

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF
JAMES M. FELTIS III

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and fellow officers of James M. Feltis III; and

Whereas, James M. Feltis III was a man committed to his family, a devoted husband to his wife of 21 years, and loving father to his six-year-old daughter; and

Whereas, James M. Feltis III was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association; and

Whereas, James M. Feltis III had been a field training officer, a criminal investigator, and a member of the HAZMAT Response Team through his 11 years of service with the Pentagon Police Department; and

Whereas, James M. Feltis III will be remembered for his ultimate sacrifice of self while protecting others, earning the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal of Valor. His example of strength and courage will be forever remembered by those who knew him.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of James M. Feltis III.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. JOHN D.
BARTH, UNITED STATES MARINE
CORPS

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to rise today and recognize an outstanding Marine, Lieutenant Colonel John D. Barth, who will retire this summer after 20 years of active service in the United States Marine Corps. During the past three and one-half years, a time of great importance to the Marine Corps as we are a Nation at war, he has served admirably as the Marine Corps primary liaison to Congress for Appropriation Matters.

Many of my colleagues and their staffs have come to know Lieutenant Colonel Barth as an exceptional spokesman for the United States Marine Corps. He has earned the complete confidence of the Members and staff of the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee, which I have the honor to chair, and the personal staff of Committee Members.

His straightforward approach and complete grasp of all facets concerning expeditionary warfare and program management, coupled with his gifted leadership and superb manage-

ment have been of great benefit to my staff, the U.S. Congress and our national security. Lieutenant Colonel Barth ensured that the U.S. Congress had the information necessary to determine how to best equip, maintain and support the United States Marine Corps, America's force-in-readiness. These important programs include the MV-22, Joint Strike Fighter (JSF), Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle (EFV), Lightweight 155 Howitzer (LW-155), Maritime Prepositioned Force (Future), LHA(R), LPD-17, initial issue of gear for the individual Marine, and critical equipment required for the Global War on Terrorism.

Lieutenant Colonel Barth's uncompromising professionalism and interpersonal skills have provided a great service to the Congress. He has helped ensure that the Congress has the proper information about Marine Corps requirements and issues at the right time to make critical decisions about the future of the Marine Corps. His responses to numerous congressional inquiries made by House and Senate Members have always been timely, accurate, and professional.

Mr. Speaker, I have personally known Lieutenant Colonel Barth to possess an unquestionable devotion to duty, impeccable integrity, absolute sound character, and an exceptional sense of humor. He is a true consummate professional. His judicious use of these traits has allowed him to handle even the most delicate situations with what appears to be relative ease.

On a more personal note, I wish to highly commend Lieutenant Colonel Barth for his unwavering devotion to the injured and wounded Marines returning from our current combat operations overseas. On many occasions over the last several years, my wife Beverly and I have enlisted Lieutenant Colonel Barth's assistance in addressing the needs of our Marines and their families at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda and other hospitals. Lieutenant Colonel Barth has not only addressed the needs and concerns of the Marines and their families promptly, but he has gone beyond the call of duty by personally visiting these young Marines, building personal relationships, offering counsel and other words of encouragement and advice, and providing true Marine leadership to these young men otherwise facing daunting personal challenges.

Through his exceptional personal efforts, Lieutenant Colonel Barth has contributed immeasurably to the Marine Corps, helping to ensure the strength and vitality of the Navy/Marine Corps team for years to come. In doing so, he has gone beyond his own service and positively impacted our Nation's defense. Lieutenant Colonel Barth has made a lasting contribution to the capability of today's Marine Corps and the future shape of tomorrow's Corps.

It has been a distinct pleasure to work closely with Lieutenant Colonel Barth over the past three and one-half years. His insights have always been invaluable. He has set a high standard for others to emulate. His superior performance of duties highlighted the cul-

mination of 20 years of honorable and dedicated Marine Corps service.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in the House and on the Appropriations Committee in wishing Lieutenant Colonel John Barth, his wife Michele, and their wonderful family continued success in their future endeavors. Many thanks, and Semper Fidelis, Lieutenant Colonel Barth. Our Nation has benefited from your outstanding leadership.

ANNOTATION TO SPECIAL ORDER
OF APRIL 28, 2005 ON AMERICA'S
RICE FARMERS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, please annotate that in my Special Order of 28 April 2005 on America's rice farmers, the profiles highlighting the farming legacies of the two Texas rice farmers—Mr. Ray Stoesser and Mr. Jack Wendt—were derived from Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center (Beaumont, TX)'s Texas Rice Newsletter in the July 2002, Volume II, Number 5 and June 2003, Volume III, Number 4 editions, respectively. Moreover, Mr. Wendt's letter to President George W. Bush appeared in a Special Guest Editorial published in the March 2005, Volume V, Number 1 edition of the aforementioned newsletter.

Thank you for your attention to this information.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH ANTHONY
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HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joseph Anthony Citta who is retiring at the age of 97 after almost a century of life lived to its fullest.

An attorney in Toms River, New Jersey, Joe was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1934. After his induction into the U. S. Army in 1941, he was discharged as a Major in 1946, following duty in Germany with the War Crimes Section.

Returning to Toms River with his wife and children, he built his law practice, Citta, Holzapfel, Azbarsky and Simon, of which he is CEO today.

He has served on the State Veterans Service Council, having been appointed by Governor Driscoll. Joe Citta was appointed as first Public Defender in Ocean County, and is a member of the Ocean County Bar Association, the New Jersey Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Joe has served as President of many community organizations, among them the Toms

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