

nation, a great state and a City Beautiful with freedom and prosperity unknown in the annals of history.

Today, in the quiet of an autumn breeze blowing across Lake Eola, we are gathered here to dedicate a monument and pay tribute to the men this monument represents.

As you look at the monument placed in this beautiful park, also look around you. Look at the old warriors gathered here—they were the vibrant youth of that time—men who were there on that battlefield 55 years ago today. Men like:

PFC Jim Hendrix who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroic action during the battle.

Young, Fuzzy-cheeked lieutenants such as John Newell, a tank commander, and Bill Cain, platoon leader. They were in the armored column of old “blood and guts” Patton as they raced 150 miles under the severest of winter conditions in their valiant effort to relieve Bastogne.

Bob Stevenson, “one of those damned engineers”, an accolade from the German SS Colonel Peiper, about our engineers for blowing bridges and building obstacles at every turn and bend in the road, obstacles that slowed the advance of his SS Panzer column.

Bob has with him today his WWII helmet that he wore during that battle, a helmet with a jagged shrapnel hole in the back of it, a helmet that probably saved him for the scythe of the grim reaper.

And Jim McKeearney, a Mortar Platoon Sgt. in the 101st Airborne Division who just days before had received a battlefield commission while fighting in Holland. As a new lieutenant leading a platoon in the defense of Bastogne, he and his platoon stood as firm as the solid granite pedestal of the monument we dedicate today. To this day he bears the scars of the wounds he received in that battle.

Young American men, hardly more than boys, men such as Harry Meisel and Earl K. Wood, our Orange County Tax Collector, men who wear an Ardennes Battle Star on their European Campaign ribbon for their participation in the battle.

And Angels of Mercy, such as Lieutenant Evelyn Gilberg, an Army Nurse who went to sleep at night sobbing, thinking about the mangled bodies of the young American Soldiers in the field hospital that she had cared for that day.

Men like the lone soldier in Chet Morgan's outfit, digging a foxhole atop a small knoll beside a road. A vehicle loaded with fleeing American soldiers came speeding down the road heading for the rear. The vehicle stopped and the soldiers hollered to him, “the Germans are coming! Come on we have room for you!” He looked up and in words his mother never taught him, replied: “You can stop now because the Germans aren't going past this position while I'm alive! This is the 82nd Airborne Division area.”

These soldiers, and the thousands of others like them, are the soldiers who stood their ground in the days when the heavens were falling and the battlefield was in flames with all the fire and noise humanly possible for over a million warriors to create. These are the men who in the hours when the earth's foundation shook like an earthquake, stood their ground.

These are the men who followed duty's call and lived the code of the soldier. They sacrificed and paid the price for freedom. They stayed—and the earth became theirs again. They defended and what was abandoned—they recaptured. They saved the sum of all things we hold dear—and all this for love of

their country—and the meager pay of a soldier.

Ask yourselves now—with head bowed—From where, Oh God, came such men as these?

Our Country was truly blessed.

Today we gather here to dedicate a monument. A monument that stands as a legacy to the Greatest Battle Ever fought By The United States Army and to those veterans who fought and won that battle with their blood and their courage.

But let also stand as a reminder to future generations of the high cost of freedom.

God bless the United States of America.

REMEMBERING RUSSELL A.  
FREEMAN

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2000

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, this year California has lost one of its finest attorneys and the Congress has lost a good friend and adviser.

In mid March, Russell A. Freeman passed away at his home near Los Angeles. As the General Counsel of Security Pacific Corporation, Russ Freeman, in the mid-1980s and early 1990s, undertook many of the early steps at broadening the range of bank product and service offerings in order to strengthen the banking charter and meet customer demands. Much of his legal work set the intellectual and practical foundation for the landmark financial legislation that passed the Congress just this past year.

Security Pacific, based in Los Angeles, was the nation's fifth largest banking firm and produced many new business and consumer innovations. Moving from his native New York, Russ Freeman joined the bank in 1959 and rose from staff attorney to General Counsel. By his work there for some 33 years, he demonstrated those somewhat rare values today of loyalty and commitment.

Russ Freeman received many accolades and awards over the years, including Outstanding Corporate Counsel from the L.A. County Bar. More significant, however, Russ Freeman served as mentor to numerous attorneys who are now working in various financial and non-financial firms across the country. He instilled in these attorneys—and in his corporate and legal colleagues—a strong work ethic, a demand for excellence in legal analysis and the need to conduct one's work in a professional manner. And he communicated these values in a fashion that earned him the highest respect and regard. This represents an important legacy for the banking and legal communities. Russ represented his company with tenacity, honesty and creativity and he was a strong advocate for the banking industry.

