

the amount provided in this Act for "Aviation Security";

"No" on rollcall 273 on the Markey amendment numbered 10 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to prohibit the use of funds in the bill to approve, renew or implement any aviation cargo security plan that permits the transportation of unscreened or uninspected cargo on passenger planes;

"No" on rollcall 274 on the Velazquez amendment which sought to prohibit the use of funds from being used by the Federal Protective Service to replace any existing contract for security guard services with statewide contracts for security guard services;

"Yes" on rollcall 275 making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes;

"Yes" on rollcall 276 expressing the gratitude of the House of Representatives for the contributions made by America's community banks to the Nation's economic well-being and prosperity and the sense of the House of Representatives that a month should be designated as "Community Banking Month";

"Yes" on rollcall 277 passing the Helping Hands for Homeownership Act;

"Yes" on rollcall 278 Congratulating Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks on pitching a perfect game on May 18, 2004.

COMMENDING LEXINGTON POLICE
CHIEF MIKE ROTH

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend a public servant of 31 years, Chief William M. (Mike) Roth of the Lexington, South Carolina Police Department. Under his leadership, the Lexington Police Department grew from a force of ten to thirty-one officers that currently serve a population of 16,000 citizens. His innovative approaches to criminal justice issues have resulted in the establishment of a full-time traffic unit, an Emergency Service (SWAT) Team, and the institution of Community-Oriented Policing.

Chief Roth was also personally responsible for the establishment of the Department's Investigative Division that includes a Child and Elder Abuse Investigator and a full-time Victims Advocate. Additionally, he was instrumental in the creation of such local school-based programming as School Resource Officers and DARE classes for elementary and middle school students.

Under Chief Roth's leadership, the Department received many awards and recognitions, developed and implemented the "Adopt-a-Cop" development, and contributed to the establishment of the Lexington Keeping Every Youth Safe (KEYS) after-school program.

His hands-on approach to law enforcement management and dedication to the community serves as an example for other police departments to follow.

In conclusion, may God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11th.

RECOGNIZING TOMMY PILIOURAS
AND THE MARGARITA GRILL

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. I rise today to recognize a patriotic small business owner in my district that I had the pleasure of meeting last week.

Tommy Piliouras of Citrus County owns and operates the Margarita Grill in Homosassa, Florida. I arrived at his restaurant to find a line of eager people happy to wait as long as necessary for a table in his restaurant. All customers receive an American flag, and patriotic music plays throughout the restaurant which is decorated in red, white, and blue.

Mr. Piliouras runs the Margarita Grill along with his son, Sammy. The two of them chat and interact with customers at their tables and lead the crowd in singing patriotic songs while everyone waves the American flag. For patrons unwilling to wave the American flag, the restaurant plays "Hit the Road Jack" long enough for them to take their business elsewhere.

Tommy Piliouras came to America in 1958 from his native country of Greece and is proud to be an American. He appreciates the American way of life that many take for granted. His sense of family, community, and hard work truly exemplify the American spirit. It is refreshing and comforting to see such grateful, proud Americans.

I am pleased to have such loyal, appreciative Americans living in the communities of my district, and I am honored to recognize Tommy Piliouras and the Margarita Grill on the floor of this House today.

HONORING RICHARD S. AGNEW

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the stories of our veterans should be preserved for future generations. These accounts will serve as a valuable record of the price of freedom.

Richard S. ("Dick") Agnew, of Plano, Texas is a shining example of the American veteran. He's dedicated fifty-seven years of patriotic service to our nation and his fellow veterans . . . all without much fanfare or tribute.

Well, today that's about to change as the country and the Congress say, "Thank you."

In 1947, Mr. Agnew enlisted in the U.S. Army and served proudly with Airborne Infantry units. He rose through the ranks and was commissioned through Officer Candidate School as a Second Lieutenant in 1952. He served in combat in Korea with the 40th Infantry Division in what was dubbed the bloody Heartbreak Ridge sector.

On the night of July 19, 1953, Lieutenant Agnew engaged in hand-to-hand combat with enemy soldiers deep behind enemy lines. For his extraordinary heroism in that engagement, he was awarded the U.S. Army's Distinguished Service Cross, our nation's second highest award for valor, and the Purple Heart

medal for the wounds he sustained in that life-and-death struggle. Dick Agnew endured what people today only watch in movies.

Promoted to Captain while on active duty, Agnew later attained the rank of Major in the U.S. Army Reserve. After he left active duty, Mr. Agnew attended Suffolk University in Boston, MA, from 1961-1964. He graduated Cum Laude in the top 3% of his class with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. A successful career in business ended with his retirement in 1996.

Mr. Agnew has devoted his life to promoting patriotism and improving the quality of life of his fellow veterans. He is the North Texas Commander of the Legion of Valor, a national organization chartered by Congress, whose members were awarded the Medal of Honor; also the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, and Air Force Cross.

It is a tremendous honor to recognize an unsung hero like Dick Agnew. You know, there was an inscription on the wall where I was held captive as a Prisoner of War in Vietnam—and I think it sums up Dick Agnew's experience. It read—Freedom has a taste to those who fight and almost die for it that the protected will never know. Dick Agnew knows about freedom. Dick Agnew loves that freedom. And Dick Agnew loves America.

God bless him and God bless America.

I'd like to insert his medal citation into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-
SERVICE CROSS

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul 43, 1913), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Distinguished-Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action is awarded in the name of the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, to:

First Lieutenant RICHARD S. AGNEW, 01925377, Infantry, United States Army. Lieutenant AGNEW, a member of an infantry company, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mundung-ni, Korea. On the night of 19 July 1953, Lieutenant AGNEW, was serving as the leader of a combat patrol operating far ahead of the United Nations main line of resistance when he and the assistant patrol leader fell from a cliff. Although his ankle was painfully injured and he was in enemy territory, Lieutenant AGNEW ordered the patrol to return to friendly lines and establish plans to rejoin allied forces the following evening. The following night, Lieutenant AGNEW and his comrade scaled the cliff and proceeded toward United Nations territory. When challenged by an enemy soldier, Lieutenant AGNEW fearlessly hurled a hand grenade. He was wounded and separated from his companion when the enemy retaliated with a hail of small arms and grenade fire. Confronted by an enemy soldier armed with a knife, Lieutenant AGNEW ignored his weakened condition, engaged him in hand to hand combat and killed him with his own weapon. Hearing other enemy forces advancing, Lieutenant AGNEW then pulled the pin on his remaining hand grenade and tied it to his hand before falling to the ground in exhaustion. He was later found in a semi-conscious condition by a United Nations patrol. The extraordinary heroism exhibited by Lieutenant AGNEW on this occasion reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the Federal service from Massachusetts.