

Warner-Robins personnel surged to resupply Israel during Operation Nicklegrass with dozens of C-141s. Providing the Israeli military with critical supplies helped to prevent their defeat in its war with its Arab neighbors.

As we approach the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, we must never forget those who paid the ultimate price that day. I can think of no better way to honor their memory than maintaining a world class U.S. Air Force with world class installations like Robins AFB!

Mr. Speaker, please join me to wish Robins AFB many best wishes during this important anniversary year. I remain confident that the men and women of Team Robins will continue their tradition of excellence over the next seventy years.

RECOGNIZING SGT. PETER P. KRUPSKI AND PVT. RUSSELL M. PENNY

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the lives of two American heroes, Sergeant Peter P. Krupski and Private Russell M. Penny. Sgt. Krupski and Pvt. Penny personified American patriotism and selflessness in making the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms for future generations.

Peter P. Krupski enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1941, reaching the rank of Master Technical Sergeant. Sgt. Krupski reenlisted in the Marines in March 1943, earning prominent distinctions such as the American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. In 1943, as the American forces began their offensive through the South Pacific islands occupied by the Japanese, Sgt. Krupski died of wounds sustained during the Battle of Guadalcanal aboard a U.S. Navy mobile hospital. Though just 22 years old when he was killed, Sgt. Krupski has been fondly remembered on the East End of Long Island ever since his passing.

Russell Penny enlisted as a member of the United States Army on January 5, 1940, answering our country's call to service following the advances of the Nazi Third Reich through Europe. Stationed at the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Pvt. Penny was killed during the surprise attack against the base by the Japanese on December 7, 1941. A lifelong resident of Mattituck, New York, Pvt. Penny holds the tragic distinction as the first casualty of Suffolk County and as one of the first of the over 400,000 Americans killed during World War II.

In honor of the sacrifices made by Sgt. Krupski and Pvt. Penny, a new community room at the Veterans Memorial Park in Mattituck, New York was named in their honor on May 28, 2011. It is my great hope that our community will continue to remember and support our veterans, forever recognizing them for their essential role in defense of our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Sgt. Peter P. Krupski and Pvt. Russell M. Penny for their valor and service, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring their memory and sacrifice on the occasion of the dedication of the com-

munity room at the Veterans Memorial Park in my district.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 331, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1383, the Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011, I was unable to vote.

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

STEVEN AND CHANI LAUFER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Steven and Chani Laufer came to Riverdale in 2005 and joined the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale the following year after attending a warm and moving Yom Kippur service there. They have been enthusiastic supporters ever since. They love the sincerity of the community, the caring and devotion of the rabbinic team, and the inspirational and progressive vision for the larger community that Rabbi Avi Weiss champions.

Chani grew up in Pittsburgh, and has worked in television, politics, and as a reporter for the Bergen Record and The Philadelphia Enquirer. After earning her law degree, Chani represented children as a law guardian in the Bronx and New York City family courts. She is currently taking care of her family and also serves on the board of Yeshivat Maharat.

Steven grew up in Stony Brook, N.Y., and is pursuing a doctorate in economics at New York University, after teaching high school science for several years. He is a former Tot Shabbat leader and organizes the HIR Purim Texas Hold 'Em Tournament.

Steven and Chani have three children; Shoshana, 5, Ari, 3, and Erez, 4 months. Like their parents, the children are enthused with the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale. They love celebrating holidays at HIR so much that Ari wakes up each morning for weeks afterwards asking "Is it Simchat Torah today? Is it Purim today?"

HIR is honoring this wonderful couple with the Young Leadership Award. I want to join with the HIR in congratulating and thanking this young couple for their good work in the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION REGION III YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR, MR. CHRIS SIDICK

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an individual who exemplifies a young, ambitious entrepreneur, Chris Sidick, who was

recently honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Mr. Chris Sidick is the sole managing member of C-Side Sports Academy, LLC, located in Washington County, PA. This young entrepreneur began playing minor league baseball after college and was left with no income during the off season. With the encouragement of a fan, Mr. Sidick began training young players when he wasn't playing during the summer. Using his parents' garage and a \$700 investment in a batting cage he started his own training business.

