

it as Patricia. On June 21, 1940, Pat married Richard Milhouse Nixon at Mission Inn, Riverside, California. The two met while they were performing in a theater production of "The Dark Tower." During World War II, she worked as a government economist while Richard served in the Navy. She campaigned tirelessly alongside her husband as he ran for Congress, the Senate, and, later, the Vice Presidency.

On January 20th, 1969, Richard Milhouse Nixon was sworn in as the 37th President of the United States. Pat became First Lady, the first, and so far only, woman from Nevada to serve in that role.

While in the White House, Pat publicly advocated for women to become more involved in the political process. She also used her position as First Lady to encourage volunteer service, opened the White House to more visitors, and added 600 paintings and antiques to the White House collection. She also traveled extensively, earning the unique diplomatic standing of "Personal Representative of the President."

Patricia Nixon passed away on June 22, 1993, and is buried at the Richard Nixon Birthplace and Museum in Yorba Linda, California.

March 16, 2012, marks the 100th anniversary of Patricia Nixon's birth in Ely, Nevada. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and recognizing the varied, significant contributions that Pat Nixon made throughout her life, particularly as the First Lady of the United States.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF LANCE CORPORAL MARK FIDLER AND FAMILY

##### HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a real American hero, United States Marine Mark Fidler, who hails from my congressional district in Berks County, Pennsylvania. On October 3, 2011, while on foot patrol in Afghanistan, an IED exploded next to Lance Corporal Fidler, nearly killing him. He lost both legs above the knee and suffered extensive internal injuries. He survived, largely due to his brothers in arms and a British air unit that got him to the Bastion marsh unit in record time. His parents, Stacy and Kermit Fidler, have put their lives on hold to be by his side night and day. Families are the quiet heroes who make such a huge difference in the recoveries of our soldiers. I ask that this poem, written by Albert Caswell in honor of those loving parents, be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

##### WRITTEN ON YOUR SOUL

All that we so have . . .  
All that we so hold . . .  
All that we so are . . .  
Of which so means the most . . .  
Is but so written, all on our souls . . .  
As is yours Mark, something special to behold!  
But, so lies something far much more precious than mere gold . . .  
As is so etched upon your heart be told . . .  
As lies something far much more greater than you could ever know . . .  
Setting you apart from all the rest, all in what your fine heart so holds . . .

'Oh, but To Be One of America's Finest . . .  
but, Her Very Best!

A Uh . . . Raaaa Jar Head . . . As a United States Marine, no less . . .

As is so written upon your soul, as was etched . . .

To go off to war, to our nation's freedom's to insure . . .

And to so face death no less!

How can one ask for more?

As our nation Mark, you and your family have so blessed!

Than, to lose half of you . . . your best . . .

And yet somehow you would so cheat death . . .

No, you are not half the man you used to be, for you sum has grown far much greater . . . see!

As when courage comes to crest, to so teach us all the more!

To so reach deep down inside your heart of courage . . . Amor!

As my son Mark, our world you have so blessed!

As you've come back from such heartache, and such sure death!

Is that not what heaven is so for?

As somehow, your fine soul will not give up or in . . .

All in its most courageous quest, as we so see where its take you, from where you have been!

To but rebuild again, when This Pride of Pennsylvania . . .

Had almost nothing left . . .

As Mark, you bring The Angels up in heaven to tears at your behest!

And all in our Lord's heart Mark, you are now so caressed!

And if ever I have a son,

I wish he could be like you this one . . .

All because of what is now so etched upon your soul!

As your great faith and courage and strength, is but something to behold!

As now so etched!

For Heaven so awaits all of those who give their very best!

Who so freely are so ready to give up their fine lives, all in freedom's quest!

Who all upon their souls such magnificence is so etched!

So etched with such Strength In Honor, and Faith so no less . . .

All in your shades of green, Mark you are one hell of a United States Marine!

Who our nation has so blessed!

Yes, arms and legs we all need . . . But we can get by . . .

But, without a heart and soul like yours Mark, we will surely die . . .

And Mark its up In Heaven, where you need not even eyes . . .

And that's where your going one day Mark, when you rise!

With but tears in your eyes . . .

And in the coming years, it all seems so very clear . . .

That, you have so much more to etch . . . All with you fine heart as left!

Moments, are all that we so have!

