

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me the opportunity to share this success story with my colleagues. Once again I commend the efforts and dedication of Mr. Campbell and the entire staff at NASA Glenn Research Center for a job well done.

THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN  
SERVICE OF OTHERS

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 1999*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, April 18, David McCall, Penny McCall and Yvette Pierpaoli died in a car accident while on their way to assist the refugees in Northern Albania. David and Penny McCall were on assignment for Refugees International. Ms. Pierpaoli was their Albanian driver. I insert into the RECORD a press release from Refugees International detailing their mission.

Having traveled the same road myself just weeks ago, I know how dangerous it can be. The road—the only route between Tirana and Kukes—is crowded and crumbling.

David, Penny and Yvette gave their lives to serve others and bring some desperately needed relief to the displaced Kosovar Albanians. Their death should serve as a stark reminder of the daily risks faced by aid workers and the heroic efforts of all those risking their lives to help the world's needy.

My sympathy goes out to the families of the McCalls and Ms. Pierpaoli.

REFUGEES INTERNATIONAL—APRIL 19, 1999

It is with deep pain that we must confirm the deaths of David B. McCall, his wife Penny McCall and Yvette Pierpaoli in a car accident Sunday on the road heading towards Kukes, Albania. Their Albanian driver was also killed. David and Penny were Board Members of Refugees International, and Yvette was RI's European Representative. The three were in Albania on a humanitarian assessment mission. They were heading from Tirana, the capital, to Kukes, the primary reception point for Kosovar refugees, when their car apparently slid off the mountain road in bad weather.

David, Penny, and Yvette gave their lives for refugees they never met, but for whom they cared deeply. Refugees International is an advocacy organization which seeks to identify failures or gaps in the refugee protection and assistance system and then presses for corrective action. David, Penny and Yvette had made numerous such missions in the past, including a humanitarian assessment mission to Albania last June. This time, a part of their mission was to explore the possibility of providing region-wide help through radio broadcasts to refugees seeking to locate missing family members. The widespread separation of families is a problem with profound human consequences, and David, Penny, and Yvette wanted it solved as quickly as possible. It was not the first time these three took matters into their own hands for refugees around the world. David, Penny, and Yvette personally brought water pumps, sought to improve the system for clearing land mines and provided basic assistance for refugees in Thailand, Cambodia, and numerous countries in Africa. Their humanity was deep, abiding and self-

less, and inspired us all. We will miss them terribly.

IN CELEBRATION OF TUFTONIA  
DAY

**HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 1999*

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tufts University in Medford, MA, in honor of the more than 80,000 alumni who will turn their attention today to their alma mater in celebration of the university's 15th annual Tuftonia Day.

This special day marks the anniversary of Tufts University, the second oldest college in the Boston area. Tuftonia celebrates the day in 1852 when Massachusetts Gov. George Boutwell signed Tufts' charter. The celebration was established in 1985 as an opportunity for alumni to celebrate their thoughts of the institution and reminisce with old friends about the bonds made at the university. The gathering provides an opportunity for those connected with the school to celebrate the many achievements of the institution.

For these reasons, the focus of Tuftonia is once again, TuftServe, which centers on the school's volunteer alumni in community service. The alumni of the institution have logged over 350,000 hours of volunteer service ranging from a wide array of endeavors. The intent of the celebration is to allow the opportunity for current students, alumni, professors, administrators, and parents to join in a gathering commemorating the achievements of the college community.

Tufts University enrolls approximately 8,500 students representing all 50 states and 90 countries around the world. The campus community extends from Medford, Boston, and Grafton, MA, to the campus abroad in Talloires, France. The diverse student body and vast cultural experiences it reflects further instills Tufts' reputation as a formidable institution of higher education. Tufts has a reputation of excellence in academic achievement, and its commitment to volunteerism and contribution to the community serve as an integral part of the impressive reputation.

Tufts University should be applauded for instilling in its students, both past and present, the importance of voluntarism. Their contributions to the community on all levels should serve as an inspiration to us all. I commend the students, alumni and faculty of Tufts University for their hard work and commitment to the community.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN M. ELLIS

**HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 1999*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen, Mr. John M. Ellis, of Sacramento, CA.

John began his career March 3, 1966 with the U.S. Army at the Sacramento Army Depot

and in 1969 transferred to the U.S. Air Force at McCellan AFB, CA. After 33 years of dedicated Federal service he is retiring on April 30, 1999.

John is among the most successful and tireless advocates of Federal managers and his success is widely acknowledged. He has a widespread and richly deserved reputation as a passionately involved caretaker of federal employees. Through his personal efforts, Federal workers in the Sacramento area knew that someone was fighting for their cause. His colleagues recognized his strong leadership and vision and chose him to serve in a long list of distinguished elected positions.

Few people have given to their community with the vision and commitment that John offered to us. He founded the McClellan Defense Task Force (MDTF) in early 1992. The task force organized local community letter writing campaigns and produced almost 400,000 letters supporting McClellan AFB. He personally delivered 127,000 letters to Department of Defense Secretary Les Aspin and 270,000 letters to the BRAC commission during their hearings on Capitol Hill in 1995.

During his career, John became known as an expert on base closures and Federal employees' issues by many local Sacramento radio and television stations. He was a highly sought after panelist for interviews and logged many hours on live and taped, local and national television and even international radio. John always shared his time and knowledge, and made many appearances as a guest speaker at local schools, societies, and government agencies.

He founded the Alliance of Government Managers (AGM) at the beginning of 1987 to protest Federal managers pay, entitlements and benefits. John's organization also included an emphasis on participation and worked to support beneficial legislation and programs, avert destructive administration issues, and promote Federal managers' prosperity and public harmony.

John served as president of Chapter 77, Federal Managers Association for 5 years. During his tenure, he implemented many innovative programs and provided members with an unprecedented level of support. He never hesitated to go to any means necessary when his members needed help. John received a Gold Card (lifetime) membership from the Federal Managers Association for his extraordinary leadership in their organization. The extremely selective nature of this award may not be immediately apparent, but some of us know how few in the history of FMA have earned this level of gratitude.

In 1983, John cofounded the Nor-Cal Federal Coalition (NCFC) and became their first President. The NCFC offered Federal labor unions and management groups an outlet for common interest matters. Through his efforts with the many organizations he founded and presided over, John consistently championed the rights of Federal employees to make a stronger more united Federal community.

John never settled for anything less than his best. He is a friend, a successful Federal manager, a political activist, a husband, a father, a grandfather, and an inspiration to thousands of people in and around Sacramento, CA.