

shown generosity and compassion by donating to the reconstruction effort.

In honoring Taiwan's National Day, we need to continue to support their efforts under the framework of the Taiwan Relations Act, to ensure that our ally has the capability to defend herself. Moreover, as Taiwan is our 10th largest trading partner, I believe we should seek ways to further enhance the bilateral trade relationship.

To the people of Taiwan, I extend my congratulations on their National Day. Our mutual relations will continue to be strengthened in future years.

HONORING OUR NATION'S HEROES ON NATIONAL POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in observance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day and to express my gratitude to the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who have suffered unimaginable hardships as prisoners of war and to those courageous service members who remain missing in action.

One of the great tragedies of war is the inability of a family to lay a beloved fallen service member in a final appropriate resting place at home here in the United States. Sadly, since World War II, the families of over 84,000 servicemen and women are left to wonder the fate of their family member who went missing in action. My thoughts and prayers go out to these service members and their families; that these Americans heroes may find peace, and that one day we can return them home.

During the same time period, more than 138,000 brave American service members have been detained as prisoners of war, with many suffering through barbaric treatment by their captors. POWs have seen and experienced some of the most horrific acts of which mankind is capable, and they certainly deserve our unending recognition and gratitude. The loyalty and bravery they demonstrate while at the hands of our enemies cannot be overstated.

While we pause to remember the sacrifice so many brave men and women have made for our country, we must also thank those who have worked tirelessly to find and return home those who went missing. The Defense Prisoner of War and Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) is responsible for the investigation and recovery process for missing service members. The DPMO also works closely with the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, or JPAC, which is responsible for worldwide investigations, recoveries, and identifications. Together, and with other dedicated private organizations, DPMO and JPAC do the difficult work of bringing our service members home to rest and bringing closure to their families.

I was honored to be a part of the effort of JPAC returning to the south Pacific island of Betio, where the historic battle of Tarawa took place in World War II. One of the first Marine beach assaults of the war, an entrenched Japanese force inflicted immense casualties on U.S. forces, yet after 76 hours of battle, our victorious troops raised the American flag

above the battlefield. Unfortunately, among the 1100 Marines, soldiers and sailors lost in this engagement, 564 remain unrecovered and lost in battle. Following language I was able to include in a defense authorization bill in 2010, JPAC has returned to Tarawa for one recovery mission in 2010, and plans another for next year. I will continue to promote the recovery of these servicemen until they are home.

Since 1979, our nation has observed National POW/MIA Recognition Day to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families. That year, Congress passed a resolution to mark the third Friday of September as a day to ensure Americans would never forget. I encourage my colleagues and all Americans to take a moment today to remember those who sacrificed for our freedom.

We are all forever indebted to these men and women, and on this somber day, we must reiterate our promise that "We will not forget."

HONORING AARON RILEY BRADSHAW

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Aaron Riley Bradshaw. Aaron is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 271, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Aaron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Aaron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Aaron has refused to see his autism as a handicap, but rather as an opportunity to grow and thrive as an individual. His journey to the rank of Eagle Scout has been an inspiration for his friends, fellow scouts and especially his family, all of whom are extremely proud of what he has accomplished as an Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Aaron Riley Bradshaw for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL GEAR UP WEEK

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, last week the nation celebrated National GEAR UP Week. Communities across the country committed themselves to a brighter future for their students and families and emphasized the important role college plays in future success. I would like to draw the attention of my colleagues to a few of these celebrations. Governors in Arizona, Hawaii, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Washington, Wisconsin and North

Carolina received proclamations from their governors. In Santa Ana and Sacramento, California and Roswell, New Mexico, they received proclamations from their mayors.

Our colleagues Mr. LUNGREN and Ms. MATSUI issued proclamations celebrating the GEAR UP work in their Districts. In San Marcos, California they hosted an inaugural GEAR UP partnership reception with their local Chamber of Commerce and presented certificates of recognition to Congressman HUNTER and State Senator Mark Wyland. In Waterbury, Connecticut they held a middle school parent evening and were joined by special guest NBA star, Ryan Gomes. Congressman HANNA issued a proclamation and Congressman REYES presented a letter to the GEAR UP community in Deep South Texas. Congressman CUELLAR spoke to students in Laredo, Texas along with Debra Saunders-White from the US Department of Education.

