Ms. Hemmert contributes to the City of Chicago in other vital ways. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Peace Museum, Facets Multimedia and many other non-profit organizations. She teaches the History of Rock and Soul at Columbia College Chicago and lends her expertise as an advisor to the student radio station.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Terri Hemmert and her extraordinary career, numerous contributions to gender equality in broadcasting and bringing joy to thousands of Chicagoans stuck in traffic on their morning commutes. I would like to congratulate Ms. Hemmert on a life of accomplishment with more sure to come.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF MICHAEL REAGAN, AN ARTIST AND VIETNAM WAR VETERAN FROM EDMONDS, WASHINGTON

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, all members of this body and indeed all Americans are united in the high esteem we have for the men and women of our Armed Forces who have given their lives in service to our country.

A constituent of mine provides a grand example in this regard. Mr. Michael Reagan, a portrait artist residing in Edmonds, Washington, a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, a combat veteran of the Vietnam War, and a member of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, has committed himself to providing surviving families with hand-drawn portraits of every man or woman killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. To date, Mr. Reagan has completed over 2,400 portraits of servicemembers.

These portraits make a difference. A wife of a fallen Marine wrote to Mr. Reagan, "I sit in the living room every day looking at the portrait you drew . . . It just brings me a little bit of peace because I feel like he's right there with me."

In honoring the dead and comforting the living, Mr. Reagan helps the families to hold their loved ones in their hearts forever and helps assure that our Nation will never forget the service they gave and the sacrifice they made. I believe we should reflect on Mr. Reagan's contribution and ask ourselves how we, too can continue to honor the brave men and women of our Armed Forces.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 573 I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
SCOTT SCHLOEGEL**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and Chief of Staff Scott Schloegel. Scott has worked for me for nearly two decades in both the Michigan House of Representatives and in Congress. Over the years, Scott has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to his work, and I am forever grateful for his tireless service to both me and the citizens of northern Michigan.

Scott began his service in 1990 when, fresh off his graduation from Northern Michigan University, he came to work as my legislative aide in Lansing, MI. When I came to Congress in 1993, Scott served as my District Director in Michigan where he oversaw hiring staff and opening six of my district offices. He instilled in the district staff that casework and constituent service should be their main focus and a hallmark of my tenure. As District Director, Scott logged hundreds of hours on the road with me and represented me at countless meetings and events across northern Michigan. He would meet with local officials, hold constituent outreach hours and would speak to groups for me while I was in Washington. Scott had a great feel for the political landscape of my rural district, and for more than four years he worked determinedly to help raise the profile of our office and convert what was a solid Republican area into one that consistently supported me with increasing re-election margins.

In 1997, I asked Scott to become my Chief of Staff. Scott and his wife Kirsten moved to DC and began what would become a 13½-year reign as my top advisor. Over the ensuing years, we have been through many historical and personal tribulations. During the years that Scott was my Chief of Staff, we experienced the impeachment trial of President Clinton; the cliffhanger election between Vice President Al Gore and then Governor George W. Bush; the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; the anthrax attacks; the DC sniper; and key legislative battles regarding guns, energy, health care and many more. Also during this time, Scott and I both lost our mothers and my son B.J. passed away.

Throughout my tenure I knew that I could always count on Scott to give me sound advice on political and legislative issues. When he disagreed with me he would not hesitate to tell me so. And, while he didn't win every battle, I knew that he always had my best interests and the best interests of northern Michigan in mind. One of his favorite tactics when he dis-

agreed with how I was going to vote was to sit down and write a TV or radio commercial that he would run against me in the next election and then say, "If you can counter that in a 30 second TV spot or a 60 second radio spot, then go ahead and vote that way. If you can't, then maybe it isn't the right thing for the district."

Four years ago, when I became Chairman of the Energy & Commerce Committee's Oversight & Investigations Subcommittee, Scott took over to handle my O&I work in addition to his Chief of Staff duties. He assisted in dozens of hearings into such critical issues as our nation's nuclear weapon's labs, cyber security, food and drug imports, health care reform, automobile safety, telecommunications and energy hearings. He has a great mind for oversight and investigations and I could always count on him to think ahead and represent my interests with the Committee staff.

Over the years, we have done a tremendous amount of good for our nation and northern Michigan and I know that along the way, Scott has taken as much joy in helping his home district as I have. We have frequently reflected upon the many accomplishments of my tenure and the multitude of improvements across northern Michigan as a result of our work on improving infrastructure, helping businesses secure financing for research and development, and securing financing for communities and universities across the district.

Madam Speaker, as I prepare to leave this great institution, I want to thank Scott for his leadership and friendship over all these years. I also want to thank his wife Kirsten and his daughters Emma and Lauren for the sacrifice they have made as Scott toiled for Michigan's First Congressional District. Kirsten and the girls had to put up with Scott working extremely long hours and I know there are times where he put service to me above his duties at home. Any elected official will tell you that the sacrifice of service is one that can test the strength of relationships at home, and I want Kirsten and the girls to know that I truly do appreciate the fact that they have allowed Scott to serve the people of Michigan and our nation. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Scott Schloegel's 20 years of public service.

HONORING CHARLIE KRUSE

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charlie Kruse for his 18 years of service as President of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation.

Over the years, Charlie's uncommonly wise counsel has been a blessing, as it was for my late husband, Bill, before me. Whether it was changes in agriculture policy, EPA regulations, or even school funding, I know I can rely on Charlie and the folks at Missouri Farm Bureau to provide, honest, reliable assessments for rural Missouri. But more important than Charlie's advice, I appreciate Charlie's friendship; and I look forward to keeping it for years to come.

Missouri Farm Bureau has grown to be an even more effective organization under Char-

lie's strong leadership. When Charlie was elected President of the organization in 1992, membership stood at just over 75,000. Membership today stands at just under 112,000 members. This is a testament to Charlie's leadership and the dedicated staff and membership he has surrounded himself with. Moreover, public servants from both political parties agree that Missouri Farm Bureau continues to be one of the most respected organizations in our state.

No tribute to Charlie would be complete without mentioning Charlie's wife, Pam. I believe it is clear to all that Pam's dedication to her husband and her family enabled Charlie to work so hard for rural Missouri. Pam's unselfishness and generosity of time and energy are to be commended.

On behalf of the farmers and ranchers of Southern Missouri and the grateful constituents of the Eighth Congressional District, I congratulate Charlie and Pam on this occasion. Thank you, Charlie, for your 18 years of dedicated leadership with Missouri Farm Bureau. Best of wishes to you and your family as you pursue new challenges in the many bright years ahead of you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 572, I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING KENNETH ROBERTS OF
LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Kenneth Roberts, who is celebrating his 80th birthday this Saturday. Mr. Roberts is being honored at a luncheon to commemorate this milestone along with his years of service to the community.

Mr. Roberts was born in Washington State in 1930. He went on to serve as a Buck Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War before settling in Lake County with his wonderful wife, Irene. He had a long and fruitful career with Homestake Mining and retired in 1995.

Mr. Roberts is a committed activist and outdoorsman. He is known for his patience, tolerance and kind demeanor, but he'll never shy away from a lively debate on the issues. He is an avid hiker who is a member of the Redbud Audubon Society and Sierra Club. His commitment and passion for his community has also manifested itself in his work with the Lake County Adult Literacy Coalition. Ken mentored three Hispanic adults in reading and writing English and tutored one in preparation for the U.S. Citizenship exam, which his student passed.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is appropriate at this time that we thank my friend Mr.