

German force, but when he was about to correct the range his radio went dead. He returned to his patrol, secured grenades and a rifle to launch them and went back to his self-appointed outpost. His first shots disclosed his position; the enemy directed heavy fire against him as he methodically fired his missiles into the narrow defile. Again he returned to his patrol. With an automatic rifle and ammunition, he once more moved to his exposed position. Burst after burst he fired into the enemy, killing 20, wounding many others, and completely disorganizing its ranks, which began to withdraw. He prevented the removal of 3 German mortars by knocking out a truck. By that time a mortar had been brought to his support. 1st Lt. Murray directed fire of this weapon, causing further casualties and confusion in the German ranks. Calling on his patrol to follow, he then moved out toward his original objective, possession of a bridge and construction of a roadblock. He captured 10 Germans in foxholes. An eleventh, while pretending to surrender, threw a grenade which knocked him to the ground, inflicting 8 wounds. Though suffering and bleeding profusely, he refused to return to the rear until he had chosen the spot for the block and had seen his men correctly deployed. By his single-handed attack on an overwhelming force and by his intrepid and heroic fighting, 1st Lt. Murray stopped a counterattack, established an advance position against formidable odds, and provided an inspiring example for the men of his command.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

The Rev. Dr. Sinclair B. Ferguson, Senior Minister, The First Presbyterian Church;

The Rev. L. Craig Wilkes, Associate Minister, The First Presbyterian Church;

The Rev. Dr. Mark E. Ross, Professor of Theology, Erskine Seminary;

Col. (ret.) Kevin A. Shwedo, Executive Director, South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles;

Dr. Richard Conant, Professor Emeritus, University of South Carolina School of Music;

Mr. Ronald E. Miller, Organist, The First Presbyterian Church.

One of Colonel Murray's greatest honors was the naming in 2001 in appreciation of his service of Charles P. Murray Middle School in his childhood home of Wilmington, North Carolina. This is such an appropriate legacy for an American Hero. He was devoted to promoting freedom and opportunity for the young people of America. At Wilmington, he earned the Boy Scout Eagle Scout Award in 1934. He is one of only eight known Eagle Scouts to receive the Medal of Honor. In 1938, he graduated from Wilmington's New Hanover High School.

Thomas E. McCutchen, Sr., Esq., one of South Carolina's most respected attorneys as senior partner of McCutchen, Blanton, Hopkins, and Campbell, LLP, eloquently praised his fellow church member:

"Colonel Charles Murray, Jr., was an incredible giant who successfully performed for all America and for you and for me. He was the ultimate soldier. He was a step ahead of bravery. Every man, woman, and child here is indebted to him for freedom. On Sundays, he sat next to the outside aisle on the left side of this Church as you face the congregation."

Colonel Murray was a vital participant in patriotic observances. He enlivened each year the Carolina Celebration of Liberty at the First Baptist Church of Columbia led by Pastor Wendell Estep and First Lady Linda Estep with the extraordinary choreography by Minister of Music Steve Phillips being passionately emceed by the legendary Joe Pinner. Each year, he highlighted the Co-

lumbia Veterans Day Parade, one of the nation's largest, where tens of thousands of school children recognized his achievements with the program organized by Mayors Patton Adams, Bob Coble, and now Steve Benjamin, with emcee Earl Brown who is Second Congressional District Deputy Director. I especially remember in 2003 Colonel Murray was recognized at the patriotic services at Grace Baptist Church in West Columbia organized by Mary Kerr and the late Reverend Bob Kelly. This was my last opportunity to appear with him in uniform as a Colonel in the Army National Guard.

Another legacy of his life of service is his success with the late Medal of Honor recipient J. Elliott Williams, the Navy's most decorated hero of the Vietnam War, in moving the Medal of Honor Society Museum to the U.S.S. *Yorktown* in 1993 at Patriot's Point in Charleston Harbor at Mount Pleasant.

Colonel Murray was instrumental in October 2010 to work with Brigadier General Eugene F. Rogers and his wife former State Representative Elsie Rast Stuart Rogers (R-Pelion) along with Colonel Myron Harrington to organize the national 2010 Congressional Medal of Honor Convention at Charleston. The hosts were the South Carolina State Guard Foundation and The Citadel, South Carolina's historic military college.

In 2004, Colonel Murray was presented an elegantly engraved Browning weapon by Herst Fabrique Nationale of Liege, Belgium, in appreciation of helping the liberation of Belgium, France and Luxembourg from the Nazis. It was presented to him at their subsidiary FN Manufacturing Company located near his home in Columbia which is recognized for its world class armaments. The Browning Automatic Rifle was his weapon on December 16, 1944.

I will always cherish our final joint appearance as co-Grand Marshalls of the Sparkleberry Country Fair Parade this spring at Sandhills in Richland Northeast. This family-friendly event was organized by former County Councilman John Monroe and the white horse-drawn carriage was driven by Don Purcell. It was inspiring to see the public's warm response when they recognized Colonel Murray.

My wife, Roxanne, and I know of his encouragement of young people in military service. He was a devoted advisor to our son Alan for his Field Artillery service in Iraq and his current service as an Army National Guard Major and Attorney General of South Carolina. Col. Murray and his wife, Anne, hosted our son Addison and fiancée Lauren Houston for the Washington 2001 Inaugural Ceremonies for Medal of Honor recipients and he is now a Lieutenant in the Navy having served as a physician in Iraq. At the 60th Anniversary of The Battle of the Bulge, Colonel Murray was an inspiration for our two youngest sons, Army Captain Julian Wilson and Army 2nd Lt. Hunter Wilson, where the Colonel gave real meaning to our visit to The Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial at Hamm, Luxembourg, which is a world-class perpetual shrine for our fallen heroes where General of the Army George S. Patton is buried facing thousands of his troops.

