

REMEMBERING MR. JOSHUA
RABORN

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Mr. Joshua Raborn of Victorville, CA who passed away on October 16, 2013 after a fatal motorcycle accident.

A dedicated public servant, Joshua served in the United States Marine Corps as a Lance Corporal before becoming a firefighter with the United States Forest Service. He held the position of Lead Water Tender Operator on the San Bernardino National Forest, Mountain Ranger District.

Joshua started his career in 2008 as a seasonal firefighter with the Big Bear Hotshoots. In 2009, he was admitted into the Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program before entering Basic Academy number 49 and the Advanced Academy in 2010. After converting to full-time in January of 2011, Joshua spent the remainder of his career on the Mountaintop Ranger District as the lead water Tender Operator at Deerlick Station number 12 in Hesperia.

In a very special way I would like to extend my most sincere thoughts and prayers to Joshua's wife Kristen, his four kids, and his parents. His work, legacy, and dedication will never be forgotten by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

HONORING ENZO ANTHONY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Enzo Anthony. Enzo 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 41, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Enzo has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Enzo 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, Enzo has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Enzo led a reforestation effort, planting over 900 saplings across four acres at the Circle O Tree Farm and Quail Preserve in Marcelline, Missouri.

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

TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S
RECIPIENTS OF OPERATION RECOGNITION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a group of individuals—heroes—who are receiving the recognition and honor they deserve for their service to our country. Operation Recognition is operated by the Riverside County Office of Education with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services. The program awards high school diplomas to veterans who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or for those who were interned in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

A recognition ceremony will be held on November 12, 2013, for the following individuals who received their high school diplomas through Operation Recognition:

Austin Elmer Lee Acord; David M. Barnes; Kenneth James Becker; Raymond Frederick Carter; Robert Dale Cloyd; Michael William Divil; Alan F. Gonsalves; Larry James Lyon; Cruz Martinez; Frank Ramirez Rodriguez; Frank Sandwell; Samson Charles Trevino; and Ruben David Zamora.

Our country owes a debt of gratitude to all the above recipients for their service and sacrifice. I salute all of these individuals and congratulate them on receiving their high school diploma.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF
RUNAWAY AND FOSTER YOUTH

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in my former life, I was a criminal court judge for 22 years and spent 8 years as a prosecutor in Texas.

Child abusers are the worst criminals in our society.

But too often the justice system ignores the victim.

So Congressman JIM COSTA (D-CA) and I founded the Victims' Rights Caucus.

The VRC is currently focused on combating human trafficking.

This topic is of particular interest to me because my hometown of Houston, Texas is unfortunately a hub for this despicable crime.

Many are not aware that modern day slavery occurs right here in the United States.

The problem is very real, especially amongst vulnerable youth in the child welfare system.

This is Anna's story which Shared Hope International shared with me.

After Anna's family passed away, she was placed in the foster care system at the age of three.

She was shuffled from home to home until age 12 when she was finally adopted by a loving family.

But Anna began hanging out at the corner store without her family knowing.

There, she met a person whom she thought she could trust.

Little did she know that the person she met at the corner store was not actually a friend at all.

One day, when she got into a fight with her parents, she called her "friend" from the store, who promptly picked her up.

Anna didn't know that this call would change her life forever.

Her "friend" was actually a trafficker.

He was violent.

He beat her and sold her body.

The emotional, physical and sexual abuse continued.

He threatened her family's lives if she called the police.

She was told the police would arrest her.

And that's exactly what happened.

The police did arrest her.

She was treated like a criminal, not a victim.

Anna became convinced that her family no longer wanted her.

She felt helpless and scared.

After almost four years of this unspeakable abuse, Anna eventually escaped and was reunited with her family.

Through strength, a resilient spirit, and with the help of her mother, Anna vowed to make a difference one victim at a time.

She now has a ministry for sex trafficking survivors and runs an outreach program for at-risk youth.

Unfortunately, Anna's story is not unique.

The scars from the foster care system stayed with her and made her vulnerable to trafficking.

