

about 13. All she had was a picture with what seemed like a hundred staff members from the Army hospital, plus the tall man in the white lab jacket.

Sachiko said she was so touched when she learned that Dr. Downing was looking for her after all these years. "I thought about it and wondered if he ever thought about me, but I never imagined this," she said.

Of course a few phone calls weren't enough for Dr. Downing, and he set out to complete the mission he'd begun when he walked into my office. Last year, at his own expense, Dr. Downing traveled to Okinawa to meet the little girl whose life he'd saved so many years before. It afforded both Sachiko and her mother, now 76 years old, with an opportunity to thank the man who'd changed their lives with his humanity and kindness.

Dr. Downing died today after a brief battle with cancer. I had the privilege of knowing him the last 18 of his 77 years, and considered him a dear, trusted friend and colleague. For many years we worked side by side, as our jobs often overlapped in the most unpleasant of circumstances—he was the county coroner, and I was the county prosecutor. I was always impressed by his professionalism and his uplifting spirit. He was a man of great, legendary humor and great integrity.

Dr. Downing spent many years of his life surrounded by death, but always reveled in the life around him. I have to believe it was his love of life and his love for our country that led him on his journey to Okinawa. It is fitting that in the final year of his life he was able to meet a woman whose life he had forever changed. The rest of us, meanwhile, will forever be changed and blessed for having known this wonderful, caring man.

TRIBUTE TO LEWIS AND JUDY
EISENBERG

HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, one of the greatest qualities which has allowed our Nation to grow so strong over the years is that every day, all over our country thousands of people take time out of their schedules to help others. Today, I rise to pay tribute to two individuals in my district who time and time again have given of themselves for the betterment of others. For many years now, Lewis and Judy Eisenberg of Rumson, NJ, have generously given their time, talent, and knowledge to work with numerous charitable causes. Their work within these organizations have seen no boundaries. Whether it be educational, health-care related, religious, or governmental in nature, they have always found the time to lend a hand.

This evening the Center for Holocaust Studies at Brookdale Community College will be hosting a testimonial dinner to honor Lewis and Judy Eisenberg for their tireless and long-standing community leadership. The effects of their involvement are far reaching, affecting the Jewish community, the residents of Monmouth County and of New Jersey, New York, and, indeed, of our entire Nation. I have heard about power neckties, power lunches, and even of power naps. Today I have a new one to add to the list: power couples.

Lew, who was elected as the chairman of the board of commissioners of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in 1995, has served as a trustee or board member to countless organizations and institutions. He has been a trustee of Monmouth Health Care Foundation, a trustee and chairman of the Children's Psychiatric Center Foundation, a member of the Advisory Council of the Samuel Johnson School of Graduate Management at Cornell University, on the board of trustees of Monmouth Medical Center, a member of the planning board of UJA/United Jewish Federation and the Jewish Advisory Committee. In 1989 Lew was recognized as the Man of the Year by the National Conference of Christians and Jews in New Jersey and awarded the Herbert Lehman Humanitarian Award by the American Jewish Committee.

Judy, the mother of three daughters, serves on several boards including Monmouth University, CPC Behavioral Healthcare Corp., Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, New York Service for the Handicapped, Monmouth Medical Center Auxiliary, and the Kennedy Center's National Committee for the Performing Arts.

Each of us has some talent or knowledge that if shared, could enrich the lives of others. Recognizing those talents and putting them into action is what will continue to make our Nation great. Mr. Speaker, as you can see from the list of organizations that these two citizens have been involved with, they have reached into so many areas of society and have made the lives of so many people better and brighter.

And so, Mr. Speaker, today I join the Center for Holocaust Studies in recognizing the work of Lew and Judy Eisenberg. It is efforts of people in our community selflessly helping to solve the problems of our community and Nation that will guide America into the next century.

GADSDEN-ETOWAH PATRIOTS
ASSOCIATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Col. Andrew Chaffin, chairman of the Selection Committee of the Gadsden-Etowah Patriots Association, as well those who are members of this association, and those who participated in the induction ceremonies yesterday, November 12, 1997.

I salute the great American patriots, Lt. Gen. Clark Griffith, Peter Gregerson, Charles Nelson, John Udaka, and Hazel Brannon Smith who were inducted into the Patriots Hall of Honor. I add my voice to yours in gratitude to these people for their lives of service.

Last week we celebrated the contributions that veterans have made for our country. Veterans Day, with its related events, means many things. It is an opportunity to say thank you to those who are presently serving in our Armed Forces, and an opportunity to honor both the veterans who are with us and those who have passed away. Finally, it is an opportunity to celebrate our communities and this great Nation, a time to thank God for our past, our present, and to ask His guidance and blessing on our future.

Memorials are important. When times are good, it is easy for us to forget that our present peace comes at a price. If it were not for the sacrifices made by veterans, we would not now be free. The same values and goals that were fought for in the past are still worth fighting for today.

In Washington, we have recently passed legislation that honors and protects veterans. The House of Representatives passed the Veterans' Cemetery Protection Act of 1997. It significantly increases penalties for persons convicted of vandalism at a veterans cemetery. This has been sent to the President's desk for his signature, and I urge him to sign this important legislation.

The House also passed a bill to create a constitutional amendment protecting the flag from physical desecration. We are now waiting for the Senate to take action. I feel very strongly about free speech, but protecting the flag does not harm free speech.

Again, I salute the Gadsden-Etowah Patriots Association, and the five American patriots who were honored at the Twenty-Second Annual Patriots Day celebration.

A HERO'S DEATH IN THE LINE OF
DUTY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to take a moment to honor a man, a husband, a father, and a police officer. Officer Bruce Vanderjagt was not only a dedicated member of the Denver Police Department, but he was also a loving husband to Anna Marie and father to his 2 year-old daughter, Hayley. Unfortunately, Officer Vanderjagt can no longer be any of these things because he was fatally wounded in the line of duty yesterday, Wednesday, November 12, 1997.

Officer Vanderjagt, a man who served his country in Vietnam as a marine, faithfully answered someone's emergency call yesterday. On this wintery day, thieves were tearing through the property of another's home. When Officer Vanderjagt arrived at the scene, these callous thieves were escaping in their vehicle. Officer Vanderjagt, because of his oath as a police officer and his dedication to justice, pursued the criminals. The chase brought them into the city of Denver where the shrill sound of gun fire filled the air. This was not just one or two shots, but several. At least 30 shots were fired directly at Officer Vanderjagt and other fellow officers. Officer Vanderjagt was fatally injured. What a heavy price for society to pay. It was a burglary that brought Officer Vanderjagt to his tragic death this cold and snowy day. As a result Denver has not only lost an outstanding police officer, but also a faithful citizen, husband and father.

Many, but of course not all, of Officer Vanderjagt's accomplishments include: earning his PhD from the University of Denver at 47 years of age this year, winning Denver's Distinguished Service Cross twice for his courageous work in the line of duty and, as already mentioned, serving his country in Vietnam as a marine. Officer Vanderjagt had a great deal to offer his family and the community.