

daughter Emma and his sister Jennifer. As we come upon this holiday season, may we remember Staff Sergeant Dozier and his family, as well as all our veterans and military personnel who have sacrificed so much for this great nation.

## DEAR JON

IN HONOR OF AN AMERICAN HERO WHO GAVE THAT LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION SSG JONATHAN KILIAN DOZIER 3RD SQUAD, 2ND CAVALRY SCOUT SNIPER THE UNITED STATES ARMY

## DEAR JON

Dear!  
Dear Jon!  
Rest my precious son!  
Your war is over,  
your fight is won!  
And now,  
as an Angel in The Army of our Lord your new charge has begun!  
As your soul went Airborne,  
with your new wings oh high as won!  
To watch over us from dusk to dawn!  
To fight the darkness whenever it so forms!  
And Jonathan we will miss you so,  
now that you are gone!  
Dear Jon!  
But your life,  
and your times within our hearts now so  
lives on!  
To remind us all,  
of America's Best with hearts so very warm!  
Dear Jon!  
And oh Jon,  
what a truly great American Hero you are  
my son!  
Dear Jon...  
for your life was short but like a shining star  
shines on!  
Of such selflessness,  
who our Nation has so blessed!  
As Strength In Honor was but your life's  
quest!  
As your fine soul was built upon the bedrock  
of morality,  
not to rest!  
But For The Greater Good,  
as you so gave all that you so could!  
That Last Full Measure!  
One's Life,  
The Greatest of all Treasures!  
As the Angels wept!  
As they so saw what your fine soul would so  
except!  
Dear Jon!  
For you were Army Strong,  
chapter and verse, your song!  
Because you stood for Something,  
from dusk to dawn!  
Airborne!  
Ah,  
but with such pride that patch was worn!  
A Soldier's Soldier!  
A Scout Sniper,  
who out into the darkness moved on!  
A team leader,  
from where such inspiration was so formed!  
All on your lonesome on the edge!  
As you were gone!  
Bolder than Bolder!  
Bad To The Bone,  
damn right just like your Dad a BULLDOZIER  
who the word courage owned!  
A perfect soldier,  
who our Lord God soul now so owns!  
Dear Jon!  
Rest my son!  
And your fine wife Amy and daughter Emma,  
miss you so with each new morning sun!  
Looking into Emma's face,  
as it's you we so see my son!  
As your beautiful Sister Jennifer's heartache  
and tears have begun!  
As she carries you in her heart and etched  
upon her arm!

And your Mother and Father's pain cannot  
so be undone!

Until,  
they all so meet you up in Heaven one fine  
day Dear!

Dear Jon!  
And across Chesapeake this night,  
as they lay their heads down to rest . . .  
There comes a gentle rain from Heaven up  
above,  
are but our Lord's gift!

Are his tears to so ease your pain,  
that which you are all so left with, all of his  
love's!

Until one fine day you all so meet up in  
Heaven above!

And you won't have to cry no more!

In life!  
Could we?  
Would we?

Would we ever the strength to so find?  
To live such a selfless life as Jonathan's all  
in time!

To fight the darkness and not ask why . . .  
Dear Jon!

And now we lay your fine body down to rest!  
As all of our tears begin to crest!

For you were one of those the most brilliant,  
the best of the best!

Dear Jon!  
You have died,  
but you are not gone!

All in our souls you live on!

Amen!

Westchester area, he volunteered to coach in Pelham Youth Hockey's in house and travel programs. Joe continues to make significant contributions to Pelham and the tristate area with his volunteer coaching and administrative league duties with the New York Raptors, a unique program that focuses on providing mentally and physically challenged hockey players with the opportunities to play hockey with games and events that had never been offered to them before.

Because of his extraordinary contributions, he was recently presented at Madison Square Garden with the prestigious 2013 Emile Francis Award for "tireless efforts, sacrifices, dedication and service to youth hockey." His dedicated commitment for the past 29 years does not stop on the ice as he has been a dedicated member of various charities and altruistic causes and programs such as Ice Hockey in Harlem, Pelham Civic Association's Scholarship committee and as a volunteer with the local Recreation Department.

