

RECOGNIZING EIGHT NIGHT STALKERS OF THE 4TH BATTALION, 160TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS AVIATION REGIMENT, RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor CWO-4 Bernard Litaker, Jr., CWO-3 Maciek Mankowski, CWO-3 Todd Peterson, Staff Sgt. Benjamin Tate, Staff Sgt. Stanley Yeadon, Sgt. Jason Brown, Sgt. Jeremy Gribble, and Spc. Matthew Jones who received the Distinguished Flying Cross for their extraordinary service and valor. I recently had the privilege to meet with the leadership of these eight brave servicemen of the 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) located at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and believe that they have achieved the pinnacle of military excellence.

The Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguish themselves through heroism above and beyond the call of duty while participating in aerial flight, an award which these men have undoubtedly earned.

On a late September 2009 evening in Afghanistan, these men embarked on a high-priority, high-risk mission that would necessitate that they put their lives at risk to protect other forces. The unexpected call required them to quickly develop and execute a plan, but the ensuing enemy fire would force them to adapt to the increasingly dangerous situation. The pilots gave heroic flying performances, expertly navigating their helicopters while calling out enemy threats to their gunners.

Upon completing their objective and reaching safety, they learned they would need to return for a casualty evacuation. Once again landing their aircraft mere meters from their target, the men held off enemy fire and successfully flew the target to safety. Facing seemingly insurmountable odds, not once but twice, these eight brave Night Stalkers demonstrated skillful flying and venerable courage in the face of danger.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in congratulating these eight brave men for their commendable service and thanking them for the sacrifices they have made for their country.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE ELEVEN EXTRAORDINARY 2011 INDUCTEES TO THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the National Women's Hall of Fame and the eleven women who were formally inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame on September 30 and October 1, 2011 in Seneca Falls, New York.

Since 1969, the National Women's Hall of Fame has showcased great American women

who have demonstrated an ability to inspire, lead and innovate. Fittingly, the Hall is located in Seneca Falls, the site of the 1848 Women's Rights Convention which adopted the Declaration of Sentiments demanding that women "have immediate admission to all the rights and privileges which belong to them as citizens of these United States."

Nearly 250 women have been honored by induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame. They come from many fields—they are educators, actors, writers, politicians, visionaries, philanthropists, athletes and scientists—but they share a talent for making a difference and inspiring us all. The eleven women who were inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame this past weekend have truly made their mark on this country and on our history.

St. Katharine Drexel (1858–1955), a missionary who dedicated her life and fortune to help native Americans and African Americans, is the second American-born person to be recognized as a saint. St. Katharine founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. During her lifetime, she and her order founded more than sixty missions and schools, including Xavier University in Louisiana.

Dorothy Harrison Eustis (1886–1946) co-founded the nation's first dog guide school, The Seeing Eye. Born in Switzerland, Eustis started breeding German Shepherds for civic duty. Morris Frank, a blind American man, contacted her for help in acquiring a guide dog. She moved to America and, together with Frank, established The Seeing Eye, which has trained 15,000 dogs to assist nearly 6,000 individuals.

Loretta C. Ford (1920–) is a international leader in nursing who is best known for co-founding the nurse practitioner model, which expanded nurse's scope of practice and allowed them to perform a broader range of duties.

Abby Kelley Foster (1811–1887) was a major figure in the anti-slavery and women's rights movements. An organizer, lecturer and fundraiser, she worked tirelessly for the ratification of the 14th and 15th amendments and helped lay the groundwork for the 19th amendment granting women suffrage.

Helen Murray Free (1923–) is a pioneering chemist who conducted research that revolutionized diagnostic testing in the laboratory and at home. Her work on dip-and-read strips has made it easier and cheaper to test for diabetes, pregnancy and other conditions.

Billie Holiday (1915–1959) is one of the greatest jazz vocalists of all time. Her unique style continues to influence jazz and pop vocalists more than fifty years after her death.

Coretta Scott King (1927–2006) was a celebrated champion of human and civil rights through non-violent means, in partnership with her husband, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and following his death.

