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I had known a little about what my dad did while he was deployed, but I had never pressed him for details. I think that is was partially because I assumed that anything that would make a good story would be classified for the next eighty years, but I also think that I was a little bit afraid of what I might hear. However, the stories that he shared were not as horrifying as I expected. I was stunned when he told me that he had never had a casualty in any of his units.

Our interview session was about as casual as it could be. I went outside to interview him while he was working in the yard. During our interview I learned more about some of the places he had visited in peace, including the U.A.E. (United Arab Emirates) and what was included in that country. At first I was surprised that this was one of his favorite places he has visited, but after he explained what was there it made perfect sense. I was honored that I could speak with my father about his experiences. It inspired me to do my utmost to make sure that I will preserve our military history.—Kai Fujisaka

AMERICA MUST CONTINUE TO LEAD THE FIGHT

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues that April 25th is World Malaria Day. On this day, global health advocates around the world will be raising awareness about malaria, and the fight against this deadly disease.

Malaria is an acute and often fatal disease transmitted to humans by mosquitoes. The World Health Organization estimates that an-

nually, there are approximately 250 million cases of malaria and nearly 1 million deaths, primarily among children in Africa under five.

Malaria is highly preventable and treatable with existing tools, including insecticide-treated bed nets, indoor residual spraying of insecticides, and anti-malaria drugs. Through the President's Malaria Initiative, contributions to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria, and other investments, the United States has played a prominent role in the global effort to fight this deadly disease.

This effort is already showing impressive results, but ensuring that available anti-malaria tools reach all of the people who need them will require greater dedication of resources from the U.S. and our partners. Furthermore, drug and insecticide resistance mean that today's tools are likely to lose their efficacy over time. Therefore, it is critical to invest in research on new tools, including drugs, insecticides, diagnostics, and, eventually, a malaria vaccine.

The past several years have seen remarkable gains against malaria. Securing and expanding these gains will require continued U.S. leadership and investment.

2010 WORLD MALARIA DAY—"WE CAN DEFEAT MALARIA"

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of World Malaria Day, which occurs on April 25th. For millions around the world—particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, where the global malaria burden is heaviest—the disease is a daily reality, an enduring epidemic that kills millions and impedes the progress and ambitions of entire nations.

In the last decade, however, it has been proven that this need not be the case; that malaria can, in fact, be defeated. Between 2000 and 2009, 384,000 lives were saved in 12 African countries alone, through resources like insecticide-treated bed nets, indoor residual spraying, and malaria prevention for women during pregnancy. This was accomplished through the efforts and support of many countries, organizations, and companies that effectively raised the level of prevention, treatment, program support, and health system-strengthening in sub-Saharan Africa.

In 2008, Congress authorized an historic \$48 billion for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria programs by passing H.R. 5501, the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008. But the current level of funding is not where it needs to be to ensure that these life-saving measures reach the people who need them. In fact, current funding is only 25 percent of what is needed to achieve the malaria intervention and elimination goals established by the UN and the Roll Back Malaria partnership.

World Malaria Day is an opportunity to raise awareness for this cause and address its inherent challenges. This is not an endeavor for which we lack the knowledge, skills, or resources to win. Rapidly scaling up the distribution of malaria control interventions has been proven to have a dramatic impact on reducing

illnesses and deaths caused by malaria. There is a plan in place to put us on the path to eliminating this disease and, through our foreign assistance, we, as Americans, are an integral part of that plan.

Congressman BOOZMAN and I launched the Congressional Malaria Caucus to promote awareness in Congress of the efforts being made to stamp out the disease. We now have close to 60 Members of the Caucus, and I encourage us to see this plan through and help those who face the daily burden of malaria to reach their potential as a nation and as people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, on April 22, 2010, I regret that I was not present to vote on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Flake Privileged Resolution, the Motion to Refer the Flake Privileged Resolution, the Republican Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2194, and H. Res. 1270.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the Motion to Refer the Flake Privileged Resolution, and H. Res. 1270.

I would have voted "no" on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Flake Privileged Resolution and the Republican Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2194.

CAREGIVERS AND VETERANS OMNIBUS HEALTH SERVICES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. I rise in support of S. 1963, the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act.

The Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act is a comprehensive piece of legislation aimed at augmenting the support services available to family caregivers of wounded veterans, improving VA services to women veterans, preventing veteran homelessness, and increasing mental health care access to veterans.

This historic bill achieves so many necessary and important goals. First, it provides immediate support for veteran caregivers by creating a program to offer caregiver training, access to mental health counseling, and 24-hour respite care in the veteran's home. Family caregivers sacrifice so much of their own lives in order to care for our nation's heroes. It is so important that we give them every supportive service they need so they do not become overwhelmed by the daily realities of caring for a wounded veteran.