He and his wife Marcia reside in Pelham, with their three children, Jillian, Christopher, and Alexander, who all were educated in the Pelham School system. I congratulate Joe on his being honored by the Pelham Civic Association for his many years and many contributions to the betterment of life in his community.

## EAGLE SCOUT CHANDLER PRYMOWICZ

## HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Eagle Scout Chandler Prymowicz of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania who earned every possible merit badge recognized by the Boy Scouts of America.

At age 10, Chandler joined Boy Scout Troop 418 in Nanticoke. From his first day as a member of this organization, he was determined to earn every merit badge possible. To accomplish his goal, Chandler attended out of state merit badge colleges, volunteered as a camp counselor at Camp Minsi, and attended Jamboree in 2010. Even after reaching the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 14, he continued to pursue this aspiration. On October 28th, 2013, Chandler completed the Sustainability merit badge, earning him a total of 137 merit badges and 12 palms. Only one out of every 225,000 Boy Scouts is able to achieve this feat. Although he will age out of the Boy Scouts this month, Chandler will stay involved in Scouting by becoming an assistant leader of Troop 418.

Mr. Speaker, for his determination and dedication to earn every available scouting badge, I commend Eagle Scout Chandler Prymowicz and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

## MARE DIMMER

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Maro Dimmer

## BARBARA BROHL

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Barbara Brohl for her outstanding service to our community.

As an RTD Board member, Barbara introduced a workforce development program for transit projects promoting the introduction of women in non-traditional positions. Barbara is continuously active in the community—from her "Newborns in Need" baby showers, to her mentoring programs, to the organizations she supports—including The Gathering Place and the Hispanic Advisory Council for Florence Crittenton, an alternative high school for pregnant and parenting teens.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Barbara Brohl for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

## HONORING JOE RUGGIERO

## HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Joe Ruggiero, the Chief of the Pelham Manor Fire Department, is a lifelong resident of Pelham whose professional commitment to Pelham as a decorated Firefighter and Chief equals his charitable contributions to the countless number of children and their families he has helped.

Joe has dedicated decades using hockey to have a positive impact on community kids. After creating Learn to Play clinics in the

for her outstanding service and commitment to our community.

For over 27 years Maro and her husband Ed Dimmer have successfully grown Rheinlander bakery in Olde Town Arvada into the community jewel it is today. The bakery operates with the mission to give back to the community by donating 10 percent of its profits for charitable activities. Maro is instrumental in running the bakery's fundraising events, including the annual King Cakes for A Cause, a benefit for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. With the celebration of Rheinlander's 50th year in business, the bakery raised over ten thousand dollars in their Bake Out Hunger Campaign, benefiting the Arvada Community Food Bank. Maro is a huge advocate of small business development and actively mentors bakeries in the Metro Denver area in addition to her own employees, teaching about inventory, margins, marketing and longevity.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Maro Dimmer for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

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QUINTEN CURTIS

**HON. MARK MEADOWS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Quinten Curtis, a 4th grade student from Granite Falls, North Carolina, who has truly demonstrated the spirit of Christmas this season. When his mother, Becky, asked for his Christmas list, Quinten requested two things: a clarinet and 100 cans of food for the South Caldwell Christian Ministries.

Quinten has proved that every one of us can have an impact on our community. His dedication to helping others is truly exemplary and he is a role model for children and adults alike. Quinten set a goal of donating 100 cans by Christmas, but so far has collected more than six times that amount. His selflessness is contagious and has motivated others in his community to participate, collecting donations at the First United Methodist Church.

Quinten's generosity is an inspiration to us all this holiday season, exhibiting the true meaning of Christmas.

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HONORING WILLIAM ABRAMSON

**HON. ELIOT ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, William Abramson was born and raised in the Bronx and today is being honored by the Riverdale Jewish Community Relations Council with the Community Builder Award for his commitment to the community.

His commitment is impressive. Bill was President of the Board of Directors of the Riverdale YM-YWHA for four years and is now the Chairman of the Board. He is a Past President of the Benjamin Franklin Reformed

Democratic Club and is presently a member of the Van Courtland Park Conservancy.