Mr. Sidick soon took his business from a few kids to almost fifty. He had to move the facility out of his parents' garage and rent a space that cost him \$1,000 per month. Realizing that this investment was just the beginning, Mr. Sidick solicited the University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center to assist him in developing a business plan and renting a larger space.

Utilizing a credit line, bargaining power, ingenuity, and hard work, Mr. Sidick was able to create a new 13,000 square foot facility to train young athletes. This exceptional space became quickly utilized by many colleges, high schools, and youth teams. While his business practices were extremely successful, Mr. Sidick wanted more for his company. He wanted to offer greater space and services to the young athletes. This is why he reformulated his business plan to get a \$1 million bank loan and build a brand new facility.

Mr. Sidick has been able to transform his initial \$700 investment in his parents' garage into a soon-to-be completed 27,000 square foot facility that will house a full-size baseball infield and a half-dozen batting cages. The building will also offer additional sports such as football, soccer, and laser tag. His accomplishments have landed him the local and regional Young Entrepreneur of the Year award from the Small Business Administration.

It is the keen mind of young people like Mr. Sidick that we can rely on to keep our economy going. He saw a need for a service, and utilized his specific skill set to fill that void. Even in this tough economic time, Mr. Sidick has been able to keep his business thriving. It is the passion for what he does and the energy he puts in his business that makes it successful.

Mr. Speaker, I would once again like to honor Mr. Sidick—a true young entrepreneur and small business owner who has pursued an idea that helps so many of our young people.

HONORING MR. RICHARD GILFORD

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today in memory of Mr. Richard Gilford who was killed tragically while serving his community in the aftermath of the 2011 spring storms and flooding that impacted west Tennessee.

Since 1991 Richard worked for the Crockett County, Tennessee Highway Department. On May 4th, while clearing debris from rain swollen roads, Richard along with his father, Butch, and brother, Frank were trying to cut a

fallen tree when it snapped and hit Mr. Gilford. A fellow colleague said of Richard, "He loved his job and always gave 110 percent at everything he did, including putting in 16 hours of overtime during the week of the storms."

Mr. Gilford leaves behind his wife of 13 years, Elisha, and two sons, parents, brother and sisters. He was a Tennessee Titan fan that could often be seen playing in the yard with his children. Richard Gilford, like many unheralded public servants, spent his working life helping the people of Crockett County by making sure their travel back home was always safe. We are forever thankful. The Gilford family can rest assured that the thoughts and prayers of a grateful community are with them during this time.

Please join me in honoring the life, sacrifice, and commitment of Mr. Richard Gilford.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S.
DISTRICT JUDGE ALEX T. HOWARD

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to acknowledge the loss of a dear friend and a remarkable public servant, U.S. District Judge Alex T. Howard, Jr., who recently died in Mobile following a battle with pneumonia at the age of 86.

Judge Howard grew up in Mobile and graduated from Murphy High School as one of its best and brightest students. He then attended Auburn University, but his studies were cut short by the outbreak of the Second World War. He enrolled in the 106th Infantry division and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. By his 20th birthday, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He carried that formative experience with him the rest of his life, and the lessons he learned during war allowed him to excel at practically everything he undertook throughout his life.

Upon his return to civilian life, he attended the University of Alabama, and graduated in 1950 from Vanderbilt University School of Law. He eventually settled in private practice in Mobile at the firm now known as Johnstone, Adams, Bailey, Gordon & Harris.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Howard's character, years of service and his wide-ranging experiences in law led him to a nomination by President Ronald Reagan for a newly created position on the federal bench in 1986. He was confirmed by the Senate just 15 days after the President's nomination. From his first days on the bench, his influence was felt throughout southwest Alabama.

Cecily Kaffer, a Mobile lawyer who clerked for Judge Howard from 1988 to 1999, recently told the Mobile Press-Register that Judge Howard was an insightful lawyer and an evidentiary genius.

Outside of the courtroom, Judge Howard taught Sunday School at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church for many years and attended services with his family.

