

TRIBUTE TO SECOND LIEUTENANT
THEODORE REMINGTON WOO

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishment of a hero from the Second Congressional District of West Virginia, Second Lieutenant Theodore Remington Woo; a highly honored West Virginian soldier who served in two wars for his country. He was the first soldier of Chinese descent to die in combat for the state of West Virginia. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Distinguished Service Cross Citation, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's badge, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

Theodore Remington Woo's accomplishments of his life exceed his collection of medals. I am honored to have requested his name stand forever within the 20-64-53.27wb bridge on Interstate 64 in his home of Kanawha County, West Virginia. The bridge will be located only minutes away from where his high school once stood. Second Lieutenant Woo grew up in a patriotic family with several relatives being named after American presidents. He and his brother George, who went on to become a House Delegate, played along the Kanawha River and helped out in their family restaurant, The Canton.

Second Lieutenant Woo was a student at West Virginia University before he enlisted in the Army. Woo then served with the 93rd Division of the Third Army in France, Germany, and Czechoslovakia where he received the Bronze Star for "Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Against the Enemy in European Theater of Operations."

After World War II, he reenrolled in West Virginia University, but was needed during his senior year to train at Fort Knox as an infantry leader until 1951. Second Lieutenant Woo then served in the Korean War as Platoon Leader in Company E, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment in the 1st Cavalry Division. A story of heroism echoed through our nation when he and his men destroyed an enemy bunker while dodging overwhelming mortar and small arms fire. Out distancing his leading elements, he was forced to retreat the hill to regroup. Despite being wounded in the arm, he continued to lead and retake the hill. Upon capturing the hill, Second Lieutenant Woo was tragically killed during counter attack while evacuating the wounded. Woo's courage and devotion will be forever recognized and serve as a symbol of our commitment to peace.

West Virginians are truly honored to count Second Lieutenant Woo, a real American hero, among us.

CELEBRATING THE GARY NAACP'S
47TH ANNUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP
BANQUET

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to stand before you today to

recognize and commend the members of the Gary, Indiana, branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). On Saturday, June 2, 2012, the Gary NAACP will hold its 47th Annual Life Membership Banquet at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana.

This annual event is a major fundraiser for the Gary NAACP. The funds generated through this event directly support the organization's many outstanding programs and advocacy efforts. Through its membership and the support of the community, the Gary NAACP is able to serve the people of Northwest Indiana and continue the mission started by the national organization in 1909 by working diligently to combat injustice, discrimination, and unfair treatment for all people in today's society. In addition, the banquet serves to update and keep the community aware of the NAACP's activities and formally honor its new life members.

The keynote speaker at this year's event will be Reverend Dr. Michael Eric Dyson. Dr. Dyson is a Georgetown University professor of sociology and a political analyst for MSNBC. Dr. Dyson has been able to positively influence the lives of numerous individuals through his remarkable career and his noteworthy dedication to charitable endeavors. In addition to his outstanding professional career, Dr. Dyson is well-known as a social activist, renowned orator, and prophetic preacher.

This year, the Gary NAACP will honor twelve outstanding individuals from Northwest Indiana who will join the hundreds of other outstanding civil, community, and religious leaders that have previously been recognized as life members. For 2012, the distinguished individuals who will be inducted as life members of the Gary NAACP are: Indiana Supreme Court Justice Robert Rucker, Dr. Judy Ball, Shontrai Irving, Esq., Gage Brown, Kamden Brown, Shante Brown, Zachery Brown, Stephen Mays, Dr. Linda Peterson, Renee Ceaser-Patterson, Kennedy Winfrey, and Kya Winfrey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the newest life members of the Gary branch of the NAACP, as well as Attorney Karen Pulliam, the current Gary NAACP president, and all members of the organization for their extraordinary efforts and for their tremendous leadership. These outstanding men and women have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all residents of Indiana's First Congressional District, and for that they are to be commended.

H.R. 5651, THE FOOD AND DRUG
ADMINISTRATION REFORM ACT
OF 2012

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. BASS of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5651, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Reform Act of 2012. The user fee process at the FDA is a vital element in maintaining operations at the FDA to bring valuable drugs and devices through the approval pathway and to market. I am optimistic that, with the enhanced finan-

cial incentives and resources available to the FDA included in the user fee agreements, we will see shorter approval times and more successful products available to patients. Additionally, there are significant drug and device regulatory improvements that will, I believe, increase transparency, market involvement, and the development of innovative and life-saving drugs and devices.

