

it as Patricia. On June 21, 1940, Pat married Richard Milhouse Nixon at Mission Inn, Riverside, California. The two met while they were performing in a theater production of "The Dark Tower." During World War II, she worked as a government economist while Richard served in the Navy. She campaigned tirelessly alongside her husband as he ran for Congress, the Senate, and, later, the Vice Presidency.

On January 20th, 1969, Richard Milhouse Nixon was sworn in as the 37th President of the United States. Pat became First Lady, the first, and so far only, woman from Nevada to serve in that role.

While in the White House, Pat publicly advocated for women to become more involved in the political process. She also used her position as First Lady to encourage volunteer service, opened the White House to more visitors, and added 600 paintings and antiques to the White House collection. She also traveled extensively, earning the unique diplomatic standing of "Personal Representative of the President."

Patricia Nixon passed away on June 22, 1993, and is buried at the Richard Nixon Birthplace and Museum in Yorba Linda, California.

March 16, 2012, marks the 100th anniversary of Patricia Nixon's birth in Ely, Nevada. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and recognizing the varied, significant contributions that Pat Nixon made throughout her life, particularly as the First Lady of the United States.

IN RECOGNITION OF LANCE CORPORAL MARK FIDLER AND FAMILY

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a real American hero, United States Marine Mark Fidler, who hails from my congressional district in Berks County, Pennsylvania. On October 3, 2011, while on foot patrol in Afghanistan, an IED exploded next to Lance Corporal Fidler, nearly killing him. He lost both legs above the knee and suffered extensive internal injuries. He survived, largely due to his brothers in arms and a British air unit that got him to the Bastion mash unit in record time. His parents, Stacy and Kermit Fidler, have put their lives on hold to be by his side night and day. Families are the quiet heroes who make such a huge difference in the recoveries of our soldiers. I ask that this poem, written by Albert Caswell in honor of those loving parents, be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

WRITTEN ON YOUR SOUL

All that we so have . . .
 All that we so hold . . .
 All that we so are . . .
 Of which so means the most . . .
 Is but so written, all on our souls . . .
 As is yours Mark, something special to behold!
 But, so lies something far much more precious than mere gold . . .
 As is so etched upon your heart be told . . .
 As lies something far much more greater than you could ever know . . .
 Setting you apart from all the rest, all in what your fine heart so holds . . .

'Oh, but To Be One of America's Finest . . .
 but, Her Very Best!
 A Uh . . . Raaaa Jar Head . . . As a United States Marine, no less . . .
 As is so written upon your soul, as was etched . . .
 To go off to war, to our nation's freedom's to insure . . .
 And to so face death no less!
 How can one ask for more?
 As our nation Mark, you and your family have so blessed!
 Than, to lose half of you . . . your best . . .
 And yet somehow you would so cheat death . . .
 No, you are not half the man you used to be, for you sum has grown far much greater . . . see!
 As when courage comes to crest, to so teach us all the more!
 To so reach deep down inside your heart of courage . . . Amor!
 As my son Mark, our world you have so blessed!
 As you've come back from such heartache, and such sure death!
 Is that not what heaven is so for?
 As somehow, your fine soul will not give up or in . . .
 All in its most courageous quest, as we so see where its take you, from where you have been!
 To but rebuild again, when This Pride of Pennsylvania . . .
 Had almost nothing left . . .
 As Mark, you bring The Angels up in heaven to tears at your behest!
 And all in our Lord's heart Mark, you are now so caressed!
 And if ever I have a son,
 I wish he could be like you this one . . .
 All because of what is now so etched upon your soul!
 As your great faith and courage and strength, is but something to behold!
 As now so etched!
 For Heaven so awaits all of those who give their very best!
 Who so freely are so ready to give up their fine lives, all in freedom's quest!
 Who all upon their souls such magnificence is so etched!
 So etched with such Strength In Honor, and Faith so no less . . .
 All in your shades of green, Mark you are one hell of a United States Marine!
 Who our nation has so blessed!
 Yes, arms and legs we all need . . . But we can get by . . .
 But, without a heart and soul like yours Mark, we will surely die . . .
 And Mark its up In Heaven, where you need not even eyes . . .
 And that's where your going one day Mark, when you rise!
 With but tears in your eyes . . .
 And in the coming years, it all seems so very clear . . .
 That, you have so much more to etch . . . All with you fine heart as left!
 Moments, are all that we so have!
 Minutes, only to hearts so grab!
 To this our world to so bless!
 As all written upon our souls as etched!
 What, have we so written . . . As we grow old?
 What, have we done that which is so worthy to behold?
 What, have we so given . . . That which is far much more precious than mere gold?
 That now so lies, all etched upon our souls!
 As have you Mark, so bestowed!
 UH . . . RRRRAH, Jar Head . . .
 All in what your fine life has said, and so continues to so grow!
 All so written, so on your soul!

TRIBUTE TO SAN ANTONIO ART LEAGUE AND MUSEUM

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the San Antonio Art League and Museum in celebration of their 100th anniversary.

The San Antonio Art League and Museum is the oldest arts organization in the city of San Antonio, Bexar County, and surrounding counties in the State of Texas. The museum was founded by Mrs. Henry Drought, who served as president of the organization for 25-years. Mrs. Henry Drought's mission was to foster knowledge of and interest in art in this area of Texas by means of exhibitions, lectures, and classes. Additionally she firmly believed in the encouragement of local artists in order to create and provide an avenue to display and promote the museum's mission. As a result, the San Antonio Art League and Museum has acquired and preserved more than 400 pieces of art from all across Texas. The museum continues to promote artists from Bexar County and the surrounding areas through its many activities, including promoting talented young art students at a collegiate art exhibition.

Art has always stood as an essential form of expression, communication, and cultural appreciation, and it has been extremely important to the cultural development of our community. I would again ask you to congratulate the San Antonio Art League and Museum for enriching the community of San Antonio for the past 100 years.

TRIBUTE TO PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS ANDREW KNIGHT, USCG

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Knight, age 26, of Thomasville, Alabama and to honor his devoted service to our country.

Petty Officer Knight, known by his family and friends as "Drew", was one of four U.S. Coast Guard crewmen aboard a MH-65C Dolphin helicopter when it crashed into Mobile Bay on February 28, 2012, during an evening training mission. The accident claimed the lives of each of the crew.

A native of Southwest Alabama, Petty Officer Knight was stationed at the Aviation Training Center in Mobile, Alabama where he served as a flight mechanic.

Petty Officer Knight and his fellow crewmen of CG-6535 each shared a love of service and a dedication to saving lives. The Coast Guard is a vital protector for our nation's coastal communities. We can never thank them enough for their commitment to our country.

I recently visited with Drew's parents to personally extend my deep sympathy for their tremendous loss. As I conveyed to them, growing up in Camden, which is not far from Thomsville, I know the Drew Knights of the world