

mentor, Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, came to represent one of the aspects of Polish character I admire most: the concept of "Victory in Defeat." The very idea may strike most Americans as peculiar, but from 1795 to 1989—when Poles were ruled from abroad except for the brief interwar period—it meant that honor came first, that the Poles would never give up, that they would persevere without fail to win back their independence. When I think of Paul I think of this first; and it gives me great satisfaction to know that he lived to see freedom restored and a vibrant Poland reborn.

When I last talked to Paul he told me, as he often did, that: "I am so thankful that I am able to live in my own home." His courage could be measured in matters great and small. Despite crippling conditions he managed to take care of himself until the last four days of his life. To say that he will be missed feels like a gross understatement to me. He was the product of an unusual place and time; he never shrank from the difficulties that came his way. And he would certainly chide me for praising him even to this extent.

HONORING JAMES DIPACE

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man and constituent, James DiPace. Mr. DiPace has devoted 37 years of service to the Avon Volunteer Fire Department, and has served as Fire Chief there for the last 15 years.

The community of Avon is lucky to be home to a man like James DiPace. His selfless dedication to the town and his devotion is remarkable, and he deserves to be recognized by the House of Representatives as he retires as fire chief.

Incorporated in 1943, the Avon Volunteer Fire Department proudly protects more than 16,500 people. During his tenure as Fire Chief, Chief DiPace oversaw several incidents in town, but perhaps none more powerful than the July 29, 2005 crash at the base of Avon Mountain. That morning, a dump truck lost its brakes and careened into a line of stopped vehicles at a traffic light. The accident involved 19 vehicles and a CT Transit bus. Four people died that morning. On that sad day, Chief DiPace acted as incident commander at the scene from 7:30 am until after midnight. Two years later, another truck lost its brakes and caused an accident at the same intersection. Again, Chief DiPace was the incident commander at the scene. During these times of tragedy, it was always comforting to know that James DiPace, a man of keen interagency relations and cool temperament, was commanding the scene.

Throughout his service, James DiPace has been an active member of Connecticut's community of emergency responders. While Fire Chief, he served as Fire Marshall and Emergency Management Director for the town of Avon. Additionally, Chief DiPace has served as president of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association and the Capitol Region Fire Marshalls Association.

James DiPace's service to the community does not stop at the firehouse doors. Outside of his commitment to the Avon Volunteer Fire

Department, Mr. DiPace has been part of many civic organizations in town, including the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club. With his family, Fire Chief DiPace has also opened his home to several Fidelco Guide puppies and dogs, preparing them for their jobs as Seeing Eye companions.

James DiPace has given so much of himself to the town of Avon without wanting anything in return. His presence will surely be missed in the Avon Volunteer Fire Department. Today, I rise to thank Fire Chief DiPace for his remarkable service and wish him the best in retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MARVIN ZANDERS

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear friend and constituent Marvin Clyde Zanders of South Apopka, Florida. Mr. Zanders operated one of the premier funeral homes in the United States. But he was much more than a successful and popular mortician to the people of Central Florida. According to his son, "his personality made him a 'life-giver'" and he gave so much of his own life to the community.

Mr. Zanders served the families of Central Florida for over fifty years in ways too many to list. He provided scholarships, sponsored sports teams and gave continuous support to various organizations throughout Central Florida. He was known as "The People's Choice" and even Apopka's mayor often called him "The Mayor of Apopka."

The community formally recognized Mr. Zanders' humanitarian efforts by renaming Lake Avenue in Apopka to Marvin C. Zanders Avenue and dedicating the Marvin C. Zanders Park in Winter Garden. Ten years ago, the South Apopka Ministerial Alliance established the "Marvin C. Zanders" humanitarian banquet to honor the accomplishments of community leaders like him.

Mr. Zanders also served individual families in their time of grief with extraordinary compassion. Whenever one of my constituents could not afford a proper service in honor of a loved one, I knew that Marvin would take care of them. Through his selflessness, Marvin Zanders showed people that when we give back, we all become better and stronger. As he often said, "God gave me a chance; let me give my fellow man a chance."

My thoughts and prayers are with his children and many grandchildren. God has blessed us by allowing us to have Marvin Zanders in our lives.

