

closely with many Members of Congress to gain support for an amendment that would ban the desecration of the American flag. I commend the Major General for his work and am confident he departs knowing the mission of the Alliance will continue due in no small part to his involvement and diligence.

I extend my best wishes to Major General Brady as he turns his attention toward his family. America will be forever indebted to him for his altruistic service to this great Nation.

TRIBUTE TO MOHAMMED H. QAYOUMI, PH.D., FOURTH PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mohammed H. Qayoumi, Ph.D., who assumed the presidency of Cal State University, East Bay on July 1, 2006. Dr. Qayoumi is the fourth president of the university and his formal investiture will take place at the Hayward, CA, campus of Cal State University, East Bay on June 1, 2007.

Prior to his employment at Cal State University, East Bay, President Qayoumi served as vice president for administration and finance and chief financial officer at California State University, Northridge. He was also a tenured professor of engineering management at the university.

President Qayoumi has also served as vice chancellor for administrative services and as adjunct professor at the University of Missouri-Rolla and was associate vice president for administration and an adjunct professor at Sari Jose State University. He has more than 27 years of experience in the service of higher education and industry.

He has a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from American University of Beirut, and MS. degrees in nuclear engineering, electrical and computer engineering, as well as an M.B.A. in finance and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Cincinnati.

When President Qayoumi came to the United States in 1978, he was first employed as staff engineer at the University of Cincinnati, where he also held positions as director of technical services, director of utilities and engineering services and adjunct professor. Prior to 1978, President Qayoumi was employed as a communications engineer in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and as a project electrical engineer in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

President Qayoumi has published eight books, more than 85 articles and several chapters in various books. He has made presentations at numerous conferences across the United States and in 10 other countries on various topics in his areas of academic expertise.

He has served his native country of Afghanistan in various financial capacities, including minister of finance, and remains on several boards of directors, including the Central Bank of Afghanistan.

I am confident President Qayoumi will provide exemplary leadership to Cal State University and I join in wishing him every success.

IN MEMORY OF WAYNE STEVENS

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of Mr. Wayne Stevens, a proud member of the San Diego community and a fellow paratrooper who recently passed away at the age 64 from the effects of cancer.

Wayne's distinguished record of military service to this Nation is one of the finest examples of selflessness and courage. He served in Vietnam with Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion of the 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade, and was among the first soldiers to arrive in country from Okinawa in 1964. For his heroism in Vietnam, Wayne was awarded two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

Madam Speaker, Ronald Reagan once said, "the willingness of our citizens to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, even their lives, in defense of our democratic principles, gives this great nation continued strength and vitality. From Valley Forge to Vietnam, through war and peace, valiant Americans have answered the call to duty with honor and dignity." In making these remarks, President Reagan was speaking directly to Americans like Wayne, who have so bravely and selflessly put their country before themselves and were always willing to make the ultimate sacrifice when they were needed most.

My prayers are with Wayne's devoted wife of 42 years, Donna, his daughter Jessica and two grandchildren, Sophia and Adolph, and I ask that my colleagues join me today in paying tribute to the life and memory of this true American hero.

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS CASSIDY

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a community leader, my friend, Dennis Cassidy, on his retirement after over 30 years of serving the people of Paso Robles, CA, most currently as chief of police.

Chief Cassidy began his law enforcement career with the Paso Robles Police Department in 1974. In 1985, Cassidy was promoted to patrol sergeant and in 1988, he became Detective Bureau commander. In 1990, he was promoted to Lieutenant, and was responsible for seeking grants to further the department's Community Outreach Program through the early 1990s. His success led to the establishment of a satellite police office, in cooperation with the Housing Authority, where two officers were assigned to work full-time. The results were remarkable. Criminal activity dropped, community and police relationships strengthened, and a safer Paso Robles gave families increased peace of mind. In 1997, Cassidy was named chief of police, a position he has held since, until his retirement.

During his tenure as chief, Cassidy was instrumental in planning the new Public Safety Center in Paso Robles. This center was put to

the test after the San Simeon earthquake in December 2003. This earthquake caused massive damage to Paso Robles and took the lives of two Paso Robles residents. The center immediately served as a staging area as Cassidy and other members of the Paso Robles Emergency Services coordinated initial rescue and recovery efforts. Later, the building was used by many different agencies brought in to assist with recovery.

Chief Cassidy has been in the forefront of exploring new technologies, which has resulted in the Paso Robles Police Department being equipped with innovative technology to help combat crime and ensure the safety of the community and residents. Specifically, Chief Cassidy was responsible for the Department obtaining its Computer Aided Dispatching and Records Management Systems, as well as Livescan fingerprinting and digital in-car video with wireless station-server download capability.

