

48, in Great Lakes, Illinois. Sgt. Cummings also bravely served his country in Iraq supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. He passed away while on assignment at Marine Air Base in Yuma, Arizona at the age of twenty-four.

Sgt. Cummings is predeceased by his grandparents, Charles and Helen Cummings and Becky Correia. He is survived by his grandfather, Toddy Correia of Manasquan, New Jersey, his parents, Richard, Sr. and Odette Cummings of Deal, New Jersey, his sister, brother-in-law and niece, Stefanie, Aaron and Rebecca Green of Ocean Township, New Jersey and his sister and brother-in-law Amy and Jim Bonney of Brownsville, Vermont. Also surviving are his uncle and aunts, Elliott and Marybeth Correia, Dennis and Sheri Cummings, and cousins, Todd and Lt. Mark Correia, Gregory Cummings. He will also be missed by his cousins Amanda, Toby, Mia and Izzy Wood of Austin, Texas. Sgt. Cummings will always be remembered as a loving son, brother, gracious friend and loyal Marine.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in memorializing the life and legacy of Sgt. Richard A. Cummings, Jr. His faithful dedication and service toward his country continue to uphold the proud legacy and motto of the United States Marine Corps of honor, courage and commitment.

#### THE REHABILITATION OF HISTORIC SCHOOLS ACT

**HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2012*

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, my colleague, Congressman RUSS CARNAHAN, and I, as co-chairs of the Historic Preservation Caucus, introduced the Rehabilitation of Historic Schools Act, which would incentivize private investment to help rehabilitate our country's older K-12 public school buildings.

It is imperative that we improve our educational facilities to help our children learn and compete in today's economy. According to the Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics, 28 percent of all public K-12 schools were built before 1950. In addition, a study by the American Society of Civil Engineers gave the quality of our nation's public school facilities a "D" rating. As state and local governments continue to feel pressure in this difficult economy, Congress must remove red tape that hinders private investment in our public schools.

Established by Congress over thirty years ago, the Historic Tax Credit, HTC, has helped create 2.2 million jobs, incentivized nearly \$100 billion in private investment, and renovated more than 38,000 buildings, while helping to revitalize our communities and protect our country's cultural heritage. In 2011, the HTC leveraged more than \$4 billion in private investment and helped create nearly 56,000 jobs to rehabilitate 937 projects.

Unfortunately, under current law, a restriction on the prior use of a property limits the ability of local governments to partner with private developers to rehabilitate older public schools through the use of the HTC. This bipartisan and bicameral bill would remove this

barrier, incentivizing the renovation of older K-12 public schools, improving the learning environment for our nation's youth and helping spur local job creation.

Our communities must have the ability to provide our children with the premier, 21st Century education they deserve. By allowing this incentivized private investment, school districts can rehabilitate their facilities at lower costs and dedicate more funding to educating their students.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to co-sponsor this important bill.

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. RICHARD B. NUGENT**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5856) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Chair, it is DoD policy that when a servicemember becomes a casualty, his remains are returned to the family as quickly as possible with the utmost respect and dignity.

This policy was revised and mandated by Congress in 2008 when new requirements were established for transportation and honor guards for the remains of combat casualties.

As a nation, we owe our fallen heroes and their families a debt that can never truly be repaid. The dignified transfer of a casualty is the least that we can do to honor the sacrifice paid by the men and women who volunteer to lay their life down in the defense of others.

I am happy that this bill in front of us today fully funds the transportation and escort of these heroes, and want to thank the Chairman and the Ranking Member for continuing to make this a priority.

I remember meeting with a family from my district last year whose son, Corporal Johnathan W. Taylor, gave his life defending our freedom on February 22, 2011 in Afghanistan.

Now beside his fellow brothers in uniform, his parents, Mark and Deborah, have said that they were proud to have seen their son off on what they like to call his final tour of duty.

This final tour of duty was important for his family, as well as his friends and fellow Marines.

