

SERGEANT ANGELO L. LOZADA, JR.

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today to remember and honor Sergeant Angelo Lozada, Jr. of Nashua, NH for his service and supreme sacrifice for his country.

Angelo demonstrated a willingness and dedication to serve and defend his country by joining the United States Army. Just as many of America's heroes have taken up arms in the face of dire threats, Angelo dedicated himself to the defense of our ideals, values, freedoms, and way of life. His valor and service cost him his life, but his sacrifice will live on forever among the many dedicated heroes this Nation has sent abroad to defend freedom.

Angelo felt the call to serve our Nation early, and dutifully joined the Reserves after he graduated from high school. He served for 6 years in the New Hampshire Army National Guard's Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 172nd Field Artillery Regiment before signing up for active duty on July 26, 2000. He was deployed to Iraq in 2003, where he served in Alpha Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, stationed out of Camp Hovey, Korea. Tragically, on April 16, 2005, Angelo made the ultimate sacrifice for this great Nation. He died of injuries sustained while conducting combat operations in Ar Ramadi, Iraq.

Throughout his career, Angelo earned a series of accolades which testify to the dedication and devotion he held for his fellow soldiers, the Army, and his country. Angelo's hard work and dedication contributed greatly to his unit's successes and placed him among many of the great heroes and citizens that have paid the ultimate price for their country. Angelo was recognized posthumously for his courageous actions in Iraq by receiving the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and an Army Commendation Medal. He had also been recognized throughout his distinguished career by receiving the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Weapons Qualification Badge, M-16 Expert. He was also a graduate of the Primary Leadership Development Course and was recently promoted to Sergeant in May of 2004.

Angelo was truly an exceptional soldier with more than 10 years of service and a father of three who had decided to reenlist after his tour of duty in Iraq. He leaves behind a family with a proud tradition of military service, including three brothers who served in the Army.

My condolences and prayers go out to Angelo's family, and I offer them my deepest sympathies and most heartfelt thanks for the service, sacrifice, and example of their soldier, Sgt Angelo Lozada, Jr. He was respected and admired by all those around him, and

continually performed above and beyond all expectations while in the United States Army. Because of his efforts, the liberty of this country is made more secure.

MORE OPPOSITION TO THE GUN INDUSTRY IMMUNITY BILL

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, since the reintroduction of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, many law enforcement and community groups around the country have publicly stated their opposition to the bill. In Michigan alone, the bill is opposed by organizations including the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the League of Women Voters of Michigan, the Michigan Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence, and local chapters of the Million Mom March.

Law enforcement and community groups oppose the misnamed "Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act" because it would significantly weaken the legal rights of gun violence victims. The bill would provide members of the gun industry with legal protections not enjoyed by other industries and deprive many gun violence victims with legitimate cases of their day in court.

Two former Directors of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms have added their voices to the already considerable and growing opposition to this bill. In a letter to Congress, former ATF Directors Stephen Higgins and Rex Davis state that the gun industry immunity legislation would threaten the ATF's ability to effectively enforce our Nation's gun laws. Specifically, they cite provisions in the bill that would likely block the ATF from pursuing administrative proceedings "to revoke a gun dealer's federal firearm license if the dealer supplies guns to criminals or other prohibited buyers" and "to prevent the importation of non-sporting firearms used frequently in crimes." Later in the letter, former Directors Higgins and Davis state:

We know from experience how important it is that ATF be able to enforce our nation's gun laws to prevent firearms from being obtained by terrorists, other criminals, and the gun traffickers who supply them. To protect our citizens from the scourge of gun violence Congress should be strengthening our laws and increasing ATF's resources and ability to enforce those laws. To handcuff ATF, as this bill does, will only serve to shield corrupt gun sellers, and facilitate criminals and terrorists who seek to wreak havoc with deadly weapons. To take such anti-law enforcement actions in the post-9/11 age, when we know that suspected terrorists are obtaining firearms, and may well seek them from irresponsible gun dealers, is nothing short of madness.

Combined, former Directors Higgins and Davis have more than two decades of experience in leading the ATF. We should recognize their extensive knowledge of gun violence issues and follow their advice. Instead of providing a single industry with broad immunity, we should be protecting the legal rights of

gun violence victims and enhancing the effectiveness of our law enforcement agencies.

I ask unanimous consent that a list of some of the law enforcement and community organizations opposing this legislation be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

MICHIGAN ORGANIZATIONS

Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
League of Women Voters of Michigan
Michigan Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence
Detroit Million Mom March Chapter
East Metro Detroit Million Mom March Chapter
Mid-Michigan/Lansing Million Mom March Chapter
Novi Million Mom March Chapter
Southwest Michigan Million Mom March Chapter
Washtenaw County MMM Chapter
West Metro Detroit/Washtenaw County Million Mom March Chapter

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS

International Brotherhood of Police Officers
Major Cities Chiefs Association
National Black Police Association
Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association

OTHER NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alliance for Justice
American Association of School Psychologists
American Association of Suicidology
American Bar Association
Americans for Democratic Action
American Humanist Association
American Public Health Association
Brady Campaign To Prevent Gun Violence united with the Million Mom March
Child Welfare League of America
Children's Defense Fund
Church Women United
Coalition To Stop Gun Violence
Common Cause
Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes Leadership Team
Consumer Federation of America
Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety
Disciples Justice Action Network
Equal Partners in Faith
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Hadassah The Women's Zionist Organization Of America
HELP Network
League of Women Voters of the U.S.
Legal Community Against Violence
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Women's Organization
National Research Center for Women & Families
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Public Citizen
Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
States United to Prevent Gun Violence
The American Jewish Committee
The Ms. Foundation for Women
The Society of Public Health Education (SOPHE)
The United States Conference of Mayors
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
Veteran Feminists of America
Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, when the Senate debated this bill a few weeks