Serving his community is not something Chief Cassidy only does on-duty; he is very involved while he is off-duty. Chief Cassidy is a past commissioner of the Children and Families Commission of San Luis Obispo County, the local agency administering State tax revenue to fund education, childcare, health and other programs for expectant parents and toddlers. He also served as president of the North County Women's Resource Center, which assists women and families against domestic violence and abuse. Finally, he is active as a Paul Harris Fellow in the local Rotary, and a member of the San Luis Obispo Cattlemen's Association.

Chief Cassidy exemplifies how one can answer the call of duty to protect and serve his fellow neighbors, and do it with great passion, strength, and devotion to his community. His shoes will be tough to fill as he raised the police department's level of excellence and outstanding conduct, and has forged a relationship of trust with the community his officers serve and protect. I know Chief Cassidy looks forward to his retirement and spending time with friends and family. I commend his service to the city of Paso Robles and wish him the best as he enters into the next stage of his life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF UNITED STATES ARMY CORPORAL VICTOR TOLEDO PULIDO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of CPL Victor H. Toledo Pulido, who lost his life defending our Nation in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After attending high school in California's Central Valley, Victor joined the Army Reserves in 2005. A year later, he signed up for active duty and was stationed at Fort Benning, GA. Victor was proud to serve in the military.

While serving with the 1st Cavalry Regiment based out of Fort Benning, Victor wore his green camouflage uniform with pride. Unfortunately, on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, the vehicle in which Victor traveled was hit with an improvised explosive device. Victor and another soldier were killed in the incident.

CPL Victor Toledo Pulido is survived by his mother, Maria Gaspar of Kettleman City, his wife, Cristi Toledo, and brothers, Yosio and Gaston Toledo Pulido. Also surviving is his son, Isak and numerous friends.

It is my belief that Victor's life symbolizes the ultimate sacrifice one can make for his country. His valor, strength, courage and pride in our Nation will forever live in the thoughts and hearts of his family and Americans across the Nation. CPL Victor H. Toledo Pulido's dedication to the principles of freedom and democracy will serve as an example to all of us and for generations to come.

HONORING EDWARD A. NIZIOLEK

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Edward Niziolek for a remarkable 41 years of faithful service to the students of Fairfax, VA.

Mr. Niziolek began his career as an educator in 1964 after graduating from the California State Teachers College with a major in mathematics. Mr. Niziolek joined Fairfax County Public Schools as a mathematics teacher at Glasgow Middle School in Alexandria, VA. After serving for five years at Glasgow, Mr. Niziolek joined the faculty at Lanier Middle School where he quickly made his mark on both the character and academic development of its students. He sponsored the Lanier Math Team, which frequently finished as one of the top performing teams in the area, including a 2nd Place finish in Mr. Niziolek's final school year. Mr. Niziolek has demonstrated his dedication to education year round, teaching an astonishing 36 summer school sessions.

Mr. Niziolek dutifully served for over four decades and demonstrated a passion for service in a school system with students from a wide array of backgrounds. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated an interest in his students, a desire to help them succeed, and the ability to achieve outstanding results. All students, faculty and parents who have been in one of his classrooms have expressed an appreciation for his dedicated service to our Nation's youth.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize Mr. Edward Niziolek for his tireless service and contributions as a mathematics teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools. His legacy of success is found in each student who has traveled into his classrooms, taken his tests, and who have moved on to become productive members of the community. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding Edward A. Niziolek for his service and wishing him the best in a well deserved retirement.

TRIBUTE TO HAL BROWN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I join you here today to

honor our colleague, Hal Brown, on his 25 years of service to Marin County. Since 1983 when he was first appointed to the Board of Supervisors to represent the Second District, Hal has demonstrated a caring, thoughtful, and committed approach to addressing the issues facing the residents of Marin.

Hal's priorities have been clear from the start. He focuses on families, education, environment, responsible government and economic vitality. His own vitality and dedication have led him to serve on more than 25 boards and organizations, from the Marin Conservation League to the Rape Crisis Center, from the county Flood Control and Water District to the Disabled Students Advisory Board.

This work has resulted in a long list of notable accomplishments—for example, preserving more than 1,500 acres of open space, promoting free bus rides for students, and authoring Marin's Family Medical Leave law.

