law is violated. Our bill clarifies the intent of Congress to ensure that the right of privacy granted under the Act shall apply to members of the uniformed services and that military personnel may use the remedies of the Privacy Act, the Feres doctrine notwithstanding. A right without a remedy is no right at all.

The merit of this legislation is clear. The government collects vast amounts of sensitive information from and about military servicemembers. Fairness requires that the information, once collected, be made secure. Moreover, such an assurance will be in aid of the recruitment efforts of all our volunteer armed forces.

I urge the speedy adoption of this legislation.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ASSISTANT CHIEF ROBERT B. MCKENNA

HON. ROBERT W. NEY OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Robert B. McKenna successfully completed the Federal Emergency Management Agencies Executive Fire Officer Program; and,

Whereas, the Emergency Fire Officer Program is designed to provide senior officers with a broad perspective on various facets of fire administration; and,

Whereas, Robert McKenna throughout his career has dedicated himself to demonstrating the highest degree of professionalism;

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the impressive accomplishments of Robert B. McKenna, a leader in his community whom I am proud to call a constituent.

RECOGNIZING BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS KANE FOR HIS SERVICE AT TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate my close friend, Bay City Times Publisher C. Kevin Dykema, for the instrumental role he played in bringing the extraordinarily successful Tall Ships Celebration 2001 to my hometown of Bay City, Michigan, and for his leadership in organizing the Maritime Festival that welcomed the vessels to our community.

As chairman of the Board of Directors of Bay City’s Tall Ships Celebration, Kevin spent incalculable hours at the helm to steer a course for an event that has left residents of Bay City swelling with pride. Kevin deserves our highest praise and gratitude for his vision, hard work and dedication. The impact of his efforts will be felt for many years as permanent residents and visitors from all points on the map sing the praises of Bay City, Michigan, and list the celebration as yet another example of the city’s welcoming attitude.

A long-time sailing enthusiast, Kevin turned his love for the water and his interest in maritime history into an economic windfall for the area. He initiated the plan to bring the Appledore schooner to Bay City as a permanent attraction and educational tool for students and adults to learn more about the unique environment of the Saginaw Bay. A co-founder of BaySail, Inc., the non-profit organization that oversees the Appledore, Kevin has been an enthusiastic and energetic booster of historical sailing ships. While the opportunity to lure the Tall Ships challenge to Bay City was certainly a labor of love for Kevin, he could not have anticipated the massive team effort or the extraordinary time commitment required. Yet, he pulled it all off with flying colors.

Such endeavors are nothing new for Kevin. He has been a vital and visible force in the community since first coming to town in 1991. His involvement in a wide-ranging number of service organizations and his willingness to step up to the plate to lead various volunteer efforts have served our community well. Of course, such involvement cannot occur without the support of family and Kevin has been fortunate to have the encouragement of his wife, Betsy, and children, Pete and Jane.

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