

other and madly in love. Together, they raised eight wonderful children, who have blessed them with 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, with two more great-grandchildren on the way.

Mr. Speaker, today I have the privilege of recognizing Mary Bustillo Donohue for her extraordinary work as an educator and a lifetime of devotion to helping others. Mary is an inspiration to all who meet her, and I cannot thank her enough for all that she has done for so many and that she continues to do.

RECOGNIZING SENIOR AIRMAN
MARK ANDREW FORESTER

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize a fallen hero, Senior Airman Mark Andrew Forester, from my hometown of Haleyville, Alabama.

Mark was killed in action on September 29, 2010, while so valiantly trying to rescue a wounded comrade, SGT 1st Class Calvin Harris; Mark ran into direct enemy fire, without regard of his own life, in an attempt to pull his comrade back to safety. Both died on that day, and only earlier on that morning they had taken a beautiful photo together.

Mark was a highly decorated Airman who gave that last full measure of devotion and received many honors, such as Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with Valor. He was so very loved by all of the men in his unit, and his beautiful family.

This coming Saturday, May 14, marks what would have been his 30th birthday. In recognition of that occasion I ask that a tribute to Mark be inserted in the RECORD, written by Bert Caswell, at the behest of Mark's fellow airman George Earhart who was in battle with him on that day. Airman Earhart was inspired by Mark, that Mark was the greatest person he has ever met, and was greatly impacted by his love of all the children in theater.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mark and his family, as they continue to mourn his loss.

DEVOUT

All In . . .
All in this our Country of Tis of Thee . . .
There are such brave hearts, such magnificent souls such men as these!
Such Strong Bold Men, who all in Strength In Honor do so believe!
Freedom Fighters who so live and die . . .
All with their most sacred battle cries!
Who are all so Devout!
All in and out, as all in their most magnificent hues!
As they all so stand so very strong, all for that old Red, White, and Blue!
And all, with families who but live so close!
As on each new morning, their love but means the most!
Who now must so live all in such pain, and in such heartache to remain . . .
As their most swollen tears upon their face fall like the rains . . .
As were you Mark, so Devout! A man for all seasons, all throughout!
As God, Country, and Family . . . were, but what you were so really all about!
And, ah yes you were but our Father's Son . . .
As why now, from up in Heaven his tears for your selflessness so run . . .

All because of your most sacred gift, your most precious life as was all of this . . .

As why Mark, you were so Devout!

As a hero who so marched off to war . . . All for God and Country, as was your burden bore!

And oh what a magnificent shadow, you'd so cast . . .

So striking there, all in uniform as now etched upon our hearts to last!

With that Bama hat upon your head, as your most brilliant smile to all so said . . .

So said, that was a smile that could have launched a thousand ships . . .

As why when we so see your picture, oh how the pain it gives!

For you were a lover of life, all in your most sacred path so bright!

And all of those children that you've so touched, and made laugh on those nights . . .

All in the midst of dark evil war, as to them your warmth and love meant so much more!

Bringing, such smiles to all of their faces . . . now carried within their hearts in all places!

As, such a magnificent warrior who so lived and died . . . by these words of pride!

Strength in Honor, as why on this morning we now so cry . . .

As we found out all about your actions the day you died!

Devout!

Shining, so brightly . . . Airman Forester, within and out!

So Brilliant . . . So Brilliant . . . as was your life no doubt!

A beacon of hope, for all of mankind as was your true amount!

Showing us all to what new heights a soul can climb!

All in your glory, and such selflessness we now so find!

Honor, Duty, Country, God, and Family . . .

As it was you Mark, who so ran into that face of hell!

But, to save your Brother In Arms Calvin . . . as we will all remember well!

Because all in that moment of truth, as your most noble heart gave us all the proof . . .

That, you were so Devout!

As you had done so many times before!

All for what was real! And what is true! As why on this day, our hearts so break for you . . .

As why all our tears so flow, whenever we so think of you so! And how you were, so Devout . . .

And thinking of all of your love ones, pain so now . . .

And all of your Brothers In Arms, who now with you must now so live without!

For in your lifetime Mark, you so soared!

High above, as an Eagle . . . as an Airman, In The United States Air Force!

As all across Alabama this night . . .