Many foster youth have experienced neglect, physical, emotional, and/or sexual abuse.

These factors make children more susceptible to trafficking.

The child welfare system has tremendous problems and one major challenge is to not only put a roof over a child's head, but to instill values—like self-worth—in each child.

Child sex predators try to steal the soul of their victim when they are assaulted.

I will soon introduce the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act with Congresswoman MALONEY. THE COMPANION WILL BE OFFERED BY SENATOR CORNYN and Senator WYDEN.

This bill will create a grant program to help State and local governments develop and implement comprehensive victim-centered programs.

The bill creates a "Domestic Trafficking Victims' Fund" at the Treasury, financed through fines on persons convicted of human trafficking and child exploitation crimes, which can be used to fund support programs for victims of human trafficking.

Criminals will literally pay for their crime and for the system they have created.

Included in the bill are a number of other provisions to ensure victims receive justice and traffickers and buyers are prosecuted.

In this country we have 5000 shelters . . .

For animals, according to the ASPCA.

These shelters are great.

I got my Dalmatians from a shelter.

But we have less than 300 beds for domestic minor sex trafficking victims according to a recent survey by Shared Hope International.

We must have facilities to rescue and restore these victims.

The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act builds upon the End Sex Trafficking Act, that

I have already filed with Congresswoman MALONEY. This bill will help combat human trafficking by targeting the criminals who purchase sexual acts and ensuring they are prosecuted as human traffickers.

This bill goes after the anonymous buyers of child sex slavery.

Target the demand in order to stop the sale of children.

The days of boys being boys are over and the long arm of the law must go after these consumers.

Justice demands it and justice is what we do in this country. And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE VETERANS OF HONOR FLIGHT NORTHERN COLORADO

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic veterans of Honor Flight Northern Colorado as they travel to Washington, DC to visit the memorials that stand in our Nation's capital. The members of this 11th Honor Flight Northern Colorado trip include veterans from multiple wars and different generations, linked together by their service to our Nation.

Eighteen years ago, Honor Flight began its mission to fly veterans of World War II to Washington, DC, so that each person who bravely served could experience the monuments and memorials honoring them. Having now expanded to serve veterans from every corner of the country, and conflicts beyond World War II, the Honor Flight program has become a national expression of gratitude to our veterans. Of the 118 veterans on the most recent flight, 40 served in World War II, 75 in Korea, and 3 in Vietnam.

Our gratitude extends well beyond the physical memorials dedicated to those who courageously risked their lives to preserve our inherent rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We know that without the bravery of our veterans, our Nation would not be able to stand as the shining city on the hill for the world to see. Today we honor those who risked their lives to ensure that the United States remains the greatest Nation on earth for generations to come:

Homer Andersen, Ernest Baugh, Norman Bever, William Compton, Alton Cooper, Arthur Cushing, Robert Davis, Harold Dawe, Jr., Richard Doyle, Robert Eldridge, Stewart Fonda, Jr., Donald Forry, Albert Gablehouse, Charles Gebauer, William Hammond, Sidney Hanks, William Hargis, Walter Hayward, Herman Huwa, Reinard Janssen, Donald Larson, Evelyn Lee, John MacQueen, Robert Martin, Isaac Martinez, George Norton, Eugene Olson, Herbert Pugh, Thomas Ramm, Eugene Replogle, William Ripple, Max Rodgers, Loyal Smoke, Glen Springer, Harold Sutton, Donald Steinsouer, Roger Van Thorre, Charles Webb, James Whitley, Lawrence Zuppan, Harry Ahlbrandt, Wallace Akers, Ronald Anderson, Joseph Anello, Filbert Baca, Gilbert Ball, Delbert Black, Keith Bordewyk, Delmar Bonser, Emilio Brito, Dorn Brunner, Charles Crihfield, Marvin Crihfield, Charles Dunfee, Sr., Thomas Eckrich, Verne Einspahr, Virtus