Russ Freeman frequently provided input to me and to other members of the House and Senate on banking and financial issues. He brought the straight story, good or bad, and we relied on him for accurate information and new ideas. His vision reinforced the impetus in Congress to improve financial services regulation to the benefit of consumers and to keep

our banking system the strongest in the world. We have lost a good friend with the death of Russ Freeman.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to his many friends and colleagues and, particularly, to his son, James, daughter, Elizabeth, and granddaughter, Katelynn.

NON-PROFIT RELIEF ACT OF 2000

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2000

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation which will provide much needed postage rate relief for nonprofit mailers. The measure will protect nonprofit or preferred mailers from double-digit rate increases. My legislation is identical to legislation introduced in the Senate, S. 2686, on June 7, 2000, by Senator THAD COCHRAN, the Chairman, and Senator DANIEL K. AKAKA, the Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Subcommittee on International Security Proliferation and Federal Services. I am pleased to be joined in the introduction of this bill by Congressman STENY H. HOYER, Ranking Minority Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government, and Congressman DANNY K. DAVIS and Congressman MAJOR R. OWENS, both members of the Subcommittee on the Postal Service.

The practice of designating certain types of mail for preferred rates was initiated by the Congress over 50 years ago. In 1993, deficit reduction legislation eliminated federal financial support for nonprofit mailers, but mandated that nonprofit rates be lower than rates for commercial mailers.

In January of this year, the United States Postal Service (USPS) Board of Governors proposed postage rate increases for all classes of mail. The USPS formally filed the rate request which is pending before the Postal Rate Commission (PRC). Under the current rate request, rates for nonprofits will surpass rates for corresponding commercial mail. The USPS attributed the increase to inaccurate cost data. However, to its credit, the Postal Service has requested and proposed legislation to fix the “rate anomaly.” Without the legislation, the nonprofit periodical preferred rate will disappear.

The Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, the Magazine Publishers of America, National Federation of Nonprofits, Direct Marketing Association, and the Association of Postal Commerce have worked with the USPS to draft an acceptable legislative solution to the nonprofit rate problem in the current rate case before the PRC. The compromise between nonprofit and commercial postage rates, is supported by the above organizations.

By locking in the current rate relationship between nonprofit and commercial postage rates, we will protect all categories of nonprofit mail from future rate shock. Specifically, the bill would set nonprofit and classroom Periodical rates at 95 percent of the commercial counterpart rate, excluding the advertising portion, set nonprofit Standard A rates at 60 percent of the commercial Standard A rates, and

set Library and Educational Matter rates at 95 percent of the rates for the special subclass of commercial Standard B mail.

On behalf of local charities, hospitals, churches, educators, arts organizations, non-profit publications, and a host of others, the original cosponsors and I, invite my colleagues to protect nonprofit mailers and support this bill.

HONORING JOHN "DOC" TYNAN

**HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2000

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my very dear friend, neighbor, and former colleague in the Massachusetts Legislature, Representative John "Doc" Tynan who is celebrating his Eightieth Birthday.

Mr. Speaker, few people I've ever known could match the strength and character of Doc Tynan. Whether as the toughest, most tenacious All Scholastic Left End to play Football for South Boston High School, or as the man who's probably raised more money for local charitable organizations than anyone I've ever known, everything Doc Tynan does, he does one hundred percent. And no one could ever say that Doc isn't exactly the same fellow all the time. No matter who he's with or where he happens to be, Doc tells it like it is.

Not a lot of people know this, Mr. Speaker, but Doc Tynan was an Executive Officer and Bombardier in World War II. He flew a total of twenty-five missions, and commanded both Clark Gable and Jimmy Stewart. And, true to form, Doc survived five plane crashes in Europe. In fact, he only bailed out of planes twice. One time, his B-17 was shot down over Germany, but limped along as far as the English Coast. Major Doc Tynan parachuted out of the crippled plane in pitch darkness, not knowing where they were. He crawled to a house in the countryside and after identifying himself as an American soldier, he was taken to the hospital to treat his broken leg.