It was important because they all had the opportunity to see Corporal Taylor return home for the last time, with the honor and military escort he has so rightfully earned.

Continuing to fully fund this important mission will allow other families, who have made the most difficult sacrifice imaginable, the opportunity to watch their children return home and laid to rest as a national hero.

Army SPC Clarence Williams III will be laid to rest next Monday, on July 23, in the Florida National Cemetery. He was killed in action in Afghanistan last week.

HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS  
BRANDON D. GOODINE

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2012*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I come before you today with great sadness to honor one of Georgia's own, Private First Class Brandon D. Goodine. On June 7th, Brandon gave the ultimate sacrifice when his unit was attacked with an improvised explosive device by enemy forces in the Maiwand District of Kandahar province in Afghanistan while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Brandon was a beloved father, husband, brother, and son. He was taken from us much too soon, but not without accomplishing great things. He believed his greatest was his 3 year old daughter, Kathryn. Brandon became a father at a young age, but devoted his life to making sure Kathryn had everything she needed. In fact, his reason for joining the Army was so that he could be sure she was taken care of. Her birth gave him direction and purpose in life, helping him believe he could accomplish anything. Everything that Brandon did was for Kathryn.

Giving everything 110% was what Brandon did. He was just an all around great guy striving to make something of himself. Brandon attended Henry County High School, and later joined the Navy ROTC at Greenville High School. On May 2, 2011, he joined the Army and served as a scout with Bravo Troop, 4th Battalion, 73rd Cavalry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, NC. In his unit, he was a brother to his fellow paratroopers. They remember not only laughing and having fun with him, but his kindness and generosity. Going out of his way to volunteer or help someone was not unusual for Brandon. On June 7th, he was assigned to a mission to prevent the enemy from freely attacking peaceful communities. He bravely gave his life doing what he did best, helping others and giving them a chance for a better life.

His commitment to his daughter, family, and our country inspired his older brother, Christopher, to enlist in the Army 3 months later. Brandon's mother, Mandy, said she was not only proud to be his mother, but his friend. He was a hero to his family, a role model for his three sisters and brother, and, a loving father, a dedicated husband to his wife, Nicole. One of the biggest tributes to Brandon's life has been the support from the community. When Brandon was being transported home, flags were placed along the road to honor him and his sacrifice. He was laid to rest on June 18 by his close friends and family in McDonough, GA.

I am proud to stand before you to honor the life of PFC Brandon Goodine and to thank him for his service to our country. Brandon has left a lasting impression on all those he has touched, and his bravery will never be forgotten.

Joan and I extend our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Brandon, and we will never forget his great sacrifice for our nation so that we may all live free.

DR. STEPHEN R. COVEY

**HON. JASON CHAFFETZ**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2012*

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to celebrate and honor the life of a great American who recently passed away—Dr. Stephen R. Covey, who lived in my district and was a dear friend. He died this past week at the age of 79 with his family at his side.

Dr. Covey received a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah, a master's in business from Harvard, and a doctorate from Brigham Young University. He began his career as a university professor and then later became a world-renowned author and leadership consultant. He is the author of many international bestsellers, including *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, which has sold over 20 million copies and has been translated into 40 languages. In 2002, *Forbes* named it one of the 10 most influential management books ever written, and *Chief Executive* magazine called it one of the two most influential books of the 20th Century. His other bestsellers include *First Things First*, *Principle-Centered Leadership*, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families*, and *The 8th Habit*. In 1996, Dr. Covey was named one of *Time* magazine's 25 most influential Americans.

Dr. Covey founded Covey Leadership Center, a leadership training company which later merged to become FranklinCovey in 1997. Since that time, FranklinCovey has grown to operate in over 125 countries throughout the world. Whether it was with Fortune 100 CEOs, heads of state, or university and grade school students, Dr. Covey devoted his life to spreading principle-centered leadership and influenced the lives of millions.

