

On April 30, 1975, the ancient city of Saigon fell to the conquest of the communist troops. This action solidified the communist takeover of South Vietnam. Three decades later, I rise to honor the memory and sacrifice of the hundreds of thousands of South Vietnamese soldiers, American soldiers and civilians who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of liberty and democracy.

Despite the takeover, the culture, spirit and hope reflected by the Vietnamese people remained steadfast. After the communist takeover of Saigon, thousands of Vietnamese, determined to rebuild their lives, began their treacherous exodus out of Vietnam. Their daring escape was on foot, through thick jungles and over jagged mountains. They escaped by boat, through snake-infested rivers and across turbulent seas. They became refugees in many nations, including America, with nothing more than the clothes on their back and the hope for freedom in their hearts.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me to honor and remember the hundreds of thousands of men and women who sacrificed their lives in the name of freedom. Today, we also honor agencies and churches such as The Vietnamese Community of Greater Cleveland and St. Helena Catholic Church, that continue to offer a haven of support, services and hope to immigrants from all over the world. The Vietnamese culture, through the care and commitment of its people, has flourished in America, yet remains forever connected to its ancient cultural and historical traditions that spiral back throughout the centuries, connecting the old world to the new, spanning oceans and borders—from Vietnam to America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, for rollcall vote No. 141 on the Scott of Virginia amendment to H.R. 748, had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative.

HONORING JAMES BERRY, PRESIDENT OF LOCKHEED MARTIN MISSILES AND FIRE CONTROL

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with the celebration of Small Business Week, I would like to recognize Mr. James Berry, President of Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, in Grand Prairie, Texas, for receiving the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence. This award was given by the Small Business Administration. It honors large contractors that have excelled in utilizing small businesses as suppliers and subcontractors. Mr. Berry and the entire company deserve this high merit for their support of small businesses.

Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy. They are vital to innovation and major job providers for American

workers. In 2003, 99.7 percent of all businesses in the United States were small firms.

Congratulations to Mr. Berry and the Lockheed Martin team in Grand Prairie for receiving this high distinction. I thank them for recognizing the importance of small businesses, and establishing an outstanding small business subcontracting program. I wish Mr. Berry and Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control continued success.

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, small businesses represent more than 99 percent of all businesses in America and 85 percent of jobs created in the Second District of South Carolina.

As we celebrate National Small Business Week, I'm proud to congratulate Mr. Bill Head of Hilton Head Island on receiving the "2005 S.C. Small Business Person of the Year" award. Bill and his wife Vicky opened an auto center 10 years ago with only \$7,000, with tools, and a dream of owning a business. Today, they employ 14 people and their business is worth over \$2 million. Bill's vision and hard work made him one of the millions of small business owners who support our country's economy.

The 109th Congress is already helping small business owners like Bill by acting to permanently repeal the death tax, allow small businesses to band together to purchase health insurance, and protect small businesses against junk lawsuits. As a former small business owner, I am dedicated to making sure that small business owners have the tools they need to grow their businesses and create new jobs.

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

RECOGNIZING FOUR SAMARITANS

HON. JOHN E. PETERSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor four Samaritans that put their lives at risk to save a young man who was badly electrocuted after a car accident in rural Forest County, Pennsylvania, on February 12th of this year.

On that snowy Saturday, Eric Wallace was driving on Blue Jay Road through the Allegheny National Forest, when he lost control of his pickup truck. The vehicle crossed the roadway and rolled over an embankment, landing on the driver's side. Mr. Wallace climbed out of his vehicle, but came into contact with live power lines buried in the snow. Mr. Wallace went down 50 feet from his wrecked truck, his face in the snow and a hand and foot aflame from the current passing through his body.

Thankfully for Mr. Wallace, four men happened to be on this rural two-lane road on that winter Saturday. One man, Ron Weisenstein

of nearby Sheffield was the first to happen by the accident scene, which he saw from his vehicle. Mr. Weisenstein pulled his vehicle over and ran to the injured passenger. Seeing the power lines across Mr. Wallace's body, Mr. Weisenstein instinctively pulled the victim away from the lines, only to receive powerful shock himself.