HONORING DAVID CAVICKE

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, my friend and fellow member of Red Sox nation, David Cavicke, the Chief of Staff

for the Republicans on the Energy and Commerce Committee, is leaving the Committee in January after nearly 16 years on the Hill at the Committee. Mr. Cavicke is an institutionalist—he has sought to work quietly on a bipartisan basis to advance the good of the country across the array of issues within the jurisdiction of the Committee.

Over the years, Mr. Cavicke has ably served the Republican Members of the Energy and Commerce Committee. But he has also helped facilitate bipartisan compromise on many vital issues. In 1995, he staffed then-Subcommittee Chairman Jack Fields when our Committee enacted the National Securities Markets Improvement Act, which rationalized various aspects of federal securities laws. Two years later, under then-Subcommittee Chairman Oxley, he worked with my office to bring the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ Stock Market out of the 18th century and into the 21st by ending government mandated pricing in fractions and moving to decimal pricing. The Common Cents Stock Pricing Act of 1997 provided the impetus to end fractionalized trading which cost investors \$3 billion a year. Each year American investors, rather than professional floor traders and NASDAQ market makers, will put that \$3 billion to more productive uses, such as saving for retirement and children's education.

Following the transfer of the Committee's securities jurisdiction over to the Financial Services Committee, Mr. Cavicke moved into a management role on the Republican staff. In that capacity, he has been relentlessly fair and has always sought to work to provide procedural due process to all members of the Committee regardless of the issue of the moment. I join in expressing the thanks of the Members of the Committee for his service, and our best wishes.

EREKA O'HARA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and applaud Erika O'Hara for her outstanding service to our community.

Erika O'Hara became a realtor in 1982 and as a working mother she still found time to be involved in the community. Erika served on the board of the Jefferson County Association of Realtors early in her career, and later sat on the board of the Arvada Jefferson Kiwanis, Children's Charity and the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

When the entire board of the Children's Charity resigned, their annual Charity Ball was in jeopardy. Erika stepped in and hit the challenge head on. She gathered a new board, rallied the troops and ran the Charity Ball for three years. She raised over \$100,000 for the Arvada Center Accessibility Program and the Arvada Child Advocacy Center.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Erika O'Hara for her well deserved recognition by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

INTRODUCING OIL INDEPENDENCE FOR A STRONGER AMERICA ACT OF 2010

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce Oil Independence for a Stronger America Act of 2010, a bipartisan bill to help transition our transportation sector from an oil-based system to one based on electricity and natural gas. This legislation is a significant investment in our shared goals to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and ramp up production of homegrown biofuels in states like Washington that can spur our economy and create American jobs. As many of you know, the U.S. has only two percent of the world's oil reserves while we consume 23 percent of the world's oil. The status quo is not in our national security interests, or economic interests. Of all the oil that is used in the United States each day, 57 percent is imported, and 70 percent of that imported oil comes from countries that do not enjoy many of the same basic freedoms as U.S. citizens. Further, this addiction costs the U.S. economy close to \$1 billion per day. This imbalance of supply and demand means that the U.S. will be dependent on foreign sources of oil unless we create smart and thoughtful policies to invest in America's clean energy technologies and infrastructure.

This bill provides the necessary framework for the United States change invigorate new American industries and kick our oil habit. To put this in perspective everyone should know that approximately one-third of the total amount of energy consumed in the United States is to fuel the 249 million vehicles that are burning gas on our highways.

The Oil Independence for a Stronger America Act of 2010 contains language that has the goal of reducing our dependence on oil by approximately 3 billion barrels per year, a number that represents nearly all of our oil imports. This bill would:

1. Establish the National Energy Security Program to coordinate oil reduction efforts across all of government
2. Help deploy electric and natural gas vehicles though tax credits and deployment demonstration projects
3. Amend current federal transportation planning rules to include planning for oil savings in transportation infrastructure plans developed by states and authorize funding for projects to implement the plans
4. Help the U.S. advanced biofuels industry scale up to commercial levels
5. Support research and development in battery technologies

In addition to strengthening America by reigning in our oil consumption the legislation also has very positive environmental benefits. Almost 1/3 of all the Green House Gas, GHG, emissions in the U.S. come from the transportation sector. Switching over 60 percent of our transportation sector to electric vehicles would cut emissions by 33 percent. This is the equivalent of taking 82 million gas burning cars off the road.

