

his wife Helen would always sit on the front row of the class. The Mayor would interrupt my lesson at some critical point and make a humorous comment about the lesson that would sidetrack our discussion. Louie Welch knew the Good Book as well as the Apostle Paul, but he was much funnier. We shall miss Louie Welch.

His son Gary Welch recently told the Houston Chronicle, "I would like for him to be remembered as a mayor who cared deeply about the city of Houston and each and every person who lived in the city of Houston."

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LANCE
CORPORAL CAMERON BABCOCK
OF PLYMOUTH, INDIANA

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Lance Corporal Cameron Babcock a native son of Plymouth, Indiana, and a proud member of the United States Marine Corps. Cameron lost his life in a tragic accident at Twentynine Palms Marine Base in California. On Sunday, January 20, another Marine unintentionally discharged his privately-owned firearm at the Air Ground Combat Center. The bullet struck Cameron in the chest and ultimately killed this fine young Marine. His death was tragic and leaves us all mourning a life cut short. But as we mourn his life, we also remember and honor the richness of Cameron's life with us.

Cameron was a handsome young man who loved his family and loved his country. He was fun-loving and known for his bear hug. He knew the value of the small things that make life a joy: hanging out with friends, playing music, four-wheeling, and spending time with family. And he was successful in enjoying the many riches of life. His talent with the trumpet led to him to compete at the State Jazz Festival in 2005 and his musical talent also led to his participation in the Wind Ensemble comprised with some of the top musicians at Plymouth High School. His warm personality attracted to him a wide circle of friends. Just days after his death, more than three hundred people belonged to an online group dedicated to his memory, with many reminiscing about the joy of having just been able to spend time with Cameron at Christmas.

But Cameron also knew the value of matters larger than himself: his lifelong dream was to join the proud ranks of the United States Marine Corps. Shortly after graduating from Plymouth High School in 2006, Cameron dove right into his lifelong dream and enlisted. His energy, enthusiasm, and many gifts made the Marine Corps, and this nation, better.

He became an infantry rifleman, excelling all through basic training. Before long, he proved his bravery by serving a tour of duty in Iraq. As a member of Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, he spent several months in Ramadi, Iraq, in the infamous Sunni Triangle. In this dangerous setting, he continually did his job, and did it well. He earned the National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Combat Action Rib-

bon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and a Certificate of Commendation. Cameron was slated to return to Iraq in the winter of 2008 and was ready to answer the call of duty once again.

Matt Keller, a lifelong friend, said of Cameron, "He would always be there as someone you needed," and noted his service in Iraq as an example. Cameron was there when we needed him and as a nation, we counted on him. His absence is a sad loss to his parents Jeffery and Ann, his siblings, Kailey, Abigail, Hope and Samuel, and his many other friends and relatives.

Semper Fi. Always Faithful. Today we remember the faithful life of Lance Corporal Lance Babcock, and his dedicated service to his country. From Cameron's example, let us remember to be always faithful as well: always faithful to our family and friends; always faithful to this great nation; and always faithful to the God whose rich and all-encompassing love now and for all eternity surrounds Cameron Babcock.

CITY OF TEMPE TOP 100 BEST
COMMUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Tempe, my hometown, which was recently honored by America's Promise Alliance, with the designation as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People for 2008. This organization, founded by General Colin Powell, is the largest alliance dedicated to children and youth. Recognition just once is a proud achievement, but this is the third year in a row that the city has been so recognized, and so is deserving of special praise.

One of the entities cited in the award, is the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission, which is believed to be the oldest such commission in the country. When I instituted this commission during my tenure as Mayor of Tempe, I was confident that it had great potential. I am especially pleased that subsequent Mayors have realized the value of this commission which was so deservedly recognized by America's Promise Alliance. The award noted that Tempe was a "pioneer" in this area. Tempe's three multigenerational facilities were also recognized for the city's commitment to facilitate nonprofit organizations' youth services.

America's Promise Alliance evaluates applicants based on Five Promises which have been shown to ensure that children receive the fundamental resources they need to successfully lead healthy and productive lives. These are: caring adults, a safe place, a healthy start, an effective education, and opportunities to help others.

Tempe has made a commitment to keeping these promises, and has been justifiably recognized for the effort. I extend my congratulations and thanks for a job well done.

HONORING LOYD AND SUE
EUBANKS ON THEIR 50TH WED-
DING ANNIVERSARY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Loyd and Sue Eubanks on their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Eubanks met in February 1956 at the Methodist Church in Havelock, N.C. Loyd proposed to Sue in December of that year and then left for fourteen months to Japan as a 2nd Lt. and pilot with VMF-334. Upon his return, the Eubanks were married on March 8, 1958 at Wesley United Methodist Church in Modesto, California. Their honeymoon was spent traveling back across the country in a brown Volkswagen to Havelock, North Carolina.

After 7-8 months, Loyd finished his staff duty and went to Pensacola and Jacksonville, N.C. where he trained and eventually flew helicopters for the remaining 14 months of service. During that time, they celebrated the birth of their first son, Kenneth Allen, at the Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune. After Loyd's time in the service, he earned a degree in Accounting and for the next thirteen years, they lived in Dallas and Kansas City where Loyd worked for the International Accounting Firm of Ernst and Ernst. Their second son, Clifford Daniel, was born in Dallas in November 1964.

In 1975, Loyd went to work for the LTV Corporation in Oklahoma City and then Dallas. While living in Southlake, Texas, Sue worked as a substitute teacher at Carroll ISD and taught in the Mothers Day Out Program at the Bedford UMC. She also earned an Associate Degree from Tarrant County Community College. Loyd served on the City Council.

In the early 1990's, and after 18 years as residents of Texas, the Eubanks moved to California. The LTV Corporation dismantled and was acquired by Northrop Grumman Corporation whose headquarters was Los Angeles. After 4 years in California and missing their grandchildren, the Eubanks moved back to the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex and currently live in Euless, Texas.

Loyd and Sue have been active members of their community and do most things together. Sue is a Republican Precinct Chairman and Election Judge. Loyd builds signs and serves as a low ranking Election Clerk. They are active members of the Metroplex Republican Women's Club, the Northeast Couples Club and the Bedford United Methodist Church. Throughout the years, they have been active in the PTA, the Cub Scouts, the JCs, the Kiwanis, the United Methodist Women and the Republican Party.

The Eubanks enjoy camping and spending time with their children and grandchildren: Kristi, Mason, Allie, Caleb and Alyssa.

It is my honor to recognize Loyd and Sue Eubanks and congratulate them on this wonderful and momentous event. Together they exemplify the ideals of strong family and community involvement. I would like to extend my best wishes to the Eubanks as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.