

One of the group's top priorities has been to establish zoning laws which protect the architectural magnificence that exists in the city, and ensure that future buildings only add to the city's charm and beauty. In the first 3 years of its existence, Carnegie Hill Neighbors fought to tighten zoning laws on all avenues and streets, which had previously been the same liberal regulations for First, Second, and Third Avenues.

In 1985, Carnegie Hill Neighbors won rezoning to limit mid-block structures to size of brownstones. Almost 10 years later, they won an expansion of the Carnegie Hill Historic District which brought the total number of landmark buildings in the area to 400. Along with these distinguished achievements the group continues to serve its neighborhood through ongoing programs such as the Community Car Patrol Program, street cleaning, tree care, and environmental education.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to help Carnegie Hill Neighbors celebrate its 25th anniversary. I would like to personally thank and honor Elizabeth Ashby, the current president, and Fred Papert and Ron Spence, the organization's first two presidents, for their exemplary work and devotion to the preservation of our city's heritage. On behalf of the constituents of New York's 14th Congressional District, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to the Carnegie Hill Neighbors for preserving our district's heritage and I wish them continued success over the next 25 years.

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 1995

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a special couple from my district who will celebrate the milestone of their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, May 4, 1995. It is so wonderful in these turbulent times to be able to recognize Ray and Irene Sunday, a couple who have honored their vows to one another for over half a century. It is an honor to commend this couple for their life together and to offer my best wishes for the years to come.

RE-INTRODUCTION OF EXPLOSIVES FINGERPRINTING ACT

HON. THOMAS J. MANTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 1995

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Explosives Fingerprinting Act. This legislation is virtually identical to H.R. 1262, legislation I introduced in the 103d Congress.

Unfortunately, last month's devastating bombing in Oklahoma City demonstrates that our Nation desperately needs to implement an effective method of quickly identifying and punishing the perpetrators of terrorist bombings.

My legislation would require all explosives manufacturers to introduce high-technology additives into their explosives that will give them identifying signatures which would iden-

tify when and where the particular explosive device was made.

These additives, called taggants, are microscopic chips designed to survive explosives. Many Federal law enforcement officials, including those at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agree that taggants would be a valuable anti-terrorist tool. The use of taggants would allow agents to examine the manufacturers required paperwork to identify suspects from lists of purchasers. Identifying the source and subsequent sale of explosives is nearly impossible without taggants.

Given the effectiveness of taggants, it is discouraging that this anti-terrorist technology has not been required in the past. The reason, tragically, is that special interest groups representing the explosives industry and gun industry have not only worked to kill previous legislation to require taggants, but have also limited the amount of funding the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms can devote to developing this technology.

As a former police officer, I know how difficult criminal investigations can be. However, I know it has been as frustrating for me as it has for the rest of the Nation to witness the difficulty our law enforcement personnel have had in locating the second suspect in the Oklahoma City attack, John Doe No. 2 despite a nationwide effort to find him.

It is time to give our law enforcement officials a valuable new tool in their arsenal. I would encourage my colleagues to join me as cosponsors of this important legislation thereby taking a small step toward making sure another such terrorist attack does not occur.

Finally, as a Member of Congress who hails from New York City, the site of the World Trade Center Bombing 2 years ago, I know the fear and loss which these cowardly acts can have on a community. While the devastation which occurred in Oklahoma City is far greater than that which New York sustained, I know the people of New York have a special affinity for the suffering families and friends of the victims of this most recent tragedy. Our hearts go out to the people of Oklahoma City in this time of tragedy.

I think all Americans agree that this victimization of innocent people is a trend which we cannot allow to continue. While there will be many different proposals offered to address the threat of terrorism, I caution my colleagues to focus their attention on only those proposals which will hasten the punishment of criminals and not endorse initiatives which erode the freedoms and protections upon which our country was founded. We will not win the battle against terrorists who seek to tear our Nation apart by compromising the principles which define us.

In that regard, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting meaningful legislation, the Explosives Fingerprinting Act, which will not only identify criminals but deter them, by securing information about the purchasers of explosive devices.

TRIBUTE FOR G. PAUL CAREY

HON. JOSEPH M. McDADE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 1995

Mr. McDADE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the

death of one of my constituents, G. Paul Carey, on February 18, 1995.

Mr. Carey was born in Archbald, PA, where he lived until the age of 18. One week after graduation from Archbald High School, Mr. Carey enlisted in the Navy, serving with distinction in the South Pacific for 6 years. During this yearlong commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, it is fitting that we remember the life of one of the men who fought to end this devastating conflict.