As you lay your head down to rest, and all of those tears you must fight . . .

And to their families, who now so live without . . .

Take comfort, all in those souls that Mark has so blessed!

As comes a gentle rain, as our Lord's tears wash down upon you to ease your pain . . .

And upon you will remain, until up in Heaven you all meet once again . . .

And you won't have to cry anymore . . .

For Mark is but an Angel in flight, to watch over us all this night!

All in the Army of our Lord, to turn the darkness into the light!

Who, are Devout!

A TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY UNIT 278

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278 of Osage, Iowa. The Unit has created a program entitled "Merit Awards" in which the unit awards the amount of \$300 to each successful applicant graduating with the senior class of Osage Community School District. Unit 278 is devoted to assisting students in their pursuit of higher education and I am honored to submit for the record the following commentary on the program in Osage.

"American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278 and the Merit Award Program:

The Osage American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278 is very much attuned to the importance of education and financial needs of students in attending post high school institutions of learning. Our unit had developed a process called "Merit Awards" whereby we raise monies to be used for the student applicants in furthering their education.

Each year we hold an event (Merit Award luncheon and bake sale) for the community. Proceeds from the event are used entirely for Merit Awards. All food for the event is donated by members and prepared at the site. In addition, members are asked to either donate items for the bake sale or contribute \$5.00 in lieu of a baked donation. Our unit boasts 378 members, 35 of whom are Junior members. One of the highlights of this event is a drawing for an American flag and flag pole which is installed by the Legion free of charge to the winner.

Each year applications are made available to the Osage School district for graduating seniors. Our unit has a committee to review applications and determine the successful applicants. This year we had 10 applicants with a Merit Award in the amount for \$300. Two of those awards will be made by contributions from two families, one honoring one of our auxiliary members and the other in memory of one of our deceased members.

Presentation of these Merit Awards is made by a member of our unit at the Osage High School Award Assembly in May. Unit 278 takes great pride in our efforts to communicate to students the importance of education and throughout the year we participate in activities involved in education."

Mr. Speaker, as you can see the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278 is a great example of the commitment of patriotic Americans to their community. I am honored to represent them and all of Osage in the U.S. Congress. I know all my colleagues will join me in congratulating them for a job well done.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BOY'S SWIM
TEAM

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the George Washington Patriots

Swim Team for winning the 2011 state championship. The past three years have amounted to a great deal of success for the Patriot swimmers, winning the 2009 state championship and coming in as runner-up last year. For a few seniors, this marks the end of a great high school career and I want to congratulate them as well as the rest of the team for their time and hard work.

It takes a strong group of young men to maintain the drive and dedication they have shown season after season. I want to thank their coach, Melissa Case, for instilling such a focus in her team. It certainly has not gone unnoticed.

These individuals should be very proud of their accomplishment and represent the highest level of George Washington High School student athletes. I wish them the best and know they will display the same level of character in their future pursuits as they did in the pool.

RECOGNIZING 50TH JUBILEE OF THE NAVAL AVIATION MEMO- RIAL CHAPEL

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Naval Aviation Memorial Chapel on its 50th Jubilee.

In 1961, Naval Air Station Pensacola, the "Cradle of Naval Aviation," dedicated the Memorial Chapel during a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Naval Aviation. Today, during this centennial year of Naval Aviation, it is fitting that we recognize the 50th anniversary of the Naval Aviation Memorial Chapel.

As a testimony to the love of God and Country that is shared among many in the Northwest Florida military community, the chapel continues to stand as a place of worship, guidance and support to military families. In the 50 years since its opening, thousands of members of the Armed Forces have been joined in marriage, and in celebration of its golden anniversary, all couples who were married at the chapel have been invited to return and renew their vows. John "J.R." and Sharon Arthur, the first couple married at the chapel, will return this weekend to make the ceremonial walk up the aisle on behalf of all who have been married there over the years.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Naval Aviation Memorial Chapel and all the couples returning to renew their vows this weekend. My wife Vicki and I wish them all the best. May the Spirit of the Lord continue to bless the chapel. I am certain this anniversary is the first of many milestones to come.

REMARKS HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JAMES MONGAN

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, last week the health world lost one of its most respected,

admired, and accomplished champions with the death on May 3 of Dr. James Mongan.

