

disappeared from a hiking trip, Lt. Scaggs, a 64th ERQS pilot, was called in as the flight lead for the rescue. He and the rest of the crew prepared themselves in just 2 hours to go in search of the hikers. Traveling to the assumed location of the hikers, approximately 120 miles north of Balad Air Base, the rescue crew was able to locate the hikers on the side of a mountain sitting at an 80 degree angle. The teachers were stranded at an altitude of 4,700 feet where they were surrounded by treacherous terrain. Using careful maneuvering, the helicopter was able to fly close enough to allow the rescuers to retrieve the hikers safely. Their health was immediately checked and they were found to be in good condition despite being dehydrated and cold. If it were not for the actions of Lt. Scaggs and the rest of the rescue team, the two lost teachers would not have likely survived another night in the harsh conditions.

Lt. Scaggs and all members of America's Armed Forces deserve appreciation and respect from those they defend. That's why I am proud to stand before you today to honor Lt. Evan Scaggs from Sulphur, Oklahoma, and thank him for his bravery and his service.

TRIBUTE TO TERRY DEVORE

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the heroism and self sacrifice of Olney Springs Fire Chief Terry DeVore, 31, who died in the line of duty on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, while driving to the scene of a brush fire threatening his community.

When Terry heard the distress call Tuesday afternoon from nearby Ordway, Colorado, he jumped in his fire engine with fellow volunteer fireman John Schwartz to try to help. A massive wild fire was burning across the prairie and the smoke was so thick that Terry and John could not see the bridge burned out in front of them. Terry's father Bruce, a fire department volunteer for 36 years, was right behind them when he noticed their taillights disappear. Bruce and the other firefighters stopped and tried to fight the inferno in front of them, but it was a hopeless fight.

Terry first started helping his father at the fire department when he was 13. He loved his town and he loved helping people. Although he grew up in Olney Springs, he left for a time to work at Rocky Mountain Steel Mills in Pueblo, Colorado, before returning home to work for the Crowley Correctional Facility. He then moved to the Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility where he became a sergeant. Terry also volunteered at the Olney Springs Fire Department that serves the town's 350 residents and served as Fire Chief for the past year.

Terry left behind wife Jennifer, four children between the ages of 4 and 10, Ryan, Breann, Katy, and Jeremiah, and his parents Bruce and Deborah DeVore. "He was never afraid of anything; there was no sense of fear," his mother Deborah told a newspaper. "He loved helping people. He was always making jokes, pulling pranks on people. He just loved life."

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent Terry and other men and women who sacrifice

so much to care for their communities. I urge my colleagues to join me in mourning the loss of a great American and in expressing heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation for the service of Terry DeVore.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I was in my district voting in the North Carolina primary election and I missed rollcall votes on May 5th, 6th and 7th. I ask that the RECORD show that had I been present:

For rollcall No. 240—To suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 952—I would have voted "yes";

For rollcall No. 241—To table the motion to reconsider H. Res. 952—I would have voted "no";

For rollcall No. 242—To suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1011, as amended—I would have voted "yes";

For rollcall No. 243—To table the motion to reconsider H. Res. 1011—I would have voted "no";

For rollcall No. 244—Motion to adjourn—I would have voted "no";

For rollcall No. 245—Motion to adjourn—I would have voted "yes";

For rollcall No. 246—Motion to adjourn—I would have voted "no";

For rollcall No. 247—Motion to instruct conferees on H. R. 2419—I would have voted "yes";

For rollcall No. 248—To table the motion to reconsider the vote on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419—I would have voted "no";

For rollcall No. 249—To suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3658—I would have voted "yes";

For rollcall No. 250—To table the motion to reconsider H.R. 3658—I would have voted "no";

For rollcall No. 251—To suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 317, as amended—I would have voted "yes";

For rollcall No. 252—To table the motion to reconsider H. Con. Res. 317—I would have voted "no";

For rollcall No. 253—To suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1109, as amended—I would have voted "yes";

For rollcall No. 254—To table the motion to reconsider H. Res. 1109—I would have voted "no";

For rollcall No. 255—Motion to adjourn—I would have voted "yes";

For rollcall No. 256—To suspend the rules and pass S. 2929, as amended—I would have voted "yes";

For rollcall No. 257—To table the motion to reconsider S. 2929—I would have voted "no";

For rollcall No. 258—Motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419—I would have voted "no";

For rollcall No. 259—To table the motion to reconsider the vote on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419—I would have voted "no";

For rollcall No. 260—Motion to adjourn—I would have voted "yes";

For rollcall No. 261—Motion to adjourn—I would have voted "yes";

For rollcall No. 262—Motion to adjourn—I would have voted "yes";

For rollcall No. 263—To suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1168—I would have voted "yes";

For rollcall No. 264—To table the motion to reconsider H. Res. 1168—I would have voted "no";

For rollcall No. 265—To suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1155—I would have voted "yes";

For rollcall No. 266—To table the motion to reconsider H. Res. 1155—I would have voted "no";

For rollcall No. 267—Motion to adjourn—I would have voted "yes";

For rollcall No. 268—To approve the journal—I would have voted "no."

ON THE BIRTH OF COOPER ADDISON TAYLOR

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate my longtime friend and former law partner Heath Preston Taylor and his wife Julie Hartley Taylor of Sandy Run, South Carolina, on the birth of their new baby boy. Cooper Addison Taylor was born on April 17, 2008, weighing 6 pounds and 5 ounces. Addison is an old family name. Cooper joins an older brother, Andrew Preston Taylor. He has been born into a loving home where he will be raised by parents who are devoted to his well-being and bright future.

I am so excited for this new addition to the Taylor family. I want to congratulate Cooper's grandparents George Preston Taylor and Judy Wilkes Taylor of Sandy Run, South Carolina, and Forrest Andrew Hartley, III, and Barbara Bickford Hartley of Atlanta, Georgia. Great grandmother is Gladys Taylor of Sandy Run, South Carolina. Among the happy aunts and uncles are my former law partner Henry H. Taylor and his wife Molly D. Taylor of West Columbia, South Carolina.

RECOGNIZING CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY SPEAKER-ELECT KAREN BASS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, as chair of the California Democratic Congressional Delegation, I rise today to recognize a historic milestone in California history. Next week, on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, the Honorable Karen Bass will be seated as California's first African American woman Speaker of the State Assembly. I would also point out, Madam Speaker, that this is the first time that an African American woman has held this post in any State.

Speaker-elect Bass was first elected to the State Assembly in 2004 to represent the 47th