Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, on June 23, 2005, I was unavoidably detained on official business in my Congressional District. On rollcall vote No. 293, if present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall vote No. 294, if present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 295, if present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall votes Nos. 296 and 297, if present, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 298, if present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall votes Nos. 299, 300, 301, and 302, if present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall vote No. 303, if present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to U.S. Army 1LT Aaron Seesan, a constituent from my district who died on May 23rd from injuries he received in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Aaron was a graduate of Washington High School in Massillon, Ohio and of the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY.

It takes an exceptional young person to be nominated for military academies. Aaron had an outstanding record in high school and in the Merchant Marine Academy and continued to make a difference as he continued his service to his country and fellow man.

After graduation he chose to join the Army. During his service in Iraq his vehicle came upon an incendiary explosive device. In this distressful time while he suffered from injuries, he directed help to others showing his sense of responsibility and duty.

The community fondly remembers Aaron as a young man who always strove to make those activities he was involved in the finest they could be. Aaron made a difference to others his age both in the military and in the community. He was a true role model and hero.

His memory will live on through the Aaron Seesan Memorial Garden at Lincoln Park in Massillon Ohio. In addition, the Aaron Seesan Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Stark County Community Foundation will serve as a tribute to his service and dedication.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life and career of Wally A. “Preacher” Hebert. Wally is holder of 4 pitching records for the San Diego Padres and on June 25, 2005, he will be inducted into the Pacific Coast League San Diego Padres Hall of Fame.

Born in Lake George, Louisiana in 1907, Wally’s talents and interests were evident at a very early age. Aside from gardening, hunting, and fishing as a child, he became an expert golfer, playing close to par with a 2 iron and a putter. He enjoyed athletics and when it came to football and baseball, Wally excelled over his peers.

At Lake Charles High School, Wally was an all-state football star and had been offered a scholarship at Louisiana State University when he caught the eye of a major league baseball scout. In his first professional game in Springfield, Missouri, he got off the train from Louisiana, went to the ballpark, and pitched a 22 inning complete game victory.

In 1931, Preacher, as he was also known, was called up to spring training for the St. Louis Browns and remained with the team throughout the rest of that season. As a lefthander, he began to attract attention with a variety of curve balls at various speeds and arm motions. His first major league appearance came that year against the New York Yankees where he faced Babe Ruth with the bases loaded and one out. The Babe hit into an inning-ending double play.

That season, Preacher won six games and was the only pitcher in the major leagues to beat the New York Yankees and the world champion Philadelphia Athletics twice in one season. His finest game that year included 8 shut out innings against the Yankees—striking out Lou Gehrig and Ruth three times. Unfortunately, St. Louis lost the game by one run after Preacher exited the game.

Over the next two seasons in St. Louis, Preacher pitched in relief, battling a shoulder injury. He was then sold to the Hollywood Stars which after one season, moved to San Diego and began playing at Lane Field. During seven seasons with the San Diego Padres, Preacher delighted fans with a dominating presence and pinpoint control.

While with the Padres, Wally and his bride Bobbie moved out to California where they