Many other GEAR UP partnership and state grantees conducted college scavenger hunts, created Dream Walls, discussed the college experience of school faculty and staff and engaged parents and partners.

I'm proud of the hard work of our students, their parents, and GEAR UP program staff and I know I speak for this body when I say congratulations on what you have accomplished so far and best of luck in the school year ahead!

CONGRATULATING MS. DIANE SCHRIER FOR COMPLETING THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART'S SUMMER TEACHER INSTITUTE

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Ms. Diane Schrier of Ocala, Florida, a teacher at Fort King Middle School, upon her completion of the National Gallery of Art's Annual Summer Teacher Institute. During the National Gallery's six-day seminar, Ms. Schrier intensively studied the foundation of twentieth-century art by examining the pioneering artists of French impressionism and post-impressionism.

In order for participants to be accepted in to the Gallery's Teacher Institute seminar, they must first complete a rigorous application process. Ms. Schrier was one of only forty-five teachers from across the nation chosen to participate in this year's National Gallery of Art's Teacher Institute. From this seminar, teachers are able to return to their schools and students with new tools and ideas that will enhance education curriculum of all grade levels and subjects. The students of Central Florida are blessed to have such a dedicated educator as Ms. Schrier.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I am pleased to recognize and congratulate Ms. Diane Schrier on her acceptance to and successful completion of the National Gallery of Art's Annual Summer Teacher Institute. May her dedication to our nation's educational institutions and students inspire others to follow in her footsteps.

HONORING 1ST LT. NATHAN RIMPF

HON. DAVID E. PRICEOF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent from Raleigh, North Carolina, who was injured on patrol in Andar Province, Afghanistan, on July 8th of this year. Ranger 1st Lieutenant Nathan Rimpf, United States Army, was team leader of Demon Company 2-16 Rangers when he stepped on an improvised explosive device and was seriously injured. I had the honor of visiting Lieutenant Rimpf and his family last month at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, where he is receiving treatment for his wounds. I was deeply moved by Lieutenant Rimpf's strength, optimism, and dedication to country and fellow servicemembers, and I know he, like his brother in the United States Capitol Police, will continue to serve his country honorably for years to come. I wish Lieutenant Rimpf and his family the very best, and respectfully submit this poem by Albert Caswell in his honor:

THE FEW

The . . .
The Few!
Only, The Few!
Only, The Brave!
Can but so wear that most heroic title and beret,
of a United States Ranger as who!
And so bathe, all in that most heroic hue!
Ranger's like Jimmy Regan, Pat Tillman,
and Kyle Comfort who our world have so graced!
Who have all so worn courage's most courageous face!
For Rangers Fight!
And Rangers Lead!
And Rangers do it all at such deadly speeds!
And for us one all,
Rangers will so die and bleed!
As The United States Rangers so give to our nation what she needs!
And Rangers hunt!
And Rangers evil do so confront!
To stand strong,
to so right all of those wrongs!
To so intercede,
to so bring us peace!
Bought and paid for,
with but all of their fines lives indeed!
As all in Strength In Honor they so believe!
Beware, "THE DEMONS" are after you . . .
time to run!
Sorry but it's time for you to so confront
your "DEMON'S" my son!
As their strong arms and legs for all of us
they so willingly concede!
For all out there but in the darkest of all
nights!
As that's where you shall so find them Leading
The Way . . . The Charge, The Fight!
The United States Rangers,
who but bring their most magnificent of all
lights!
Because, Rangers Lead!
Men like Nathan Rimpf,
whose hearts so shine upon us all on this
very night!
As it was on a July patrol,
When this fine man's life almost went away
. . .
With his two strong legs gone,
as for him his men so knelt and prayed!
And that's when this platoon leader got up
and ran,

