

medic currently serving in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Iraq. This soldier's recent unselfishness and courageous acts of aiding to his fellow comrades demonstrated true American heroism. The citizens of Indiana's Sixth Congressional District, joined by all Americans, are proud of Joshua's extraordinary actions displayed toward his fellow Americans.

Earlier this month, one of two Chinook helicopters transporting soldiers to Baghdad International Airport for their R&R flights home to the United States was shot down. The second helicopter did an immediate harsh landing to assist the brave men aboard the downed Chinook. As Joshua and his fellow regiment members ran to help the injured, they came under heavy gunfire without any protective gear, weapons, or medical supplies readily available. Joshua was initially the only medic at the scene and attended to the wounded for more than 2 hours. During this time, Joshua's thoughts remained solely with the health and safety of his fellow servicemen. "God, don't let anything happen to me that would render me unable to help these guys—help me, Lord."

Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to rise and pay tribute to Joshua Peters, a man who by his actions has demonstrated a promise to help defend America's freedom. Heroes emerge from the significant events happening in Iraq, and I am proud to say that Joshua Peters is among them.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege to stand today and honor Joshua Peters of Muncie, Indiana before Congress and the Nation.

HONORING THE ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF CLIFF SEGERBLOM

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life-long artistic contributions of Cliff Segerblom to the Southern Nevada community. The Boulder City Arts Council will present "Hanging with Cliff," a diverse selection of the artists works.

The works of Mr. Segerblom chronicle the history of the ever-changing Nevada landscape from his original assignment as the official photographer for the Bureau of Reclamation at the Hoover Dam in 1938 until his passing in 1980. Throughout this period, Cliff used a variety of media in portraying our environs in Southern Nevada, from the natural beauty that surrounds us to the feats of human endeavor that inspire us. I wish to thank Boulder City's most famous artist, and I urge all residents of Nevada to acquaint themselves with the powerful work of Mr. Cliff Segerblom.

RECOGNIZING VINCENT M. COULDRY FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Vincent M. Couldry, a very spe-

cial young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 60, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Vincent has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 9 years Vincent has been involved with Scouting, he has earned over 60 merit badges and has held numerous leadership positions, serving as patrol leader, chaplain, quartermaster, and Cub Scout leader. Vincent had been involved with the Tribe of Mic-O-Say for 3 years and is in the Warrior Class.

For his Eagle Scout project, Vincent landscaped an area around Savannah High School and Savannah City Tennis Courts in Savannah, Missouri. With the assistance of 22 other Scouts and leaders, Vincent planned, gathered the needed materials, and mulched 78 trees.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Vincent M. Couldry for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO TIM MCCARTHY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise today to pay tribute to the passing of a great man from my district. Tim McCarthy, a descendant of one of Pueblo, Colorado's pioneer families, was an enthusiastic figure who was known for his knowledge about Pueblo and its residents. His passing is a great loss for the Pueblo community, and I would like to take this opportunity to remember his life before this body of Congress.

After graduating from Pueblo Catholic High School, Tim spent a year studying Theater at the Pasadena Playhouse before completing a music degree at Northwestern University. Upon graduation, Tim moved back to Pueblo and became a dynamic music teacher who inspired his students to respect their fellow man. In 1957, Tim joined his father in the family funeral home business. He was a well-known art and theater enthusiast, and organized Tri-Hi Inc., a group dedicated to entertaining troops at military bases.

Tim loved to share his knowledge of Pueblo's history with others. On any given day, he could be found explaining historical events to his many friends and family members throughout town. Tim was a caring man who loved tradition and sought to keep it alive through educating his community on its past.

Mr. Speaker, Tim McCarthy was a compassionate human being who touched the lives of everyone he met. I am honored to pay tribute to a phenomenal soul who encouraged happiness and kindness in his community. Pueblo has lost a great man who exemplified the inner beauty that comes from a life-long pursuit of community service. My thoughts and prayers go out to Tim's family during this time of bereavement.

A TRIBUTE TO RALPH DICKERSON, JR. AND GLORIA DENNA DICKERSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ralph and Gloria Dickerson in recognition of their commitment and service to their community.

Ralph Dickerson, Jr. has served honorably as the President of United Way of New York City since May 1988. As President of United Way of New York City, he has led the organization into the position of being the largest private funder of health and human services in New York City and as a major force in forging bold new solutions to the city's most critical human care challenges.

Under his leadership, United Way of New York City's revenue has grown from \$75.1 million to \$135 million, making it the largest United Way in the nation. In addition, United Way of New York City has used its extensive knowledge of community-based human service agencies to broker and partner with government, foundations and business in ground breaking initiatives that are successfully addressing the city's human care issues and the high dropout rate.

Ralph has held key executive positions for 30 years in local United Ways including St. Louis, Missouri; Madison, Wisconsin; Cleveland, Ohio; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He holds a B.S. in Business Administration; and he received a M.B.A. from the University of Wisconsin.

Ralph and Gloria are the proud parents of two children, daughter, Maria Renee (deceased), and Ralph III. Their son, Ralph III and daughter-in-law, Michelle, have given them two grandsons, Cameron and Garrett and a granddaughter, Lauren.

Gloria is the President of Maral Enterprises, Inc., The Learning Tree, and Copy Bee, which she started in May 1988. Maral is a children's book distribution company while the Learning Tree, and Copy Bee are retail stores offering teachers, parents and children a full line of educational books, materials and learning guides. This entrepreneurial business came about as a result of Mrs. Dickerson's written bibliography and review of children's books mostly written by African-American authors.

