

defense of freedom. Our world changed forever on September 11th when our freedom was attacked and a long present terrorist threat was realized.

Our government's most sacred responsibility is to provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. This is an enormous undertaking. It will require not only a complete rethinking of military strategies and a very proactive and imaginative pursuit of new technology, but also a new American attitude towards the rest of the world.

The necessity of a strong military is undeniable. Our soldiers must have the finest training, technology and support our country can offer. However, the branches of our military are completely overextended and exhausted. Eight years of abuse and downsizing have not only shrunk our active duty military by nearly half (from 900,000 active-duty soldiers in 1991, to 475,000 in 2000) but have also left the standing forces with the lowest moral since Viet Nam.

There has been a resurgence of enlistment since the September 11th attacks, but we cannot rely on attacks to drive enlistment and it is unfair to rely on patriotism. Instead, patriotism should be rewarded with strong incentives to join the military. Men and women willing to make the ultimate sacrifice should be compensated accordingly. Neither active-duty nor reserve forces should have to worry about feeding their families or losing their jobs while they are defending our country. We cannot look at our military as a superfluous fiscal comer to be cut.

These incentives must extend to our veterans as well. It is appalling that the men and women who sacrificed so dearly for our country cannot expect basic consideration when they return home. Never again can we allow our soldiers to be treated the way veterans returning from Viet Nam were treated. (*Link to Veterans Page*).

Consideration of our soldiers is only one aspect of our national defense. Another area of great concern is our intelligence gathering capability. With out adequate knowledge of our enemies, we cannot create effective military responses, weapons or foreign policy. Cost cutting measures have left our intelligence gathering capability compromised and our intelligence incomplete.

American men and women, sent to fight for us, should be armed and equipped to the best of our abilities. We must ensure their safety to the greatest possible degree. More resources must be dedicated to research and development of cutting edge technology. There is no reason our soldiers cannot be the best equipped on the planet.

Our soldiers and intelligence agencies must have the best technology we can create in order to defend us. They must be able to detect and react to any threat to American sovereignty. An integral part of this is a missile defense program, which can destroy ballistic missiles launched at the United States. This system must be capable of destroying missiles in their launch phase, while they are most vulnerable (*Link to MDI Page*).

With adequate intelligence, human and electronic, we will be able to detect threats early enough to mount an effective defense. The need for this capability is mandated by our Constitution and it has never been more of a

concrete necessity than it is today. The existence of freedom is at stake and it must be defended.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GLENN L. GRAYEM

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Glenn L. Grayem and recognize his contributions to this nation. A native of Holyoke, Colorado, Glenn began his service as a soldier at the age of nineteen, during World War II, when he was assigned to Ft. Wheeler, Texas for basic training. Upon completion of training, in 1945 Glenn was sent to serve in the Pacific and take part in the invasion of the Philippines.

Glenn was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division with the task of liberating the island of Luzon. For months, Glenn's unit fought the Japanese army for control of several towns located throughout the region. During the battles, the Japanese were instructed by their leaders to fight to the last man and surrender was not an honorable option. Glenn fought through enemy defenses for over three months until the end of the campaign. Over 156,000 Japanese and 30,000 Allied soldiers lost their lives in the Battle of Luzon.

Glenn went on to serve as part of the occupational force in Japan following the victory. He returned to his native Colorado upon the completion of his enlistment. Some of Glenn's decorations from his service include the Bronze Star, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the Army of Occupation medal. Glenn Grayem now makes his home in Montrose, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker it is a great privilege to recognize Glenn and thank him for his dedicated service during the war. If it were not for soldiers such as Glenn, America would not enjoy the many freedoms that we have today. He served selflessly in a time of great need, bringing credit to himself and to this great nation. Thanks Glenn.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH SIMUNOVICH

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joseph Simunovich for his extensive corporate, governmental, and entrepreneurial genius and expertise. On Friday, November 16, 2001, Mr. Simunovich will celebrate his official retirement with family, friends, and former colleagues. The celebration will take place at the White Beaches Golf & Country Club in Haworth, New Jersey.

Joseph Simunovich's remarkable career in corporate America spans four decades. In 1962, he began his distinguished career working in the Sales and Marketing Management divisions at the New York Telephone Company. After 16 years of remarkable service, Joseph Simunovich left the New York Tele-

phone Company to become Marketing Manager for major accounts at Bell Atlantic New Jersey, now Verizon. While at the former Bell Atlantic, he quickly rose the corporate ladder becoming Director of Sales in 1985. As Director of Sales, he supervised and coordinated a renowned sales team that led Bell Atlantic sales for 8 consecutive years. Upon his departure from Bell Atlantic, Mr. Simunovich joined United Water New Jersey-New York as Senior Vice President for Business Development, External Affairs, and Corporate Communications. In addition, Mr. Simunovich has served as Chief of Staff, President, and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors during his nine dedicated years at United Water New Jersey, New York.

Mr. Simunovich has also played an influential and active role in New Jersey politics. In 1986, he was appointed by Governor Kean to be a Member of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA). He has been re-appointed to the EDA for six consecutive terms and currently serves as EDA Vice Chairman. In addition, he is Chairman of the Bergen County Economic Development Corporation and served 12 years as a Hudson County Freeholder.

Joseph Simunovich is a resident of Bergen County, New Jersey. He is married and has two children and four grandchildren.

As a result of his hard work, Joseph Simunovich has helped improve the quality of life for thousands of families living throughout New Jersey.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joseph Simunovich for his commitment to helping others and for his years of distinguished service to the people of New Jersey.

PROCLAMATION FOR GREGORY M. PORTER

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize one of New York's outstanding young students, Gregory Porter. This young man has received the Eagle Scout honor from their peers in recognition of their achievements.

Since the beginning of this century, the Boy Scouts of America have provided thousands of boys and young men each year with the opportunity to make friends, explore new ideas, and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

The Eagle Scout award is presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. Becoming an Eagle Scout is an extraordinary award with which only the finest Boy Scouts are honored. To earn the award—the highest advancement rank in Scouting—a Boy Scout must demonstrate proficiency in the rigorous areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills; they must earn a minimum of 23 merit badges as well as contribute at least 100 man-hours toward a community oriented service project.

I ask my colleagues to Join me in congratulating the recipients of these awards, as their