After the New Year's Eve flood of 2005, Hal moved to make his district safer by establishing the first regional flood warning system in the Ross Valley. For long-range safety, he has spearheaded efforts for towns and organizations to work with the county, State and Federal governments to implement a comprehensive flood control plan.

"It doesn't make sense to look at just flood control or environmental restoration or water quality issues in isolation," Hal has said. "We need to address the problem with an approach that makes common, ecological and economic sense. A watershed-wide approach could meet the test of all three."

A San Anselmo resident for 35 years, Hal coached various youth sports while raising his two sons, Mike and Chris.

Madam Speaker, I have appreciated working with Supervisor Brown on the many issues faced by the Marin community, and I look forward to continuing our partnership.

Congratulations, Hal, on your 25 years of dedicated service.

DEATH OF THOMAS A.
STALLWORTH

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, for years, Thomas A. Stallworth was a pillar of Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC, serving as chaplain, professor of religion, soccer coach, dean of students, dean of alumni affairs, and after retirement, as interim director of church relations. He died suddenly on May 14, 2007. I offer for the record the following tribute from John V. Griffith, president of Presbyterian College:

TOM STALLWORTH: OUR MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

God's saints come in interesting sizes and shapes. They are agents of God's grace in the most unexpected of ways. So it is with Tom Stallworth.

In the fall of 1951, Tom Stallworth was a freshman at PC from the south side of Atlanta. As an undergraduate he joined and loved the PC choir under the direction of Eduard Patte, was involved in student government, led the Student Christian Association, enjoyed athletics, belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, was the leader of The Scot-

tish Highlander Battalion of ROTC, and was enjoyed by his classmates for his sense of humor, love of life, and humble faith.

After graduating from Columbia Theological Seminary and a short stint at the First Presbyterian Church of Rome, Georgia, Dr. Marshall Brown asked Tom to come to the College to teach for two years. Pete Hay was on leave. Tom retired 36 years later, although the way I look at it, Tom worked at or for PC for a total of 56 years. He has been PC's man for all seasons.

In the 1973 yearbook, one of three dedicated to Tom, he wrote prophetic words, which I have come to see as autobiographical . . . "There is an ingredient in and of this community which few miss. It's not obvious. Many take some time to see it. You may not even want to look for awhile. They do not leave the way they came. Look them up three, five, ten years from now. Won't we all be surprised? They will have a plus; it will show!"

Tom's plus showed. In him we saw much of what the College seeks to nurture in the hearts and minds of those who pass our way: a man for God, a man for God's people, and a man for PC.

Jack Edmunds, his senior year roommate remarked on Tom's call to ministry: "It was evident during his college days that Tom would go into ministry, but he was never one to wear his religion on his sleeve. He was not a pious type and that impressed people. He personified what a good minister should be."

Tom served God and served PC by serving God's people in everyday ways . . . everyday: through athletics, through music, through just doing his job . . . all of his jobs . . . whatever hat he was called to wear he served with all his heart and mind. Hello brother . . . T.A. Stallworth . . . hearty, honest, positive . . . direct! T.A. Stallworth . . . pleased to meet you. There wasn't a pretentious bone in his body. What you saw, what you heard, what you learned over time all lined up. T.A. Stallworth. Clear in what he believed . . . courageous in taking a stance on principle . . . available to serve. Thomas Aurelius Stallworth. I believe he liked Aurelius . . . in fact it is the only time I saw a twinge of hubris in the eyes of this saint. Thomas Aurelius Stallworth, God's humble and persistent servant. PC's man for all seasons.

There are so many wonderful stories about this man and his ministry. They have come flooding in from folks near and far, always laced with humor.

Athletics! Tom loved sports and found in them a way to connect with God's people.

He was on the way to lunch on campus and Cally Gault was on the way back. Cally leaned out of his car window and asked, "How would you like to be our soccer coach?" Tom said "I believe they have 11 men on a team, depending on how you count the goalie." Cally said, "You're our man!"

He was always an athlete . . . in college and as an adult. The last real team he played on was the faculty Intramural volleyball team named the "Good Old Boys." They were very serious about their volleyball and Tom is remembered by teammates Ramsey, Stidham, Weaver, Womble, Gaines, Rischbieter, Hill, Burnside and others as a great "set man" on the court and in life. When asked his most interesting experience he said "playing on a championship volleyball team with an average age of 43 that continually beats teams with an average age of 19 is interesting enough!"

Music! Music is another way Tom praised God and celebrated life. The PC Choir served as his primary social group as an undergraduate. He became a star of stage in 1981 when Dr. Charles Gaines and Dr. Dale Raines recruited him to play the part of Bellamy in