

“WE STOOD!”—REMEMBERING THE
FALLEN OF THE CHINOOK HELI-
COPTER CRASH ON AUGUST 6,
2011, IN AFGHANISTAN, “WHO
GAVE THAT LAST FULL MEAS-
URE” ON THIS ONE-YEAR ANNI-
VERSARY, THE UNITED STATES
AIR FORCE, ARMY, AND NAVY

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and in remembrance on this up and coming one year anniversary of the thirty magnificent lost heroes from the Navy Special Warfare Units, The Army and Air Force. Who so heroically gave That Last Full Measure for God and Country aboard a Chinook Helicopter in Afghanistan on August the 6th, 2011. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them and their families and all of their Brothers and Sisters in Arms, on this anniversary, as I read this poem penned in their honor by Albert Caswell.

P01 (SEAL) Darrick C. Benson,
CPO (SEAL) Brian R. Bill,
P01 (SEAL) Christopher G. Campbell,
CPO (SEAL) John W. Faas,
CPO (SEAL) Kevin A. Houston,
LCDR (SEAL) Jonas B. Kelsall,
MCPO (SEAL) Louis J. Langials,
CPO (SEAL) Matthew D. Mason,
CPO (SEAL) Stephen M. Mills,
CPO Nicholas H. Null,
SCPO (SEAL) Thomas A. Ratziaff,
CPO (SEAL) Robert J. Reeves,
CPO (SEAL) Heath M. Robinson,
P01 (SEAL) Jon T. Tumilson,
P01 (SEAL) Aaron C. Vaughn,
P01 (SEAL) Jason R. Workman,
P01 (SEAL) Jesse D. Pittman,
P02 (SEAL) Nicholas P. Spehar,
P01 Expeditionary Warfare Specialist Jared W. Day,
P01 Expeditionary Warfare Specialist John Douangdara,
P01 Expeditionary Warfare Specialist Michael J. Strange,
SCPO Expeditionary Warfare Specialist Kraig M. Vickers,
Army SGT Alexander J. Bennett,
SPC Spencer C. Duncan,
Chief Warrant Officer Brian J. Nichols,
Chief Warrant Officer David R. Carter,
SGT Patrick D. Hamburger,
Airmen Tech SGT John W. Brown,
Staff SGT Andrew W. Harvell,
Tech SGT Daniel L. Zerbe,
The United States Army, Air Force, Navy.

WE STOOD!

We!
WE STOOD!
WE STOOD!
so you can sleep!
While, out across our Nation, our Mother's
now so weep!
WE FOUGHT,
so you can live!
All in such blessed peace,
that which our most selfless sacrifice so
gives!
As all in such pain and heartache our fami-
lies must now so live!
WE STOOD, so you could sleep!
Upon, That Bed of Freedom so very sweet!
As to all of you our promises WE Did So
Keep!

As it was all for you, WE Now So Sleep!
So Sleep, all in such cold dark quiet graves
so very deep!

WE GAVE!
All of Our Most Precious Lives!
While, all of our Brothers In Arms did so
cry. . .
and did not ask why!
As WE so raised our hands so way up high!
And so swore to pledge our most precious
lives!

To Make A Stand!
To Make A Difference With It All!
As WE so gave That Last Full Measure While
Standing Tall!
As WE died and so bled!

To so keep all of our most solemn vows of
honor, said!
As way out across our Nation Our FAMILIES
Now So Weep!
All For The Greater Good, WE so gave all we
could!

AS WE STOOD!
As WE pray now to our Lord their fine souls
to so keep!
For THEY So Stood For What Was Right.
All with their most brilliant souls so burning
bright!

As THEY died,
all for that Old Red White and Blue this
sight!

As into that face of evil,
THEY so marched off casting their most he-
roic lights!

To so go forth,
all in such a most brilliant force to fight!

For THEY'D,
MUCH RATHER HAVE DIED FOR SOME-
THING!

THAN, TO HAVE LIVED FOR NOTHING AT
ALL!

FOR STRENGTH IN HONOR!
Was but THEIR most sacred battle cry. . .
call!

Because, moments . . . are all that WE so
have!

To Make A Difference!
To Hear That Call!
To Change The World!
To go off so boldly with flags unfurled!
Troops mount up, as Heaven calls!
Move on! Move out!

As there are 30 more new Angels,
In The Army of Our Lord . . .
To fight that battle, who shall not pause!
To so watch over us all!
And when there comes a gentle rain,
their tears will wash down upon us to so re-
main!

To ease our pain,
so we won't have to cry anymore!
As forever in our hearts YOUR most sacred
names,

WE will carry ALL!
Because,
YOU died so WE can sleep!
Upon, That Bed of Freedom . . . YOUR Gift
of Peace!