Consistent throughout this process has been a commitment to bringing the need of the rare disease community to the forefront of this debate, both through medical device legislation as well as a focus on drug development for rare diseases. I am proud to have my bill, the Humanitarian Device Reform Act (H.R. 3211), included as a provision in the device regulatory section. This language will make it easier for device manufacturers to create Humanitarian Use Devices (HUDs) to treat individuals, both children and adults, who suffer from diseases that affect communities of 4,000 or fewer each year. Current law prevents companies who manufacture HUDs from recouping beyond the research and development costs, subsequently restricting entry into this field, particularly for smaller device companies, such as those found in New Hampshire. This provision would lift this outdated profit cap restriction and would do so in a way that maintains incentives for devices developed for both children and adults and keeps in place the necessary product safeguards. It would maintain FDA's current oversight of HUDs but, by allowing manufacturers to generate a profit from the sale of these devices, allow for further development, improvements, and incentives to make it possible for new device developers to enter the marketplace, many of which cannot afford to do so under current statute.

During this debate I have made clear my support for rare diseases and the focus on drug development and expedited approval pathways for drugs to treat rare diseases. With this increased focus on providing incentives to manufacturers to invest in the development of these drugs, it can be an attainable goal for an individual and family affected by rare diseases to not only improve the quality of life but possibly even find a cure. By working together, the FDA and drug developers will be able to maintain the high standards of safety but also fast-track the approval process in order to bring these important drugs to the patient.

While H.R. 5651 makes a number of important reforms, more work needs to be done to strengthen the integrity of the drug supply chain. Congress must maintain its commitment to keeping the American people safe and protect the integrity of drugs, from the manufacturing floor to the medicine cabinet. We need more than the prospect of a patchwork of state regulations that would prove to be costly and ineffective, and more importantly, would fail to get the job done. Instead, we need a common sense national tracking system that will provide a consistent and workable solution for all parties in the supply chain.

At the beginning of May, I joined a bipartisan group of my colleagues in writing a letter to Chairmen UPTON and PITTS and Ranking Members WAXMAN and PALLONE stressing the importance of the pharmaceutical distribution chain and urging the inclusion of legislative language to establish a prescription drug traceability platform. While I had hoped an agreement would have been included in the

bill we are considering today, I am encouraged that a compromise can be reached during a House and Senate conference.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleagues on the Energy and Commerce Committee for the work they have done on this user fee agreement and urge its swift passage.

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARILYN (KK) AUGBURN SHARP

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of an icon in her hometown of Muncie, Ind. Following a battle with pancreatic cancer, Marilyn (KK) Augburn Sharp passed away earlier this month.

Marilyn earned a degree in English from DePauw University in 1963 and a master's in journalism from Ball State University in 1974. In between her time at DePauw and Ball State, Marilyn lived in New York, where she served on the editorial staff of *The New Yorker* magazine. She later worked in publicity and advertising and volunteered with a Little League team in Harlem.

After spending time in New York, Marilyn returned to the Hoosier state and married Phil Sharp in 1972. Phil Sharp later served as U.S. Representative for the then-Second District of Indiana from 1974–1994.

Marilyn will be remembered for her incredible work ethic and as a champion of social justice. Her heart for helping people was evident to those who knew her.

She authored three novels, including *Sunflower*, *Masterstroke*, and *Falseface*. Her other interests included painting and reading.

Marilyn is survived by her sons, Jeremy and Justin, her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Pika Sharp, and her husband Phil Sharp.

Her presence and lively spirit will certainly be missed, but her legacy of advocacy and love will live on.

HONORING THE 2012 FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA AREA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR MILITARY EN- LISTEES

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the seventy-five Fredericksburg, Virginia area high school seniors who plan to enlist in the United States Armed Forces after graduation. These students have excelled in their academic and extracurricular activities and I offer my sincere congratulations upon their high school graduation.

I commend these student leaders for their selfless and courageous decision to serve their country as members of the Armed Forces:

Alvarado, Navar Almir; Alvarez, Fernando Isidro; Anderson, Floyd Oneal; Askin, Alexander P; Atherley, Bowe, Kevin Kareen; Barbee, Jordan C; Barry, Christopher E;

Bednarski, Lucille Darline; Biaselli, Darien Marvellidoquan; Bibbens, Deont'e Odell; Blevins, Kyle Ronald; Brisbin, Ian H; Brosilow, Anthony Joseph; Bowman, Donald Marcus; Bushong, Austin Spencer; Burch, Brannon Matthew; Butler, Joseph Samuel; Carson, Zachary Michael; Chang, Ferris; Chapman, Robert Johnjoseph; Childress, Brandon Kyle; Cornell, Andrew Scott; Cruz, Thomas Joseph; Dent, Sean M; Drew, William George; Ferguson, Zachary Tyler; Flanagan, Tyler Laveene; Galligan, Patrick Gabriel.

