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CAPTAIN TERRANCE M. EDWARDS:
A CREDIT TO THE UNITED
STATES COAST GUARD

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 1998

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a United States Coast Guard officer who has made a difference in the lives of many people: Captain Terrance M. "Casey" Edwards, Commanding Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey. After twenty-eight years on active duty, Captain Edwards is beginning a well-earned retirement.

I am proud to say that Captain Edwards embodies the finest principles of a commissioned officer, and reflects well on the Coast Guard spirit of *Semper Paratus*. He is a leader whose commitment and dedication has made the Cape May Training Center synonymous with excellence. I have no doubt that the men and women who graduated from the Training Center during his command are among the most well-trained and prepared in the ranks of the Coast Guard.

Captain Edwards' decorations attest to his outstanding service. He is a three-time recipient of the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, a two-time recipient of the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. But there is more to Captain Edwards than just medals; there is a story of his maximum effort and considerable achievement.

A 1970 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Captain Edwards' career has taken him from the Atlantic Ocean, aboard the USCGC *Dauntless*, to command of a LORAN station in Okinawa, where he helped maintain a homing signal for vessels traveling on the high seas of the Pacific.

He has served with distinction as an attorney assigned to several Coast Guard legal billets, during which time, it should be noted, he represented clients before the United States Supreme Court. In recognition of his outstanding legal service, Captain Edwards was appointed to the Coast Guard Court of Military Review by the Secretary of Transportation, and also served as an appellate judge from May of 1992 to June of 1994. It can be rightly said that justice was indeed served by this fair and judicious man.

Captain Edwards has also looked after the physical well being of Coast Guard personnel in his roles as President of the Coast Guard Formal Physical Evaluation Board and Chief of the Physical Disability Evaluation Division.

Captain Edwards, on behalf of the many nervous recruits who left Cape May confidently ready to serve, on behalf of a community that will dearly miss your many positive contributions (and friendly smile), on behalf of the United States Congress, I wish you good luck in the future and calm seas ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 1998

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, last night, I was unavoidably detained and as a result missed rollcall vote No. 289.

Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted "no" on the amendment.

IN MEMORY OF SHELBY DUPREE
PITTS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 1998

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to a loving husband, father, grandfather and prominent Dallas oil company executive—Mr. Shelby Dupree Pitts, who died on May 18, after a long and valiant battle with cancer.

Mr. Pitts was born on April 12, 1915, in Wesson, Mississippi, the second of three sons born to Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd Pitts. He attended Lincoln County, Mississippi public schools where he was class president his sophomore, junior and senior years. At Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, he was elected State President of the Hi "Y" Clubs of Mississippi. In 1936, he joined Nu-Enamel Paint Company, advancing rapidly to Division Sales Manager for the New England states. He volunteered for the U.S. Navy in July, 1941, and served as public speaker attached to the U.S. Navy Public Relations office in Chicago. After World War II, he remained in Chicago where he organized the Wesson Houseware Products Company which sold household chemicals throughout the United States. He married Mary Elizabeth Tillman, of Hazelhurst, Mississippi, on April 20, 1947.

After investing in oil and gas drilling ventures for several years with his brother, Frank Pitts, he became a co-owner and Senior Vice President of Exploration Surveys, Inc., an international geophysical exploration company. When Exploration Surveys, Inc. was sold to U.S. Industries in 1969, Mr. Pitts organized his own independent oil and natural gas production business, Natural Gas Finders, Inc. Along with his brother, Mr. Pitts became co-owner and Chairman of the Board of Dallas Production Inc., an oil and gas operating company which grew to operate more than 1,000 oil and natural gas wells in eight states.

An active member of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO), Shelby organized the TIPRO Explorers group in 1976. Members of the Explorers group were required to contribute a fixed and substantial dues amount each year to provide a firm financial base for the organization. Mr. Pitts served TIPRO several years, successively as a Vice President, Membership Chairman, Secretary, President, Chairman of the Board and as a member of the Executive Committee. His work with TIPRO earned him four Distinguished Service Awards and in 1994 he received TIPRO's highest honor, the "Mr. TIPRO" Award."

As a long time member of the Dallas Petroleum Club, Mr. Pitts was honored by being se-

lected to the Dallas Wildcat Committee, a select group of 100 persons affiliated with the Petroleum Club. In 1989, he started DSC Incorporated, a specialty chemicals company which provides unique drilling fluid additives for the oil industry. In addition, to his many oil industry activities, Mr. Pitts was a member of the Dallas Council on World Affairs, a Director of the Dallas Opera, Director of the Baylor University Medical Center Foundation, Dallas, and a Director of the Copiah-Lincoln Junior College Foundation, which also elected him as Alumnus of the Year in 1976. He was a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International and a member of the Bent Tree Country Club.

Mr. Pitts is survived by his wife of more than 51 years, Mary Elizabeth Pitts of Dallas; his daughter, Pamela Elizabeth Lane and her husband Bruce Lane, Jr., Dallas; his daughter-in-law, Dawn Pitts, Jackson, Mississippi; and four grandchildren, Justin Rutherford Lane, Holly Elizabeth Lane, Cerissa Dawn Pitts and Natalie Michelle Pitts. He is also survived by two brothers, L. Frank Pitts, Dallas; and Troy N. Pitts, Wesson, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, Shelby Pitts will be missed by his family, many friends and business associates throughout the United States and in many foreign countries. As we adjourn today, let us do so in honor of and respect for this great American—the late Shelby Dupree Pitts.

TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
1999

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4104) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes:

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the gentleman's amendment and want to thank him for bringing it to the floor.

In 1996 we amended the Anti-Terrorism Act precisely to help families like the Flatows. Now we find that this law is under attack and the Flatows are being made to suffer again. But this time it is not because of Iran, it is because our own State protected Iranian assets right here in the U.S., right here in Washington, D.C. This is money that could easily be used to take yet one more innocent life.

Mr. Chairman, that is unconscionable.

Provisions in the Anti-Terrorism Act allow Americans to sue governments of state-sponsored terrorism for damages, the Flatows have done that. The courts ruled in their favor and judged they should be compensated.

Now its time for Iran to pay up.

We must send a message to Iran that our own internal divisions will not hold us hostage against executing justice. We must also send a message to the Flatows and other families to let them know the government is on their side. That is why I urge all my colleagues to vote for this amendment.