

I would like to read the list of the fallen so that we take the time to honor each individual lost and remember the tremendous losses their families and communities have suffered:

Lance Corporal Timothy M. Bell, Jr.; Lance Corporal Eric J. Bernholtz; Corporal Dustin A. Derga; Lance Corporal Nicholas B. Erdy; Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids; Sergeant David N. Wimberg; Lance Corporal Michael J. Cifuentes; Lance Corporal Christopher J. Dyer; Lance Corporal Jonathan W. Grant; Sergeant David Kenneth J. Kreuter; Lance Corporal Jourdan L. Grez; Private First Class Christopher R. Dixon.

Lance Corporal Christopher P. Lyons; Staff Sergeant Anthony L. Goodwin; Petty Officer 3rd Class Travis Youngblood; Sergeant Justin F. Hoffman; Staff Sergeant Kendall H. Ivy III; Lance Corporal Nicholas William B. Bloem; Corporal Andre L. Williams; Lance Corporal Grant B. Fraser; Lance Corporal Aaron H. Reed; Lance Corporal Edward A. Schroeder II; and Lance Corporal William B. Wightman.

These men have touched the hearts of people around Ohio as we have collectively grieved their passing. One such person who has exhibited her sincere dedication to the sacrifices of these men is Anita Miller, a liturgical artist who resides in Columbus.

Like everyone in Ohio, Anita knew the devastating losses that the Lima Company family has endured during the Iraq War and the impact that these losses have had on our communities.

Anita awoke one morning in October of 2005 with the idea of creating a lasting memorial to honor the Lima Company. She has used her immense talents to create an octagon Memorial, consisting of eight panels that depict each of the fallen Marines and Corpsman, with a candle and bronzed combat boots in front of each portrait. A shelf at the bottom of the panel will allow for flowers or mementos to be left by the public.

The memorial will be unveiled in the rotunda of the Ohio Statehouse on Friday and thereafter be a mobile memorial similar to the traveling Vietnam Memorial so that people around Ohio and the United States have an opportunity to pay tribute to Lima Company.

I know that every American joins me in remembering our men and women in uniform not just on Memorial Day, but every day, for what they have sacrificed and fought for in giving us the freedoms we hold so dear.

As we celebrate Memorial Day, I hope that memorials such as the Lima Company Traveling Memorial and services and parades around the country allow us to pay tribute to all of the men and women who have sacrificed their lives for our country.

HONORING STEVE MILLER

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steve Miller, an outstanding community leader in Kentucky's Fourth District. After 22 years as the Executive Director of the Buffalo Trace Area Development District, Steve is retiring to pursue other interests and spend time with family.

After obtaining a degree in Urban Planning at Murray State University in 1977, Steve

began his career with the Buffalo Trace Area Development District as a Transportation Planner. While completing a graduate degree in Economic Development, Steve became Associate Director, a title that he held from 1980 to 1986. Since 1986, Steve has been the Executive Director of the Buffalo Trace Area Development District.

Over the course of his 31 year career with the Buffalo Trace ADD, Steve has assisted in the development of six industrial parks, the construction of hundreds of miles of water lines, the fulfillment of several downtown revitalization projects, the inception of groundbreaking workforce development programs and many other initiatives. Steve's contributions to Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason and Robertson counties are innumerable, and the families of this region live a better life today because of him. I would like to thank Mr. Stephen Miller for his extraordinary service to the entire Buffalo Trace region and to wish him the very best in his next adventure.

HONORING ELWOOD A.D. "WOODY" LECHAUSSE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor Elwood A.D. "Woody" Lechause of Enfield, Connecticut, who passed away over the weekend at the West Haven VA Medical Center.

For nearly 35 years, Connecticut veterans could rely on Woody to be their staunchest advocate in the state house and here in Congress. A veteran himself, Woody served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1965, during which he served as a Sergeant in Izmir, Turkey, in Fort Campbell, Kentucky with the 101st Airborne Division, and Quin Huon, South Vietnam with the 178th Signal (Spt) 39th Signal Battalion. He returned home to Connecticut and, fueled with his desire to improve the lives of all those who have served our nation, began a long and storied career as a rigorous and unyielding voice for improving our nation's treatment of our veterans.

As a member of several veterans service organizations, such as the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 82nd Airborne Division Association and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 120, Woody served in countless leadership roles on both the state and national levels. Although a fighter on behalf of all those who wore our nation's uniform, Woody was especially dedicated to addressing the difficulties faced by our disabled veterans and those who returned home with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other mental health challenges from their combat experience.

Woody served on numerous government agencies, boards and taskforces that helped make tangible improvements in the health care, support and commemoration of all our veterans. And for his work, he was continually honored at all levels, most recently by being permanently inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame in 2007.

I was honored to meet with Woody on numerous occasions both in Washington and Connecticut, and work with him closely on ef-

orts to improve the quality of life for veterans in Connecticut and across the Nation. He was a trusted advisor to the members and staff of Connecticut's congressional delegation, and could always be relied on to help inform us of the needs of our veterans and help "get the word out" through his dialogue with veterans organizations and updates to his diverse and wide-ranging email list.

Madam Speaker, all of us in Connecticut have lost a friend, a mentor and an unmatched voice on behalf of our veterans. I ask all my colleagues to join me in expressing our sincere condolence to Woody's wife Kathryn, his sons James and Ralph, and all his friends and families during this difficult time. And, I urge all my colleagues to honor Woody's service to our nation and lifetime of advocacy on behalf of our Nation's veterans.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS IN THE WAR AGAINST ALS

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, as you know, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a devastating disease, affecting as many as 30,000 Americans. What you may not know is that military veterans are at greater risk of ALS than those who have never served in the military.

A study by the Department of Defense (DOD) and Veterans Administration (VA) found that those who served in the 1991 Gulf War are approximately twice as likely to die from ALS as those who did not serve in the Gulf. Harvard University researchers found that, regardless of where or when they served, veterans are more likely to be diagnosed with ALS than the general public. Current research shows that ALS is occurring at greater rates in those who are serving in the current conflict in Iraq.

The Department of Defense recognized this risk by establishing the ALS Research Program (ALSRP) last year and provided \$5 million to conduct research into new treatments and a deeper understanding of the disease. The ALSRP will benefit those who served our country with better medical care, and will also give hope to all whose lives have been touched by the disease, regardless of military service.

Congress should send a clear message of support to our men and women serving in the military and continue funding for this important medical initiative. I urge my colleagues to provide funding in the 2009 Defense Appropriations Act to continue this innovative research partnership, which leverages DOD resources with scientific expertise in the private sector and at universities. This research will enable us to take action to protect our soldiers and veterans by determining why they are at greater risk, and will give us tools to treat all those who suffer from this disease.

We need to continue to wage a war against ALS, the disease that took the life of baseball greats Lou Gehrig and North Carolina's own Jim "Catfish" Hunter, as well as many other American heroes great and small. I knew "Catfish" and he was a good man, and he would be proud of the work that our local ALS