

lake. Thousands of concerned citizens have given up countless amounts of time in maintaining White Rock Lake as a sanctuary for a wide variety of wildlife and as an enjoyable place to take the family for a nice day in the outdoors.

I honor the noble efforts of the volunteers of "For the Love of the Lake," as it is a model example of what private citizens can do to achieve a greater public good in the preservation of one of our great resources in Dallas. Without "For the Love of the Lake," White Rock Lake would not be the enjoyable place for the community that it is today, and I honor the efforts of all of the volunteers who ensure the quality of the lake and shoreline.

I wish "For the Love of the Lake" continued success in maintaining our lake so that future residents of Dallas may enjoy the same beautiful preserve of White Rock Lake that we enjoy today.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
SERGEANT JOSEPH MARTIN  
GARMBACK, JR.

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 15, 2004*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of United States Army Sergeant Joseph Martin Garmback, Jr., who courageously and selflessly answered the call to duty and made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country.

Family, friends and service to others defined Sergeant Garmback's life. A gentle and kind soul, Sergeant Garmback lived his life with great joy, energy and compassion. He easily forged lasting friendships and was quick with a smile, kind word, or helping hand. He held a special place in his heart for our elderly—especially his grandmothers.

Aside from his tireless focus on work and service to country, Sergeant Garmback's family and friends were central to his life. He was a wonderful and cherished son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and grandson. He gained personal strength and faith from those who knew him best and loved him most—his mother, Marylon Garmback; father, Joseph Garmback, Sr.; his sisters, Susan, Arlene and Christine; his grandparents, Orville and Myrtle Guinn and the late Dorothy Videc and Frank Garmback; his brothers-in-law, Luke and Robert; his nieces Gabrielle, Jacqueline, Denise, and Madeline; his nephews Shane and Ethan; and his cherished friend, Christiane Blass.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Sergeant Joseph Martin Garmback, Jr., whose honor, commitment and compassion for others will be remembered always. I offer my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Sergeant Garmback. The significant sacrifice, service, and bravery that characterized the life of Sergeant Joseph Martin Garmback, Jr. will forever be honored and remembered by our Cleveland community and our entire Nation.

The bonds of love created in life by Sergeant Garmback will live forever within the hearts of his family and friends, and he will never be forgotten.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COLONEL  
ROBERT B. KEYSER, ON THE OC-  
CASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 15, 2004*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to pay tribute to Colonel Robert B. Keyser on the occasion of his retirement as Commander and District Engineer of the Army Corps of Engineers in Mobile, Alabama.

For the past three years, Colonel Keyser has served the Mobile District—comprised of an area ranging from Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia to all of Central and South America—with an incomparable level of leadership and professionalism.

A native of Cornwall, New York, Colonel Keyser received his Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He also received a Master's Degree in Engineering from the University of Florida and a Master's Degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Colonel Keyser is registered with the State of Alabama as a professional engineer and was inducted into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society.

Following his commissioning as a second lieutenant in the United States Army in 1978, Colonel Keyser went on to graduate from the Air Command and Staff College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and from Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses. During his military career he served with the 588th Engineer Battalion at Fort Polk, Louisiana, the 2nd Engineer Battalion in Korea, the 94th Engineer Battalion in Germany and Southwest Asia, and the United States Army Total Personnel Command in Alexandria, Virginia. Prior to his assignment as Commander of the Mobile Engineer District, he served as Commander of the Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District.

Colonel Keyser has consistently drawn the recognition and praise of his colleagues and superior officers, and his outstanding performance as a member of the Army has resulted in his being awarded the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal.

From his first day as Commander of the Mobile District, Colonel Keyser has taken a strong interest in the concerns of the many thousands of men and women living in areas under his jurisdiction. Time and again, he has risen above the challenges presented to his office, whether they are as routine as a permit application for the construction of a seawall to something as difficult as the numerous natural disasters which have hit the Mobile District in recent years. He has instilled a tremendous work ethic in his subordinates and has gone out of his way to foster a strong working relationship with agencies and officials at local, state, and federal levels.

Along with his tremendous involvement in the activities and mission of the Mobile Engineer District of the Army Corps of Engineers, Colonel Keyser is also actively involved in his community. A resident of Fairhope, Alabama, he has played a lead role in the development

and growth of a community youth soccer league, in which his children participate and he serves as a team coach.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Colonel Robert B. Keyser for his tremendous contributions to the citizens of the First Congressional District of Alabama, the Mobile Engineer District, and the entire Army Corps of Engineers. The experience and enthusiasm he has brought to his job and the professionalism he has displayed throughout his career are unquestioned and unparalleled.

He has indeed been a genuine asset both to his office and to the United States military, and I am proud and honored to call him my friend. I wish him and his family—his wife, Cathy, his sons, Daniel, Brian, and Michael, and his daughter, Amy—much happiness and success as they enter this new phase of their lives.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF  
THE FBI AND TASK FORCE PER-  
SONNEL AND RELATED AGEN-  
CIES IN THE BUFFALO INVE-  
STIGATION OF THE LACKAWANNA  
SIX

**HON. JACK QUINN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 15, 2004*

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the outstanding efforts that a group of local heroes played in keeping America safe from the type of terrorist threats that are occurring here in the United States as well as overseas. While the public may not always hear about the close calls or the work done behind the scenes by our federal agents, it is with great pride that we publicly recognize the FBI agents and Task Force Personnel in Buffalo, New York for their work investigating and bringing to successful prosecution the terrorist cell known as the Lackawanna Six.

In the spring of 2001, six men from Lackawanna, NY were recruited to a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan. The camp was directed by al-Qaida and included speeches given personally by Osama bin Laden. The Six admitted to attending the al-Qaida training camp to learn terrorists' tactics.

With the work of the Buffalo FBI and Task Force Personnel, the Lackawanna Six were successfully prosecuted and sentenced, with each member receiving prison terms of between seven and ten years. While we will thankfully never know what harm they intended to bring to American innocents, we all feel safer knowing that they are behind bars. The contributions of these Buffalo agents were crucial in protecting Americans from the terrors like the ones experienced on September 11th.

As we have seen with the recent attacks in Bali and Madrid, terrorism is a new type of threat that makes securing the homeland a constant struggle. Our enemies in the war on terror are not always clear, and we rely on the men and women in the FBI and other Federal agencies as vital parts in the internal battle against future terror attacks. And while their specific contributions cannot always be officially recognized, I would also like to express my thanks for the professional contributions to the Lackawanna investigation of our intelligence agencies. I thank them all for their work protecting America.