Despite his astounding professional career, Dr. Covey always considered his family to be his most important work and greatest accomplishment. He was a devoted husband and father, and was beloved by his nine children, 52 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. In 2003, he received one of his most meaningful awards—the Fatherhood Award from the National Fatherhood Initiative. Dr. Covey truly exemplified the principles he taught, balancing his family and personal priorities with an extraordinary professional career.

I invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of one of the world's best—Dr. Stephen R. Covey. He left a legacy to the world and his influence will be felt for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING RICE UNIVERSITY  
FOR 100 YEARS OF SUCCESS

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2012*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize the 100th anniversary of a fine higher educational institution in the Great State of Texas—Rice University. As one of only three Tier One schools in Texas, Rice also ranks among the world's top 100 universities. Consistently ranked as one of the nation's premier institutions, Rice is a

leading university in research and its stellar academic programs.

Located in the center of Texas' largest metropolitan area, Rice's small size allows for enriched personal interaction between students and professors. Year after year, the university produces first-rate graduates and students—many of whom have received such awards and distinctions as Fulbright Scholars, Marshall Scholars, Mellon Fellows, and many other merits. This level of success is due in part to the distinguished faculty which consists of a Nobel laureate, a Pulitzer Prize award winner, 6 Fulbright Scholars, and 86 fellows of the National Science Foundation—just to name a few.

In its 100 years of award-winning success, Rice University has established itself as a model institution of higher education, and its status as a top national university promises a remarkable future. Congratulations to everyone who helped make 100 years of educating the best and brightest a reality at Rice University. For all you do for the state of Texas, God bless you, and I salute you.

A TRIBUTE TO RYAN HANSON

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2012*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ryan Hanson of Ames, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. The work ethic Ryan has shown in his Eagle Project, and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Ryan and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career.

HONORING DR. DEREK WILLARD,  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE  
PRESIDENT FOR GOVERN-  
MENTAL RELATIONS AND ASSO-  
CIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RE-  
SEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
IOWA

**HON. DAVID LOESACK**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2012*

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the long, successful, and highly dedicated career of Dr. Derek H. Willard, the Special Assistant to the President for Governmental Relations and the Associate Vice President for Research at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. Derek has served the University of Iowa, the Iowa City community, and the State of Iowa for almost three decades with admirable leadership, devotion, and loyalty. I have worked closely with him since I came to Congress six years ago, and it has truly been a privilege to witness and work with someone so focused on advocating on behalf of Iowans.

Prior to coming to the University of Iowa, Derek earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island in 1964, a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1968, and served as a faculty member at the United States Air Force Academy. His own research brought him to the Hawkeye State, where he earned his doctorate degree in 1975 and began his long career at the University of Iowa.

Since 1999, Derek has been the primary contact for federal relations and the Iowa Board of Regents at the University of Iowa, which is not only a top tier public university of over 45,000 students, faculty and staff but also a premier national research institution. He has overseen external funding for the University, and, under his leadership, funding secured by the University from organizations such as the National Institute of Health has increased from about \$70 million annually to more than \$386 million in 2008.

Prior to his appointment as federal liaison, Derek served 17 years as Associate Vice President for Research, a position he still holds today and which demonstrates his impressive dedication to the University of Iowa's research mission. He also currently serves as a faculty member in the Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry, and previously served as Director of Behavioral Sciences.

Among many career highlights, Derek played a pivotal role in securing funding and space on the University of Iowa campus for the National Advanced Driving Simulator. He also served as project director on a \$2 million Higher Education Disaster Relief Grant, which provided much needed federal assistance in the wake of the Floods of 2008 that devastated the University of Iowa campus. Derek was recently recognized by the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities with a Lifetime Achievement Award for governmental relations.

The many successes he has achieved both for the University of Iowa and on a personal level demonstrate Derek's incredible dedication, professionalism, and commitment. On a personal level, I am grateful for Derek's helpfulness to my office in numerous generous