

San Antonio, TX and aunt of Matthew Hanlon of San Antonio, TX, Jena Kolt, Kairi Kolt and Lucian MacMillan of the Bronx, passed away on July 17, 2011 at Calvary Hospital, Bronx, NY.

A native of the Bronx, Maureen entered military service in the U.S. Army in 1974. After leaving the Army, Maureen moved back to NYC and became the first female high rise window washer in the City of New York! Maureen worked at the Bronx VA where she met her spouse Susan in 1992. Susan and Maureen became official domestic partners on April 19, 1994. They were legally married on October 4, 2008 in Wellfleet, MA.

Always a humanitarian and champion for the underdog, Maureen found her calling in helping others. She became a social worker after getting her B.A. in Social Work from Lehman College and then graduated from Yeshiva University with an M.A. in Social Work. She worked in the burn unit at Jacobi Hospital during her undergrad internship and at the NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-violence Project during her graduate internship. She continued to work at AVP after receiving her M.A. for four more years. She then went to work for NYC HRA in July of 2001 as a social worker for victims of domestic violence. She transferred to the Department of Homeless Services in 2004 and became a supervisor/manager.

Maureen also volunteered with the American Red Cross as a mental health worker. She was on the Bronx Disaster Response Team for three years. She worked in Mississippi for two weeks after Hurricane Katrina.

Maureen was a great lover of animals and rescued and provided a safe, secure, loving home for six dogs and four cats with her spouse Susan over a period of 18 years.

In Judaism there is a phrase about a Woman of Valor and Maureen Silo was such a woman. Through her actions she had shown us all how to live with love and grace even through life's most challenging times. I join with her family and friends in their time of grief and am grateful for her dignity and courage. As said in the Bible: "Who can find a virtuous woman for her price is far above rubies?" Well, that woman was Maureen Silo.

RECOGNITION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS AS FRANKLIN COUNTY'S SEAT

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of the designation of the town of Greenfield, Massachusetts as the county seat of Franklin County. The town of Greenfield was incorporated in 1753 and named for the nearby Green River. Hampshire County was divided to create Franklin County in 1811, and Greenfield was designated as the seat of government for Franklin County. After 200 years of development and innovation, Greenfield and Franklin County continue to thrive on the exceptional enthusiasm of their citizenry.

Greenfield has long been associated with commercial development and economic diversification. The strategic location at the con-

fluence of the Deerfield and Connecticut Rivers provided advantages to manufacturers in the 18th century. Throughout the 19th century, major transportation routes linking Springfield, Massachusetts to New Hampshire and also Boston to New York began to pass through Greenfield. The town eventually grew to accommodate the influx of manufacturers which lasted until the conclusion of World War I in 1918.

The ingenuity and resolve of Greenfield citizens ensured that the Great Depression did not cripple its agricultural and industrial workers, as happened elsewhere in America. The U.S. engagement in World War II then worked to stoke new business opportunities in Greenfield, and these economic openings allowed the town and its residents to quickly rebuild from the Depression and spring forward and economically develop further. In 2003, Greenfield grew to the point of adopting a mayoral form of government—thus, officially becoming a city in Massachusetts—in order to continue and improve upon its tradition of providing superior recreational, educational and business opportunities for its residents.

On the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the designation of the town of Greenfield, Massachusetts as the county seat of Franklin County, I congratulate its citizens and praise their dedication and perseverance throughout the town and city's history. I look forward with enthusiastic support as we work together for a prosperous future.

RECOGNIZING FRANK WORTHINGTON

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to properly recognize the life and military service of Private Frank Worthington of the United States Colored Troops. Private Worthington, a former slave, served during the Civil War and on August 13, 2011, his family will remember his life and military service at Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson, North Carolina with a Civil War headstone dedication ceremony.

Frank Worthington was born a slave. It was a sad and troubled time in our Nation's history. He was a slave on a plantation located in Pitt County, North Carolina. Upon escaping from the plantation, he joined the United States Colored Troops of the Union Army on December 13, 1864 in New Bern, North Carolina. Private Worthington served honorably through the remainder of the War in Companies B & E of the 14th Regiment United States Colored Heavy Artillery.

