

Counties, as a member of the board of trustees for Aiken Regional Medical Centers, on the vestry of St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church, and continues his work with the Diocese of Upper South Carolina's youth programs.

He once served as Chairman of the Savannah River Regional Diversification Initiative created by the US Department of Energy. He served on the board of directors for the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce where he was president in 1987, the United Way of Aiken County, and the Business Technology Center. Dr. Alexander held positions on the advisory board of Citizens and Southern National Bank of South Carolina, and the Aiken County Commission on the Future. He is also a past trustee of Hopeland Gardens and a chairman of the Peach Belt Athletic Conference.

He served as the Chairman of the South Carolina Council of State College and University Presidents as well as their representative on the Business Advisory Council of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, on the executive committee of South Carolina 2000 where he spearheaded the development of the South Carolina University Research Consortium, as a member of the Commission of the Future of South Carolina, South Carolina Council of Economic Education, Vice President of the Strom Thurmond Foundation, Board of Visitors for the Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Nationally, Dr. Alexander was appointed to the National Advisory Committee of Student Financial Assistance in 1991 and served as the committee chair from 1995-1997, past chair of the Modernization Task Force of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, past member of board of director for the Institute for Continuing Education for the National University Continuing Education Association, and past member and institutional representative for the Association for Higher Continuing Education.

Through all of his hard work and determination to make a difference, Dr. Alexander has collected many deserving awards and honors.

In 1999, he received the Earl Kauffman Award from the USC-Aiken Academy for Lifelong Learning for his commitment to providing educational opportunities for senior citizens. The Student Personnel Association at the University of South Carolina awarded him the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 1996. In 1990, the University of South Carolina Black Faculty and Professional Staff Association honored him with an honorable mention award for Affirmative Action. The South Carolina Association of Higher Continuing Education presented him with the Outstanding President's Award in 1987. In 1985, Dr. Alexander was selected as Man of the Year by the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce.

He reached the pinnacle of service to the State of South Carolina in May of this year when he was bestowed the Order of the Palmetto, the highest designation the governor awards to an individual.

Dr. Alexander's retirement as Chancellor of USC-Aiken closes a successful chapter in the school's history. He developed the university and its students in every way by surpassing his required duties in all areas. His years of service leave an indelible mark on the institu-

tion. Dr. Alexander's accomplishments will benefit countless others in the future, and his legacy will be solidified by the successes of future generations. A leader in the higher education field and a dedicated community citizen, Dr. Alexander will be sorely missed as Chancellor of USC-Aiken.

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TRIBUTE TO MAJOR MICHAEL L. MURPHY

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2000*

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Major Michael L. Murphy of the United States Marine Corps for his distinguished service and courageous leadership on behalf of the citizens of this great nation.

Major Murphy gave his life in the line of duty on the evening of December 11, 2000. By risking his life to ensure the safety of others, he made the ultimate sacrifice that any citizen of this nation can make. He left behind not only a loving family, but also a community and a country who will forever be grateful for his heroism.

As an aviator in the Marine Corps, Major Murphy had dedicated his career to defending the values this nation holds dear. With over 16 years of experience in the military, he had received the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with a gold star for his integrity and courage.

Major Murphy's valiant actions and his outstanding service to this nation serve to remind us of the gratitude we all feel toward this brave individual, along with all other servicemen and women who have lost their lives serving as guardians of this great country.

President John F. Kennedy once said, "For those to whom much is given, much is required. And when at some future date when history judges us, recording whether in our brief span of service we fulfilled our responsibilities to the state, our success or failure, in whatever office we hold, will be measured by the answers to four questions: First, were we truly men of courage . . . Second, were we truly men of judgment . . . Third, were we truly men of integrity . . . Finally, were we truly men of dedication?"

Major Michael L. Murphy would truthfully have been able to answer each of these questions in the affirmative. He was indeed a man of courage, judgment, integrity, and dedication. May the memory of this brave individual live on in our hearts, and may God's strength and peace always be with his family and friends.

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IN RECOGNITION OF MAJOR EDWARD J. MARTY

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2000*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I honor and pay tribute to a great American,

Major Edward J. Marty of Tyler, TX, to whom I had the privilege recently to present the Purple Heart Medal which he earned more than twenty years ago.

Major Edward Marty proudly and courageously served in the U.S. Army for 20 years, 8 months and 16 days. On January 1, 1969, 1st Lieutenant Edward Marty was wounded by a land mine while leading his platoon of the 1st Calvary Division through the marshlands and rice paddies of Vietnam. Due to fractures in his legs and arms and a traumatic eye injury, Lt. Marty was transferred to multiple hospitals and was never presented the Purple Heart Medal, as is traditional. After many months in hospitals, and exactly two years after he was wounded, Lt. Marty was sent back to Vietnam as an advisor to Vietnamese Rangers, but through some unfortunate oversight, he still never received the much-deserved Purple Heart while on active duty in the Army, or any time shortly following his retirement.

It was not until this year that Major Marty finally received his award, and I was honored to make the presentation on November 10, during a Veterans' Day program at John Tyler High School in Tyler, TX, where Major Marty serves as Smith County Assistant District Attorney. It was a moving moment for Major Marty—and myself—and I believe the ceremony had a special impact on students at John Tyler who know about the Vietnam conflict only through textbooks or personal testimony. Certainly, most of the students had never met a distinguished Purple Heart recipient.

As we all know, the Purple Heart is an honor launched by George Washington to recognize those who gave above and beyond the call of duty and who wear the scar of battle. Major Edward Marty is among this elite group of Purple Heart recipients who risked their lives and suffered injuries for the cause of freedom. So it is with great admiration that I recognize Major Marty today, and as we prepare to adjourn the 106th session of Congress, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this true American hero—Major Edward Marty.

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THE RESPONSIBLE MONITORING ACT OF 2000

**HON. CHRIS CANNON**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2000*

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Responsible Monitoring Act of 2000." This bill is intended to make the Internet a better, safer place by encouraging voluntary efforts to detect and stop illegal activities. This legislation would provide real incentives for responsible monitoring by "E-commerce" businesses that host consumer-to-consumer transactions on their web sites. Allowing e-companies to monitor their sites and remove illegal goods and services offered for sale by others, is the right approach for a better Internet. Unfortunately, current law actually discourages E-commerce companies from even looking for illegal activity on their sites.