Graves, Robert Andrew; Greene, Kenneth R; Greenhalgh, Matthew Tylerzahabi; Grogan, Matthew L; Gustafson, Adam Davis; Heard, Dymel R; Hubbell, Brian Jacob; Husar, Cornelius G; James, Marquise T; Keane, Eric Carter; Kearney, Kyle Patrick; Kelly, Victoria; King, Wesley Konrad; Lawrence, Robert Dominique; Love, Joshua; Marshall, Adam William; Mateos, Thomas Alexander; Middlebrook, Devyn Taylor; Morey, Jonathan Charles; Motzer, Jacob D; Mullikin, James Richard.

Murphy, John Sylvester; Mussomele, Matthew Hunter; Nash, Michael; Nuckols, Kevin G; Oursler, Daniel S; Peyton, Jacob K; Piazza, James Anthony; Principe, Jesselyn S; Porter, Kyleigh Michelle; Ramirezrincon, Hector Alexander; Roark, Zachary D; Robertson, John David; Ruyts, Zachary A; Ryder, Russell S; Schlenk, Joseph M; Stephens, Perry Allan; Stinson, Joshua Quinn; Taylor, Madison; Thomas, Hunter Austin; Townley, Jennifer Danielle; Villaruel, Jacob Timothy; Wagner, Kyle Daniel; Weakley, David J; White, Stormy A; Williams Washington, Mosiah Sallasie; Witter, Clayton J.

These students will be honored by the Greater Fredericksburg Chapter of Our Community Salutes at their 1st Annual Military Enlistee Recognition Ceremony on Monday, June 4, 2012 at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these young men and women and their families for their dedication to serving this great Nation. We owe them and the many Americans who have served and will serve a debt of gratitude.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL JETHRO EXUM SUMNER

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina wish to honor Revolutionary War Brigadier General Jethro Exum Sumner's recent re-interment at the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park in Greensboro, North Carolina. Brig. General Sumner received his full Masonic Rites for his great contributions to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, as well as to the state of North Carolina and the United States.

Born in 1733 in Virginia, he was a Sheriff, Justice of the Peace, and a member of the Provincial Congress of North Carolina. He fought during the French and Indian War as a commissioned officer in the Virginia Regiment, and served as Paymaster of the provincial troops of North Carolina. In 1776, he was appointed to the Provincial Congress as Colonel of the 3rd North Carolina Regiment. He earned his way from Colonel and all the way to Brigadier General of the Continental Army

during the American Revolutionary War, fighting at Eutaw Springs and Camden. He recruited soldiers for General Nathanael Greene, before the battle of Guilford Courthouse. If it wasn't for Sumner's recruiting, Gen. Greene would not have been as successful.

He was a member of Blandford-Bute Lodge, which is now Johnston-Caswell Lodge #10 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He was the one who planted the seed to form the Grand Lodge of North Carolina after the American Freemasons split from the Grand Lodge of England. He also was an officer of the lodge. Sumner was active in the creation of the Society of Cincinnati, serving as its first president. After he died in 1785, he was buried in Warren County, North Carolina. In 1891, his remains were moved to Guilford Courthouse by order of the North Carolina General Assembly.

In a public event on May 29, 2012, Brigadier General Jethro Sumner was laid to rest under a newly-restored memorial at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park in a Masonic Funeral Ceremony. As a member of the Masonic Society, I was invited to attend the ceremony, but because of my congressional responsibilities, I had to return to Washington and was unable to participate.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish to honor Brigadier General Jethro Exum Sumner's re-interment and recognize his service and accomplishments.

COMMENDING JUDITH BURD OF HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JER- SEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Lebanon Township Board of Education in Hunterdon County, New Jersey in honoring Judith Burd. After thirty-nine years of distinguished public service as an educator in Hunterdon County, Mrs. Burd retired in May 2012 as the Superintendent of the Lebanon Township School District.

On June 21, 2012, Mrs. Burd will be honored by the Lebanon Township Board of Education in Hunterdon County, New Jersey during a special retirement dinner to be held in Glen Gardner, New Jersey with her family, friends and respected colleagues in attendance. I fully expect the event will celebrate and honor her many professional accomplishments and educational advancements on behalf of parents, teachers and students in Hunterdon County.

As a lifelong resident of Hunterdon County, I have known Mrs. Burd since we were students together at North Hunterdon Regional High School in the late 1960s. Her uncle, the Honorable James Howard, was a distinguished Member of Congress from January 3, 1965 until his untimely passing on March 25, 1988.

I can attest to her dedication and tireless efforts educating young people. Mrs. Burd began her career in education in 1974 as a teacher at Valley View Elementary School, where she taught the third grade from September 1975 to June 1979. From 1979 to