Rest In Peace, Colonel Charles P. Murray, Jr. You have successfully completed your duty for the American people.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DRs. FAHIM AND NAEEM RAHIM

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, at a time when relations between the US and Pakistan seem tense, I would like to take a moment as a long time friend of Pakistan to remind my colleagues of the tremendous contribution that Americans of Pakistani origin have made in this country. Today, I wish to bring my colleagues attention to the story of two of these exemplary individuals, Drs. Fahim and Naeem Rahim of Pocatello, Idaho. Their unparalleled contributions were formally recognized this past July when they were both awarded the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor. The award, presented by the National Ethnic Coalition, is given yearly to American citizens of diverse ethnic origins whose contributions to our society inspire and touch the lives of people everywhere. In their journey from Peshawar, Pakistan to Pocatello, Idaho, the Rahim brothers have come to exemplify the American Dream.

I was in pursuit of this dream that both brothers first arrived to the United States in the late 90's, completing their training in Nephrology and Internal Medicine at the New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York, finishing only one year apart. During this time, Fahim and Naeem would lay the foundation of what would become their legacy, driven by a relentless drive to fulfill the American dream while also building bridges between their native and adopted cultures.

Their relentless drive and hard work soon brought the two brothers to little Pocatello, Idaho, where they would establish the first Idaho Kidney Institute in 2005. What began as a single facility in Pocatello has, through the desire, hard work, and clinical expertise of Fahim and Naeem, now become the largest provider for patients suffering with kidney disease in Southeast Idaho, with a service area that covers a population of 250,000. The Idaho Kidney Institute facilities provide hundreds of patients with a medical home for treatment of their kidney disease, delivering state of the art care and saving hundreds of miles of travel for rural Idahoans.

In addition to their professional success as nephrologists, the Drs. Rahim are also members of the faculty at Idaho State University, giving their time to teaching tomorrow's medical residents, medical students, physician assistants in training, and nurses. Fahim and Naeem have also had commercial success creating their own consulting firm, Nephro Consultants, which aids new physicians in starting their own medical practices. Fahim was recently nominated (2008) by the local business community for the annual award, "Overachiever Under 40."

Their journey serves as an irrefutable example that the American dream is still alive and well. Drs. Fahim and Naeem's noble service to others, and the community that they now call home, make them two shining examples of our unique American tapestry.

MARTI EMERALD, 2011 JOHNS FELLOWSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

**HON. BOB FILNER**  
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2011*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to proclaim that there are very few public servants who are as deeply committed to the plight of working men and women than San Diego City Councilwoman Marti Emerald.

For the past several decades, Marti could usually be found at numerous rallies and public forums strongly advocating for decent wages and adequate healthcare benefits for the working men and women in our community.

In fact, Marti Emerald excelled as a broadcast journalist for 30 years before taking the oath of office for the San Diego City Council in 2008. Most notably Marti was the Consumer Advocate or “The Troubleshooter” at San Diego’s ABC television affiliate for 22 years, earning more than 100 awards for community service and journalistic excellence.

Marti has deep roots in the San Diego Community. She served on the Boards of Directors of Catholic Charities, the Better Business Bureau, and the Glenner Alzheimer’s Family Centers. Marti graduated Magna Cum Laude from National University.

During her tenure on the San Diego City Council, Marti has focused on repairing the

image of City government through fiscal restraint, pension reform and increasing transparency in City government functions. Marti is serving her third year as the Chair of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

It gives me a great honor to join with the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council in honoring San Diego City Councilwoman, The Honorable Marti Emerald, with the 2011 Johns Fellowship Award.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SCOTT HARRIS**

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2011*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my Florida Colleagues, Representatives SANDY ADAMS, CORRINE BROWN, BILL POSEY and DANIEL WEBSTER, to honor and pay tribute to Scott Harris of Longwood, Florida, who passed away on Monday, August 29, 2011.

It was our honor and privilege to have known Scott, a veteran journalist who spent his career covering Central Florida. Scott’s professional journalism informed and enlightened both his colleagues and viewers alike. He took the time to mentor many, and was a respected, longtime political analyst covering both Florida and national politics.

Scott knew the news business from the ground up. He worked his way up as a reporter at WCPX—Channel 6; assistant news director and anchor at WESH—Channel 2; and as news anchor, reporter and producer for WDBO—580 AM. Later in 1997, Scott was instrumental in launching News Channel 13, where he remained until this year. With his passing, Central Floridians lost a respected member of our community and a real star.

Scott is fondly remembered for his wisdom, humility and kindness. The sheer power of his personality made a dramatic impact upon the lives of many in Central Florida, both professionally and personally. When relaxing, Scott enjoyed the tranquility of sailing and the challenge of golfing.

Actually, Scott Harris is a stage name. Born Vincent McGough, he graduated from both Edgewater High School and the University of Central Florida. Scott proudly served our country in the U.S. Air Force prior to his life-long career in broadcast journalism.

Scott is survived by his son Emery McGough of Central Florida, and three siblings, Jane McGough of New York City, Sue McGough of Central Florida and Tom McGough of Tallahassee.

Mr. Speaker, it is our privilege to recognize Scott Harris’ contributions to our Nation and the great State of Florida. I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives of the 112th Congress to join me in remembering this great American.