

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 354, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Matthew Wilks for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall No. 7, rollcall No. 8, and rollcall No. 9 on January 24, 2012, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H. Res. 516, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the passage of a fiscal year 2013 Federal budget is of national importance. I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 2070. And I would have voted "yea" to instruct conferees to file a conference report on the Payroll Tax Cut no later than February 17, 2012.

REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN STEVEN PALAZZO ON THE DEATH OF CAPTAIN EUGENE P. LUND

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, last week our country lost a true American hero, my uncle, Captain Eugene P. Lund. Captain Lund died on the Mississippi Gulf Coast at the age of 78.

My uncle was a graduate of Notre Dame and the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School with degrees in engineering, and from The George Washington University with a masters degree in management.

While in the Navy, he was a carrier fighter pilot and commanding officer of a fighter squadron serving with distinction in over 250 missions during Vietnam.

He was awarded the Bronze Star, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, 19 additional Air Medals and numerous other awards for his service to our Nation.

He also headed the Navy team that designed and developed the F/A-18 aircraft.

Before retirement, he served as the Director of the Naval Weapons Engineering Support Activity providing engineering assistance and consultation on many naval aviation and weapons programs. He retired after 25 years of service to our country in the Navy.

My heart goes out to the rest of our family, especially my Aunt Virgie. The men and women who serve our country in uniform are the bravest and most selfless in the world. I ask that all of my colleagues strive to remember that every day.

Uncle Geno, may your journey to Christ be of "Fair winds and following seas and long may your big jib draw."

HONORING ERIC BROWN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eric Brown. Eric is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 714, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eric has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Eric has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 41 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Eric has served his troop in many leadership roles, including Patrol Leader, Treasurer, Bugler and Scribe. Eric has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Eric directed the installation of barbeque grills, a walkway between a shelter house and gazebo, and landscaped a rock garden and a rose garden in the New Market Christian Church Community Park in New Market, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Eric Brown for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF LAWRENCE KENNETH DAVIS

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Lawrence Kenneth Davis, Korean War Veteran and father of California State Assemblyman Mike Davis.

Lawrence Davis died on Saturday, December 4, 2011, at his home in Long Beach. He was 81 years old.

Mr. Davis was born on June 27, 1930 in North Carolina. After graduating from Highland High School in his home state, he went on to attend college at Johnson C. Smith University where he served as a member of the Varsity Football team. While there he met Myrtle Elizabeth Antrum, who he would later marry. After graduation, Lawrence began his career as a faithful employee of Piedmont Heat Treating Company.

Mr. Davis was full of life, eager to learn and deeply involved in his community. While employed at Piedmont Heat Treating Company, Davis worked diligently to receive certification as a metallurgical technician. Mr. Davis' strong work ethic and passion for his trade was demonstrated in whatever task he was assigned.

After his time at the Piedmont Heat Treating Company, Mr. Davis became the Chief of Security at Burt Lynn Middle School where many took note of his passion for his job. He also

worked as a referee at local basketball games and entertained the audience with tunes such as "The Stars and Stripes Forever" and would "wow" the crowd with his roller skating skills.

After moving to California, Mr. Davis' love for learning would lead him to enroll in Los Angeles Trade Technical College where he earned his Associate's Degree in Science. It was in Los Angeles that Lawrence Davis chose to raise his family. His son, Mike Davis, would go on to become a member of the California State Assembly and Vice Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus.

Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on Mr. Davis life let us remember his commitment, love, and passion for service to his community and his country. His inquisitive and youthful nature left a lasting impression on those he encountered every day.

I would like to request a moment of silence in his honor and memory.

HONORING MICHAEL A. JONES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael A. Jones. Michael is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Michael has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Michael has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Michael A. Jones for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS "FRANNIE" DRUMMOND

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, our hometown hero Francis "Frannie" Drummond was born to Mary and Francis Drummond on October 15, 1949. Frannie was one of five children. Locally raised in Langhorne, he attended Our Lady of Grace grade school and went on to graduate from Egan High School in 1967.

Recently graduated and unsettled with his job, a very young Fran decided to enlist before he was drafted into the service. Intending to first join the army with his friend, he switched gears to the Marine Corp after seeing a Marine in his dress blues. Fran served as a Lance Corporal under Fox Company Second B. 7th Marines in South Vietnam during the height of the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam conflict. Unspeakable war time horrors were abated by Fran's undefeated boxing abilities