

for himself, but also for his wife Jocelyn and his soon to be born son, which they had agreed to name Christopher Alejandro. He planned on bringing them both back to live in my district, where so many of his family still live and where he could take advantage of his G.I. benefits to get an education.

Yet, he also knew that our freedom was not a gift but a right that had to be earned and secured through shared sacrifice. So although he had his whole life ahead of him, he did not hesitate to serve his country. He answered the call when asked to share the load of this war.

I know that his family, both in Washington Heights and the Dominican Republic, are pained by his death. His loved ones, including his wife, his mother Carmen and his father Sergio Antonio, will never get to see the smile that so often lit up their lives.

Yet they can be proud of the way he served his country. We can all celebrate the life he led, the example he showed and the legacy

he left for his son and his community. And we can make sure that the gift that he and other soldiers have given to us is never forgotten.

REMEMBERING DORIS GREGORY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2006

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, our Nation lost a very special citizen with the passing of Doris Gregory of Millington, MI.

Born to Vern and Golda Ostrander in 1922, Doris Gregory endured the Great Depression before she married Normal Narsted in 1939 and was blessed with 3 children.

When the United States entered World War II, Norman bravely volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army. Unfortunately, Normal was killed

during a patrol mission in March 1945. Although she was left brokenhearted, Doris carried on with her family responsibilities and love for community.

Despite many hardships, Doris Gregory approached life with unbridled optimism and energy. Her friends were abundant and strangers to her were, like the words of playwright Tennessee Williams, "simply friends she hadn't met." She was loved and respected by everyone who knew her and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Doris found great joy volunteering her time. After retirement, she served as the treasurer of the town of Millington and was instrumental in establishing the Millington Senior Center.

While we have said goodbye to Doris this week, her legacy of compassion will continue to shine in the hearts of her friends and family. May God bless Doris Gregory; she will be missed.