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Married to Dr. Kathleen P. Munley, a professor at Marywood University, they are the parents of two daughters, Attorney Julia K. Munley and Gwendolyn Munley.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Judge Munley on this auspicious occasion. His exemplary service to his profession and to his community has improved the quality of life throughout the region.

AFGHANISTAN WAR POWERS RESOLUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I believe it is time to bring the United States Military's involvement in Afghanistan to a close. Last year I became a cosponsor of H.R. 2404, to require the President to issue a plan for withdrawal from Afghanistan by the end of 2009; and I voted for an amendment to the FY2010 Defense Authorization Act to mandate the same. Although a majority of my colleagues did not join me in supporting those measures, H. Con. Res. 248 is not the right approach.

It is unrealistic to ask President Obama to remove military forces from Iraq within the next 30 days or even the next 10 months as H. Con. Res. 248 demands. Ending a war is unfortunately more complicated than beginning one. Even as a candidate in 2008, President Obama recognized an expedited withdrawal of troops from Iraq would take 15 to 24 months. Asking for a 10 month window for withdrawal from Afghanistan is unrealistic.

With thousands of Oregon Guardsmen currently serving in Iraq and hundreds more deploying to Afghanistan, such a resolution at this time, in this manner, would be inappropriate.

COMMEMORATING THE 31ST ANNUAL WINDHAM SPECIAL OLYMPICS INVITATIONAL SWIM MEET

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and honor the 31st Annual Windham Special Olympics Invitational Swim Meet. This Saturday, I will have the great pleasure of attending the Opening Ceremony of this event with hundreds of athletes, families and volunteers from around the region. I am familiar with the good work of Special Olympics Connecticut and am particularly excited for Saturday's meet.

All of the events that the Special Olympics organizes are first and foremost about the athletes who participate in them. They provide a unique opportunity for these individuals to compete and learn the benefits of regular training and physical fitness activities. In addition

to the athletic component, I want to highlight the overwhelmingly positive impact that Special Olympics competitions have on the lives of the athletes. The social, educational, and professional skills that are gained from mere involvement in these programs are outcomes that the organization and the athletes should be tremendously proud of.

I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the many volunteers and other members of the community that make each and every Special Olympics event possible. Without them, the athletes and their families could not enjoy the activities and terrific memories that come from these events. Thank you for all your service and good luck to the athletes competing in the Windham Special Olympics Invitational Swim Meet.

LACY RADZIEJ

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Lacy Radziej. Lacy is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Lacy's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Lacy has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Lacy can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Lacy Radziej for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

RECOGNIZING THE 189TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1107, which recognizes the 189th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrates Greek and American democracy. This resolution honors the Greek republic on its 189th anniversary, but the culture of the Greek people is over three thousand years old and has been the intellectual and philosophical foundation for many democracies throughout modern history.

Modern Greece is a living, breathing example of the trials and struggles of many countries over the last hundred and eighty-nine years. Greece had to remove the shackles of empire to forge its own identity and destiny. The Greek people joined the allies in their fight against fascism during World War II. In the war's aftermath, Greece was in the physical and geopolitical center of the east and west struggle in the Cold War.

The Greek people and culture have also had a lasting impact in the Detroit Metropolitan area. What started out as a small group of people on Monroe Street who wanted to preserve their rich culture, has grown into a successful group of business owners and, most of all, great Detroiters.

Greece is an example of the steadfast determination that all people admire. The Greek People have seen their land invaded by foreign nations, experienced coups and rebuilt after tragedy. While this happened, America stood with them offering aid and assistance. It is only fitting we celebrate this occasion with them.

CONGRATULATING THE REV. BERNARD R. MCILHENNY, S.J., THE RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FROM THE FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Rev. Bernard R. McIlhenny, S. J., who is being honored by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, with their 2010 President's Award.

Currently the Dean of Admissions Emeritus at the University of Scranton and minister of the Jesuit Community at Scranton, Father McIlhenny was ordained a priest at Woodstock College on June 17, 1956. He spent the last year of his training at Auriesville, New York.

On July 1, 1958, he was named fourth headmaster at Scranton Preparatory School where he spent the next eight years. In 1966, he was assigned as Dean of Admissions at the University of Scranton where he remained for the next 31 years.

On June 1, 1997, Father McIlhenny retired as Dean of Admissions to become Administrator of the Scranton Jesuit Community.

He received an honorary degree from the University of Scranton on May 26, 1998, and, on September 13, 2009, the University recognized Father McIlhenny's years of dedicated service by naming the Rev. Bernard R. McIlhenny Ballroom in his honor.

Born in Philadelphia on March 27th, 1926, Father McIlhenny is the son of Bernard and Marie Seiberlich McIlhenny. He graduated from St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia. He entered St. Joseph's University in 1943 and entered the Novitiate of the Society of Jesus in Wernersville, Pennsylvania, in February, 1944.

Father McIlhenny attended his first Friendly Sons of St. Patrick dinner in 1959 and has been enjoying the event ever since.

Father McIlhenny has distinguished himself throughout northeastern Pennsylvania over the years for his extraordinary service to his Church, to his community and to the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Father McIlhenny on this auspicious occasion. His personal example has been an inspiration to many and he has contributed greatly to the improvement of the quality of life throughout the region.