In the great state of Washington, interests from the private and public sectors are already working to bring electric vehicles and the as-

sociated infrastructure to the 1-5 corridor. Their efforts can be greatly enhanced by this legislation. Realizing the goals of this legislation will ensure that the U.S. secures its competitive edge in this field.

This legislation is a win-win-win for the future of the United States. We can help secure our nation's energy resources, reduce our nations greenhouse gas emissions significantly which will help mitigate issues of global climate change, and ensure that innovative transportation technologies like advanced batteries and advanced biofuels are made here in the United States. In closing, I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bill, and hope that we can work together to move it toward passage as soon as possible.

ARTUR DAVIS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, I rise today to honor Congressman ARTUR DAVIS. During the past eight years, Congressman DAVIS has represented Alabama's seventh congressional district with earnest dedication.

An Alabama native, Congressman DAVIS was raised by his mother and grandmother. Despite his family's modest means, he excelled in school and graduated with honors from both Harvard University and Harvard Law School. As a law student, he worked for the Southern Poverty Law Center and for U.S. Senator Howell Heflin. From 1994 to 1998, he served as a Federal prosecutor in Montgomery and earned an almost perfect trial conviction record. He spent the following four years as a litigator in private practice until he was elected to the House of Representatives in 2002.

During his eight years in office, Congressman DAVIS has become well known for his political acumen and public speaking ability. He gained national recognition when he garnered significant bipartisan support to pass the HOPE VI program to improve public housing. Significantly, Congressman DAVIS was also a major player responsible for the reopening of the Pigford black farmer's lawsuit. Among his national honors, Esquire Magazine selected him as one of the top ten best Congressmen in America.

Congressman DAVIS has served admirably as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, the Judiciary Committee, and the House Administration Committee. He made an impressive contribution to the Democratic Party during the 2008 election cycle as the Recruitment Chair for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Congressman DAVIS is a passionate and pragmatic legislator, who has fought to improve the lives of the people in his district and throughout the country. On behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, I honor Congressman ARTUR DAVIS.

IN NATE A TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN HERO CPL. NATHAN "NATE" SCHAMING 82ND AIRBORNE 1/504 PIR CO. THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. JOHN A. BOCCIERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. BOCCIERI. Madam Speaker, Corporal Nate Schaming of Ohio, and The United States Army . . . 82nd Airborne Division 1/504 PIR C Co., lost both his legs in an IED explosion in Iraq on 12/01/07. Like many of our heroes who come home from war, he must begin a new battle and a new fight. As we watch him in awe, as he rebuilds his life, with but only his faith and great courage to sustain him . . . Another key part of his recovery, can also be directly attributed to his wonderful mother Pamela who has been there day and night. Any doctor or nurse will tell you that the family members are the true Unsung Heroes in recovery . . . and they are key to it. I ask that this poem penned by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

In . . . Nate . . .
Born with it, something so very great!
Inherent, the nature or something . . . belonging to . . . In Nate, that's what you do!
An Army Man, Who So Can! One of Ohio's, who's who!
A future Hero seen, who from deep down within him . . . such his greatness would convene!
When courage crests . . . Like John Glenn, Oh Those Most Heroic Ohio Men . . . But, The Best!
Who lock and load . . .
The ones, who live by the greatest of all honor codes . . .
Who but for us, them and their families . . . bare the load . . .
Who all in times of war, who with such hearts of courage sure . . .
Ensure our victory, all out upon death's road!
To lose your once strong two fine young legs! As upon, them . . . such speed they gave! While then somehow to rebuild . . . while so close to the grave!
With but with only lies within a heart, so brave . . .
Surely, but coming from down within . . . coming from Nate!
A man from that Buckeye State . . .
Who has taken all of this pain and heartache . . .
For him, Heaven would have to wait . . .
As with a mother's help so great . . . his new life he creates!
For God is Good, and God is Great!
All in such men and women of honor, he so creates . . .
All within hearts which will not hesitate, from somewhere deep down within . . . inside so states!
So states, all about Courage and Faith . . . Whose fine hearts, are so full of character . . . as so In Nate . . .
Who Teach Us All, Who Reach Us All . . . Who So Beseech Us and Do So State!
Of what we are born with . . .
And the kind of courage, we are warmed with . . . that which so ever lives on which states!
For as we stand here this day and see, what is good . . . what is great . . .
What is so . . . In Nate!
As now we understand, The Greatest Of All Things . . .