Mr. Carey went above and beyond the call of duty, winning six Bronze Stars for defending our great Nation with courage and valor. His heroism was first demonstrated on the U.S.S. *Coney* during the battle of Latie Gulf, when, after a surprise attack, the Japanese almost annihilated the American destroyers in that area. Torpedoman 3d Class Carey received a communique from Admiral Nimitz congratulating him for the valor he exhibited during the attack.

In addition to his outstanding military record, Mr. Carey was a devoted family man. He is survived by his wife, the former Jeanne Walsh, RN, and his three sons, James, Patrick, and Paul, who will remember their father as the epitome of honor and strength.

Mr. Carey's years of hard work as a traffic manager for Golo Footwear Corp. and his dedication to church and family earned him the respect and admiration of everyone he knew. He will truly be missed.

TRIBUTE TO BRIG. GEN. RUDOLF F. PEKSENS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 1995

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and distinguished military officer, Brig. Gen. Rudolph F. Peksens, who is retiring this month after nearly three decades of service in the U.S. Air Force.

Simply put, General Peksens epitomizes all that a military officer should be: A dedicated and knowledgeable professional known for his outstanding work and his devotion to those who served under him and to the community at large.

General Peksens is a native of Boston, MA, who graduated from Tufts University in 1966 as a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps program. Following his graduation, General Peksens enlisted in the Air Force.

General Peksens has had a long and distinguished military career. He is the only Air Force officer to have flown fighter, bomber, and reconnaissance aircraft in combat. He is a command pilot with nearly 4,000 flying hours, including more than 600 hours in combat over Vietnam and Iraq. General Peksens served two combat tours in Vietnam, flying B-52's and RF-4C's. During our involvement in Operations Desert Storm and Provide Comfort, he served as vice commander and later

commander of the 7440th Combat Wing. The General flew combat missions over Iraq in the F4G Phantom II Advanced "Wild Weasel."

In his years in the Air Force, General Peksens has a long history of command. He served as commander of the joint U.S. Air Force/U.S. Army in Europe Warrior Preparation Center, the largest computer war gaming facility in the world. From July 1988 to July 1989, General Peksens commanded the 26th Reconnaissance Wing in Zweibrucken, Germany. Under his command, the wing won the annual world-wide reconnaissance competition. From July 1989 to July 1991, he commanded the 52nd Fighter Wing "Wild Weasels" at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. During this period, the 52nd Fighter Wing deployed early and contributed significant resources to our Nation's combat operations in the Persian Gulf war. From September 1992 to July 1994, General Peksens commanded the 410th Bomb Wing at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base in my district in Northern Michigan. During that period of time, the wing won the U.S. Strategic Command's first Omaha Trophy as the best flying unit in that command.

General Peksens currently serves as the director of Strategy, Policy and Plans for the U.S. Southern Command in Panama. In this capacity, he is responsible for formulating the long range strategy for achieving U.S. military objectives in Latin America.

General Peksens has been recognized repeatedly for his work and valor. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star and the Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters.

I came to know General Peksens when he served at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base. As the commander of K.I. Sawyer, General Peksens presided over the base at the time that it was announced for closure by the Base Closure and Realignment Commission. Understandably, this was a painful, difficult time for the residents of the Marquette area. Through these rough times, General Peksens was always there for the community, to give his advice, time and assistance. To this day, people in Marquette still speak of his commitment and caring for the area and its residents. The General's devotion and hard work earned him the respect and genuine affection of virtually every person in the Marquette/Gwinn area. He was at all times, a caring and competent professional who personally and professionally reflected the highest standards and the greatest credit on him and the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Speaker, General Peksens is retiring this year after nearly 30 years of distinguished service to this Nation. Serving in our Nation's Armed Forces is not an easy vocation. It is difficult, dangerous work where one can be called upon to work in an office one day, and to risk your life in combat the next. The tremendous sacrifices of these military officers and their families are inspiring. In peace and war, General Peksens has given of himself for the benefit of this country. I am proud to know him, to call him a friend, to say that this Nation owes him a debt of gratitude.

While we northern Michiganders will miss General Peksens, we want to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude for a job well done and wish him and his wife, Ruthi, well in all of their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LAKEVIS COLEMAN: A TRUE HERO

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 1995

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my personal congratulations and the thanks of our community to Lakevis Coleman of Miami, a young man who is a true American hero.