Jim's last professional position was as president of Partners Health Care in Boston, following his service as president of the Massachusetts General Hospital, a position he assumed in 1996. His tenure there was heralded for remarkable achievements and progress.

But for those of us who benefitted from his advice and experience in Washington, this was only the latest in a series of positions in which Jim worked tirelessly to increase access to health care services, to ensure that all Americans have health insurance, and to innovate and improve the quality and effectiveness of our health care delivery system.

In the early days of his career in Washington, Jim was the first doctor to serve as professional staff to the Senate Finance Committee. He went on to work at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare with Secretary Joe Califano, and then in the Carter White House, where he headed efforts to enact a national health insurance plan in his role as Associate Director for Health on the domestic policy staff.

After leaving Washington, Jim became the chief executive officer of the Truman Medical Center, a public safety net institution in Kansas City, Missouri, and Dean of the University of Missouri-Kansas City medical school. His work as a leader in academic medicine, in delivery system reform, and in bringing services to the uninsured and low-income, was widely known and respected.

During all his many years away from Washington, Jim's keen interest in public policy and the goal of expanded health care coverage never flagged. He was a frequent and insightful witness before many Committees in Congress. His service as a Member on many advisory boards was highly sought, including service on the Prospective Payment Advisory Commission (a predecessor to MedPAC), on the board of the American Hospital Association, on the board of the Kaiser Family Foundation, and as a member of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured from its inception in 1991. He also served as a member of the board of the Commonwealth Foundation and the Chair of the Commonwealth Commission on High Performance Health Systems.

His leadership and participation in all of these areas was a reflection of the value that was placed on his experience, his knowledge, and his sage advice. He could be depended on to cut through to the heart of the problem, and to offer pithy, practical and wise counsel.

Jim was an instrumental partner in achievement of the health care reform system in Massachusetts, an achievement of which he was proud for its impact on his own State, and which helped serve as the impetus for the long-sought achievement of health care reform for all American.

In 2009, he co-authored *Chaos and Organization in Health Care*, a book that was heralded as "the single most informative and absorbing examination of what is wrong with the U.S. health care system, and what to do about it." It was an accurate reflection of the interests and work that dominated his entire career.

Jim was a wise and kind person. He served as friend, mentor and advisor for more people in Washington and the health care world than we can count. By all of us, he will be missed.

IN HONOR OF VERA M.
ANDRYCZYK

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Vera M. Andryczyk on her tireless efforts on behalf of the Ukraine-American community and her recognition by the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Federation of America.

Vera's outstanding record of service and accomplishments makes her most worthy of this honor. She is a founding member of the Ukrainian Human Rights Committee and the Ukrainian Federation of America, and she serves on the Board of Directors and as Vice President of Public Relations for the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center. In addition, she serves on the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian American Relief Committee.

All of these positions have allowed Vera to serve her fellow Ukrainian-Americans, strengthen U.S.-Ukrainian relations and assist Ukraine in its effort to become a strong and vibrant democracy. As part of her ongoing commitment, she also earned participation on President George W. Bush's official delegation to the inauguration of President Viktor Yushchenko. Always looking for additional opportunities, she has also served as a member of Ukrainian Women's League of America and she was one of the first to organize help to the victims of the Chernobyl disaster.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Vera M. Andryczyk on the occasion of the recognition she is being accorded by the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Federation of America and for her indefatigable efforts to support, assist and serve the Ukrainian-American community.

ASSAD MUST GO

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, the outrages perpetrated by Syrian President Bashar Assad against his own people have laid bare his regime's total lack of legitimacy. The shelling of Homs evokes memories of the 1982 massacre at Hama, in which his father ordered the Syrian army into the rebellious city, killing up to 40,000 people.

After the elder Assad died in 2000, the new president, in interviews with western journalists, made several cautious statements that led many Syrians to believe that their new president would be willing to take at least the first steps towards democracy in their ancient land. Indeed, the first months of the new regime saw a period of intense political and social debate in Syria which continued to some degree until the fall of 2001, when the government sharply reversed course and ended what had become known as the Damascus Spring.

Similarly, others saw his succession and the September 11 attacks as an opportunity to coax Syria into playing a more constructive regional role, especially in Lebanon, and as a chance to widen the circle of Arab-Israeli