As now WE LAY YOUR FINE BODIES down
to rest,

to sleep!
BECAUSE YOU STOOD!
Amen!

HONORING DOUGLAS CROPPER, MAINE STATE TROOPER

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a Maine State Trooper in my district who literally put his life on the

line to prevent what could have been a terrible tragedy.

While performing a traffic stop on Interstate 295 in Portland on the afternoon of July 1, Trooper Douglas Cropper received a call that a motorist was driving northbound in the southbound lane of Maine's busiest highway. Seeing no other options to stop the wrong-way driver, Trooper Cropper raced ahead of the car and nosed his cruiser into the travel lane. The driver hit the cruiser and came to a stop just in time for oncoming motorists to avoid a collision. A dramatic dashboard video from the cruiser shows just how quickly the incident unfolded.

No one was injured, and I'm extremely grateful that this scary moment didn't end up being a tragic one. But it's very likely that this would not have been the case without Trooper Cropper's quick thinking and outstanding bravery.

Trooper Cropper says he was simply doing his job. But it's my belief that he went above and beyond to protect lives—and that he saved many in the process.

I want to thank Trooper Douglas Cropper for his actions, and for what he and other Maine State Police officers do every day in Maine: putting their lives on the line to protect people of our state. We owe them all a debt of gratitude for keeping us safe.

HONORING TAYLOR MORRIS

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Petty Officer Second Class, Taylor Morris.

Taylor grew up in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and after graduating from high school in 2007, Taylor joined the Navy. Looking for a challenge, Taylor trained as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician. While all of our servicemembers face danger in the course of their service, EOD techs literally put their lives on the line to disarm bombs and keep all of our forces safe.

Taylor deployed to Afghanistan for the first time in January of this year. On May 3, while working with Army Special Forces in the Kandahar province of Afghanistan, Taylor stepped on an IED while clearing a route. The blast of the IED blew off all four of Taylor's limbs. Remarkably, Taylor remained conscious after the blast and called out to the medics that were rushing to help him to stop, recognizing the possible danger of other IEDs. After the second EOD with Taylor had cleared the area, medics arrived to address his wounds.

On May 6, Taylor arrived at Walter Reed Medical Center, not too far from here in Bethesda, MD, where I first had the chance to meet this remarkable young man, along with his girlfriend, Danielle, and his mother, Juli, who've stuck by him since he got home. Taylor is one of only five quadruple amputees from the last decade's wars, and despite his wounds he's remained upbeat and shown remarkable courage in working to recover. Even a few weeks after his injuries when I visited with him for the first time he was raring to move forward and get better.

Just last week, on July 23, I was proud to welcome Taylor, Danielle, and his sister Claire

to the Capitol for a tour. Every time I've met Taylor, I've left inspired by his courage and dedication, and I know we all can learn something from his cheery demeanor in the face of such odds.

Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to enter the full text of a poem by Albert Caswell that was written for Taylor, titled "Greater Than Gold" into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Taylor is truly an American hero.

GREATER THAN GOLD—IN HONOR OF AN AMERICAN HERO, E5 TAYLOR JOHN KRULL MORRIS, THE UNITED STATES NAVY

GREATER THAN GOLD

Greater!
Greater than gold!
All in our lives to be told!
All in ones heart we can mold!
All in our moments now so to behold!
All in what we so hope to all know!
All in ones life,
that which forever so glows!
Forever so glows!
As is "MIGHTY MO!"
Are such things to be found,
as are all as so!
That which are but far much more precious
than gold!
Precious than gold!
To Have and To Hold . . .
To Have and To Hold!
As upon our world,
as your gifts to us Taylor you now so bestow!
So bestow!
As have all of our American Heroes!
Heroes!
All in what our children must all now know!
As is such so!
As is such so!
Something, that is far much more greater
than gold!
Something, that could so launch a thousand
ships as is so!
Something that so leads men into battle,
yet not to know!
While, living on the very edge of death . . .
while there all so!
As time and again,
as Taylor you so chose to so stand!
As something so very special,
to have and to hold!
To have and to hold!
That which so brings such tears,
to even the Angels eyes as is so!
As is so!
As from you Taylor,
of what I now know!
What is far greater than gold!
As from that first moment on,
when I so walked into your hospital room so!
With that smile on your face!
I knew in an instant,
oh what a man of such splendor and grace!
As stood before me so!
So!
As all in that moment,
as I so looked into courage's face!
As all of those tears,
I could not so hold,
and would not so erase!
Yea, Greater Than Gold!
As it was all in that moment Taylor I want
you to know,
when you so taught me the true greatness of
the human race so!
And what is far much more Greater Than
Gold!
As I so looked so deep down into your very
soul!
As your fine heart so all out to me so glowed!
So glowed!
To have and to hold!
To have and to hold!
To carry with me now,
as I grow old!
As you so taught Taylor,

