

HONORING GROUND ZERO FIRST
RESPONDER AND FIREFIGHTER
WILLIAM QUICK

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Mr. William Henry Quick, a retired firefighter who worked for two months at Ground Zero and who passed away of lung disease on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at the age of 55. Mr. Quick worked for Ladder 134 in Far Rockaway, Queens, and lived on Long Island.

Mr. Quick worked for the FDNY for almost half of his life and did not hesitate to leave his vacation and rush to Ground Zero after the 9/11 attacks. He worked there from September 12, 2001 and only stopped two months later when he hurt his knee while working through the rubble. He returned to work in January of 2002 but developed a series of lung infections, which ultimately forced his retirement in January of 2003.

Mr. Quick is a hero in every sense of the word. He worked at Ground Zero without questioning the risks to his own health. He spent his whole adult life in public service working for the FDNY. He leaves behind his wife, Lisa, and twin 17-year-olds Ryan Mary and William Henry II. I grieve for them and want them to know that their sacrifice will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE UC DAVIS LEED
PLATINUM-CERTIFIED RESEARCH
AND TEACHING WINERY AND
THE AUGUST A. BUSCH III BREW-
ING AND FOOD SCIENCE LAB-
ORATORY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of California, Davis, on the occasion of the grand opening of its world-class, LEED Platinum-certified research and teaching facility focused on food science, wine, and brewing.

Among its distinctions, UC Davis is the world's leading research and teaching center for agriculture, food science, and viticulture and enology. UC Davis research and teaching has developed an international reputation and strength in agriculture, and food, dairy, and wine production.

With the LEED Platinum brewery, winery, and food-processing laboratories, the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science at UC Davis fosters a new era of opportunity and environmentally sustainable economic development. This new complex will be self-sufficient in energy and water use, and contains numerous environmentally friendly features such as onsite solar power generation, and carbon dioxide capture. New food-processing, wine-making, and brewing laboratories will test production processes that conserve water, energy, and other natural resources.

Two of the Nation's leading academic departments related to food and beverage

science are situated at the Robert Mondavi Institute at UC Davis. The Department of Viticulture and Enology and the Department of Food Science and Technology will utilize the new state-of-the-art research and teaching facility.

Within the UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, the Department of Viticulture and Enology has been the creator of grape-growing and wine-making knowledge that enabled the growth and success of today's wine industry, and has placed California and the Nation among the global leaders in wine production and quality. Wine industry leaders rely upon the department's research, expertise, and counsel.

Likewise, the Department of Food Science and Technology is internationally recognized for its advances in making food and beverages more nutritious, appealing, affordable, and safe. It is the only such department within the University of California and is the state of California's principal academic food science research group.

Technologies developed at UC Davis have been instrumental in making high-quality food and beverage products that feed the nation—including dairy, seafood, vegetables, fruits, nuts, and beer. Food safety research has helped identify and eliminate contamination in handling and processing. Research on nutrients, antioxidants, and other food components are helping create more healthful foods for California and the world. Graduates of the university's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences are highly sought after nationally in the food processing, wine-making, and brewing industries. Its graduates form the foundation on which food and agricultural industries have developed, grown, and flourished.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, on the occasion of the grand opening of the UC Davis Research and Teaching Winery and the Anheuser A. Busch III Brewing and Food Science Laboratory, let us recognize UC Davis for its leadership and dedication to excellence in the area of the food, wine and brewing sciences. Please join me in commending the University of California, Davis, for its service to the people of California and the Nation.

HONORING THE BANGOR REGION
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce as it celebrates its Centennial.

Founded in 1911, the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce is one of the oldest such groups in the State of Maine. Originally founded as a merchant's association, the chamber assisted in developing trade relationships within the city. In the late 1980s, the merchant's association became regionally focused on the business interests of its increasingly diverse membership body. The organization today has continued to grow into one of the largest in the State, representing businesses from 21 communities in the greater Bangor area.

As a cornerstone of the Bangor community, the chamber is active in business development, advocacy efforts and community better-

ment programs. These programs seek out emerging business leaders, helping them foster networks to promote growth and working to empower entrepreneurs to create opportunities in these tough economic times. Additionally, the chamber sponsored seminars and leadership development trainings continue to have a major positive impact in the community.

As Americans continue working to get back up on their feet after the worst economic recession since the 1930s, the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce stands as a shining example of what community members coming together can accomplish. For 100 years they have led the greater Bangor community in promoting a favorable business environment conducive to generating economic growth and prosperity. I wish them the very best as they continue serving Bangor, the State of Maine and the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce on this joyous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, due to weather-related travel delays, I was absent from the House Floor during last night's rollcall vote on H.R. 292.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of that legislation.

IN COMMEMORATION OF USAT
"DORCHESTER"

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the brave individuals of the United States Army Transport *Dorchester*. While participating in a naval transport, on February 3, 1943, USAT *Dorchester* was attacked, sending 676 men to their graves in the icy waters of the Atlantic Ocean. On January 23, 2011, the Middletown VFW Post #2179 and Ladies Auxiliary will gather to commemorate the brave individuals who lost their lives on this tragic day. The honorable actions of the World War II soldiers are undoubtedly deserving of this body's recognition.

Previously a luxury coastal liner, the USAT *Dorchester* was converted into an Army transport ship and immediately called up for service in World War II. Departing from St. John's, Newfoundland on February 2, 1943, the *Dorchester* was filled to capacity, carrying 902 service men, merchant seamen and civilian workers on their way to an American base in Greenland. The ship's captain, Hans J. Danielson, was aware of the dangerous mission as he instructed the ship's crew to sleep in their clothing and life jackets. Traveling through the treacherous and chilly Atlantic Ocean waters, the USAT *Dorchester* was spotted on the morning of February 3, 1943 by a German submarine. Torpedoes were soon fired, striking the starboard side of the ship. The attack

quickly eliminated all power and radio contact with nearby coast guard escort ships. The attack violently awoke soldiers, killing scores of men and injuring many others. Despite the panic and chaos, four chaplains, George Fox, Alexander Goode, Clark Poling and John Washington, immediately jumped into action, calming frantic soldiers and tending to the wounded. They swiftly began opening storage lockers, distributing life jackets. With an insufficient amount of supplies, the four chaplains removed their lifejackets and distributed them to others. Their decisive and heroic actions assisted in the swift survival of 229 men. Along with 672 other men, the four chaplains tragically lost their lives while assisting others as the USAT *Dorchester* slowly sank into the Atlantic Ocean.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating the USAT *Dorchester*, as the members of the Middletown VFW Post #2179 and Ladies Auxiliary honor the lives of the four heroic chaplains and the other 672 men who lost their lives aboard this transport ship on February 3, 1943. The soldier's gallant actions and resilient efforts aboard the USAT *Dorchester* are positive examples of what dedication and commitment to their comrades and their love for their country can accomplish.

ACADEMY NOMINEES FOR 2011
12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
OF NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, every year, more high school seniors from the 11th Congressional District trade in varsity jackets for Navy pea coats, Air Force flight suits, and Army brass buckles than most other districts in the country. But this is nothing new—our area has repeatedly sent an above average portion of its sons and daughters to our nation's military academies for decades.

This fact should not come as a surprise. The educational excellence of area schools is well known and has long been a magnet for families looking for the best environment in which to raise their children. Our graduates are skilled not only in mathematics, science, and social studies, but also have solid backgrounds in sports, debate teams, and other extracurricular activities. This diverse upbringing makes military academy recruiters sit up and take note—indeed, many recruiters know our towns and schools by name.

Since the 1830's, Members of Congress have enjoyed meeting, talking with, and nominating these superb young people to our military academies. But how did this process evolve? In 1843, when West Point was the sole academy, Congress ratified the nominating process and became directly involved in the makeup of our military's leadership. This was not an act of an imperial Congress bent on controlling every aspect of Government. Rather, the procedure still used today was, and is, a further check and balance in our democracy. It was originally designed to weaken and divide political coloration in the officer corps, provide geographical balance to our armed services, and to make the officer corps more resilient to unfettered nepotism and handicapped European armies.

In 1854, Representative Gerritt Smith of New York added a new component to the academy nomination process—the academy review board. This was the first time a Member of Congress appointed prominent citizens from his district to screen applicants and assist with the serious duty of nominating candidates for academy admission. Today, I am honored to continue this wise tradition in my service to the 11th Congressional District.

My Academy Review Board is composed of six local citizens who have shown exemplary service to New Jersey, to their communities, and to the continued excellence of education in our area—many are veterans. Though from diverse backgrounds and professions, they all share a common dedication that the best qualified and motivated graduates attend our academies. And, as true for most volunteer panels, their service goes largely unnoticed.

I would like to take a moment to recognize these men and women and thank them publicly for participating in this important panel. Being on the board requires hard work and an objective mind. Members have the responsibility of interviewing upwards of 50 outstanding high school seniors every year in the academy review process.

The nomination process follows a general timetable. High school seniors mail personal information directly to the Military Academy, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy once they become interested in attending. Information includes academic achievement, college entry test scores, and other activities. At this time, they also inform my office of their desire to be nominated.

The academies then assess the applicants, rank them based on the data supplied, and return the files to my office with their notations. In late November, our Academy Review Board interviews all of the applicants over the course of 2 days. They assess a student's qualifications and analyze character, desire to serve, and other talents that may be hidden on paper.

As these highly motivated and talented young men and women go through the academy nominating process, never let us forget the sacrifice they are preparing to make: to defend our country and protect our citizens. This holds especially true at a time when our nation is fighting the war against terrorism. Whether it is in Afghanistan, Iraq, or other hot spots around the world, no doubt we are constantly reminded that wars are fought by the young. And, while our military missions are both important and dangerous, it is reassuring to know that we continue to put America's best and brightest in command.

ACADEMY NOMINEES FOR 2011 12TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NEW JERSEY

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HONORING PAT O'BRIEN

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY, and Congressman PETE STARK to recognize East Bay Regional Park District General Manager Pat O'Brien and congratulate him as he approaches his well-earned retirement.

Mr. O'Brien's career in public service demonstrates his lifelong commitment to the citizens and communities of the East Bay. We are grateful to him for his service to our constituents.

Mr. O'Brien held his first park and recreation job at the age of 13, giving swimming lessons and performing maintenance at a local salt water swimming club. After serving in the U.S. Army, he came back to California where he worked at Southgate Recreation and Park District in the Sacramento area. From 1980 to 1988, he served as Southgate's general manager prior to taking on the same position with the East Bay Regional Park District.

For the past 22 years, he has guided the largest regional park agency in the United