Recognizing the brave sacrifices of African American soldiers during the Civil War, Private Frank Worthington and 209,144 other names are proudly displayed on the Wall of Honor at the new African American Civil War Museum which will hold its grand opening on July 18, 2011. The new African American Civil War Museum will honor the contributions and sacrifices made by African American soldiers during the Civil War in the preservation of our Union. The inclusion of Private Worthington's name on the Wall of Honor is a worthy tribute, and I know his descendants will feel an immense sense of pride knowing that his name

will be forever included in this wonderful museum.

Private Worthington will be further remembered on August 13, 2011 when his family will gather to dedicate an official Civil War headstone from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The family has organized a three-day reunion, culminating with the dedication of the headstone which will forever memorialize his heroic and selfless action on behalf of the Union.

I ask my colleagues join me in offering sincere congratulations and our deepest sense of gratitude to the family of Private Frank Worthington for receiving, after almost 100 years since his death, the proper recognition of a life and military service that contributed immensely to our great country. Our Nation is forever indebted to the service of Private Frank Worthington and other African Americans who served during the Civil War.

TRIBUTE TO THE SERVICE OF REVEREND ARTURO GOMEZ

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay tribute to the spiritual leadership and service of Reverend Arturo Gomez. I want to extend my congratulations to Father Gomez on his retirement on July 24, 2011, after over thirty years of priesthood.

Father Gomez has served our community with humility and compassion. He will leave a legacy of service and spiritual leadership that most people can only hope to strive for. Father Gomez has touched the lives of many people. I want to thank him not only on behalf of our community, but as a parishioner, for his service to the Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, in union with the diocese of San Bernardino.

Father Gomez's parents and faith in God have helped shape him into the man he has become today. Family has always been a central part of Father Gomez's life. He has said that after Jesus and Mary, his greatest role models of goodness are his parents. They are his heroes. His father, Auerliano, immigrated to the United States from Jalpa, Zacatecas, Mexico, and met his mother, Petra, in Santa Paula, California. Father Gomez is the third oldest of the twelve children the couple raised.

Father Gomez has lived a life of service to others. After graduating at the top of his high school class, he joined the United States army because he was grateful to God and his country for the aid his family received. Father Arturo trained and served as a medic in Europe. Once he returned home he continued to practice nursing to support his widowed mother and eight younger siblings. Father Arturo waited to enter religious life until the last of his siblings completed high school.

His diligence and steady faith allowed him to earn a Bachelor's degree followed by two Master's degrees. He was ordained into Priesthood on August 23, 1980. Father Gomez entered religious life at the age of thirty and will retire after over thirty years of humble service. Heeding the commandment, love thy neighbor, he has tirelessly advocated on behalf of members of his parish facing deportation.

Father Gomez is a beloved guide and Shepherd to our community. From performing the last rights, to ministering to his flock, he is there to offer a helping hand and his prayers along the way. He has served our community with unwavering faith in the good of humankind. On behalf of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Councilman Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer, we would like to congratulate Father Gomez for his leadership, service, and guidance. We will miss him and his special blessing that he bestowed to me and my family. May the Lord continue to grant him wisdom and watch over him.

STAFF SERGEANT EDWARD D.
MILLS JR. REMEMBRANCE

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2011, a hero from western Pennsylvania was lost in Afghanistan. Staff Sergeant Edward D. Mills Jr. was killed by a bomb planted by insurgents as he was serving bravely on his third overseas tour since joining the Army in 2005.

I, along with all Americans, am extremely grateful for his brave and honorable service in the United States Army during such an important period in our nation's history. Mills graduated from Union High School and is survived by his wife, Amanda Brenner and parents Edward Mills Sr. and Kathie Greenawalt from New Castle, Pennsylvania.

During his 6-year career as an infantryman, Staff Sergeant Mills received the Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Arrowhead Device, Iraq Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and Combat Infantryman Badge.

He was an example of service, dedication, and the values that make western Pennsylvania and our country great. We will miss him dearly as a hero and asset to our community, and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family in New Castle.

TRIBUTE TO FRED HELMSING

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise with sadness to note the recent passing of Mr. Fred Helmsing, a prominent Mobilian and a distinguished south Alabama attorney who was much respected in our community. Mr. Helmsing passed away on July 9 at the age of 70.

A native of Mobile, Fred was a graduate of McGill Institute, Spring Hill College, the University of Alabama School of Law, and New York University. Upon completion of his education, he returned home to Mobile where he embarked upon a long and respected career as an attorney.

