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2000, and as a result, missed rollcall votes 595 through 596. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 595, "yea" on rollcall vote 596.

THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN
SIDNEY YATES

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, good morning. Today we gather with one accord to pay respect to the memory of our colleague Sid Yates. Public servant, staunch advocate of freedom of expression, leader, father, and friend, Mr. Yates' life is a true testament of the greatness one can achieve in this country when he has a good heart and character, a focused mind, and a determination to succeed.

Mr. Yates has never been a stranger to the ethic of hard work and leadership. Born in Chicago at the beginning of the 20th Century, Sidney Yates learned at an early age how to grapple with and overcome the trappings of adversity. Equipped with an arsenal of courage, he has conquered the lion's share of lows with true fighting spirit and has emerged victoriously. Losing both parents by the age of five, Mr. Yates was left with the responsibility of raising his younger sister and his little brother. In order to provide for his siblings, Mr. Yates worked as a carpenter for most of his childhood. At a time when most children are afforded the opportunity to hope, dream, play, and learn, Mr. Yates was forced to think in real terms. As a young provider, he was forced to make decisions that had an immediate impact on the lives of his loved-ones. As a champion, Mr. Yates accepted his role without reservations.

His role as leader eventually extended beyond his immediate family as he began a life of community service and public advocacy. He held numerous posts and positions on the local and state level. However, it was an upset victory in 1948 that brought Mr. Yates to Capitol Hill as a Representative of the 9th District of Illinois.

As Congressman, Mr. Yates proved to be a capable and effective leader. Not only was he successful in responding to the needs of his diverse constituency—born the son of Lithuanian Immigrants—Yates understood the importance of pushing the envelope and entertained innovative ideas and progressive policies that widened the scope to explore the unknown.

Mr. Yates' record of public service has left an indelible mark of greatness. His efforts have led to many historic victories. He has been a patron and protector of the Arts—As Langston Hughes would say, life for Sid Yates "ain't been no crystal stair. It's had a lot of cracks and holes in it; but he held on to his dreams for he knew that if dreams die, life becomes like a broken winged bird that cannot fly." Yes, Sid Yates continued to dream and continued to soar until his last days.

Thank You Sid!

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably delayed on rollcall votes 595 and 596. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on both 595 and 596.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF SERGEANT GEORGE K. GANNAM FOR BEING AWARDED A PURPLE HEART FOR HIS SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize a great American hero, from my district Savannah, GA, George K. Gannam, for being awarded a purple heart for his service in World War II. We should all stand up and applaud Mr. Gannam for his dedication and service to our country. He was a brave and heroic man and deserves to be recognized as such.

Mr. Gannam was killed in the Japanese attack on Hickam Field on December 7, 1941. He was the first person from Chatham County to die in World War II. An eye witness reports that Mr. Gannam received mortal wounds while assisting other airmen to remove airplanes from a burning hangar during the height of the attack. Medical records indicate that Mr. Gannam died of multiple shrapnel and machine gun bullet wounds. As a result of his heroic actions he was awarded a purple heart.

The American Legion Post #184 in Thunderbolt, GA was named after him. This is a great recognition and will help keep his name alive for years to come.

Mr. Gannam's presence and dedication to our country helped insure the freedom we enjoy today. His unselfish acts made a difference to the families of each person he helped. America's military has always served with pride meeting the challenges necessary to maintain our national security, to protect American interests at home and abroad, and to guarantee our freedoms and way of life, and Americans owe them a great deal.

Please join me again in applauding Mr. Gannam. The dedication of this brave man helped shape our history. Without him our country's history would be different. Our society needs more people like him who unselfishly dedicate and give their lives as they fight for freedom for our country. This man was a very brave person and deserves to be recognized as an American Hero. I am pleased to submit a tribute of his life in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

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IN RECOGNITION OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE JIM BUCHY FOR HIS SERVICE TO OHIO

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary member of the Ohio House of Representatives and his outstanding contribution and dedication to the State of Ohio. Representative Jim Buchy currently serves as Assistant Majority Leader, representing the 84th House District.

During Representative Buchy's tenure, he has focused on myriad issues that make him a recognizable name in Ohio politics. Several years ago, Representative Buchy sponsored legislation to reform the tort system in the State of Ohio. His efforts in this area have dramatically advanced the need for tort reform. Another important focus of Representative Buchy's work has been in the area of agriculture. He represents one of the most productive agricultural districts in the State of Ohio. He has championed legislation that streamlines farmers' responsibilities while balancing the need to protect our environment.

In eighteen years of service, Representative Buchy has received countless awards and recognition from various organizations. He has received numerous honors from the United Conservatives of Ohio, the Golden Feather Award from the Ohio Poultry Association, and the Outstanding Service Award in support of Vocational Education. Additionally, he has been honored by the National Federation of Independent Business as a Guardian of Small Business and has received the Ronald Reagan Excellence in Government Award.

I would also like to recognize his wife, Sharon, and their two children, John and Kathryn, for supporting Representative Buchy's efforts in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, Representative Jim Buchy is an asset to the State of Ohio and to his constituents. I ask my colleagues of the 106th Congress to join me in commending him for his eighteen years of service and to wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING DR. MARCIA POSNER AND PHYLLIS AND STANLEY SANDERS

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I commend the outstanding service of Dr. Marcia Posner and Phyllis and Stanley Sanders as they are honored by the Holocaust Memorial and Educational Center of Nassau County.

For the past eight years, the Holocaust Memorial and Educational Center for Nassau County has honored citizens who make selfless contributions of time and effort, not only to the Jewish community, but to the community at large. This year, they chose three wonderfully committed and inspiring individuals.