Michael Brunner was working at his parent's house down the road from the accident when he heard the crash. After having his parents call 911, Mr. Brunner ran down the road to join Mr. Weisenstein. Shortly thereafter, Brian Marshall came upon the accident. Appraising the situation, Mr. Marshall told the two others that he had a rope in his vehicle. Mr. Weisenstein took the rope and wrapped it around Mr. Wallace's left foot, finally pulling him off the downed power lines.

The three men found Mr. Wallace to be without a heartbeat and not breathing. Mr. Brunner remembered the CPR training he had received as a Boy Scout in his youth and with the assistance of Mr. Weisenstein was able to get the injured man breathing again. Soon after Mr. Wallace started to breath on his own, Paul Hebert came across the accident. Mr. Hebert, an Emergency Medical Technician visiting the area from Manassas, Virginia, cleared Mr. Wallace's airways and helped stabilize the man until personnel from the Sheffield Volunteer Fire Department arrived. Mr. Wallace was taken by helicopter to the Intensive Care Burn Unit at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is now on the road to recovery.

Mr. Speaker, without the assistance of these four gentlemen who happened to be on this quiet road through the forest on a winter's day, Eric Wallace would have likely died either from electrocution or exposure to the cold. We should all applaud their quick thinking, teamwork, and selflessness to help a fellow man, and I am honored to have the opportunity to highlight their actions.

RECOGNITION OF AMSA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY AND NAME CHANGE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA) on the occasion of its 35th Anniversary and on its name change to the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, or NACWA. Its 35 year record of advocacy and leadership in meeting the goals of the Clean Water Act has helped guarantee the chemical, biological, and physical health of our Nation's rivers, lakes, streams, bays, and coasts.

NACWA's members serve the majority of the sewered population in our Country and treat and reclaim over 18 billion gallons of wastewater a day. Simply stated, NACWA and its members deserve to be celebrated for their ongoing role in the remarkable revitalization of America's waterways.

Despite the improvements made so far to our Nation's waters, NACWA understands that significant work remains to be done to achieve the goals of the Clean Water Act. From the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's

close working relationship with the Association, we know NACWA is well-positioned to continue building on our Nation's water quality gains.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has looked to AMSA and will continue to look to NACWA as a valued informational resource and advocate on behalf of sound water quality policy. The Association has always been willing to share its expertise and to provide leadership in challenging times. For example, in the wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001, the Association responded immediately with creative ideas and vital leadership in developing tools and resources to help further secure our Nation's critical water infrastructure. The Association has been a vital resource on a host of clean water issues from wet weather control, nonpoint source pollution prevention, and the critical need for a sustainable, Federal-State-local partnership to meet our Nation's clean water challenges.

I have worked closely with the Association and know that NACWA will build on its tradition as a trusted resource for Congress and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. I also am confident that NACWA will meet its strategic objectives and the goals of AMSA's original founders. Most importantly, NACWA's success is a direct result of its broad membership. NACWA (then AMSA) was established in 1970 by representatives of 22 municipal wastewater treatment agencies. Since then, AMSA has grown into an organization of nearly 300 municipal agency members and a total membership of nearly 400 organizations poised to ensure that the 21st Century will enjoy continued water quality improvement.

The Association's public agency members not only represent what is best about public service; they exemplify what it means to be environmental practitioners. Their daily work enables us to enjoy our Nation's rivers, lakes, streams, bays, and coasts—something we, as a Nation, must never take for granted.

Once again, I congratulate NACWA on this important milestone as an organization and applaud its members for their outstanding service.

HONORING JAMES MONROE

HON. JO ANN DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the birthday of an incredible American Statesman, and native of Virginia's First District, that I have the privilege to represent in Congress.

Serving during the "Era of Good Feelings," and as the last of the Virginia Dynasty of Presidents, James Monroe was a man devoted to Virginia, and to his grateful Nation. Born in Westmoreland County, a graduate of the College of William and Mary, and a long-time resident of Fredericksburg, James Monroe was truly a son of America's First District.

During Monroe's Presidency, our young Nation underwent many important changes. Under his leadership, the United States purchased Florida, and his Presidency saw the decline of European colonial influence in the New World.