so taught me there so!
Like the corn fields of Iowa,
your heart has so grown!
All in what is far much more greater than
gold!
Greater Than Gold!
And what we so hold in our hearts is but The
Greatest of All of Those!
As it was you Taylor who so chose to so live,
and would not let go! Let go!
And yet that even without legs,
as still you stood so!
And that even without arms,
all of our hearts still you can hold!
Still hold!
Far greater than gold!
Greater than Gold!
As now Taylor,
to me you have so showed!
That The Greatest of All Things,
is but what so lies in one's soul!
In one's soul!
So deep down inside of our hearts,
all in what we so hold!
As now,
it's all ahead full . . . The Navy's Crown
Jewel!
As you so recover even in that hospital bed!
For you have mountains to climb,
all in your time!
As you even make The Navy Seals,
say "Taylor you are my hero!"
And you've got places to go!
And hearts to so heal,
as they so watch you all so!
And people to so inspire,
for you will not ever so tire wherever you go!
As you So Teach,
and So Beseech Us . . . and all of those!
All in that one fine thing that we all must
now know!
That what lies in one's heart and one's soul,
is but Far Much More Greater Than Gold!
Greater Than Gold!
Yes arms and legs we all need,
but we can get by!
But, without a heart and a soul . . .
we will so surely die!
And in Heaven you need not arms nor legs!
And Taylor,
that's where you are going one day!
To look into our Lord's eyes as so!
Yes, Taylor . . .
by God you were Taylor Made so!
To have and to hold,
to have and to hold!
For you Taylor,
and what's in your heart is Far Much More
Greater Than Gold!
Yea, "Mighty Mo" what's in your soul!
Is Far Greater Than Gold!

Albert Carey Caswell, 2012

IN RECOGNITION OF BRICE W.
HARRIS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the service of Brice Harris, as he retires from his position as Chancellor of the Los Rios Community College District. Throughout his remarkable 16 years as chancellor, Mr. Harris has skillfully guided the district on a steady path leaving a lasting legacy across the Sacramento region. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable Sacramentan.

Chancellor Harris joined the Los Rios Community College District in 1996. He had been serving as the President of Fresno City Col-

lege and spent time in the leadership positions with community colleges in the Midwest. One of his many remarkable accomplishments as Chancellor was the oversight and accreditation of the district's fourth college, Folsom Lake College, which is a wonderful addition to the Sacramento region serving more than 9,000 students to date. Furthermore, his concern for students' ability to access a quality education, led him to fight to keep fees low in a time of budget cuts, encouraged light rail and public transit access to the district's colleges and led to efforts to pass local bond measures to expand Los Rios facilities.

Under his leadership, the district began to create programs to meet both the needs of the local workforce and students transferring to the state's four year college system. Understanding the need for more nurses and healthcare professionals, Chancellor Harris formed the HealthForce program, which has strengthened and expanded the Los Rios' nursing programs. He then went on to create GreenForce, which encourages students to enter into, and train in, the growing clean technology fields. These initiatives exemplify Chancellor Harris' forward thinking approach to education and his unwavering drive to help students succeed.

Chancellor Harris has been an outstanding member of the Sacramento community. He was honored by the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce as "Sacramentan of the Year" and named "Humanitarian of the Year" by United Cerebral Palsy of Sacramento and Northern California. In addition, he has served as chair of the Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization and of the Northern California World Trade Center. Chancellor Harris was also an active participant on the Crocker Art Museum Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, as Chancellor Brice Harris prepares to retire I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him continued good fortune in his future endeavors. Chancellor Harris has stood as an instrumental force behind the strengthening of Sacramento's education system and workforce, and we all are thankful for his efforts.

THE FEDERAL RESERVE
TRANSPARENCY ACT (H.R. 459)

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, the Federal Reserve is by charter and design an independent central bank. At the same time, because ours is a system of checks and balances, the Federal Reserve's operations are governed by congressional mandate and subject to strict accountability and oversight.

Specifically, the Federal Reserve has for many years been audited by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), as well as independent, third-party firms. Additionally, pursuant to the Humphrey-Hawkins Act, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve testifies before both chambers of Congress twice a year. Minutes of the Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee are made public 6 weeks after its meetings occur, and the Fed publishes updated balance sheets on its website weekly.