HONORING THE REVEREND DR. S. L. ROBBERSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of my friend S. L. Roberson of Ypsilanti, Michigan and to pay tribute to him on the occasion of his upcoming 90th birthday on Saturday, March 14th, 2010.

The Reverend Dr. S. L. Roberson is a pillar of the Ypsilanti-area community, a servant for his fellow man and a dear friend of mine; one whose wisdom and counsel I have been lucky to receive.

S. L. Roberson was born in Alabama to Estella and Reverend Gaither Roberson, Sr., on March 14th, 1920. As a child he moved to Michigan and received his education in the Ypsilanti Public Schools. The church has always been central to S. L.'s life, and he was baptized at an early age while attending Second Baptist Church of Ypsilanti where his father served as pastor. It was at this time that S. L. received his calling, preached his trial sermon and was ordained in his ministry. He was later called to pastor the now Metropolitan Memorial Full Gospel Baptist Church and has led that congregation for over 50 years. S. L. has undergraduate degrees from Eastern Michigan University, has studied at Detroit Bible College and has a doctorate of divinity from Urban Bible College. Reverend Roberson has also served his country with great pride and distinction as a member of the United States Marine Corps. He is quick to tell you that once a Marine, always a Marine.

My friend S. L. is a devoted husband to Elder Hollie Roberson, who is not only his wife, but his "right hand." He is also the loving father of five children, but he serves as a fatherly figure to many more individuals throughout our community.

Reverend Roberson's service has not gone unnoticed. He has received many distinctions, including the Liberty Bell from the Lawyers Association, the Ypsilanti Police Department Honor Award, and the Washtenaw Community College Service Award. December 14th has even been recognized as Reverend S. L. Roberson Day in the City of Ypsilanti. In addition to these achievements, I had the pleasure of hosting Reverend Roberson when he gave the opening prayer for the United States House of Representatives on September 5, 2007.

As he celebrates his 90th birthday on March 14th, 2010, I hope that S. L. Roberson will know how beloved he is by his community, myself included. S. L. has lived a life of service, dedicating himself to his fellow human beings and the great cause of justice. I ask that the House join me in paying tribute to a fine and decent man as he comes to this remarkable milestone in a life so well lived.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 95 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

KRISTINA SEVY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kristina Sevy. Kristina is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Kristina's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Kristina has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Kristina can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kristina Sevy for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL
JAMES F. RECORD

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, I am here to honor a fellow Hoosier, Lieutenant General James F. Record, who passed away on December 22, 2009. He is being interred today at his final resting place, a short distance from here, at Arlington National Cemetery. Born and raised in Indiana, General Record's distinguished career and service to our nation makes me especially proud to recognize the accomplishments of this Hoosier patriot.

General Record graduated from Purdue University in West Lafayette in 1961 with a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science. Shortly after graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force through Purdue's Reserve Officer Training Corps Program.

After graduating from pilot training, General Record served as an instructor pilot at Laredo Air Force Base, Texas. In 1967, he was deployed to combat in Vietnam where he served meritoriously for two years. Following his tour in Vietnam, he became commander of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing stationed in South Korea, the 58th Tactical Training Wing, and the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing. In 1985, he was promoted to Brigadier General and took command of the 833rd Air Division.

Following his command tour with the 833rd, he served as deputy commander of the Joint Task Force Middle East in the Persian Gulf. General Record also served as the chief of staff for the United Nations Command and the Republic of Korea/United States Combined Forces Command in Seoul, South Korea. While serving as vice commander of the 12th Air Force and U.S. Southern Command Air Forces, he took command of the Joint Task Force Southwest Asia. In 1995, he was named commander of the 12th Air Force and U.S. Southern Command Air Forces and promoted to Lieutenant General. General Record retired from the Air Force in 1997.

Throughout his career, General Record accumulated over 6,000 flight hours and received numerous awards and decorations. Among his many medals for meritorious service, General Record received the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air medal with 27 oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with six service stars, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

While General Record's passing brings great sadness to our beloved country, his family, and his friends, we as Americans should be thankful that people like him dedicate their lives to the cause of liberty and make countless sacrifices so that we may enjoy the blessings of freedom. Today, I salute this honorable and distinguished warrior, a role model for Hoosiers and all Americans, as the nation bids him farewell.

HONORING THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD 235TH ENGINEER COMPANY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the California National Guard 235th Engineer Company, SAPPER, who recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Their mission in Afghanistan was to clear the routes of improvised explosive devices, IEDs, to allow the infantry freedom of movement. They were the front line for the front line! These brave soldiers risked their lives every day for their comrades and returned as the most decorated unit. They also received the Valorous Unit Award which is awarded to a unit that displays extraordinary heroism in actions against the enemy.

As part of their primary mission, 235th Engineer Company cleared more than 10,000 kilometers of road in 5 separate battle spaces and more than 208,000 square meters around Bagram Air Base, destroyed 4,800 pieces of unexploded ordnance and land mines, and found 54 IEDs.

In addition, they completed 220 combat missions (enduring 32 IED strikes and 25 other enemy engagements) as well as 2 FOB defense missions. They captured 604 persons of