

Maine business community and Maine students at the Showcase Maine Awards. This year's award recipients include: the Hodgdon Group, recipient of the Business at Work for Maine Award; Jim Wellehan, recipient of the Education at Work for Maine Award; the Honorable Mary Nelson, recipient of the Dirigo Legislative Champion Award; and Camden National Bank, recipient of the Financial Institution of the Year Award.

These award-winners exemplify the hard-working and innovative spirit of Maine. Their dedication and leadership make Maine a better place to live and do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating the Finance Authority of Maine and the 2013 Showcase Maine Award recipients on their outstanding service and achievement.

IN HONOR OF LCPL SEAN ADAMS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Georgia's most heroic sons, Combat Engineer LCpl Sean Adams of 1 CEB, 1/8 United States Marine Corps. LCpl Adams is from my District in Gainesville. In Helmond, Afghanistan, LCpl Adams or Big Country as he is called by his platoon, stepped on a 25-pound IED. It nearly killed him. He lay there in the field for sixty minutes before the air evac arrived. He lost both of his legs and sustained numerous other life threatening injuries. He has come back from the dead after 17 months at Walter Reed Hospital. His courage and his family's support have helped pull him from the abyss. He has a passion for football, baseball and his Georgia Bull Dogs. He possesses a need for speed; he loves stock cars and racing. He plans to start a business related to cars when he gets back home. I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert Caswell.

A PEDAL TO THE METAL MARINE
(By Albert Caswell)

A . . .
A Pedal!
A Pedal To The Metal Marine!
Built for honor!
Built for speed!
Being a grunt,
is but his most heroic of all creeds!
As a Sapper all out on the hunt!
Oh what a combination,
a Bull Dog and a Devil Dog,
to so confront the enemy all at speed!
Clearing the way both night and day!
When every moment counts,
that full amount . . .
all for his Band of Brothers in need!
So serving his home of the brave,
and land of the free,
as one fine Georgian United States Marine!
All in search of the enemy!
From 0 to 60 Sean,
was built for speed!
As one who so locks and loads!
As one who so lives by a code!
A code of Strength In Honor,
all in those most magnificent shades of green!
For he's bad to the bone!
As he puts it to the floor!
While, all at speeds himself he'd so ignore!
Big Country was Georgia born,
and Georgia bred!

Whose colors would not so run even as his blood ran red!

As he loves his stock cars,
and his Bull Dogs!
And loves his country music,
as ever so courageously forth he so charged!
And maybe Toby Keith,
might write a song about him, that bard!
Who so heroically answered his Nation's call!
That Call to War!
But for The Greater Good,
as himself he so ignored!
To so wear those most heroic shades of green!

To become,
one of Nation's greatest of all things!
A United States Georgia Bull Dog Devil Dog Marine!
Oh rahhh!

A Bull Dog and a Devil Dog,
there's nothing more Dognatious so as seen!
All for God and Country Big Country,
you have so fought and bled!
And you have given up so much lying,
lying there so very close to death!
All in what your Strength In Honor has so said!

Let's look under the hood!
And see that engine that we call his heart,
which so gives Sean all of that power he so needs to start!

Start all over again!
From 0 to 60 like no one could!
Yea you're not getting close!
As he puts that pedal to the metal,
oh what a turbo boost!
So sapping all those in his path to recovery!
Making pain and heartache disappear at all speeds!

To get him to the finish line and victory!
With a force of nature,
that which so made the enemy grieve!
For he's a bad boy,
who on a battlefield of honor so lived his creed!

Turbo charged putting it into high gear,
as into those turns as he'd gain speed!
Marching forth so all without fear,
but to so pursue the enemy!
And he so loves his Atlanta Braves,
and would love to throw out the first ball one day!

Or hang out with Falcons,
because both of them are but birds of prey!
And for those Georgia Bull Dogs,
as its for them he now so bleeds!
Making this Dog's heart bark, continually!
Rouuuuughhhh Roughhhh,
watch out in The SEC there's hell to pay!
As it was out on his tour!
As an IED went off and death was almost so assured!

With his two strong legs so lost,
and so many injuries more!
For 60 minutes he lay there without help before!

Before helo picked him up!
As Big Country had a choice,
to so listen to that inner voice!
And put it into gear,
and put it to the floor!
And make it to the finish line for a pit stop,
so he could but live one day more!
Or leave this world for sure!
As one day somehow,
Sean would walk out of that hospital door!
Just like Chip Foose,
he had some OVERHAULING TO DO FOR SURE!