Perhaps fitting for an early American patriot, James Monroe passed away on Independence

Day, 1831. He will forever be remembered in the hearts and minds of all Americans, but his ties to Virginia will always leave him to be fondly remembered in the Commonwealth.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES TO CLARIFY THE ARTICLE DESCRIPTION RELATING TO CERTAIN MONOCHROME GLASS ENVELOPES

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer legislation that would amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States and clarify the article description relating to certain monochrome glass envelopes. These components are incorporated into monochrome cathode ray tubes used in computer monitors, terminals, medical imaging monitors, and avionic displays. A company in the 16th Congressional District of Illinois, which I am proud to represent, manufactures these monochrome cathode ray tubes.

There are no remaining manufacturers of monochrome glass envelopes in the United States; and therefore, no rationale of retaining the current 5.2 percent duty on these components. The small manufacturer who needs this component in their final product is unnecessarily harmed by the import duty. U.S. manufacturers are struggling to survive, and we must end policies that make it more difficult for our manufacturers to compete and succeed in the international market.

Once again, I anticipate no adverse impact on any domestic producer or industry should this legislation be enacted. I know the permanent removal of this duty would be beneficial to some good, hard working people in Loves Park, Illinois. I urge my colleagues to support inclusion of this legislation into the Miscellaneous Tariff Correction bill to be moved later this year.

TRIBUTE TO JACKSON STREET SCHOOL

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great joy to extend my congratulations to the second grade "Peace Class" at the Jackson Street School in Northampton, Massachusetts. This class is the recipient of the League of Women Voters Award in conjunction with the National Student/Parent Mock Election. The award is presented to schools and organizations that contribute to increasing parent and community participation in the Mock Election and/or in the actual election process.

During the recent elections, the class organized a voter registration drive and registered about thirty-six new voters. On the eve of Election Day, the students held a candlelight vigil at City Hall encouraging people to vote by

singing and holding handmade signs reading "Vote For Me Until I Can" and "Voting Is Your Right."

As a former educator, I am pleased to learn of young people going above and beyond the call to enhance their civic duties. I am honored to represent such outstanding individuals and I join with the citizens of the Second Congressional District in offering a most heartfelt congratulation to the second grade "Peace Class" at the Jackson Street School for being the recipient of this prestigious award.

INTRODUCTION OF TORTURE VICTIMS RELIEF ACT

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, in 1998, Congress first passed the Torture Victims Relief Act. Today, I am introducing the Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act. America's commitment to and compassion for the survivors of torture remains undiminished. That commitment should be manifested in concrete action, including support for torture treatment programs that can help these victims rebuild the lives that others have sought to destroy.

Nationwide, there are an estimated 400,000 survivors of torture, most of whom came to this country seeking refuge from persecution. Worldwide, it is impossible to count the numbers. Often, torture victims have been targeted by repressive regimes because of their independent political, religious or organized labor activities. Torture sends a message of fear throughout the network of a leader's family and community. As one African religious leader has said, "If they'll do this to me, what will they do to my flock?"

The Torture Victims Relief Act authorizes money for the Department of Health and Human Services to assist torture survivors in the United States; assists victims of torture through treatment centers in countries abroad; and authorizes a contribution to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for the Victims of Torture.

U.S. leadership in this area is truly consequential. I recently met with Brita Sydhoff, the new Executive Director of the International Rehabilitation Center for the Victims of Torture, based in Denmark. Her organization has challenged European governments to match the generosity of our country. Because of U.S. leadership, Spain and Italy have dramatically increased their contribution to the UN Fund for the Victims of Torture. I was also deeply heartened to learn that the Danish center, along with the Chicago-based Kovlar Center, is helping to establish treatment centers in Iraq, so that the many victims of Saddam Hussein's torturous regime can receive help.

The work that torture treatment centers undertake is profoundly challenging. In 2003, Canadian journalist Zahra Kazemi was brutally tortured and killed by Iranian authorities. A few weeks ago, an Iranian doctor who examined her body released new details about the brutality Ms. Kazemi suffered before she died. These revelations have been especially painful for Ezat Mossallanejad, a counselor for the Canadian Center for the Victims of Torture: