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and experience when he brought decisive evidence to a high-profile local murder case through his collaboration with federal agents.

I thank my Congressional colleagues for joining me today in recognizing this remarkable man who has dedicated himself to serving his fellow citizens and neighbors. He has shown what kind of men and women America needs for its future.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE  
RICHARD C. BLAKE

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 13, 1999*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Richard C. Blake of Toledo, OH, a man of great stature and kindest heart, who passed from this life on June 4, 1999. I came to know Dick and his family through his passionate commitment to the credit union movement to which, as his family noted, he "dedicated 52 years . . . as both his vocation and avocation."

Employed by the former Champion Spark Plug in Toledo, Dick was a member of the Champion Credit Union. He served in many of the credit union's leadership positions over 37 years, including membership on the board of directors, on the Credit and Supervisory Committees, board president, and treasurer/CEO. Not limiting his involvement in promoting credit unions to just the Champion Credit Union, Dick rose to the highest levels of the movement. He served as president of the Toledo

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Chapter of Credit Unions, chairman of the board and director emeritus of the Ohio Credit Union League, and director of the Credit Union National Association.

Dick also focused his time on community involvement, and was a past master of Toledo-Fort Industry Lodge #144; past patron of Fort Industry Chapter #391; a member of the Scottish Rite; and a member of the Adams Township American Legion Post. He also was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1610 and served on the finance committee of his church, Zion United Methodist. A water enthusiast, Dick belonged to the Toledo Yacht Club, Oak Harbor Long Beach Association, and the Coral Cay Association in Florida.

Dick's passing leaves a void in our community, but much more importantly within his loving family. Our heartfelt condolences to his wife of 57 years, Helen, and his children Becky, Kathy, and Bill, his eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Dick has touched the lives of thousands of people and made our community and country a more humane nation. We all are grateful for the privilege of knowing him.

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TRIBUTE TO THE 31ST COMMANDANT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, GENERAL CHARLES C. KRULAK

**HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 13, 1999*

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, integrity, respect, and character have always been the

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centerpiece of the long and magnificent tradition of the United States Marine Corps. I cannot begin to praise our United States Marines for their reliability and devotion to our country and its history. But I would like to pay tribute today to a great American and friend who has served his country since he graduated from the Naval Academy in 1964.

General Charles C. Krulak stepped down from his position as the 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps last month. General Krulak, who served his country for 35 years, leaves the Marines with countless honors. While serving two tours of duty in Vietnam, commanding during the Gulf War, and serving as Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Krulak earned numerous decorations and medals including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal; Silver Star Medal; Combat Action Ribbon; Vietnam Service Medal; and the Purple Heart.

However, these well deserved honors simply amplify the values of duty, honor, and country which General Krulak exemplified. His honest and candid assessments were always welcome and our military is a stronger force and America is better nation because of him.

I want to say thank you to this great man who has done so much for our country. His service to the United States will be missed, but not forgotten. I am sure our Marine Corps will continue to pursue and practice the lofty values that General Krulak instilled in America's troops. I would like to thank General Krulak and wish him the best of luck for the future.