HONORING PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION RECIPIENT EDWARD J. TINNEY OF SPRING HILL, FL
HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 21, 2009
Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor American hero and distinguished recipient of the Presidential Unit Citation. Mr. Edward J. Tinney of Spring Hill, Florida was a proud member of the Alpha Troop, First Squadron, 11th Armored Calvary Regiment in South Vietnam. The unit was awarded the rare and prestigious citation in recognition of their determination under extremely hazardous and hazardous conditions.

In 1970 in the Republic of South Vietnam, Mr. Tinney’s unit distinguished itself through a series of daunting combat missions over many months. After a five-year review, the Department of Defense recommended this small unit for the Citation, a very rare honor. The professional skill and personal devotion displayed by Mr. Tinney and his unit reflect their immense commitment and sacrifice.

Since its inception in 1941, the Citation has been awarded fewer than 100 times to include the Second World War, the Korean War, the Cold War, the war in Vietnam, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan and only five units as small as Mr. Tinney’s have received the Citation. To be singled out in this manner is a distinct honor.

Madam Speaker, soldiers like Mr. Tinney should be recognized for their service to our nation and for their community and sacrifices in battle. I am honored to congratulate Mr. Tinney and his unit on their long overdue Presidential Unit Citation. His family, friends and loved ones should know that we truly consider him one of America’s heroes.

HONORING THE ASSYRIAN DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT
HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 21, 2009
Mr. RADANOVICH of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the thirtieth anniversary of the Assyrian Democratic Movement in Iraq. The Assyrian Democratic Movement (ADM) is an ethnic Assyrian political party that was established on July 24, 1979. The party was formed in response to the oppressive brutality of the Baath regime and its attempt to forcibly remove ethnic Assyrians from their native lands. Under the leadership of Yonadam Kanna the struggle came to a head in 1982 when the group began an armed battle against the Iraqi regime.

After two decades of building the ADM, former President George W. Bush officially designated the group as a recognized Iraqi opposition movement. In December 2002 this designation allowed for President Bush to invoke articles four and five of the Iraqi Liberation Act of 1998 as a means of allowing the United States government to provide financial resources to the ADM. Yonadam Kanna has served as an integral member of the movement and has participated in meetings and conferences with world leaders to pursue the ideology of the ADM. Mr. Kanna served on the temporary Iraqi Governing Council that was established after the fall of Saddam Hussein and is currently serving as president of the party.

Today, the party stands for the same political goals that it stood for thirty years ago: to defend their people and to create a free democratic Iraq. The movement calls for the recognition of the rights of all Assyrians and to unify the various individual identities, including Chaldean, Syrian and Assyrian.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Assyrian Democratic Movement on thirty years of commitment to creating a free and democratic Iraq. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the Assyrian Democratic Movement in Iraq.

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING STUDENTS IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA
HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 21, 2009
Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of several students in Northern Virginia. These students have participated and excelled in programs administered by their local Parent Teacher Associations and Parent Teacher Student Associations. Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) and Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSA) serve a critical role in helping to provide the best possible educational environment for our students. The Northern Virginia District PTA consists of a region with more than 220 schools. Schools located throughout Northern Virginia are consistently recognized as being among the very best schools in our country. I strongly believe one factor in the excellent education received by our students is the high level of involvement and encouragement provided by parents through the PTA and PTSA.

FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT
SPEECH OF HON. VIRGINIA FOXX OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 1, 2009
Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, “The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, which is before us today, contains a so-called ‘special rule for cigarettes’ in Section 907 of the bill that would ban flavored cigarettes—with the exception of menthol flavored cigarettes.