ran with his heart that very day!
Just one more hill to climb!
Just one more mountain to so scale all in his
time!
As against all odds once again we would find!
That this Ranger led the way!
Like Superman, the only thing that can stop
him is Kryptonite this day!
For such men are put upon this earth,
to so show us what comes first!
To So Teach Us!
To So Beseech Us!
To So Reach Us!
Who out of such darkness but defeat the
worst!
And come shining through like a star burst!
As have you Nate,
The Carolina Kid who at light speed has so
traversed the most!
For there are but blue skies up ahead of you
Nate to host!
"Can't you just feel the sunshine?"
And if ever I had a son, I wish he could shine
as bright as this one!
Who so teaches us how the game of life is
won!
Moment's are all that we so have!
To fight the bad!
To make a difference with it all!
For something noble, it's better to lose your
two fine legs . . .
Then at the end of your life to so moan and
beg,
as so wished you a better world you had so
made!
But, Only The Few to our world such gifts
can claim!
As you Nathan, The Few . . . are but one and
the same!
And that's why the word Ranger is in front
of your name!
The Few can claim!

HONORING ANTHONY CURETON,
PRESIDENT OF BERGEN COUNTY,
NJ NAACP CHAPTER

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents and dear friends, Mr. Anthony Cureton, who is the President of the Bergen County, New Jersey Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). I commend Anthony Cureton for receiving the 2012 Outstanding President Award by the New Jersey State Conference of the NAACP and for his continued community service to Northern New Jersey.

Anthony Cureton was born in Englewood, New Jersey and completed his early education in the Englewood Public School System, culminating with his graduation from Dwight Morrow High School in 1986. After high school, he was hired by the City of Englewood as a police officer. During his 23 years as an officer, Anthony has had the opportunity to not only "protect and serve" the community he grew up in, but to assist and encourage others to seek education and self-improvement. In 1991, Anthony became a mentor to Junior High School students in Englewood, teaching the importance of education, as well as building socialization skills and being a role model for others.

Mr. Cureton graduated from New Jersey City University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He has also studied

and received advance degrees from Fairleigh Dickinson University, University of Notre Dame, and the International City/Council Managers Association University. In 2004, Mr. Cureton graduated from the West Point Command and Leadership Program sponsored by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

As Bergen County NAACP President, Mr. Cureton has been active in addressing a police shooting in Garfield, a series of hate crimes against synagogues, and the layoffs of secretaries and teachers' aides in Englewood. He also helped revive a long-dormant NAACP chapter at Bergen Community College.

Mr. Cureton, currently a sergeant with the Englewood Police Department, received the 2012 Outstanding President Award on September 8 at the New Jersey State Conference of the NAACP during the annual convention in East Brunswick, New Jersey. Mr. Cureton was chosen from a field of 42 branches, 12 college chapters and 25 youth councils for his excellent stewardship of this local branch and his effective advocacy in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues will join with me in honoring Mr. Anthony Cureton for his admirable service to the community of Bergen County, New Jersey and to his continued commitment to the NAACP.

HONORING THE FOUR UNITED
STATES PUBLIC SERVANTS WHO
DIED IN LIBYA

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 786. I join President Obama, Secretary of State Clinton and my colleagues in Congress in condemning these attacks in the strongest possible terms. The attacks on our embassies in Cairo, Egypt and Sana, Yemen and the violent assault on our consulate in Benghazi, Libya were shocking and unacceptable.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families of the four U.S. embassy employees, including Ambassador Christopher Stevens, who lost their lives in the attack. Their courageous service represents the very best of America and their sacrifice will not be forgotten. Every day, America's diplomats serve their country by promoting our interests and values around the world. This difficult task becomes even more daunting and important in unstable countries where young democracies are struggling to take root in the presence of violent opponents and in the shadow of historical oppression.

As our nation grieves this loss we must also strengthen our resolve. The changes brought by the Arab Spring are still unfolding. It is crucial for the United States to engage in these countries and support their transition to stable democracies that respect religious rights, human rights, especially the rights of women.

In closing, the outpouring of condolences from the citizens of Libya, including those in Benghazi, is heartening. I was struck by the image of a young Libyan woman holding a sign written in English so it would be understood by Americans that said "Thugs and killers don't represent Benghazi or Islam." Ambassador Stevens believed these voices would