

CONGRATULATING PASQUALE  
 "PAT" BANGOR UPON BEING  
 NAMED "PERSON OF THE YEAR"  
 BY THE LUZERNE COUNTY  
 ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIA-  
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**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2007*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Pasquale "Pat" Bangor, of Hazleton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, who was named "Person of the Year" by the Italian American Association of Luzerne County.

Mr. Bangor is a son of the late Neil and Phyllis Cerullo Bangor. He has two sisters, Camella O'Donnell and the late Rose Realo and one brother, John.

He was married to Dorothy Gutosky Bangor for 30 years until her death in 1983. He has been married to Vanda Molinaro Bangor for the past 21 years.

Mr. Bangor has three daughters: Patricia Conahan, Carol Ann Brown and the late Jacqueline Cardillo. He also has three stepdaughters: Rose Esposito, Wanda Rosenbaum and Lydia Hunsinger. He is also blessed with grandchildren, step-grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A graduate of Hazleton High School in 1946; he served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Following his military service, he was a self employed printer in the Hazleton area for more than 40 years.

In retirement, Mr. Bangor has remained active by driving a school bus for special needs children in the Hazleton Area School District and working part-time at a local carpet store.

He has been an active member of Our Lady of Grace Church in Hazleton all his life and has served on the church's financial council.

Mr. Bangor was a member of the Hazleton Elks Club for several years and has been an active and dedicated member of the Italian American Association of Luzerne County where he served many years on its board of directors.

Mr. and Mrs. Bangor spend much of their time with their children and grandchildren. They also enjoy dancing and world travel.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Pat Bangor on this auspicious occasion. Mr. Bangor is a shining example of a family and community minded citizen whose contributions of time and energy has improved the quality of life for all whose lives he has touched.

CONGRATULATING THE STAFF OF  
 THE JOINT SERVICE EXPLOSIVE  
 ORDNANCE DISPOSAL PROGRAM

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2007*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to offer my congratulations to the staff of the Joint Service Explosive Ordnance Disposal, EOD, Program, which today marks the delivery of the 1000th EOD Man Transportable Robot

System, MTRS, to our military. This significant milestone is a testament to the highly skilled, top notch workforce marking this accomplishment today at the Naval EOD Technology Division.

The MTRS is a two-man portable robotic system used in both peacetime and wartime operations by EOD technicians to perform remote reconnaissance of unexploded ordnance and improvised explosive device, IED, incident sites. These EOD Robots are keeping EOD technicians alive and are mitigating the effects of emplaced IEDs and unexploded ordnance encountered in a wide variety of operational environments around the world. By using replaceable robots, EOD operators can effectively conduct and complete highly hazardous missions while remaining in a protected position, minimizing human exposure and time-on-target.

While no machine can replace a trained EOD technician, EOD personnel have embraced the ability of these robots to assist them in carrying out their important mission. Indeed, because of these robots, many of our EOD technicians have significantly reduced or avoided serious risk to themselves and their colleagues in military service.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to the brave men and women willing to risk their own lives for this Nation by serving in our active military forces. While we can never fully repay that debt, we can demonstrate our gratitude by providing our military forces with advanced technology to ensure their safe return to their loved ones. Those responsible for delivering MTRS have been working to do just this.

Madam Speaker, I ask that all Members join me in congratulating this outstanding Navy team as they celebrate the successful delivery of the 1000th Man Transportable Robot System to our deployed military forces.

THE MERCENARY TRAINING CON-  
 TROL ACT (SEPTEMBER 19, 2007)

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2007*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation (H.R. 3649) that would require mercenary training be conducted only on property owned by the Federal Government.

As you may know, Blackwater USA, a private military security contractor, already operates two private military-style training facilities: one in Moyock, North Carolina and the other in Mount Carroll, Illinois. Blackwater USA is also seeking to open a third facility in Potrero, California.

It is outrageous to allow private individuals or corporations to establish private military bases anywhere in the United States! The military-style training conducted at these facilities has no place in our backyards.

The Federal Government and U.S. military have also become too reliant on these private security contractors, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan. We must stop this trend!

However, in the meantime, my bill will take the modest step of requiring government contractors, like Blackwater USA, to train only on property owned by the Federal Government, such as our military bases.

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING  
 DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 24, 2007*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution. On National Hunting and Fishing Day, we celebrate the remarkable progress we have made in conserving our environment and recognize those who have worked to conserve our natural resources.

Dating back to President Theodore Roosevelt, early conservationists called for the first laws restricting the commercial slaughter of wildlife. They urged sustainable use of fish and game, created hunting and fishing licenses, and lobbied for taxes on sporting equipment to provide funds for State conservation agencies. These actions were the foundation of the North American wildlife conservation model, a science-based, user-pay system that would foster the most dramatic conservation successes of all time.

America's hunters and anglers represent the great spirit of our country and are among our Nation's foremost conservationists. These citizens have worked to protect habitat and restore fish and wildlife populations. They volunteer their time, talents, and energy to countless conservation projects, because they recognize the importance of maintaining the natural abundance of our country for future generations.

Americans are blessed to live amid many wonders of nature, and we have a responsibility to be good stewards of the land. I commend all who advance conservation and help our citizens enjoy the benefits of our environment. These efforts ensure that our national heritage remains a source of pride for our citizens, our communities, and our Nation.

As an avid hunter and member of the Congressional Sportsman's Caucus, I appreciate the efforts hunters, conservationists, scientists, and others have taken to manage wildlife and conservation of our natural environment. I commend these efforts and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 634.

SAUDI LAWSUIT AGAINST THE  
 PUBLISHERS OF THE BOOK ALMS  
 FOR JIHAD

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2007*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the book *Alms for Jihad*, co-authored by J. Millard Burr and Robert O. Collins. This seminal work details the use of Islamic charities to fund terrorist activity around the world.

The book's publisher, Cambridge University Press, agreed to pulp all unsold copies of "Alms for Jihad" in the face of a defamation lawsuit by Saudi billionaire Sheikh Khalid bin Mahfouz. The publisher also sent letters to 280 libraries around the world, asking them to insert an erratum slip or withdraw the book from their shelves. Since March 2002, bin