Einspahr, Theodore Farwell, Edwin Foss, Robert Frank, Loren Garretson, Scott Goshorn, Earl Graham, Howard Hanson, Fred Hara, Jerry Herring, Bernard Hill, John Holloway, Harold Hoyland, Vealeless Hudspeth, William Hughes, Jimmie Hylton, John Jacobson, Ray Jacoby, Richard Jaggers, Kenneth Jan, Frances Killinger, Jr., Raymond Kosley, Edward Krivonak, William Krupke, Pat Lanphear, Owen Lecheler, Clarence Lueb, Robert MacLauchlin, Roque Martinez, Horacio Masearenas, Edward Minch, Robert Muller, Leonard Peatrowsky, William Phillips, Dean Pope, Charles Pugh, George Pugh, Teddy Putnum, Tommy Richie, Theodore Roos, Leonard Schmidt, Paul Schroeder, Lloyd Seekamp, Robert Sharritt, Richard Sherman, James Sparks, Boyd Stark, Harvey Steward, Joseph Stockert, Richard Stoner, Jr., Leo Thielen, John Toth, John Wachsmann, Benjamin Wagner, Roger Warden, Jr., Robert Weber, Lester Weers, James Weitz, and Russell Zingelman.

TRIBUTE TO MS. TAMEKA KYLES

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Tameka Kyles, a College Access Coordinator for Southeast Missouri State University. Ms. Kyles works to educate and prepare underserved high school students and first generation college students for post-secondary education. She also provides financial literacy services to these students and their families. Another important aspect of Ms. Kyles' service is to reach out to at-risk and low-income students in the area and mentor them in job training. Receiving her Masters of Public Administration from Southeast Missouri State University, Ms. Kyles is working for a better future for the community's youth. She is also a member of the Gibson Recovery Center Board of Directors and the Cape Central Senior High School A+ Advisory Board. In the past, she has volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Girardeau, mentoring young men and women.

Ms. Kyles is especially proud that her job enables her to empower girls and women through education and employment. To further this goal, she co-founded the Sisters' Professional Network, which provides opportunities for professional women to share ideas, network, and enhance each other's personal and professional lives. I am impressed with Ms. Kyles' dedication to the local community and her proactivity in addressing local issues.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 22, I missed a series of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on No. 551 and No. 552 and I would have voted "nay" on No. 553.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL A.
SCHWAGER

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, and with and on behalf of my colleague, Representative Sánchez, the Ranking Member of the Committee, we rise today so that we may recognize the dedicated service of Daniel A. Schwager to the House of Representatives. Dan has served as the Chief Counsel and Staff Director to the Committee on Ethics during the 112th and 113th Congresses.

Dan has a long and admirable career as a nonpartisan public servant, much of it in the field of government ethics. During his tenure with the Committee, he has continued to demonstrate his commitment to ethics, to public service, and to ensuring that public servants meet the highest ethical standards.

The Committee on Ethics is the only standing committee of the House whose membership is evenly divided between each political party. The Committee includes five members of each party. Also, unlike other committees, the day-to-day work of the Committee on Ethics is conducted by a staff that is nonpartisan by rule. Under House rules, the Committee has the jurisdiction to administer travel, gift, financial disclosure, outside income, and other regulations; advise members and staff; issue advisory opinions; and investigate potential ethics violations. As Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Dan led the Committee's nonpartisan professional staff and helped the Committee fulfill these vital responsibilities to the House and to the American people.

Dan's commitment to integrity and rigorous open-mindedness have been an asset to the Committee in advising the Committee and its Members as they carry out the Committee's important service to the House. His advice and counsel have greatly assisted the Committee as it achieved such milestones aimed at continuing the Committee's commitment to providing excellent customer service to the House community as issuing new privately sponsored travel regulations, updating the Committee's financial disclosure systems and guidance, and launching the Committee's new Web site.

On behalf of a grateful Committee and community, we thank him for his service and wish him and his family all the best in his transition to the next phase of his career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes on October 22, 2013 because I was undergoing a medical procedure. Had I been present, I would have "yea" on rollcall votes Nos. 551, 552, and 553.

I was also not present for the first series of votes on October 23 because I was travelling to Washington from my district. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes Nos. 554 and 555.