Lily Ledbetter (1938–) is best known for her fight to achieve pay equity. As she was retiring from her position as a manager with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Ledbetter was advised anonymously that she had been paid considerably less than her male colleagues. She subsequently initiated a lawsuit against Goodyear. She won in trial court, but the Supreme Court later overturned the verdict because she had not filed within 180 days of the discriminatory act even though she was unaware of the discrimination at the time. Thanks in part to her advocacy,

Congress reinstated the right to sue, and President Obama signed into law, the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009.

BARBARA MIKULSKI (1936–) is the first female Democratic Senator elected in her own right. During her more than 30 years in the Senate, she has worked on legislation promoting equal health care for American women, Medicare reform, better care for veterans, greater student access to quality education and much more. This year she became the longest serving female Senator in U.S. history.

Dr. Donna Shalala (1941–) is an educator, scholar and politician who was the longest serving Secretary of Health and Human Services (1993–2001). She has been president of Hunter College which is located in my district, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is currently President of the University of Miami.

Kathrine Switzer (1947–) broke the gender barrier in 1967 when she was the first woman to officially enter the Boston Marathon. She has completed over 37 marathons and has dedicated her career to creating Opportunities and equal sports status for women. In 1977, she founded the Avon International Running Circuit and in 1984 she was a leader in making the women's marathon an official event in the Olympic Games. She is an Emmy Award-winning sports commentator.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in rising to celebrate the National Women's Hall of Fame and its eleven remarkable 2011 inductees.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. BRUCE A. BEUTLER, RECIPIENT OF THE 2011 NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSIOLOGY OR MEDICINE

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Bruce A. Beutler for winning the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, alongside two other scientists, for discoveries in how the immune system functions.

Initially, Dr. Beutler began searching for a receptor with the ability to bind lipopolysaccharide (LPS). After devoting a great deal of time cloning LPS receptor genes, Dr. Beutler and his colleagues made an important discovery in 1998—a Toll-like receptor (TLR) that activates signals when bound with LPS. This discovery spurred further research in innate immunity and now, over a dozen of different TLRs have been identified. I applaud Dr. Beutler's dedicated efforts and know that this finding will provide our medical community with greater understanding about how immune systems respond to diseases, keeping us on the forefront of medical research.

In 2008, he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences. He currently serves as the Director of the Center for the Genetics of Host Defense at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Dr. Beutler is the fifth faculty member from UT Southwestern Medical Center to be awarded a Nobel Prize since 1985.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Beutler on receiving this prestigious award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 746 for H. Res. 419, I am not recorded because I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING FIRST UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, the month of October marks the 50th anniversary of First Union Baptist Church's Christian service in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, which they are commemorating with a celebration: "Honoring our Past, Fulfilling the Present, Preparing for the Future."

Under the faithful stewardship of Rev. Archie Powell, Sr., Union Baptist opened its doors in a storefront on North Street. At this location, Pastor Archie Powell, Sr., Deacon David Sawyer, Mother Tennessee Sawyer, Mother Lored Perry, Mother Lela Lee, Sister Gertha McGhee, and Sister Mary Ann Sawyer Jones met for the first time.

After 25 years of steadfast leadership, Rev. Archie Powell, Sr. was called to rest on November 2, 1986. In the following months, the Rev. Archie Powell, Jr. was installed by Rev. Grandville Smith of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Flint, Michigan. Like his father, Rev. Archie Powell, Jr. is a dedicated servant to the Lord and recently celebrated 24 years of pastoral care to the congregation of First Union Baptist Church.

In 1996, the First Union congregation had grown too big for the building it occupied at the time and decided to break ground on a new place of worship with room for 450 people at 7004 Fleming Rd., Flint, Michigan. The congregation moved in on April 20, 1997. Under the careful stewardship of Rev. Archie Powell, Jr. the congregation was able to pay off the mortgage in December of 2010.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating First Union Baptist Church on their success and dedication to the Flint community. I pray that the ministers, staff, and congregation of First Union will continue their work and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ for many, many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed Rollcall votes on October 5. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No. 747: "yea."

Rollcall No. 748: "yea."

Rollcall No. 749: "yea."

