

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 25, 1999*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 67-71 yesterday. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" or "aye" on rollcall votes 68 and 71; I would have voted "nay" or "no" on rollcall votes 67, 69 and 70.

WELCOMING THE CLASS OF  
DODSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUYKENDALL Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome fifty exceptional students from the Dodson Middle School's Gifted High Ability Magnet Program. These students are visiting the nation's capital to see first-hand how their government works. It is an interesting time to watch a democracy, as we struggle to decide how to strike the financial balance among many worthwhile government programs, and as we deploy American soldiers as part of ongoing NATO peacekeeping forces. I hope all of these students some day will appreciate the enormity of the decisions we make, and, at the same time, enjoy the experience.

I especially praise Stephanie Spychaj, who has been selected from her class to place the wreath on the Unknown Soldier's gravesite. The other students are:

Craig Ackerman	Roy Lewis
Elizabeth Avila	Nicole Oberfoell
Ruben Becerra	Heather Peg
Beth Boechert	Aileen Phillips
Kyle Brennan	Louis Pitre
Hazel Butler	Andrea Pynn
Jason Chaing	Daniel Sandri
Jeff Champion	Devin Schopp
Christina Cho	Elliott Shahan
Jake Cummings	Stephanie Spychaj
Daphne Detrano	Zia Suzuki
Francesca Dolce	Akane Takei
Jesse Flaunta	Paola Terzoli
Alex Gellerman	Jessica Thill
Sarah Hargis	Brent Weber
Rebecca Holtz	Eric Williams
Marc Hull	Jason Wilson
Emily Ingram	Ryan Zivalic
Mathew Jackson	
Cameron Jeans-Shaw	Chaperones:
Zarina Jurlin	Tom Schroeter
Tracy Kvanaugh	Claudia Dunn
Jane Kim	Joyce Kimura
Tiffany Kim	John Reynolds
Kay Lalwani	
Robin Lee	
Patti Lester	
Kathryn Mecija	
Nicole Miller	
Teri Miyahira	
Jania Moretti	

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE PRINCE WILLIAM  
COUNTY VALOR AWARD WINNERS**HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 1999 Prince William Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Prince William County Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce Valor Award Winners. The Valor Awards honor public service officers who have demonstrated extreme self-sacrifice, personal bravery, and ingenuity in the performance of their duty. Significantly, this year marks the thirteenth anniversary of the event honoring members of law enforcement and fire and rescue agencies historically servicing Prince William County, Dumfries, Haymarket, Manassas, Manassas Park, Occoquan, and Quantico. There are five categories: The Gold Medal of Valor, the Silver Medal of Valor, the Bronze Medal of Valor, the Certificate of Valor, and the Lifesaving Award.

The Silver Medal of Valor is the second highest award for bravery and heroism. Awarded in situations when a public safety official knowingly exposes himself/herself to great personal risk in the performance of an official act.

The Silver Medal of Valor Award Winners for 1999 are: Sergeant Barry D. Childress, Jr., USMC; Hospital Corpsman Third Class Eric Scott Parillo, USN.

The Bronze Medal of Valor is awarded in situations where during the course of an emergency, a public safety official demonstrates judgment, ingenuity, or performance at a level that clearly exceeds that required and expected in the performance of his/her duties. May include the saving of a life that is threatened by medical or physical reasons.

The Bronze Medal of Valor Award Winners for 1999 are: Gunnery Sergeant Michael W. Todd, USMC; Captain Mark L. Doyle; Driver Operator David W. Luckett; Firefighter Roger D. Pinkston, USMC; Technicians II Shawn Crispin and John Sims, Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue; Sergeant Darrell G. Steepleton and Firefighter Michael L. Skeele, Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department; Officer James E. Buchanan, Prince William County Police Department.

The Certificate of Valor is awarded for acts that involve personal risk and/or demonstration of judgment, zeal, or ingenuity above what is normally expected in the performance of duties.

The Certificate of Valor Award Winners for 1999 are: Corporal Roberto Armendariz, USMC; Gunnery Sergeant Suzanne R. How, USMC; Troopers Douglas G. Brooks and Darrell D. Estess, and Special Agent Ron Paschal, Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of State Police; Sergeant Jesse A. Noriega, USMC; Sergeant David May, Corporal Douglas Songer, Officers Carl Larry and John Murray, Prince William-Manassas Regional Adult Detention Center.

The Lifesaving Award is awarded in recognition of acts taken in a life-threatening situation where an individual's life is in jeopardy, either medically or physically.

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The Lifesaving Award Winners for 1999 are: Captain Matthew J. Noble, USMC; Emergency Medical Technician Michelle Dickson, Dumfries-Triangle Rescue Squad; Lance Corporal Matthew D. Hammond and Private First Class Jeremy A. Schenck, USMC; Officers Andrew Arnold and Pierre Costello, Prince William-Manassas Regional Adult Detention Center; Senior Police Officer Nathan S. Hill, Jr., Prince William County Police Department; Trooper Eric W. Berge, Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of State Police.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, I would like to send my sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to these distinguished public servants, who put their lives on the line everyday on behalf of their fellow Virginians.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CELEBRATES  
75TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 25, 1999*

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. Joseph School in St. Johns, Mich., on 75 years of serving the community. It is an honor to have this extraordinary school in the 4th Congressional District of Michigan.

This remarkable school opened Sept. 8, 1924, with 61 students. Currently it draws 302 students from more than 200 area families, and serves kindergarten-6th students.

Much of the success of today's education system depends on strong leadership from school teachers, administrators and parents, and St. Joseph School serves as an outstanding example. Its parents have devoted their precious time to ensure a quality education for their children. The teachers and administration of St. Joseph have had a tremendous impact on the lives of many students. They have promoted and maintained a solid system of education for countless young people over the past 75 years.

I commend the staff, students and parents of St. Joseph School for their hard work in building an effective community for learning. Principal Tomi Ann Schultheiss' selfless commitment for the past seven years has helped prepare St. Joseph School for the 21st century. The focus on literacy and assurance that students obtain the essential skills needed for life are exemplary, and I am glad we have St. Joseph as an example for how we need to work to educate our children.

I am confident that future generations of families will be able to count on St. Joseph School for a healthy start and a head start for their children. I wish the St. Joseph School the best for the future.

PAUL CALLENS PROMOTES  
RACIAL UNITY WITH EVERY STEP**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to the attention of my colleagues the endeavor of my good friend Paul Callens.