Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, due to my questioning of witnesses at a hearing of the Financial Institutions Subcommittee yesterday morning, June 23, I just missed the vote on rollover no. 304. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Colonel Richard C. Crotty, United States Army, for his service and leadership while commanding the United States Army’s 653rd Area Support Group. On June 25, 2005, Colonel Crotty will relinquish his command of the 653rd and report for assignment to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, J-3 Operations Directorate at the Pentagon.

After graduating from North Georgia College with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1980, Colonel Crotty began his military career at the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. As a trained parachutist, he served with a number of airborne units, including the much heralded 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

While with the 82nd Airborne Division he fought in Grenada during the 1983 U.S. invasion. Colonel Crotty spent 12 years in the Rangers and Special Forces and was a student at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania when receiving orders to take over the 653rd.

On August 9, 2003, Colonel Crotty assumed Command of the 653rd, headquartered at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, California. This unit is based in my congressional district and a number of the reservists under Colonel Crotty’s command are my constituents. I have come to know Colonel Crotty as a dedicated and selfless leader with a “can do” attitude. He has demonstrated his leadership and innovation in developing and coordinating the joint training center at March Air Reserve Base. When complete, this jointly funded and shared training center will be used by 1,800 service-members.

Colonel Crotty and his team deployed the 653rd during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. These troops include military police officers, chemical and biological warfare specialists, Humvee mechanics, communications experts and oil-pipeline builders. Knowing the sacrifice and challenges all reservists experience, Colonel Crotty has demonstrated a sincere dedication to preparing these service-members for deployment. In the past year, the 653rd’s reservists have deployed over 1,367 troops in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the exemplary service of the Hotel Lenhart of Chautauqua County, town of Bemus Point, upon the occasion of reaching their 125th year of business.

The Hotel Lenhart is dedicated to providing Bemus Point’s tourists the get away that is truly a historical education. Originally the hotel was used by Dr. J.J. Lenhart as a way to use the excess goods bartered by his patients in exchange for his medical services.

Today the Hotel Lenhart is managed by Dr. J.J. Lenhart’s great grandson, John Lenhart Johnston, sister Bebe and wife Deborah. Their intent is not to change the hotel but to improve it and keep it up without adding any modernizing features.

Guests of The Hotel Lenhart should not expect a hotel room full of modern day amenities. The 53 rooms do not have televisions, telephones, air conditioning or heat. Only 37 of the rooms have private bathrooms. All of this adds to the historical feel of a bygone era.

In an effort to bring guests back to a simpler time, the hotel is adorned in Victorian costumes. The hotel is also offering afternoon teas and guided tours. I am honored Mr. Speaker, to have an opportunity to honor the rich heritage of this lakeside jewel.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF U.S. MARINE CORPORA L BRAD D. SQUIRES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of United States Marine Corporal Brad D. Squires, who bravely and selflessly heeded the call to duty and made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country.

Corporal Squires’ life was framed by his family, friends and his community. He gained personal strength and faith from those who knew him best and loved him most, especially from his wife, Julie Squires. A kind and understanding soul, Corporal Squires was always willing to go the extra mile for an individual in need. His commitment to helping others was reflected in his studies to become a firefighter.

Corporal Squires was blessed with physical strength, a high level of intelligence and a courageous heart. His humble nature prevented him from reveling in the many honors and commendations that he received throughout his years in the service.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Corporal Brad D. Squires. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Julie; his parents, Donna Squires and Bruce Squires; his brother Chad and sister Jodie; his grandmother, Jackie Squires; his sister-in-law, Sharon Squires; his brothers-in-law, Mike Bogdan and Mike Brandyberry; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Dorothy and Rev. Simeon Brandyberry; his nephew Chad; his nieces, Cassidy and Alexsis; and his extended family and many friends.

The significant sacrifice, service, and bravery that characterized the life of Corporal Brad D. Squires will be a legacy and testament to all that is good in humanity, and his life will be forever honored and remembered by the Cleveland community, and the entire nation.