As they took this Hero into the shop,
to a place called Walter Reed which above them all stands high atop,
where the Nurses and Doctors are the cream of the crop!

Where these Heroines and Heroes,
so know how to death to stop!
And how to rebuild and remodel and restore,

and OVERHAUL America's finest of all Heroes so for sure!

And when he came out,
Big Country's work had just begun!
Because,
his engine was running a little rough my son!
And with each new day such pain begun!
But Bull Dog's and Devil Dog's don't know how to run!

And no matter how matter laps he had to take,

he was but in a DOGNATIOUS STATE!
And you could still hear his engine roar!
As he put that pedal to the metal,
in first place to come so for sure!
Crossing that finish line,
because of all what he had endured!
To rebuild and to restore!
Holding that winners cup high above his head!

All in what his faith and courage,
in The Game of Life his had so said!
As straight to victory lap his heart so sped!
And all of you stock car boys and gals,
you most famous drivers all of this world so now!

You gotta give this good old boy some major cred!

Because from 0 to 60,
from the beginning,
all of the way to the very end his heart has led!

And I don't think you want to go up against this Big Country,
this Georgia Bull Dog on the race track of life head to head!

Cause it's going to get pretty bumpy,
if you catch his draft!
Because, until you've been through,
what he's been through . . .
nothing stops you in your path!
Because, in The Game of Life . . .
all at such high speeds Sean gave all that he would so need!

Was asked!
And when all out in front of him in that fast lane,
pity and sorrow was strewn all across his path!

He took it up high,
and put it into gear . . .
and blew past all of that sorrow and loss he so sped!

Leaving them all in his dust,
as he put that pedal to the medal . . .
and with a tears in his eyes he put it into turbo thrust!

As to all of that heartache and sorrow,
said goodbye!
Because, he's got a life to lead!
And because its all in his DNA,
all in Big Country's need for speed!
As now he's in his victory lap called recovery!

While, down in Georgia they all scream and shout . . .

Big Country's coming home so soon no doubt!
And On The Road of Life,
look for him way up out ahead!
For there's so much we can all so learn from him,

all in what his short life has said!
In life we all must make those final choices!
When up ahead there lies such forces . . .
Do we so listen to our most inner voices?
Will we down shift and lose our path?
Or we take it up high,
and leave heartache and sorrow so far behind as her we so pass?

And put that pedal to the medal,
making those Angels up in heaven so smile and laugh!

Sean the results are in,
the checked flag is now waving you home . . .

waving you in!
As the next part of your new great life,
is all so ready to so begin!

Go ahead!
 START YOUR ENGINES!
 And put that pedal to the metal,
 you most Dogmatic of all ones!
 I low bout them Dogs!
 ROOOOGHHH ROOOOGHH!
 For you are one of Georgia's Most Heroic
 Sons!

VETERAN HALL OF FAME
 INDUCTEE ROGER H. GARDNER

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished military service of Roger Gardner as he is inducted into the 2013 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Roger has been a member of the American Legion Post 540 Honor Guard in Cortland since 1957, and served as Commander and Captain since 2000. Under his leadership, the Honor Guard has participated in 2,281 funerals. He is actively involved in local Memorial Day and Veterans Day activities each year. As a Post Commander, he was instrumental in the construction of several veterans' memorials in the area, most notably the Korean War Monument in Trumbull County Veterans Park. Roger has logged over 8,000 volunteer hours between the Warren Community Base Outpatient Clinic and the Youngstown VA Clinic. He is an active speaker in the "Tell America" program in local schools, where he shares his military experiences and encourages patriotism among young people. He has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, some of which include the Mahoning County United Veterans Council Veteran of the Year; the Tri-County Funeral Directors Association Award for Community Service for his diligent work as Captain of American Legion's Post 540 Honor Guard; and the Warren Tribune-Chronicle Community Star Award for his significant contributions to the Warren area. Roger is deeply committed to serving the veterans of Trumbull County and is very worthy of being inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
 OF ORLANDO DAY NURSERY

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible contributions of the Orlando Day Nursery.

Founded in 1921 as an all-volunteer organization, Orlando Day Nursery Association, Inc. (ODN) has provided early childhood care and education services to working-poor families living in Central Florida for 91 years. The Nursery has been recognized as the oldest childcare in the South Eastern U.S. by Childcare Exchange. President George H.W. Bush recognized ODN as the 909th Daily Point of Light Award and America's Promise Alliance honored ODN with the Keeping the Promise Award.