In November 1993, Lakevis Coleman heard someone crying and went to investigate. He saw that a 5-year-old girl had been assaulted and sprang into action, grabbed her attacker, held him until the Metro-Dade police arrived and then testified against him in court. Because of his efforts, a child molester was convicted of kidnapping and sexual battery and sentenced to life in prison.

Our community is safer today because Mr. Coleman—only 19 years of age—cared enough and had the presence of mind to help a defenseless child who was totally incapable of helping herself. By doing so, Mr. Coleman reaffirmed what is best in our community, and I know that my colleagues join me in recognizing his extremely important contribution.

I want to share with my colleagues an article on Lakevis Coleman that appeared in the Miami Herald.

HERO HELPS DELIVER JUSTICE

(By Manny Garcia)

Lakevis Coleman helped send a rapist to prison this week. He is not a police officer or a prosecutor, just a South Dade resident who saw a child being assaulted, grabbed her attacker, held him for police and then testified against him.

"A real hero," said Windy Johnston, chief of the Dade state attorney's office Sexual Battery Unit.

Coleman was the only eyewitness who could identify James Thomas as the man who raped the child in a wooded area, after luring her there with offers of candy. The 5-year-old girl, an elementary school student from Goulds, testified in court but could not identify Thomas, even though he sat 20 feet away.

Without Coleman, "it would have been hard to win," said Johnston, who prosecuted the case with David Shapiro.

Coleman, 19, downplayed his role.

"It could have been my little sister or cousin," he said. "If someone sees a crime, they should get involved and offer a helping hand."

It doesn't always happen that way. Just down the block from where the rape occurred, a Naples contractor was shot and paralyzed during a robbery in broad daylight. Only one person initially came forward to testify in that case, but she later backed down. The case remains in limbo.

"You have to get involved," Coleman said. "It's the only way to protect your community."

Coleman, who waxes cars for a living, helped his community at about 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 19, 1993.

"I was laying on the sofa watching TV," Coleman said. "I had a friend over and she heard someone crying. I didn't pay any attention."

But the crying did not stop, so Coleman stood up and walked outside. He saw the victim's 7-year-old sister running from the bushes, pointing at the ground and scream-

ing for help. Coleman saw Thomas trying to pull up his pants.

"What are you doing?" Coleman yelled, fast-walking toward Thomas.

"Nothing," Thomas responded.

A few feet later, Coleman arrived: "I saw the little girl. She didn't have anything on but a top.

"I looked at him. He looked at me. He tried to run. I grabbed him and threw him on the ground."

"I didn't do anything," Thomas insisted.

"Then why is she crying?" asked Coleman. Coleman told his friend to dial 911.

By then, word of the attack had spread around the neighborhood and an angry crowd surrounded Thomas. They wanted a piece of him before police arrived.

"They wanted to hurt him. I wanted to do it myself," said Coleman, who shielded Thomas from the crowd, urging them to let justice take its course.

Metro-Dade officers arrived two minutes later and hauled Thomas away. Paramedics took the girl to Jackson Memorial Hospital's Rape Treatment Center.

"He cut me. He cut me," she told doctors. Her injuries required surgery.

On Thursday, Coleman told his story to a four-woman, two-man jury. On Friday, the jury ordered lunch and, between bites of their sandwiches, convicted Thomas, 26, of kidnapping and sexual battery on a child under 12. Circuit Judge Fredericks Smith sentenced him to life in prison.

"He got what he deserved," said Coleman, who hopes to one day become a Dade County corrections officer. "I wasn't going to let him get away."

REMEMBERING A HERO—MAJ. GEN. GLENN A. PROFITT II

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 1995

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, the people of Kentucky and the Nation lost a war hero and humble servant when Air Force Maj. Gen. Glenn A. Profitt II died tragically in a plane crash in Alabama on April 17.

A native of Corbin, KY, General Profitt was director of plans and operations for the Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.

Profitt was in charge of jet pilot training, survival training and combat training for airlift, fighter, tanker and special operations crews.

During his 31 years of service in the Air Force, he served in Vietnam and Desert Storm receiving numerous awards and decorations, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross with six oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with 29 oak leaf clusters and a bronze service star, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Combat Readiness Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

In Southeast Asia, General Profitt flew nearly 500 combat missions, serving almost 4 years in the region.

And, in Desert Storm, General Profitt was commander of the 15th Air Division, where he is credited with designing and implementing the most destructive air strike in history. Shortly after his successful tour in Desert Storm, he was promoted to Major General in 1992.