I hope that for these children curiosity will always be their guide so that they and their generation will continue scientific research to invent ways to make their own lives better.

I hope that as we consider legislation for these new issues we consider what we can contribute to our children and grandchildren by encouraging invention. I hope that we can leave Selena and James, and children and grandchildren everywhere, a brighter future because of our decisions today.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of this nation’s most dedicated citizens, Sergeant James W. Hallman, Jr. On February 24, 2003, we lost James when he was senselessly gunned down during a morning stroll in Cantonment, the randomly chosen victim of a crime that has no explanation. We will forever miss James, but his impact and influence on our Northwest Florida community will never be forgotten.

A 34-year veteran of the Pensacola Police Department, James was the epitome of every law enforcement officer in the world. James was awarded the prestigious Silver Cross from the department in 1989 for going above and beyond the call of duty when he attempted to rescue two children near the 17th Avenue boat ramp. It was that dedication and determination to serve his community to the furthest lengths of his abilities that made him a hero to all and whom so many have tried to model themselves after.

Probably best known as the “Candy Man,” James could always be found passing out candy to children when he was out patrolling schools and housing developments. As Chief John Mathis said at his funeral, “there is little doubt in my mind that right now, James is passing out candy to angels in heaven.”

James’ dedication to serving his community did not end upon his retirement from the police force in 1998. He was a member of the East Brent Baptist Church, the Brownsville Masonic Lodge, the Kittich Temple, York Rite Mason, and the Hadji Shrine Temple. He was a man who lived to serve his community and for that we will be forever grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the family of Sgt. James W. Hallman, Jr. for their loss. His friends knew him as a kind man with an easy laugh and his coworkers knew him for putting his fingers in his pocket to pull out candy than for putting his hand on his gun belt. On this occasion, we honor one of America’s greatest citizens, Sgt. James W. Hallman, Jr., whose legacy will live on long beyond his passing.