ODN makes a concerted effort at laying a positive foundation for low income pre-

schoolers in order to ward off the negative self-concept and academic problems these children often face. ODN's HighScope curriculum is backed by over forty years of studies proving its effectiveness in preparing at-risk children for school and life. Monthly parenting classes and family activities organized by ODN help Central Florida parents improve their parenting skills and become better equipped to fulfill their role as their child's first teacher.

In order to better care for children outside of the classroom, ODN started an afterschool program in 2011 and a tutoring program in January of 2012. ODN has also initiated an Early Head Start classroom and began offering a transitional kindergarten program for children who are five-years-old but not ready for the public school structure.

ODN partners with many local organizations to meet the needs of its students and their families. The University of Central Florida (UCF) sends nursing students to help track obesity rates at ODN. UCF's Audiology and Speech students also screen all of the children at ODN and provide services to children with speech and language delays. The Winter Park Day Nursery partners with ODN for staff training and curriculum development.

ODN works hard to keep fees low so that no child is left without quality care and early education. ODN provides childcare services for the Salvation Army's homeless shelter, Harbor House, and the Coalition for the Homeless.

The Board of Directors of ODN is a committed group of outstanding citizens that work to achieve ODN's mission: to develop the whole child by providing high-quality, affordable care and early childhood education services in the Orlando area. ODN supports the whole family, as they are the foundation from which our children develop.

I am proud to honor the Orlando Day Nursery for all of its outstanding accomplishments and its contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
 DR. JONATHAN D. JANSEN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished public service of Jonathan D. Jansen as he receives this year's Alice and Clifford Spendlove Prize in Social Justice, Diplomacy and Tolerance presented by the University of California, Merced (UC Merced). Dr. Jansen is the Vice Chancellor and Rector of the University of the Free State and South Africa's first black dean.

Dr. Jansen was born on September 29, 1956 in the town of Montagu in the Western Cape province of South Africa. It was here in the Cape Flats where he had to face chaos and was stripped of his family, land, and property. Even in the face of adversity, Dr. Jansen believed that he could achieve great things.

Higher education was of utmost importance to Dr. Jansen. He attended the University of the Western Cape where he received his Bachelors of Science degree in Botany and Zoology, and then completed his qualifications

for teaching through the University of South Africa. Later, he went on to receive his Bachelors of Education from the University of South Africa and his Masters of Science from Cornell University. As if that were not enough, he even received his PhD from the Stanford University School of Education.

Dr. Jansen's passion for upholding strong race relations shined in all of his work. His books offer a detailed account on the social and political change in post-apartheid South Africa and addressed how education served a role in confronting the hardships of the past. His effective role goes well beyond the written word: Dr. Jansen also serves as President of the South African Institute of Race Relations. He is well known for his work to advance education in South Africa and his Nelson Mandela-like attitude of "reconciliation over revenge."

UC Merced established the Alice and Clifford Spendlove Prize in Social Justice, Diplomacy and Tolerance to honor a scholar, author, artist, or citizen who dedicates his or her work to the delivery of social justice, diplomacy, and tolerance in local and global society. Dr. Jansen is deserving of this recognition as he is someone who truly wants to make this world a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Jonathan D. Jansen for his contributions to society and to congratulate him on receiving this most prestigious award.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS S. FOLEY,
 57TH SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to former House Speaker Thomas "Tom" S. Foley, the 57th Speaker of the House of Representatives and a man whose love for this chamber and whose commitment to public service was unsurpassed. Speaker Foley died Friday, October 18, at his home in Washington, D.C. He was 84 years old.

Tom Foley was in every sense of the word a gentleman. He believed in bipartisanship. He treated everyone equally and with respect. Upon relinquishing the Speakership, he left these parting words of advice to his successor, incoming Speaker Newt Gingrich: "Remember, you are the Speaker of the whole House and not just one party."

The environment of the House of Representatives under the leadership of Speaker Foley was marked by mutual respect and cooperation, which enabled the Congress to work with the President and pass legislation that made our country better.

During Tom Foley's speakership, the Congress passed, and the President signed into law the Family and Medical Leave Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991; the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT); the 1994 Crime Bill which put 100,000 new police officers on the streets and banned assault weapons and reduced crime rates by more than a third; and the 1993 Clinton Economic Plan that led to the creation of 22 million jobs, four balanced budgets, and the longest period of sustained economic prosperity in the post-war period.