

has since grown to being a steward of more than \$75 million of charitable assets. In pursuing its mission of strengthening communities and supporting the citizens of North Louisiana, the Foundation has awarded more than 4,000 grants totaling nearly \$40 million. In addition to its vital stewardship of charitable investments, The Community Foundation has exhibited leadership by working with other non-profits to promote philanthropy and service in the community. Through managing innovative projects, responding in times of disaster, investing in critical research, and convening leaders to discuss issues facing the area, the Foundation's activities have served as a catalyst for positive change.

Today, I am pleased to express my support and gratitude to The Community Foundation of North Louisiana as it celebrates this important milestone. With great honor and enthusiasm, I wish it continued success over its next 50 years of service.

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL
ROBERT "BOBBY" THRAILKILL,
USMC

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a real American hero, Lance Corporal Robert "Bobby" Thrailkill of Pentwater, Michigan.

While out on foot patrol in Sagen, Afghanistan, on October 26, 2010, Bobby found a roadside bomb. After motioning for his fellow Marines to step back, the bomb exploded, causing traumatic injuries to Bobby, including the loss of his legs. Bobby faced months of rehabilitation at Walter Reed with courage and has come far in his recovery.

Today, June 16th, Bobby will marry his fiancé Karra Barr. I want to congratulate Bobby on this day and wish him a life of happiness, as well as thank him for his service to our country. In honor of Bobby, the following poem was written by Albert Caswell.

THE KILL ZONE

On battlefields of honor bright. . . .
There are but all of those who but bring
their light. . . .
All in the darkness of these days. . . . these
nights. . . .
Are but all of those heroes who but carry
that fight, all In The Kill Zone. . . .
Brave Hearts, men of courage
and might. . . .
Whose blind faith but wins that battle, that
fight. . . .
Who into darken buildings will walk. . . .
Knowing full well what death before them so
lies, all in that dark. . . .
All in that Kill Zone. . . .
As they but lead with their fine hearts. . . .
The ones who so kick in all those doors, who
are thou art. . . .
Envoys from God, our Lord's heart!
United States Marines, men like Lcpl
Thrailkill who so do their part. . . .
Who all in his most magnificent shades of
green, is one darn fine United States
Marine. . . .
As ever up ahead, out on point as he was so
courageously seen!
And on that day Robert when you so faced
death; lying there with but not much
left. . . .

As defeat you would not except. . . .
As Robert your fine heart would so
crest. . . .
With two legs gone as on the morning as you
awoke, with not much left to hold on
to. . . .
As deep down inside of you, your fine heart
so spoke. . . .
As you wiped all of those tears from your
eyes, and Marine you so told yourself .
. . . .
that you had new mountains to so climb. . . .
Yea, Michigan Marines are just that
kind. . . .
Who all in shades of green, the word courage
so define. . . .
For you have miles to go before you
sleep. . . .
Hills to climb, all in your heart of courage so
very deep. . . .
As Robert, there is nothing from your new
mission that will you so keep!
All on your road to recovery . . . , as to all
souls you so speak!
For once you walked upon those killing
fields. . . .
All for your God and Country Tis of Thee,
this man of steel. . . .
As now your new war to be won. . . .
As for all of your lost Brothers In Arms
these ones,
you will feel upon you face the new day's
sun!
Because, Strength In Honor . . . , is but from
where you come. . . .
The kind of man that every father, so wished
he had as a son. . . .
As You So Teach Us Robert, As You So Be-
seech Us Robert. . . .
Oh look Marine, from where you've come, so
far, so fast, shining like the morning
sun!
As out on point, up ahead your new life has
just begun. . . .
As with your strong heart we now so see you
run. . . .
One of Michigan's greatest of all son's. . . .
And on this day, get down on your
knees. . . .
And but thank all of these!
All of these fine sons, sons like Robert who
into the Kill Zone must venture to do
what must be done!
Could you in your life, so find the strength
. . . to walk into such that valley of
death?
Could you but find the courage and faith,
to rebuild your life when you've so lost your
strong legs as left?
Oh yes Robert how you have so shown us all
the way!
As one of the finest Americans, who never
took . . . but gave!

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY
STUDENTS—MICHAEL ROBERTO

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary group of young men and women who have been chosen as future leaders in our armed forces by the prestigious United States service academies. It is a privilege to send such a fine group from the third district of Texas to pursue a world-class education and serve our nation. As we keep them and their families in our prayers, may we never forget the sacrifices they are preparing to make while defending our freedoms all across the globe. I am so

proud of each one. God bless them and God bless America.

Today I salute Michael Roberto, a United States Military Academy Appointee. Michael is a graduate of Cistercian Preparatory School where he was highly involved in athletics, including being cross country varsity team captain, track team, soccer as a right forward, and football as a receiver and a cornerback. Michael is also the founder and president of his high school debate team, an officer in the Economics club, a writer for his school newspaper, and served on the Third District Congressional Youth Advisory Committee. Michael desired nothing more than to attend a United States Service Academy and become an officer in the military. Michael is not only interested in pursuing the superior education that an Academy will offer him, but he is also seeking the unrivaled development he will experience in becoming one of the best military officers his country deserves.

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HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2112) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Madam Chair, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 2112, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2012. This bill ignores the plight of hundreds of thousands of women and children who struggle to obtain nutritious food in neighborhoods across America. The measure originally put forward by the Republican majority proposed \$833 million in cuts to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, commonly known as WIC. This program provides assistance to new mothers, babies, and children under five who have been identified as nutritionally at risk. In any decent society, this is the most basic obligation we have to our fellow citizens. Yet the funding level proposed by the majority would have left 400,000 to 550,000 women and children without this aid.

I am pleased that the Appropriations Committee adopted an amendment by my colleague, Representative DELAURO, to reinstate \$147 million in WIC funding. Even with this restoration, however, between 200,000 and 350,000 low-income women and children around the country would be dropped from the program next year. In New Jersey, as many as 6,500 citizens could lose this assistance.

I would remind those who claim that we cannot afford the cost of this program that just one week of lost revenue from the Bush tax breaks for millionaires, which were extended over my objection, would more than fill the gap in funding for this program to ensure that every mother and child has access to healthy