My condolences go out to his wife, Anne Boykin, his daughter, Catherine Dawson, and his son, Alexander. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR JANECKA

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the achievements of Arthur J. Janecka. This month Arthur will retire after spending more than 45 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Arthur, or as his friends refer to him, "Art" serves as the Deputy District Engineer, Chief of Program and Project Management for the USACE's Galveston District. As the congressional representative of a large coastal district, I have had the privilege of working with Art on a wide range of coastal navigation issues. Like so many others, I have always been deeply impressed with his dedication to his job. His retirement, though richly deserved, will be a tremendous loss for both the Army Corps and the people of south Texas.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District was established in 1880 to create deep-water ports along the Texas Coast. Today, the Galveston District's boundaries extend through the entire coast of Texas and 150 miles inland.

As a dedicated servant with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Art has carried out its mission of protecting the environment, reducing flooding, and ensuring that the nearby waterways are easy to navigate.

Art began his career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as an intern in 1964, after graduating from Lamar University in Beaumont, TX. In 1966, he was assigned to the Texas Coast Hurricane Study in the Planning Branch of the Engineering Division. And in 1969 he became a member of the Society of American Military Engineers.

Art joined the Programs Management Branch in 1973 and became Chief of the Branch in 1987. In 2000, he moved to the Project Management Branch of the Program and Project Management Division to serve as chief. In 2005, he was assigned to his current position.

Throughout his career, Art has been involved with many Corps projects along the coast of Texas, including Brazos Island Harbor; Corpus Christi Ship Channel; Freeport Harbor; the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway; the Houston and Galveston Ship Channels; and the Sabine Neches Waterway.

It is clear that Art Janecka has been a tremendous asset to not only the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, but the entire State of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to thank Arthur J. Janecka for more than 45 years of service to this country.

HONORING COLONEL JOHN
RAWLEY, DECORATED VETERAN
AND OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF
THE CAMDEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel John Rawley for his dedication

to protecting our country, both as a member of the United States Armed Forces and as a member of the Camden County Sheriff's Office.

Colonel Rawley began his distinguished career in the military in 1954 at the age of 20, when he joined the United States Marine Corps as a Private First Class. In 1957, he joined the United States Army and served over 30 years. During his illustrious career, Colonel Rawley earned numerous decorations, including the Soldiers' Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Parachute Badge, the Army Service Ribbon, and countless others. He retired from the United States Army on August 8, 1987, after more than 30 years of protecting our country.

After his decades of military service, Colonel Rawley's patriotism and dedication were continued when he joined the Camden County Sheriff's Office in 1997. Colonel Rawley, known affectionately as "The Colonel" or "Ranger John," worked 13 years for the Camden County Sheriff's Office, mentoring and training officers throughout the department. He retired on December 1, 2010 as a respected and distinguished member of the department.

Colonel Rawley's selfless dedication to our Nation demands recognition. His decades in the military and the Camden County Sheriff's Office should serve as an inspiration to others. I thank him for his service, and extend my sincere best wishes to Colonel Rawley in his retirement.

HONORING ELIZABETH BICKFORD

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Elizabeth Bickford, director of financial aid and scholarships, at the University of Oregon for her years of service.

Ms. Bickford is retiring after 30 years at the university. Since 2000, she has led the university's student aid programs. During her time as director of financial aid and scholarships, Elizabeth Bickford has been a pioneer and leader, including helping to make the University of Oregon one of the Nation's first direct lenders in the early 1990s. I had the privilege of working with Ms. Bickford on many student aid issues including implementation of my contributions to the University of Oregon Presidential Scholarship Fund. I commend her for making a priority of promoting financial literacy for students and parents as well as meeting the financial needs of students and their families. Ms. Bickford has led UO's financial aid programs with an eye to compliance with federal rules. A member of the Cherokee Nation, Ms. Bickford has contributed to a host of efforts throughout our state to support and promote student access to institutions of higher education.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. CANSECO. Mr. Speaker, I was briefly absent from the Chamber on June 2, 2011,