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important for the safety of its food supply.
Bob significantly increased the number of
import samples and product exams
performed each year and contributed to
updating the FDA import training pro-
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HONORING BOB DEININGER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a
previous order of the House, the gen-
tleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SESTAK)
is recognized for 5 minutes.
Mr. SESTAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to
honor a public servant, a leader, son,
husband and father of the first order,
Mr. Robert Deininger, who on August 1,
2009, will complete 40 years of faithful
and dedicated service to the U.S. Food
and Drug Administration, the FDA.
Following his high school graduation
from Upper Darby High School, Bob excelled
at Grove City College, Grove City,
Pennsylvania, graduating in 1969 with
a bachelor of science degree in biology.
He was quickly hired by the FDA as an
investigator in the Philadelphia dis-
trict office.
In 1977 Bob was selected to be a su-
ervisor of the New Jersey District in
Trenton, New Jersey. He later moved
to Camden, New Jersey, where he su-
ervised 10 investigators and covered
southern New Jersey.

During 13 years in this position, he
and his team were involved in many
unique and interesting cases, including
those involving food tampering, recalls
and compliance actions.
In 1989, Bob was accepted into a gov-
ernment Executive Potential Program.
In 1990, he was selected as Director of the
Investigations Branch for the Dal-
las district and moved to Dallas, Texas.
In this position, with nearly 100 em-
ployees and 13 satellite offices, he was
responsible for domestic import inspec-
tion activities in Texas, Oklahoma and
Arkansas.
Bob’s last position was that of Dis-
trict Director, Southwest Import Dis-
trict, SWID, in the FDA Office of Regu-

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
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cides.”
The Corps is on a pace for about 56
suicides in 2009, which would shatter a
record set last year. The Corps lost 42
Marines to confirmed or suspect
suicides. The article further states,
“Marine suicides have increased
annually since 2006.”

The deaths come as the service rolls out
a new suicide-prevention program this
week focused on getting sergeants and
Corps members to take a more active
role in watching for signs that a Marine
may be in danger of killing himself.
Nine Marines killed themselves in
June, and 13 have done so this July.
Carl Redding, a spokesman at Marine
Corps headquarters.
The statistics were discussed Monday at
the Sergeant Major Symposium, an annual
meeting of the Corps’ top enlisted leaders
in Washington. The 33 dead Marines put
the Corps on pace for above 200
suicides in 2009, shattering a record set
last year, when the Corps lost 42
Marines to confirmed or suspect
suicides.
“We’re looking at all options to get a han-
dle on this,” said Sgt. Maj. Carlton Kent,
the Corps’ top enlisted adviser. “We’re try-
ing to pinpoint what we can do, and we’re
going to stay engaged until we find a fix for it.”

Marine suicides have increased annually
since 2006, when 25 Marines killed
themselves. Thirty-three Marines are
listed as having committed suicide in
The recent numbers have alarmed Marine
leadership, prompting additional “all-hands”
prevention training in March that included
videos made by commanders, a slideshow
outlining recent statistics and an overview
of warning signs shown by Marines at risk of
killing themselves.
On Monday, senior enlisted leaders discus-
sed a next wave of suicide-prevention
training that has been in the works for
months. Noncommissioned officers通过
out the Corps will be trained to watch for
suicide signs more carefully, with “master
trainer” sergeants who went through 3½
days of training in July at Marine Corps
Base Quantico, Va., now fanning out across
the service to teach NCOs how they can be a
better help to at-risk Marines.
The new training package will include a 30-
minute video featuring professional actors
portraying Marines, and 11 documentary film
clip featuring Marines who considered kill-
ing themselves and survivors of Marines who
did. The Corps’ senior enlisted leaders
were told Monday. It will focus in part on
elimin-
ing the stigma of reporting a Marine who is
considering suicide, officials said.
In the near future, the Corps will “actively
recognize the signs at ankle level, not chest
level,” said Sgt. Maj. Michael Timmerman, the
senior enlisted adviser with the Personal and
Family Readiness Division at Marine Corps
headquarters.
Timmerman said NCOs must be
empowered to report that a Marine in turmoil
may be considering suicide, but he believes senior
enlisted leadership and officials also need to be
actively involved.
“We still have to provide the guidance,
overseer and support that is needed for en-
listed leadership. “We have to give (NCOs)
the tools they need” to prevent suicides.”