Second, this bill seeks to build a VA health care system respectful of the unique medical needs of women veterans. For the first time, VA will be authorized to provide health care for newborn infants of women veterans. Our women veterans deserve private health care that is respectful of their unique medical needs.

This bill also seeks to expand VA services that are designed to end veteran homelessness. It is unacceptable that the brave men and women who fought in service to our country would go without a place to rest their heads at night. I applaud these efforts to augment Secretary Shinseki's plan to end veteran homelessness in the next 5 years.

The Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act deserves our undivided support. I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of S. 1963.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

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The summary follows:

I had the privilege of interviewing Congressman Sam Johnson. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Congressman Johnson was a prisoner of war for nearly seven years in the Hanoi Hilton. Shortly after the Vietnam War, he retired from the United States Air Force as a Colonel. When he departed from the military, he was a highly decorated officer having received two Legions of Merit, the

Distinguished Flying Cross, two Silver Stars, one Bronze Star with Valor, four Air Medals, two Purple Hearts, and three Outstanding Unit Awards.

Since 1991, Congressman Johnson has served the Third District of Texas as our representative to the United States Congress. He serves as the Ranking Member of the Social Security Subcommittee. Congressman Johnson currently sits on the prestigious Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Johnson has personally inspired me as a young man. Through his unshakable faith, he has shown me that nothing is impossible with a mighty God. "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13). Congressman Johnson is my Hero.—Gabriel Devoto.

HONORING DAVID POSSNER

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the service of David Possner to the youth of New York City. He has dedicated his life to educating the youth of our city and to the betterment of his community.

David Possner graduated from the prestigious New York City Leadership Academy's Aspiring Principals Program and is currently an assistant principal at M.S. Q226 in Queens, New York. At this school, he is the supervisor of the Visionary School Academy. In this role, he is a role model and inspiration to his students. He is always available to assist students and their families, in or out of the classroom.

David's commitment to education and community service is not limited to the classroom. He is always available to assist students and their families in both academic and personal matters. David is involved in numerous charitable organizations and has inspired many of his students to join him in these endeavors. He sees his role not just as an educator, but as a leader of youth. His tireless dedication to his life's calling makes him an inspiration not just to his students, but to educators across the country.

I am pleased to inform you that David's hard work has not gone unnoticed. He has been recognized by the United States Senate, the House of Representatives, the New York State Assembly, and the New York City Council. The New York Post has called him "a visionary who has made a deep impact on the lives of his students and fellow teachers."

The one word that we could use to describe David would be "hope." This has been his guiding principle for his entire career: hope in New York City, hope in our state, hope in our youth, and hope in our nation. Despite the constant challenges facing his students, he never gives up on them and always inspires them to strive for excellence.

Madam Speaker, I invite the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the outstanding life contributions of David Possner to our city's and our nation's youth.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTERS OF CHARITY OF SAINT ELIZABETH

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth and celebrate with them on their 150th Anniversary of service and dedication to serving their Church and community.

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth come from a long legacy of public service that stretches back to the 19th century. This legacy is interwoven with the founding and development of the Catholic Church in New Jersey. Under the authority of the first American bishop, Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore, Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton founded the American Sisters of Charity in 1809 in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Fifty years later, Sister Mary Xavier Mehegan was assigned by the New York Sisters of Charity to take charge of the new community that the first Bishop of Newark, James Roosevelt Bayley, nephew of Mother Seton, wished to establish.

Following the example of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, the new community was formally ordered and established in Newark, New Jersey on September 29, 1859. The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth founded the Academy of Saint Elizabeth, the first secondary school for young women in the state, near Morristown in 1860. In 1899, at a time when New Jersey had no baccalaureate-degree-granting college for women, Sister Mary Xavier Mehegan founded the College of Saint Elizabeth, New Jersey's oldest four-year college for women and one of the first colleges for women in the United States.

Under Sister Mehegan's leadership, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth moved their ministries beyond New Jersey to Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York. Following her passing, they further expanded their work into China, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. While their endeavors continued to grow and expand abroad, they did not hesitate to toil restlessly for those who were disadvantaged and discriminated against at home. During the period of segregation, the Sisters of Charity opened a school for black children in Pensacola, Florida. The Sisters truly believe it to be self evident that all men, women and children are created equal.

From this rich history, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth have become a beacon of hope throughout the community. Their mission is to work with and for the poor, to alleviate suffering, to dispel ignorance, and to promote justice. They participate in the mission of the Catholic Church through ministry supported and nourished by prayer and a vowed life of service to the community. The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth serve as a true example of selflessness and service. They continue to embody President John F. Kennedy's grand instruction: "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."

Madam Speaker, I know that my colleagues will join with me in honoring the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth for their 150 years of faithful service to New Jersey.