Minutes, only to hearts so grab!

To this our world to so bless!

As all written upon our souls as etched!

What, have we so written . . . As we grow old?

What, have we done that which is so worthy to behold?

What, have we so given . . . That which is far much more precious than mere gold?

That now so lies, all etched upon our souls!

As have you Mark, so bestowed!

UH . . . RRRRAH, Jar Head . . .

All in what your fine life has said, and so continues to so grow!

All so written, so on your soul!

#### TRIBUTE TO SAN ANTONIO ART LEAGUE AND MUSEUM

##### HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the San Antonio Art League and Museum in celebration of their 100th anniversary.

The San Antonio Art League and Museum is the oldest arts organization in the city of San Antonio, Bexar County, and surrounding counties in the State of Texas. The museum was founded by Mrs. Henry Drought, who served as president of the organization for 25-years. Mrs. Henry Drought's mission was to foster knowledge of and interest in art in this area of Texas by means of exhibitions, lectures, and classes. Additionally she firmly believed in the encouragement of local artists in order to create and provide an avenue to display and promote the museum's mission. As a result, the San Antonio Art League and Museum has acquired and preserved more than 400 pieces of art from all across Texas. The museum continues to promote artists from Bexar County and the surrounding areas through its many activities, including promoting talented young art students at a collegiate art exhibition.

Art has always stood as an essential form of expression, communication, and cultural appreciation, and it has been extremely important to the cultural development of our community. I would again ask you to congratulate the San Antonio Art League and Museum for enriching the community of San Antonio for the past 100 years.

#### TRIBUTE TO PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS ANDREW KNIGHT, USCG

##### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Knight, age 26, of Thomasville, Alabama and to honor his devoted service to our country.

Petty Officer Knight, known by his family and friends as "Drew", was one of four U.S. Coast Guard crewmen aboard a MH-65C Dolphin helicopter when it crashed into Mobile Bay on February 28, 2012, during an evening training mission. The accident claimed the lives of each of the crew.

A native of Southwest Alabama, Petty Officer Knight was stationed at the Aviation Training Center in Mobile, Alabama where he served as a flight mechanic.

Petty Officer Knight and his fellow crewmen of CG-6535 each shared a love of service and a dedication to saving lives. The Coast Guard is a vital protector for our nation's coastal communities. We can never thank them enough for their commitment to our country.

I recently visited with Drew's parents to personally extend my deep sympathy for their tremendous loss. As I conveyed to them, growing up in Camden, which is not far from Thomasville, I know the Drew Knights of the world

are the ones that stand out in any setting—church, school, community, and country.

South Alabama suffers the loss of Petty Officer Drew Knight, a native son who loved his country and helping others. We grieve with his family and we stand with them and the entire United States Coast Guard family.

To quote the words of the Coast Guard hymn,

Eternal Father, Lord of hosts,  
Watch o'er the men who guard our coasts.  
Protect them from the raging seas  
And give them light and life and peace.  
Grant them from Thy great throne above  
The shield and shelter of Thy love.

On behalf of the people of Alabama and a grateful nation, I offer condolences to Petty Officer Knight's mother and father, Ken and Becky Knight, his brother, Todd, as well as his extended family and many friends. You are each in our thoughts and prayers.

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MICA CORPORATION

### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 7, 2012*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the 50th anniversary of MICA Corporation—a family-owned company based in Fort Worth, Texas. Back in 1962, two ambitious men named Mickey Stewart and Cayce Tubb had a vision for their futures and a plan for success. Together, they established the MICA Corporation to perform highway guard-rail contract work. Over the years, MICA Corporation has remained on the cutting edge of Texas highway construction and become a well-known and highly respected state-wide company. L.C. Tubb, son of co-founder Cayce Tubb and the current owner of MICA Corporation, has flown all of his employees to Washington, DC to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this great company. I am very proud of what this company has accomplished over the years and pleased that it calls Fort Worth home. Today, I want to welcome L.C. and the many dedicated employees of MICA Corporation to Washington, DC. I want to congratulate everyone at MICA Corporation on achieving this milestone, and wish them many, many more years of success.

ESSAY BY LESLIE LOPEZ

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 7, 2012*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great Nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Leslie Lopez is a junior at Pasadena Memorial High School in Harris County, Texas. Her essay topic is: Select an important event that has occurred in the past 50 years and explain how that event has changed our country. Leslie chose September 11th, 2001.