Prior to this business venture, she served as Assistant Dean at the University of Wisconsin and Cleveland State University. She began her career as a special education teacher. Gloria holds a B.S. in Special Education, an M.S. degree, and completed her work toward a Ph.D. in educational psychology at the University of Missouri.

Gloria serves on educational, civic and volunteer organizations, boards and as a Trustee at her daughter's school, The Winchester Thurston in Pittsburgh. She is a member of several professional organizations including the Alpha Kappa Alpha National Sorority.

Ralph has served as a Director with several civic and corporate organizations and has received numerous city awards and honorary degrees. He was also inducted into the Alpha Kappa Psi Honorary Business Fraternity.

Mr. Speaker, Ralph and Gloria Dickerson have both made significant contributions to

their community through both their professional and voluntary endeavors. As such, they are more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring these truly remarkable people.

COMMENDING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS AND THE ARMED FORCES RELIEF TRUST

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of an important initiative undertaken by the National Association of Broadcasters and the Armed Forces Relief Trust.

With over 140,000 troops stationed in Iraq, in Afghanistan, and around the world, military families' budgets are stretched thin. In many cases, the personnel deployed are the sole breadwinners for their family, making it difficult to cope with unexpected expenses.

Last year, the relief agencies for each branch of the military raised and distributed over \$109 million in assistance to military families in need. This year, with the support of the National Association of Broadcasters and its local radio and television station members, the four relief agencies have come together to form the Armed Forces Relief Trust.

In support of that effort—and to help respond to the escalating needs of military families, the NAB and its 6,000 radio station and 1,000 television station members have produced, distributed and aired Public Service Announcements to raise monies for the Trust.

Considering recent events in Iraq, I think Americans everywhere are looking for ways to support our troops. The AFRT provides valuable services to the family members of our brave men and women who are fighting terrorism abroad. The program pays for airfare so personnel can fly home to the funeral of a loved one.

It provides needed medical attention for the spouses of military personnel. It can help offset the cost of college tuition for the child of a soldier. While the military is dedicated to taking care of its own, the needs will only continue to escalate as the length of deployments stretch out. The Trust can help make up for some of the shortfall.

By providing access to the airwaves, local television and radio stations are supporting what I believe to be an important and timely cause.

I'm therefore well aware that deployments are not only emotionally trying for military families, but financially trying as well.

I therefore commend the AFRT for providing needed relief to these families and the National Association of Broadcasters for helping get out the word.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to business in my district, I was unable to vote during the fol-

lowing rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 612, "yes"; rollcall No. 613, "yes"; rollcall No. 614, "yes"; rollcall No. 615, "yes"; rollcall No. 616, "yes"; rollcall No. 617, "yes"; rollcall No. 618, "no"; rollcall No. 619, "yes."

RECOGNIZING SHAUN THOMAS DIAMOND FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Shaun Thomas Diamond, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Shaun has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 9 years Shaun has been involved with Scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as assistant senior patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, and librarian. Shaun has been involved with the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and is a Keeper of the Sacred Bundle. He also served on staff for 2 years at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation.

For his Eagle Scout project, Shaun led a group of boys and adults in the removal of the obsolete woodland trail header and in the construction of a new woodland trail header for Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary. The new header will be enjoyed by many visitors and has increased the safety of the trail.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Shaun Thomas Diamond for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO STAR BAR

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to a remarkable small business in my district. The Star Bar in Pueblo, Colorado has been serving customers and its community for nearly a century, and it is my privilege to recognize its longevity and dedication to its customers here today.

Over the years, a variety of owners have operated the renowned Star Bar. The bar's current proprietors, Louis and Linda DeNiro, bought the establishment approximately five years ago. Despite changes in ownership, the Star Bar has remained a constant in the lives of many Puebloans. In fact, little has changed since the business was featured in an issue of National Geographic. Due to its undeniable appeal, The Star Bar has been bringing customers back for decades, and will surely continue to do so for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, dining establishments such as the Star Bar hold a special and important place in communities across the nation. Their

customers find comfort in the consistently warm and friendly service. I am honored to stand here today before this body of Congress and this nation to recognize Pueblo's Star Bar and its many years of tremendous service.

A TRIBUTE TO CHARLES E. SIMPSON, ESQ.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Charles E. Simpson, in recognition of his commitment and service to his community and his outstanding accomplishments in the field of law.

Charles is an attorney and a partner of Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP., and chairs the firm's Bankruptcy, Corporate Restructuring and Workouts Practice Group. He is also a member of the Litigation and Real Estate Practice Groups.

Since 1981, Charles has served as one of the counsels to the Honorable Edolphus Towns of the 10th Congressional District, Brooklyn, New York. In addition, he is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Children's Museum, the Brooklyn Red Cross, the Queens Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and the Brooklyn Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. From 1983 through 1987, Mr. Simpson served as Brooklyn's Representative on the Board of Directors of the then New York City Public Development Corporation. He also served as counsel to the Bed-Stuy/Crown Heights Area Health Plan and the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation. He was a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Minorities in the Profession from 1987 to 1992.

Charles, who served in the U.S. Army from 1969–1972, graduated magna cum laude from Pepperdine University in Los Angeles, California in 1974 and received his law degree in 1977 from Harvard. He was named a Martin Luther King Jr. Fellow in 1974.

Mr. Speaker, Charles E. Simpson has dedicated his time to an array of local activities and causes, often using his legal expertise for the betterment of the community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

COMMENDING STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE 2003 WORLD CUP CHAMPION TEAM FROM DRURY UNIVERSITY

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) 2003 World Cup Champion Team from Drury University in Springfield, Missouri. These exceptional university students demonstrated on an international stage what it means to practice free enterprise with common sense in a socially and ethically responsible manner. Drury University's SIFE team