

from veterans medical facilities, representation for veterans in processing claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs, grant financial assistance to veterans and their families, provide memorial services for any veteran, as well as color guards for all types of occasions. The DAV is an organization that is committed to helping disabled veterans help themselves by providing the tools necessary to restructure their lives and accommodate their service-connected illness or injury so that they can live as close to a productive life as possible.

We must never forget the sacrifice our Nation's men and women make when they enlist in the military. Each day of their enlistment, whether it is in a war zone or on the home front, they are making significant contributions toward preserving the freedoms of the United States. We are indebted to these brave individuals. I am very proud of the Disabled American Veterans Genesee Chapter No. 3 for they have always worked hard to fulfill requests for support. I consider them to be a valuable asset to the community.

Mr. Speaker, as the Member of Congress representing Genesee County, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in paying tribute to an outstanding veterans organization, Disabled American Veterans Genesee Chapter No. 3, for 75 years of unwavering devotion to taking care of the disabled veterans of Genesee County.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LEVI
BRINKLEY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Levi Brinkley of Burns, Oregon. Levi bravely battled the Storm King Mountain Fire outside the town of Glenwood Springs, Colorado in 1994, but succumbed to the blaze along with thirteen fellow firefighters while working to protect the City. I personally served as a firefighter and understand the risks they face each and everyday. Witnessing the awful inferno that fateful July day, I know Levi and his comrades battled the fire with the utmost courage and valor. With the tenth anniversary of the Storm King Fire approaching, I believe it appropriate to recognize the sacrifice Levi and the Storm King Firefighters made on behalf of a grateful community, state and nation.

A very outgoing and friendly person, Levi was a top honor student at Burns High School where he was an all-state football player and student body president. He attended Bend Community College where he received an associate degree in psychology, and was working toward a bachelor's degree in psychology. He became a firefighter at age eighteen, first with the Snow Mountain Ranger District, and then joining the Prineville Hotshots, an elite group of firefighters who specialize in wildland fire suppression. A true outdoorsman, Levi enjoyed bungee-jumping, skydiving, rock climbing, hunting, fishing, and skiing. Above all, he was devoted to his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life and memory of Firefighter Levi Brinkley. Levi personified the Hotshots

credo of Safety, Teamwork, and Professionalism; putting himself in harms way for unfamiliar people and places. He made the ultimate sacrifice doing what he loved, and I, along with the Glenwood Springs community and the State of Colorado are eternally grateful to this brave young man.

HONORING THE LIBERTY COLUMN
MONUMENT

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the public outcry over the defaced Liberty Column Monument in Miami's Bayfront Park.

The Liberty Column Monument is dedicated to the thousands of Cuban rafters who have lost their lives at sea while fleeing Fidel Castro's Cuba. Embodying their sacrifice, having risked everything for a chance at freedom, the monument is a pair of hands, bound in stone, reaching towards the open sky. The column is an important symbol to our community as many have lost family and friends to the cold waters off of the American shore.

Humberto Sanchez, a Cuban exile himself, paid \$30,000 to create the monument in 1994. He has been collecting pieces of rafts off of Florida shores for years and has dedicated himself to memorializing the exodus of the Cuban rafter. Mr. Sanchez exemplifies the spirit and courage of the people he has celebrated in the Liberty Column.

Much to my great dismay, and to that of the Miami community, the Liberty Column Monument was recently vandalized in a despicable and most disrespectful fashion. I am pleased to inform the House that there is an ongoing movement to raise funds for its repair. There have also been talks of upgrading the monument to pure bronze to prevent future destruction.

Mr. Speaker, I am hopeful that the police will track down the criminals who damaged this symbol, and I am certain that the renovated Liberty Column Monument will continue to honor the lost souls who did not survive the voyage to free, American soil.

H. CON. RES. 405—EXPRESSING THE
SENSE OF CONGRESS WITH RE-
SPECT TO THE NEED TO PRO-
VIDE PROSTATE CANCER PA-
TIENTS WITH MEANINGFUL AC-
CESS TO INFORMATION ON
TREATMENT OPTIONS, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 405 and the continued need to provide prostate cancer patients with meaningful access to information on treatment options.

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer among American men. The American Cancer Society estimates that during

2004 about 230,110 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the United States. One man in six will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime, but only 1 man in 32 will die of this disease. The key to decreasing the amount of men that die from this disease yearly is not only informing patients about all the available treatment options but identifying the disease early on.

Because early detection is essential in the treatment and survival rates of Prostate Cancer patients, often Americans with limited health care are more susceptible to detection at more advanced stages, and increased mortality rates. In fact because of their low levels of medical healthcare African Americans are two to three times more likely to die of prostate cancer than white men. Only 66 percent of African Americans diagnosed with prostate cancer survive for 5 years, compared with 81 percent of white men.

As Members of Congress we must do everything in our power to ensure that medical service providers are informing patients on all possible treatments of this devastating disease. Education will inevitably lead to the best treatment options for all patients. Furthermore this Congress must take action to ensure that all Americans have regular access to health care so that diseases like prostate cancer can be detected in their earliest stages. We cannot continue to fail the millions of Americans without health care coverage because this makes our citizens increasingly susceptible to many devastating diseases like prostate cancer.

Mr. Speaker, prostate cancer continues to plague thousands of men in our country every year. I support this legislation that will encourage medical service providers to increase awareness on treatment options for prostate cancer patients and I urge this body to continue the discussion that would eventually yield much needed health care service to every American.

HONORING JASON HICKS ON THE
COMPLETION OF HIS INTERNSHIP

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Jason Hicks for his help while interning in my office. Jason is a resident of Cookeville, TN, which I represent in Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District.

Jason just finished his freshman year at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he is majoring in English and political science. He is a member of the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity and vice president of the university's Tennessee Debate Society.

Jason has been a great help and a wonderful addition to my office. He has helped address constituent concerns, assisted me and my staff with numerous projects, and served as a friendly and informative tour guide of the U.S. Capitol, providing visitors from Middle Tennessee with a personalized look at a national treasure.

I trust that Jason has enjoyed his whirlwind internship and his first-hand examination of the workings of Congress. I know that I have enjoyed having his fresh perspective and enthusiasm during his time here.