

teaching methods and projects. His exceptional student evaluations attest to his commitment to their success, and their appreciation of his efforts.

As a member of the AIChE Fluidization Committee, and ASME Industrial Waste Committee, Dr. Ho has received numerous teaching awards, including the Amoco Teaching Excellence Award, the Lamar University Teaching Bonus Award, and the Certificate of Recognition awarded by the International Incineration Conference.

With expertise in thermal treatment of hazardous and industrial wastes, fluidization and fluidized bed combustion & incineration, metals and sulfur emission control, mercury sorption and desorption on sorbents, it is obvious why he received the International Incineration Conference's Outstanding Service Award four times.

Dr. Ho currently has active research projects in metal capture by sorbents during fluidized bed technology for metal emissions control; development of two-state fluidized bed technology for metal emissions control; sorbent technology for multipollutant air emissions control; and statistical study of PM-10, PM-2.5, and PM-1.0

Dr. Ho also has illustrative papers and presentations on metal capture during fluidized bed incineration wastes contaminated with lead chloride; metal behavior during fluidized bed thermal treatment of soil; and adsorption and desorption of mercury on sorbents at elevated temperatures.

Dr. Ho's passion for students, his research projects and publications, and contributions to professional societies earned him this top honor. I am proud to recognize his contributions in the Second Congressional District.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING OFFICER CHRISTOPHER
PFEIFER

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 1, 2007

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, today I rise to remember a brave young man from the Third District, Pfc. Christopher Pfeifer, who passed away last week from wounds suffered in Afghanistan on August 17 when his unit came under enemy fire. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

A talented young man, Chris has been described as the type of person who gave his very best at everything he did, and who loved the Army. Chris' death came just days before his wife, Karen, gave birth to their first child, a baby girl.

Words cannot express our gratitude for Chris' service to our country, or the loss of such a brave individual.

HONORING JOHN JOSEPH "JACK"
HEALY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 1, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Joseph "Jack" Healy, former Santa Rosa mayor and city councilmember, who died recently as a result of a traffic accident. Jack, who was 81, was known for helping others and promoting education.

Because of his delightful personality, Jack was a top vote-getter in elections. He served the city for a dozen years before retiring because of heart problems.

In civic affairs, Jack did his homework on the issues and was known for treating people—even those who disagreed with him—with respect. Friends say that because of this, he had no enemies.

"He was one of the kinder, more thoughtful City Council persons, who didn't just look at the technicality of the issue, but how it impacted people," longtime friend and former council colleague Schuyler Jeffries told reporters upon hearing the news of Jack's death.

Before becoming involved in politics, Jack joined the business faculty at Santa Rosa Junior College. Perhaps because of his own struggles to get a college education, Jack worked to help others achieve this accomplishment, and eventually he became dean of the campus evening program.

"I always was impressed by his desire to give people a hand up who needed it," his son, Mike Healy, says. "He went out of his way to help people better themselves in life."

The son of Irish immigrants—his father was a copper miner who died when Jack was young—Jack dreamed of going to college. Thanks to the GI Bill, that dream was realized after World War II, when he attended San Francisco State University. There, he met his wife, Sharon, to whom he was married for 54 years until her death in May. The couple had two sons, Mike and Matt, who survive them, along with two grandchildren, Megan and Tom.

Jack was a well-liked member of the "old gray mayors," an informal group of former city leaders, and continued to remain active in local affairs even after his retirement, serving for eight years on the Sonoma County Library Commission.

Madam Speaker, I would like to honor a man who served his community not only wisely but also well. Jack will long be missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 1, 2007

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I was unavoidably delayed and missed the vote on final passage of H.R. 3121, The Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007 (Rollcall 921). Although H.R. 3121 passed by a vote of 263-146, I respectfully request the opportunity to record my position. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall 921.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES
AND CONDEMNING RUSH
LIMBAUGH'S ATTACK ON
"PHONY SOLDIERS"

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 1, 2007

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution to affirm that our soldiers have the freedom to speak about the war in Iraq. As a Member of the House Armed Services Committee, I believe it is important to express opposition to the view that American soldiers who do not embrace the policies of the Bush Administration lack the skills to do the job of protecting their country or lack the willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice in service of their country.

Madam Speaker, as a general principle it should not be the business of Congress to condemn or applaud the publicly expressed views of private citizens. If we took note of every stupid, ignorant or asinine utterance in the public square we would have little time to focus on the important issues facing this nation.

Moreover, I believe firmly in the right of every American to speak his or her mind freely. Even the most outrageous and offensive speech is, and should be, protected by the first amendment of our constitution. Our citizens should be free to express their political views without expecting Congress to act as a kind of imperious censor or arbiter of what is acceptable, intelligent or in good taste. Instead of passing resolutions condemning the political views of others, I think the preferred approach for Congress as an institution is to stay above the partisan fray and let individual Members express their personal, as opposed to institutional, views about the free speech of others.

There are times, however, when I believe this body should speak collectively—and that is in those rare circumstances when the speech of prominent Americans, media personalities or political organizations is so outrageous and divisive that it commands the attention of every Member. We can respect the first amendment rights of others without giving up our own right to speak out freely and collectively in this body.

In this regard, I believe remarks by a prominent conservative talk-show personality, Mr. Rush Limbaugh, deserve a rebuke from the Congress. Democrats and Republicans alike should find his attack on our men and women in uniform both offensive and deplorable.

Specifically, Mr. Limbaugh suggested that soldiers who oppose the Bush Administration's policy in Iraq are "phony soldiers." The clear implication of his remarks leaves no doubt. Mr. Limbaugh used his syndicated radio program to impugn the character of those American servicemen and women who have spoken out against the policies of the Bush Administration.

I believe that Congress should make clear that our soldiers, whatever their rank and whatever their views, deserve to be honored for their service. I believe Congress should make clear that Mr. Limbaugh's use of the term "phony soldiers" is beneath contempt. I believe Congress should remind Mr. Limbaugh that the men and women who serve in our