Over more than four decades in the legal profession, Mr. Helmsing rose to become the senior partner of one of Mobile's leading law firms, Helmsing, Leach, Herlong, Newman and Rouse. He was also active in many local civic and charitable organizations.

A noted jurist who specialized in complex civil and white-collar criminal litigation, Mr. Helmsing was a member of the Alabama Bar Association, the Florida Bar Association, the Mobile County Bar Association, the Litigation and Taxation Sections of the American Bar Association, and the Farrah Law Society. He was also a fellow in the America College of Trial Lawyers and the Alabama Law Foundation.

Known to his family and close friends as "Big Fred," Mr. Helmsing took great pleasure in the outdoors and conveyed his love of nature to others. He held a lifelong passion for travel and hunting and fishing and was fond of fly-fishing in the American West and shooting pheasants in England. He also spent much time at his hunting lodge in Monroe County, Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, Mobile's legal community and, indeed, all of south Alabama lost a dear friend with Fred Helmsing's passing. I wish to extend my deepest condolences to his lovely wife of 42 years, Susan; their sons, Frederick and Guy; their daughter, Margaret; his mother, Gertrude; and his two brothers, sister and five grandchildren, as well as a long list of close friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers as, together, we honor the legacy of a truly good man and great friend.

HONORING THE EFFORTS OF ABBY WAMBACH AND THE UNITED STATES WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Abby Wambach and the U.S. Women's soccer team for their display of dedication, sportsmanship and skill in the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup.

Abby Wambach grew up in Pittsford, NY in New York's 29th Congressional District. Her skill set earned her accolades from Umbro and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America following her senior season at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Rochester, NY.

Abby's 600 minutes of play in the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup was the most of any other participant and her four goals earned her the 'bronze boot'. Including her precision goal in the 104th minute of play in the finals, Abby's four goals were all made using her head, a skill that has defined her as a threat within the keeper's box.

I am proud of the hard work Abby Wambach and the United States Women's soccer team put forth in the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup and I await their continued growth as a team in preparation for the 2015 tournament in Canada.

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS REGARDING MATTHEW OLSEN'S NOMINATION

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit additional concerns about the President's nomination of Matthew Olsen to lead the National Counterterrorism Center.

During a May 7, 2009, Senate hearing, Attorney General Eric Holder said, "With regard to those you would describe as terrorists, we would not bring them into this country and release them, anyone we would consider to be a terrorist."

It is now well known from numerous press accounts, including Newsweek, The Washington Post, and National Journal, that the Obama Administration's Guantanamo Review Task Force, led by Matthew Olsen, recommended the transfer and release of at least two Uyghur detainees, who were members of a recognized terrorist group, to the United States in April 2009. The secret transfer was to take place on or around May 1, 2009.

The Uyghur detainees held at Guantanamo Bay are trained terrorists and members or associates of the Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM), a designated terrorist group affiliated with al Qaeda, as designated by both the U.S. government and the United Nations. Whether their intended victims were Chinese or Americans, a trained terrorist is a terrorist, under U.S. immigration law.

According to testimony and government documents, many of the Uyghur detainees have admitted to training at ETIM camps in Tora Bora under the direction of ETIM leader Abdul Haq prior to their capture by Pakistani authorities in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) of Pakistan.

By recommendation of the task force led by Mr. Olsen, the Uyghur detainees were to be secretly settled in an apartment in northern Virginia under an unknown immigration statute. The immigration status of these detainees remains one of the critical unknown questions surrounding this failed effort. A careful reading of U.S. immigration law shows a broad and strict ban on the entry of any member of a terrorist organization.

As a former special counselor to the attorney general, Mr. Olsen should have been well aware of the strict statutory restrictions that would bar the admission of any alien who is affiliated with a recognized terrorist organization into the U.S. As the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence considers Mr. Olsen's nomination to lead the National Counterterrorism Center, they should carefully consider his judgment in recommending the legally-questionable secret release of the Uyghur detainees into the U.S.

Under Title 8, Chapter 12 of U.S. Code on "Inadmissible Aliens," the law clearly and unconditionally bars a member, representative or associate of a recognized terrorist organization from receiving any sort of visa, refugee or asylum to the U.S. The law prohibits entry to the U.S. for any individual who has "engaged in a terrorist activity" or is "a representative of a terrorist organization," "a political, social, or other group that endorses or espouses terrorist activity," "is a member of a terrorist organization," "endorses or espouses terrorist