September eleventh is a day that will be remembered for ages to come by citizens in our nation. The long-lived memorable event marked not only the lives of the people, but our entire country as a whole. The attacks of that date affected the nation's economy, took our peace of mind, and caused us to enforce anti-terrorism policies that till this day have not changed.

The attacks had a significant economic impact on the United States and world markets. The stock exchange remained closed for several days in the aftermath; the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell significantly; in only three months after the occurrence, nearly 430,000 jobs were lost as well as millions of dollars in wages. The small businesses in Lower Manhattan were affected as well. A staggering 18,000 of those were destroyed or replaced, resulting in a loss of jobs and wages. The events of September eleventh most definitely left its mark on the nation's economy.

The tragedy also affected the country's peace of mind. People felt as if not even homes or schools were then longer safe. Recalling back to that date, I was only a child and could not understand why every adult parent and teacher seemed paranoid at what was happening in New York. What seemed like weeks after went by and the occurrence was still fresh on everyone's minds. Till this day, citizens have not completely reinstated that peace of mind they once had, and it will continue to be this way for years to come.

With the 9-11 attacks came new anti-terrorism policies which did not exist prior to the date. The Department of Homeland Security, for example, was created a couple of years after the occurrence to protect the states against terrorism activity. The attacks also indirectly caused the War in Afghanistan as an effort to dismantle the al-Qaeda terrorist organization, which was also set into motion only a month after the attacks on the World Trade Center.

The changes that the 9-11 attacks caused brought drastic changes to the United States and the grand scheme of things, the economy, our peace of mind, and the anti-terrorism policies that were adopted were only a small portion of all that the attacks affected.

#### IN CELEBRATION OF REVEREND DR. WENDELL ANTHONY'S 25TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 7, 2012*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise and I ask my colleagues to join me today to salute Reverend Dr. Wendell Anthony on the occasion of his 25th Anniversary as Pastor of Fellowship Chapel in Detroit, Michigan.

In 1987, Reverend Dr. Wendell Anthony was installed as senior pastor at Fellowship Chapel. From that platform, he has been an unwavering voice for those without, guiding thousands in faith. He has educated and moved many more thousands in civil rights, economics, and politics toward the pursuit of justice and righteousness. Through his work, he has had an impact on the lives of hundreds

of thousands of people throughout the city of Detroit, and, indeed, across our Nation and this globe.

In 1993, when he became President of the Detroit Branch of the NAACP, Reverend Anthony ushered in a new era of activism and strength for the largest NAACP chapter in the country. That year, he led a quarter-million people through the streets of Detroit to commemorate the 30-year anniversary of the historic 1963 Detroit March by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that took place before King's iconic March on Washington. Reverend Anthony has worked tirelessly to build connections between his congregants and the international community, particularly Africa. In addition to establishing a medical clinic in Ghana, Reverend Anthony organized a relief effort raising nearly \$1 million for food, medicine, clothing and transportation to aid hundreds of thousands of refugees in both Rwanda and Zaire in 1994. In 2000, he organized a similar relief effort for flood victims in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Reverend Anthony's work at home has been equally impressive and passionate, working on wide ranging issues of social and economic justice like insurance rates in Detroit, minority business contracting, and fairness in banking. As the former co-chair of the Detroit Fair Banking Alliance, Reverend Anthony helped to negotiate over \$7.2 billion in new lending from local banking institutions for the purpose of economic development in our region.

As founder of the Fannie Lou Hamer Political Action Committee, Reverend Anthony created an institution that provides a strong, organized and progressive voice in the political process, holding public officials accountable to work in the best interests of the African American community. As chairman and founder of the Freedom Institute for Economic, Social Justice and Empowerment, Reverend Anthony hosts the largest sit-down dinner in the world each year for leaders, activists and lay people from across the spectrum of society from education, to the law, to politics, to labor and beyond.

My colleagues, I could speak for a very long time about the good Reverend's work over the last quarter century with each accolade more impressive than the last, but I shall conclude my remarks by wishing my friend, Reverend Anthony, well and Godspeed for another quarter century, and beyond, of work in service to Christ and the community of mankind.

ESSAY BY ALLISON MOCK

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