WITH CONGRATULATIONS FOR FRANCIS HALL INSURANCE SERVICES

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Francis Hall Insurance Services of Chester County, Pennsylvania on its 65th anniversary as a continuously family-owned and operated business.

The history of Francis Hall Insurance Services is a long and storied one, extending back to 1946 when Francis A. Hall founded the agency on South High Street in West Chester Borough. In 1947, Francis became licensed to sell real estate and, by 1960, the agency was a prosperous insurance and real estate firm with the top Chester County realtor, Mrs. M.L. Hughes, who had the highest sales record in the County for five straight years.

Over the years, Francis' sons Richard and Robert would join the agency. Upon Francis' retirement in 1962, his sons took up his mantle and maintained a proudly family-owned and operated Chester County business. Today, Francis Hall Insurance Services offers personal, commercial, and financial insurance coverages and custom risk management programs. Through its subsidiaries, it is the leading insurer of fire/EMS services in Southeast Pennsylvania, the second largest writer for municipalities in the Brandywine Valley, and the risk management provider to dozens of municipalities, businesses and manufacturers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Francis Hall Insurance Services on the occasion of its 65th anniversary and to extend best wishes for the agency's continuing work to meet the needs of the community throughout the 21st century and beyond.

HONORING KEN ESPOSITO

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ken Esposito of Bridgewater, Connecticut. Mr. Esposito passed away on September 30, 2011 after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. Ken put up a courageous fight with the support of his wife Ann and his family, including his son Eliot and his mother Catherine.

Mr. Esposito was a lifelong advocate for the disadvantaged and those less fortunate. He got his start as a community organizer in Cleveland, Ohio—where he successfully secured millions of dollars for community development projects. In Connecticut, he worked with the United Church of Christ and with the Universal Health Care Foundation. While at the Universal Health Care Foundation, he played a critical role in the effort to pass Sustinet—the ground-breaking legislation which will increase access to affordable health insurance for everyone. Ken worked diligently for years to see this law pass because he believed that providing universal health care was a moral imperative. Additionally, Ken served

as an invaluable resource for me and other members of the Connecticut delegation during the recent health care reform debate.

An avid bicyclist, Mr. Esposito enjoyed biking through the bucolic hills of New England. His family noted recently that he was always proud when he could ride past younger bikers who were struggling on Connecticut's hills.

Sadly, the survival rate of pancreatic cancer is incredibly low. According to the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute, nearly 75 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within one year and nearly 95 percent succumb to the disease within 5 years. Ken's passing reminds us that we have an obligation to stand up for the most vulnerable in society and that much more work must be done to combat devastating diseases, such as pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of Ken Esposito and the contributions he made to the people of Connecticut.

HONORING STEVE JOBS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Jobs, Apple's co-founder, who passed away yesterday after a lengthy battle with cancer.

In his short 56 years on this planet, Jobs fundamentally changed the way the world communicates, learns, transacts and gets its entertainment. He also managed to make technology fun and widely accessible.

In the early 1980s, I had the pleasure of collaborating with this once-in-a-generation innovator. At the time he was just a young guy. We met on an airplane and got to talking about a shared interest: getting computers, which were then cutting-edge technology, into classrooms.

Job's vision was for Apple to give a computer to every school in the country. I had been interested in projects to improve kids' computer literacy in a world that was becoming ever more technologically sophisticated. At issue was our children's lack of access to that technology.

On our cross-country flight, Jobs explained that he was bumping up against a tax hurdle in his effort to give Apple computers to schools. Donating goods to a school, he found, was not viable for a business because they could only write off the very minimal production cost of the item. This limitation made it financially untenable for Apple, or any other manufacturer, to donate computers to schools. Somewhere over the Midwest, Jobs and I agreed to work together to remove this barrier.

In the months that followed, Jobs came out to Washington and helped me and my staff write legislation to create a charitable deduction allowance for computer donations to elementary, middle and high schools. Senator John Danforth, a Missouri Republican, picked up the torch and introduced the legislation in the Senate.

Our original bill passed the House with flying colors but died in the Senate. In the next Congress, Rep. Bill Archer, a Texas Republican, joined me in the House to champion the