

today honor a fallen Marine from my district, Staff Sergeant Theodore "Sam" Holder II of Littleton. Sadly, Staff Sergeant Holder was killed in the line of duty during combat operations on Veterans Day in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq.

Staff Sergeant Holder was an Infantry Unit Leader with Company A, 1st Light Armored Recon, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 7, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force based in Camp Pendleton, California.

His unit was fighting terrorists in Fallujah. He was just 27 years old.

"Sam" was a graduate of Green Mountain High School in Lakewood, and served his country for 8 years with distinction including tours protecting American diplomats and interests abroad at our Embassies. He also guarded Secretary of State Colin Powell at one time, and met both President George W. Bush and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. His friends described him as "a special person," and "the ultimate Marine."

He was an accomplished soldier whose awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, the Marine Security Guard Ribbon and the National Service Defense Medal.

Mr. Speaker, my deepest sympathies go out to the family of Staff Sergeant Holder. He served his country honorably and with distinction in the War on Terror, making the ultimate sacrifice fighting for freedom and democracy in defense of a grateful Nation. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Americans owe him a great debt of gratitude. His dedication and bravery will not be forgotten.

IN HONOR OF GOLDIE MALONE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of my dear friend, Goldie Malone, as she is being honored by the Croation Fraternal Union, (CFU) for her remarkable service to the Union, and for her outstanding and continued service to our community.

Born to Nicholas and Helen Strahinic in Cleveland, Ohio, Goldie learned the significance of family, faith community, heritage and hard work from an early age. While attending Jane Addams High School in Cleveland, Goldie worked at the White Dove Mattress Company. After high school graduation, she continued working at Dove Mattress for another 13 years. In 1952, Goldie married James Malone, and together they raised their daughter, Jamie, who now resides in Illinois. Beyond caring for her family, Goldie Malone has always reached out into the community, sharing her time and talents with those around her. She joined Zumberak Lodge nearly 60 years ago, and became Fraternal Secretary in October of 1953, a position she still holds today. Throughout the years, Goldie has consistently reflected a spark of energy and joy within every CFU project and event.

Ahead of her time, Goldie organized CFU's first Ladies Basketball Team in 1952—a divi-

sion of the CFU. The league still exists today. She has organized numerous youth basketball teams and projects, and initiated countless fundraisers in support of community youth activities. Her abilities as a leader were evidenced during her 8 year tenure as President of the Board of the CFU, and as the past President of the Ohio Fraternal Congress in the late seventies. Moreover, Goldie actively worked to preserve and promote the culture and history of Croatia. She directed her energies toward the youth of the CFU, so that they would gain a deep understanding and appreciation of their Croatia heritage. She led the efforts to raise funds for costumes, musical instruments and other materials reflective of their Eastern European homeland.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in tribute and recognition of Goldie Malone, as she is honored by the Croation Fraternal Union for her outstanding dedication, clear vision, hard work and unequalled leadership within this historic organization. Goldie Malone continues to be an inspiration to everyone in her life—especially to her family and friends. Her loyalty, friendship, convictions, boundless energy and good works are invaluable gifts to all of us who know her well, and her dedication and work has uplifted the Croation Fraternal Union, and has uplifted our entire Greater Cleveland community.

RECOGNIZING DAVID HITE FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Hite of Liberty, Missouri, 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 388, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David Hite 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 CONGRESSMAN JACK QUINN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the gentleman from New York, my colleague in the New York delegation JACK QUINN. After 12 years of distinguished service, JACK has chosen to leave the Chamber. But he can do so knowing that he was an effective and tireless representative for his constituents in the Buffalo area. JACK has successfully opened

and closed over 10,000 cases on behalf of the people in his district, which I believe speaks volumes about the type of care and concern he showed his constituents.

JACK is the only New York State Member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, and has been a vital resource for our veterans in New York and across the country. In April 1996, he was awarded the prestigious AMVETS Silver Helmet Award for his work on behalf of our Nation's veterans.

As chairman of the Railroads Subcommittee, JACK has been a strong and consistent voice in fighting hard for preserving Amtrak. Amtrak remains a critical part of our transportation infrastructure, especially in New York and along the Northeast corridor. JACK's leadership on this issue has greatly benefited all of us who rely on this important national passenger rail system. In fact, his commitment to this issue earned him the "Golden Spike Award" from the National Association of Railroad Passengers. Safety on railways is another key issue for Representative QUINN.

Mr. Speaker, JACK QUINN will be missed by his constituents as well as all of us who had the pleasure of working with him during the last 12 years. We wish you all of the best in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO MAGGIE KATIE BROWN KIDD

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Maggie Katie Brown Kidd, a loyal and loving wife and mother who has devoted her long and wonderfully blessed life to her family. Mrs. Kidd will be celebrating her 100th birthday with her family on November 26th in my congressional district.

Maggie was born on December 8, 1904 to Lucy and William "Doc" Brown of Stephens, Georgia; the eleventh of twelve children. William received the nickname "Doc" from his neighbors because of his reputation for helping anyone in need. His neighbors used to tell everyone to "go see Doc" if they were ever in trouble. Maggie began to develop a similar reputation as she grew up as she never hesitated from sharing whatever she had, even when she had little.

