

TRIBUTE TO E. RONALD DURAND,
JR.

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to E. Ronald Durand, Jr., a longtime friend and true patriot who passed away on September 20, 2006.

I first met Ron Durand in the late 1960s when we were both students at the University of Notre Dame Law School. Ron had entered law school after serving 6 years in the United States Marine Corps. Rising to the rank of captain, Ron's service included a tour of duty as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, where he was highly decorated and flew many rescue missions.

During our time together in law school Ron was a true leader—soft-spoken but strong. He and his wife Liz were close friends to me and my wife Rosemary and we remained in contact in the years that followed. During his professional career, Ron achieved much as an entrepreneur and as an airport executive. He was a true renaissance man.

With all his varied accomplishments, Ron Durand was first and foremost a true American patriot, exemplified by his heroic service in Vietnam. Ron's love of country, however, went beyond his military duty. He truly cared about our country and always maintained an acute and detailed knowledge, awareness and interest in national and international matters.

Ron Durand was admired, respected and loved by all who had the privilege of knowing him. It is fitting and appropriate that he will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery with military honors on November 22. No one is more deserving.

May he rest in peace. Go Irish.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JAMES D.
ROGERS

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor COL James D. Rogers for his outstanding service in the United States Army during the Vietnam war.

COL James D. Rogers went above the call of duty in his service as senior advisor to the 11th Vietnamese Ranger Battalion on Operation "Harvest Moon" in the Thang Binh District. On December 8, 1965, the entire battalion came under attack with heavy casualties on the Ranger side.

The Battalion's executive officer was killed, the command group radio operator was wounded, and CPT Dzu Thua Nguyen, the commander of the 11th Vietnamese Ranger Battalion, was wounded in both legs. During this battle is when Colonel Rogers displayed extreme bravery in fighting off the enemy, tending to the wounded during the withdrawal, and safeguarding their lives while air support was being called in.

He remained behind, and carried Captain Dzu on his back to safety over dangerous, cane-filled terrain in which he wounded his foot by stepping on a punji stake. Despite this injury, he kept on going, and carried Captain Dzu to the safety of the reserve company where he and his assistant senior advisor, LT Jan Senecal, worked with the battalion in repelling further attacks. Six months after that heroic display in the face of absolute danger, Colonel Rogers was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his valor on May 18, 1966.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly honored to have had this time to recognize the bravery and dedication of COL James D. Rogers to his fellow soldiers and to the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL DE LA GARZA

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Paul de la Garza, a passionate, dedicated journalist whose stories have sparked critical changes at Tampa's James A. Haley VA Medical Center and elsewhere. Paul's passing last month is a tremendous loss to his colleagues at the St. Petersburg Times and the entire Tampa Bay community.

Paul's inspiring work ethic developed at an early age. From humble beginnings in Port Isabel, TX, Paul worked his way through elementary school, high school and college and fought his way into the newsroom. Paul cultivated his love for journalism at the University of Texas at Austin where he served as reporter and editor of the student newspaper, earning a job offer in the Associated Press's Chicago bureau.

Paul first came to the Tampa Bay area in 1992 to work for the St. Petersburg Times, writing police news stories, a column and helping to edit the Tampa section. He went on to work at the Chicago Tribune as a metro reporter, then a foreign correspondent and Mexico City bureau chief.

The St. Petersburg Times welcomed Paul's return in 2000, and since then, his breaking news stories have helped to expose problems in veterans health care services at Haley, as well as shedding light onto operations at Tampa's MacDill Air Force Base.

Paul's relentless pursuit of sources, his ability to befriend people from all walks of life, and his passion for revealing the truth, made him a superb journalist. But Paul will also be remembered for his compassion for others, his brave battle against Hodgkin's disease, and his intense love of family.

On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay community, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Paul's family. May his wife and children find comfort in the many people that Paul inspired and the legacy he leaves behind.

HONORING DR. HARVEY
FEIGENBAUM

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

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Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Indiana's leading scientist and scholars, Dr. Harvey Feigenbaum, the recipient of the 2006 Builders of Israel award, which was presented to him at the annual Indiana-Israel Dinner of State on November 4, 2006.

The Builders of Israel award is given each year to a worthy recipient or recipients who demonstrate exceptional support of the Israel Bonds investment program, which helps strengthen Israel's economy, as well as for the recipient's personal contributions to the enrichment of American and Jewish life in Indiana and abroad. Since 1951, The State of Israel Bonds/Development Corporation for Israel has issued securities in the name of the government of Israel for the development of every aspect of Israel's economy, including agriculture, commerce and industry. Over the years Israel Bonds has secured more than \$26 million in investment capital, and throughout its history, the State of Israel has maintained a perfect record of payment of the principal and interest on the securities it has issued. From humble beginnings, Israel Bonds have gone from a fledgling idea, to a powerful legacy of achievement; in the process becoming the financial bedrock upon which the modern State of Israel is built.

This simple concept of investment in people and communities is also the bedrock upon which Dr. Harvey Feigenbaum built his life. Born and raised in Indiana, Dr. Feigenbaum received his Bachelor of Science and Doctorate of Medicine degrees from Indiana University where he continued his academic career as a distinguished professor of medicine at Indiana University's School of Medicine. In addition to authoring or co-authoring over two hundred fifty scientific articles during his career, Dr. Feigenbaum's pioneering work in cardiac ultrasound, or echocardiography, resulted in the development of ultrasound as a critical diagnostic tool in the battle against heart disease. Dr. Feigenbaum continues to push the boundaries of research into echocardiography, and I understand his most recent research has greatly aided in the refinement of echocardiogram imaging techniques and the creation of a hand-held ultrasound system. Dr. Feigenbaum's work with ultrasound is so well respected by his peers in the scientific community that if you look at the qualifications of many, if not most, of the world leaders in echocardiography, you should not be surprised to see that they were trained directly or indirectly by Dr. Feigenbaum. Yet even with all the demands of his teaching schedule and his research, Dr. Feigenbaum has always found time to give back to his community and his profession, including founding the American Society of Echocardiography in 1975—which now has more than 6,000 members—and serving as the organization's first president.