The other three times he stayed with the plane and did his level best to land. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with four clusters. No wonder, as a State Representative Doc made it to the Committee on Ways and Means in the Massachusetts House. If there's one thing you can say about Doc, Mr. Speaker, it's that when there's a job to be done, Doc Tynan has always been there with both the way and the means to not only get the job done, but to get it done to perfection, never for his own benefit, but for the good of others and the community he loves.

Among Doc's many accomplishments, he was the Democratic Whip in the Massachusetts House and chaired Committees on Veterans Services and Legislative Research. He was the Budget Director of the Massachusetts House, President of the South Boston Neighborhood House, Chairman of the Gate of Heaven Fund raiser, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the New England College of Optometry.

Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to wish my very dear friend a very happy Eightieth Birth-

day and to thank him for everything he's done for the men and women and boys and girls of South Boston.

Happy Birthday, Doc!

IN RECOGNIZING THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION

**HON. TONY P. HALL**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2000

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on June 8, 2000 a reception was held in the Capitol to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. During the past two decades, this organization has fulfilled almost 80,000 wishes made by children who are ill.

The highlight of this reception was an inspirational address made by a remarkable seven-year-old named Ryan Davidson. Ryan, who had a brain tumor, is the 3,000th "Wish Child" of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Make-A-Wish Foundation. His speech follows:

REMARKS BY RYAN DAVIDSON MAKE-A-WISH 20TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION JUNE 8, 2000

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, my name is Ryan Davidson and I am seven years old. I go to Ashburn Elementary and I am in the first grade. Today I am well and feeling great! But I didn't feel good last summer.

Two weeks after kindergarten, I had a ton of really bad headaches. My mom gave me Tylenol but it didn't help. My headaches got worse and my left hand wouldn't work. I couldn't get a tight grip when I tried to hold stuff. My mom and dad took me to Dr. "D" in Ashburn. Dr. "D" said that I should go have an x-ray. We went to the hospital for the x-ray. I was scared of the big x-ray machine. After my x-ray the doctors said that I should go to Children's Hospital for more x-rays. I had to lay still alone in the machine. I had four x-rays in one day!

The doctors said that I had a brain tumor and had to stay over night. I was scared to stay by myself, so my mom stayed, too. Four days later I had my surgery. I was scared. Before the doctors put me to sleep, they told me to think about that green car going around the track. After my surgery, I woke up during another x-ray. The machine was moving forward and back. It was very loud and I was scared.

The next day, I was called the human "Q-tip" because I had a bandage that looked like the top of a "Q-Tip". I was in the hospital for five days. I still had stitches when I went home. A week later I had to get my stitches out. I had to go to sleep while I got the stitches out.

I still have to have MRI's.

Then in October, "Make-A-Wish" came. They asked lots of questions and asked me where I wanted to go. I wanted to go meet my favorite racecar driver, Bobby Labonte, and see the race. I knew he would be at a racetrack!

In the spring, we had a party for all the people who had helped while I was in the hospital. Near the end of the party, Make-A-Wish came back to grant my wish! They said, "You're leaving next week to go to California!" I started jumping up and down. Make-A-Wish got me a ton of stuff. Then on Wednesday, a limousine picked me up from school and took me to the airport. When we got there, we went to the cockpit. I got to sit where the Captain sits.

When we got to California and got off the plane, I felt a hat. It was our host, John! He got me balloons and when we got to the hotel, he gave me four Bobby Labonte cars.

On Friday, we went to practices and qualifying races. Bobby Labonte qualified 36th. On Saturday, I woke up early. We went to the track. When we got there we went to meet Bobby Labonte!

When we first got there, while we were waiting, I got to hold his racing helmet. Then when Bobby came out of the trailer, I got to spend almost 15 minutes with him. I asked him lots of questions about racing and he autographed two hats, a car, a tee shirt, and my racing uniform. Then he gave my sister, Mallory, and me each a team hat. It was the greatest day of my life!

The next day was race day! Bobby came in second! On Monday we left to go home. I had a lot of fun!

I hope you enjoyed my story. It has a very happy ending. Thanks Make-A-Wish for making my dream come true.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 14

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 2282, to encourage the efficient use of existing resources and assets related to Indian agricultural research, development and exports within the United States Department of Agriculture.

SR-485

Environment and Public Works

Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the environmental benefits and impacts of ethanol under the Clean Air Act.

SD-406

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Communications Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 2454, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize low-power television stations to provide digital data services to subscribers.

SR-253