Lucy and Doc owned a farm in Stephens where the whole family was welcomed when they needed a place to live. Maggie continued this tradition when she took over the farm, offering a home to all of her relatives that needed one. She even helped raise her grandniece. The people who lived close to her farm knew her as a good neighbor. Her parents joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Stephens where Rosalyn worshipped and studied when she was a child. She still maintains a membership at the church today.

On November 30, 1940, Maggie married Willie Kidd. They had two children, Rosalyn and John and continued to work on her parent's farm. Maggie and Willie worked the farm until 1961, when she and Willie decreased the size of their farm and began gardening. Willie passed away in 1962 from complications due to diabetes. She lived on the same land until

1989. Now she lives with Rosalyn in Riverdale, GA where she continues to make beautiful quilts when her health permits. She is blessed to have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and Maggie's family in wishing her a happy 100th birthday.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL BOB LARGENT'S AND COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JACK STEED'S SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, recently, Colonel Bob Largent, United States Air Force (retired) was elected President of the Air Force Association (AFA). Mr. Largent will be responsible for expressing the concerns of the Association, to Congress and other entities on a national level. He has dedicated his life to serving our country, and now he will lead the Air Forces premiere service organization with distinction. I would like to express enthusiasm about Mr. Largent's newly elected position and wish him Godspeed.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to enter in to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the election of another able bodied Georgian, Command Chief Master Sergeant Jack Steed, United States Air Force retired as a regional president of the Air Force Association (AFA). Command Master Chief Steed will serve over a region covering three states—Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. He is eminently well qualified to serve in this position. He has a passion for service to our airmen and their families. The Air Force Association and the United States Air Force will benefit immeasurably from his leadership.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the leaders and members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Parma, Ohio, as they celebrate one hundred years of faith, guidance and support, embracing generations of citizens within our Parma community and beyond.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church was established at the turn of the century to serve the spiritual needs of farming families of German heritage, who settled in the Parma area. On November 13, 2004, the official name of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church was adopted and celebrated at the original church at State and Pleasant Valley Roads. Since that time, Bethlehem Lutheran Church has evolved into a multifaceted congregation that continues to provide an array of services.

Along with the rich tradition of faith and family, the leaders and members of Bethlehem

Lutheran Church have consistently planned to meet the present and future needs of the congregation. In 1967, a new, contemporary church was built on fourteen acres along State Road. Over the years, the Extended Family Daycare Center was opened, along with many additions, including an Educational Room and the Garden of Prayer.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of every past and present leader and member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Parma, Ohio, as they celebrate one hundred years of fostering faith and hope for generations of families within our western Cleveland community. The services and guidance offered here continue to strengthen the lives of countless families and individuals, and thereby serve to strengthen our entire community.

RECOGNIZING KURTIS R. MORRISON FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kurtis R. Morris of Parkville, Missouri, 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 260, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. On November 6, Kurtis will receive his Eagle Scout Award at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Kurtis has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kurtis has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. AND MRS. WHITE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Bill and Mona White were united in marriage November 19, 1954, and are celebrating 50 years of marriage; and

Whereas, Bill and Mona have demonstrated a firm commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Bill and Mona must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family and friends; and

Whereas, Bill and Mona have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples.

Therefore, I join with their family, friends, the residents of Sugar Grove, and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Bill and Mona White as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

RECOGNITION OF LANCE CORPORAL AARON PICKERING

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Lance Corporal Aaron Clayton Pickering, who was recently killed during combat operations in the Al Anbar Province.

Lance Cpl. Pickering was a 20 year old native of Marion, Illinois. He died Nov. 10 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Lance Cpl. Pickering was a 2003 graduate of Harrisburg High School, in Harrisburg, Illinois. He also lived several years in Marion Illinois. Not enough can be said about the great sacrifice this man made for his country, he made the ultimate sacrifice. He is survived by his father and stepmother, Carl and Teresa Pickering and his mother and stepfather, Sam and Lisa Short. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones.

Lance Cpl. Pickering gave his life in an effort to improve the lives of others. This sacrifice should never be forgotten. Pickering, along with so many other brave men and women, put their lives on the line day in and day out. My sincere thanks goes out to them all. God bless them, and may God continue to bless America.

HONORING THE KERITE COMPANY AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce and the entire Valley community in extending my sincere congratulations to the Kerite Company of Seymour, Connecticut as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary. One of the oldest wire and cable companies in the United States, this is a remarkable milestone for this company which has become a true community landmark.

Founded in 1854 by Austin Goodyear Day, Kerite has long been a leader in the development and production of utility transmission and distribution power cables as well as industrial power cables. The innovations credited to Kerite have marked unparalleled technological advancements—with each new technology bringing the dawn of a new era, not only in the industry but in our society as well. The 1865 invention of the crosshead extruder by A.G. DeWolfe Kerite resulted in the first insulated telegraph wire. Kerite introduced the signal cable for railroads and was responsible for the first submarine power cable as well as for cable supplied to the Panama Canal. As the needs of industry changed, Kerite has adapted itself to provide quality products to its consumers. In modern history, the Kerite Company introduced the first 69 kilovolt and the