He served as Chairman of Community Board No. 8 in the Bronx for three years, and was the impetus for the creation of the 197-A plan, a system by which city agencies and local groups inspire area growth. He received the 2000 David Rockefeller Fellowship for helping to develop top private sector leaders and engage them in New York City's public arena. He is also Vice President of the Union Square Partnership, and a member of The Greenwich Village Chelsea Chamber of Commerce and Village Alliance.

He has been selected several times as "Commander for the Day" by the Policeman's Association and "Principal for a Day" by PENCIL. Mayor Bloomberg appointed Bill to the Workforce Investment Board, where he is on the Strategic Planning Committee.

Bill is an adjunct professor at New York University, teaching Facility Management and Leadership in Management. Bill has served as president of his condominium board in Riverdale for over five years. He has done numerous residential and commercial deals, serving on Real Estate Board of New York's, REBNY, Residential Rental Committee, and REBNY's Retail Committees.

Bill is committed to making a positive difference in his community, the places he works at, and the people he works with and for. It is my pleasure to join with the Riverdale Jewish Community Relations Council in honoring Bill Abramson with the Community Builders Award for his years of dedicated service to his community and his city.

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HONORING HIS EMINENCE FRANCIS EUGENE CARDINAL GEORGE, O.M.I., ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Francis Cardinal George on the 50th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Yesterday I joined more than 100 bishops from around the world and hundreds of members of the Chicago Archdiocese in congratulating Cardinal George as he celebrated this milestone with a Mass at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois where he has served as leader of the Archdiocese for almost 17 years. Francis Eugene George was born in 1937 to Francis and Julia George on Chicago's Northwest side. He grew up there with his older sister Margaret and attended St. Pascal School. At the age of 13 he was diagnosed with polio, and to this day wears a leg brace to support the muscles that were damaged by his battle with the illness.

But George persevered and kept his faith, enrolling at St. Henry Preparatory Seminary in Belleville, Illinois, an affiliated high school with the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He would eventually join the Missionary Oblates and would make his solemn vow as a member of the order. George was ordained a priest in 1963 at St. Pascal Church where his Catholic education had started as a boy. The following year he received a degree in theology from the University of Ottawa, his first of

many degrees including a doctorate in Philosophy from Tulane University and a doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Urbaniana University.

After spending time as a professor, George continued to serve his order when he became the Vicar General for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. For 12 years, he traveled to missions in some of the poorest regions of Africa, Latin America and Asia. In 1990 Pope John Paul II appointed George as the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Yakima, Washington. In 1996 he was appointed the ninth Archbishop of Portland in Oregon when he was installed by Pope John Paul II at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. George would serve there for less than a year before he was appointed by Pope John Paul II to the vacant See of Chicago. He was the first native Chicagoan to be appointed as the Archbishop of Chicago, which serves 2.2 million Catholics in 356 different parishes. Within the first year of his service in Chicago, George was elevated to the honor of Cardinal.

For almost 17 years Cardinal George has led his people in the Chicago Archdiocese with his unmatched intellect and warmth. At Mass yesterday, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, very aptly described George as "intelligent and articulate, courageous and curious, humble, zealous." Kurtz continued, "Like Pope Francis, we see in you a generous heart and zealous missionary spirit . . . a humble man of vision."

Today I express my admiration for Cardinal George's devotion to the Archdiocese of Chicago and the entire community, and honor his lifetime of achievements. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Francis Cardinal George well as he celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination, and to thank him for his inspiring service.

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GABRIELLA MILLER KIDS FIRST RESEARCH ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gabriella Miller, a brave little girl who was taken from the world much too soon. I know Gabriella's parents are here in the House gallery and I want to express to them how sorry I am for their loss. Gabriella was a real fighter, not only for herself but for the thousands of other children across the country who are battling cancer. I'm pleased to join my colleague, MICHAEL McCUAUL, in co-chairing the Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus in the House. Over the years, I've had the privilege of meeting hundreds of young people like Gabriella and families like the Millers. I've heard their heartbreak and frustration, and share their commitment to finding a cure for this devastating disease. The National Institutes of Health play a critical role in this effort—conducting basic research toward finding cures, supporting clinical trials, and developing treatments for childhood cancer and other pediatric illnesses. I firmly believe that as a nation we should be investing more in pediatric research but the bill on the floor won't do that.