

County, AFL-CIO. Mr. Prola will be honored at the Council's Unionist of the Year Dinner on May 15.

Mr. Prola, a member of the Central Labor Council's Executive Board, will receive the award to honor his dedication to the labor movement and to his community. Before being elected to the Executive Board, Mr. Prola served as a delegate for over 20 years to the Labor Council representing the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local Union 2019.

He began his labor career as a member of AFSCME Local Union 444, where he started the Health and Safety Committee and served as the local union's Vice-President. As a member of AFSCME Local 2019, Mr. Prola worked with his local union to build a Labor and Environmental Coalition which now involves the majority of the East Bay Municipal Utilities District Board of Directors.

In addition to his work with the Central Labor Council, Mr. Prola currently serves as Political Action Chair for AFSCME District Council 57, Region 3 of the San Francisco Bay Area, and as representative to the AFSCME Statewide Steering Committee.

Mr. Prola has been instrumental in engaging AFSCME participation in the political process and in helping labor to build political power to win social and economic justice. He has contributed to the COPE Program of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County AFL-CIO through his consistent participation and volunteer work to further labor's political programs.

In addition to his outstanding efforts in the labor movement, Mr. Prola serves his community as a volunteer coach for youth basketball in Oakland schools, as a volunteer coach for youth soccer in San Leandro, and as a volunteer coach for the Babe Ruth Baseball League.

I am honored to commend Jim Prola for his commitment to community service and his diligent work to further political involvement by unions.

HONORING THE COURAGE OF
ARMY STAFF SERGEANT TARIK
JACKSON

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Army Staff Sergeant, Tarik Jackson, a graduate of Miami Springs High School, is a pride to the Florida Community. During an ambush on March 23 near Nasiriyah, Southern Iraq, he was shot while trying to get several injured soldiers out of the way of enemy fire. Motivated by his indescribable bravery, Sergeant Jackson walked for a mile after he had been shot in the arm, hip and thigh, and encouraged others to keep going.

The Purple Heart Staff Sergeant Jackson was awarded correctly recognizes his exemplary character and great courage.

I am glad to hear that the doctors expect Army Staff Sergeant Tarik Jackson to fully recover, although I understand that he will need months of rehabilitation.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Jackson's injury only crystallizes the great risk and danger these brave men and women experience in the

name of the people of the United States. We never forget that the peace and prosperity that we enjoy are founded on the sacrifices made by those who have been maimed or killed in war throughout our nation's history. They have earned our gratitude and respect.

HONORING 2003 RN OF THE YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT IRENE
HEETEBRY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Irene Heetebry on the occasion of her reception for the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations' 2003 RN of the Year Award for Advanced Practice. The banquet honoring her and the three other award winners will be held Friday, May 9 at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Fresno, California.

Irene Heetebry is a skilled, experienced nurse practitioner who provides exemplary care. She encourages open communication with her patients and cares about what is going on in their lives. Irene is a genuinely thoughtful person who is not only doing her job to help others, but also to make an impact on their lives.

Ms. Heetebry displays a positive approach that allows patients to make the best decisions in choosing the type of life they want to lead. Irene facilitates preventative health maintenance, life style change, diabetic care, cholesterol, asthma, hypertension, and weight management services for her patients. She has taught classes on diabetes diagnosis and prevention, utilizing the knowledge she gained from her correlation study on self-care and the diabetic patient.

Irene encourages people to pursue their nursing careers and frequently receives accolades from those whom she has helped support over the years. She excels in all attributes which are needed to be a successful nurse.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Irene Heetebry for her excellence in the field of Advanced Practice. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Irene many years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, on May 9, 2003 for rollcall vote Nos. 177 through 182, I was in Oklahoma due to the devastating tornado that struck my District. If I had been present, on rollcall vote No. 177, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 178, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 179, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 180, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 181, I would have voted "no." And on rollcall vote No. 182, I would have voted "yea."

IN MEMORY OF LANCE CORPORAL
JOSEPH BASIL MAGLIONE III

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness and tremendous gratitude to honor the life of a brave young man, Lance Cpl. Joseph Basil Maglione III, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Lance Cpl. Maglione was just 22 years old. He died Tuesday, April 1, 2003, in Camp Coyote, Kuwait. Joe was serving with the Bridge Company Bravo, 6th Engineering Support Battalion, 4th FSSG (Force Service Support Group) of Folsom, Pennsylvania.

Joseph was a Marine Corps Reservist and a full time Architectural Engineering student at Drexel University. He was about to start his senior year. Joe attended boot camp at Parris Island, S.C. in June 2000. He served in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Fort Lee, Virginia, Folsom, Pennsylvania, and Camp Coyote, Kuwait.

Born in Abington, Pennsylvania, he was the son of Joseph B. Maglione II of York, Pennsylvania and Rosemary Corr of Audubon, Pennsylvania. He was the grandson of Mary and Jim Corr of Lansdale and the late Joe and Anne Maglione.

Joe was a 1999 graduate of North Penn Senior High School in Lansdale. He attended Council Rock High School in Holland from 1997 until 1998. He also attended Holland Junior High School from 1994 until 1996. In Lansdale, Joe attended Pennbrook Middle School and Gwyn Nor Elementary School from 1987 until 1993.

Joe began his studies at Drexel University in 1999 in the Mechanical Engineering area. He changed his major to architectural Engineering last year.

Joe worked for Northampton Township Water Authority and AV Weber in North Wales as credit for his Drexel Co-op Program. Joe loved sports. In North Penn he was on the rugby team and track team. In Council Rock he played football, was on the track team, ran the hurdles and was on the wrestling team. Joe was also a student of Tae Kwon Do in Bong Pil Yang's Martial Arts School in Lansdale from 1987 until 1993. Joe attended art classes offered by Michener Art Museum in Doylestown. He was a talented artist.

Mr. Speaker, Lance Cpl. Joseph Maglione III exemplified the spirit of service that has made this country great. It is proper to remember and honor a man of such worth and character with great respect for what he stood for. Our pride in Joe shall certainly live on—his life, his courage, his sacrifice and strength of character. The example of his citizenship and dedication to duty will be his enduring legacy. Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the memory, life and service of Lance Cpl. Joseph Maglione III, and in sending our heartfelt condolences to his family, his friends and community.