

assigned to an air transport squadron in Presque Isle, Maine. The ground crew they replaced had been there all throughout the war, but since they had been stationed state-side, their everyday lives were completely different from Freshour and his squadron because they had cars, part-time jobs and their wives in the same location.

While stateside, Sgt. Freshour was Charge Quarter on night duty. He had the job of waking the air crews up and leading them to the planes that were going to the war in the Pacific. As soon as Japan surrendered, they were discharged and Sgt. Freshour reentered civilian life.

Sgt. Freshour married Doris and together they had four children: Karen, David, Sue and Denise.

As a U.S. Representative, one of the most honorable things I have the privilege of doing is recognizing American heroes of past wars such as Sgt. David F. Freshour, for their honorable actions. On August 5, 2006, I presented him with medals and citations that he had earned more than 60 years earlier for his service during World War II but had never received. I presented him with the Presidential Unit Citation, the Good Conduct Medal, the Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign, and the World War II Victory Medal in a ceremony at First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood.

It was an honor to finally recognize an American hero. Our country owes a debt of gratitude towards those who fought and won World War II. We owe our lives and our liberty to "The Greatest Generation" of our time. The courage and sacrifice of the members of the United States Armed Forces and of the military forces of the Allied Powers who served valiantly to rescue the Pacific nations from tyranny and aggression should always be remembered.

Our Nation is safer, stronger and better because of the sacrifice of Sgt. David F. Freshour and the thousands of other World War II veterans. Though his light here on earth has extinguished, his sacrifice has made America's lantern of liberty burn brighter.

Thank you, Sgt. Freshour for being a loving father, a caring grandfather and a great American.

And that's just the way it is.

IN MEMORY OF
CLYDE WALKER, JR.

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. PICKERING. Madam Speaker, Clyde Walker, Jr. served as the chief of the Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department for more than 35 years. The fire department was his life, and his love of volunteering and serving others showed drastically through his contributions to the department.

Clyde had two major goals for the department and was extremely fundamental in obtaining both for the Collinsville community. First was to receive a Federal grant to pur-

chase a combination brush and rescue truck. After three years of perseverance, including letters and phone calls, the grant was received. The second goal was to build a new fire station. Clyde inspired the community to give financial donations, time, and materials. A building estimated to cost from \$60,000 to \$80,000 was built, and when the volunteers moved in, they owed only \$4,000. The new station was complete with 4 bays, a kitchen and meeting area, and a room for sleeping quarters and storage space. Clyde accomplished two major feats that would drastically improve the operations of the fire department.

The amount of love and respect that the Collinsville community has for Clyde showed immensely in one of the most trying times, his death. The family asked that donations be made to the department to help pay off the final debt. So far, more than \$7,000 has been donated. Not only is this enough to pay off the final note, but also they plan to have a dedication service for the new fire department.

Clyde served his community as an active member of Collinsville First Baptist Church. There he served as a deacon, Sunday school director, as well as on various committees. He was a charter member of the Collinsville Lions Club and a member of the Collinsville Community Development Club. Clyde also served as the director of the Lauderdale County Welfare Department until he retired in the 90s.

He was married to Ellen Walker for 49 years, and they have three children. Their son Randy is married to Jo Ann, and they have two daughters. Their other son, Ricky, is married to Chris, and they have two sons. Their daughter Renee is married to Max, and they have a son and daughter. Randy, Ricky, and Ricky's oldest son, Davey, are all volunteers with the fire department.

Madam Speaker, I hope the Congress joins me in remembering Clyde Walker for a lifetime of service. His contributions will be remembered by all who knew him. Clyde will be greatly missed, but his legacy will live on through his family, friends, and especially the Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department.

HONORING THE EASTRIDGE HIGH
SCHOOL LANCERS VARSITY
CHEERLEADING TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the Eastridge High School Varsity Cheerleaders, 2008 Reach the Beach National Cheerleading Competition Grand Champions. The Eastridge High School Lancers Cheerleaders won first place in their division, and were named Grand Champions for earning the highest total score in a very competitive field of 400 teams.

On behalf of the people of New York's 25th Congressional District, I congratulate these young women on their outstanding athletic achievement and praise head coach Ashlee Arberger on her team's success. I look forward to another successful and exciting year when the Lancers defend their title in 2009.

Team members are: Catherine Andolina, Taylor Baker, Makaila Danizio, Niner Davis, Areli Diaz, Nicole Fanelli, Rebecca Junco, Cristina Magliocchetti, Christina Maniaci, Shelby Millen, Marissa Pixley, Abigail Prodrick, Latoya Sanders, Ali Scrimenti, Leah Scrimenti, Taniqua Spencer, and Marshay Williams.

HONORING INDIANA STATE
SENATOR DAVID C. FORD

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Indiana State Senator David C. Ford.

I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Senator David Ford. Senator Ford's passing is a loss to the entire State.

David Ford was a tireless advocate for the families and communities of Senate District 19. During our last visit, just weeks before his passing, Senator Ford still took time to advocate his optimistic vision for technology benefiting all Hoosiers.

The four-term Republican senator was not only a leader for the people of his district, he was a recognized leader across the State of Indiana. His stature was recognized last year when Senator Ford was named Government Leader of the Year by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Senator Ford also served as Assistant Majority Floor Leader and chaired the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

David Ford was a role model to me. His humble example of honest and visionary public service was an inspiration to all of us who had the privilege to know him. I will miss his example, his counsel and his friendship very much.

May God comfort Joyce and his entire family with the assurance of his grace and with the assurance of the gratitude of the people of the State he served and loved.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SACRED
HEART SCHOOL

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, the parents, students, community and staff of the Sacred Heart School celebrate the 100th anniversary with great joy; and

Whereas, occasions such as these illustrate to us that we have many blessings; and

Whereas, the Sacred Heart School has been preparing students to be outstanding citizens for 100 years; and

Whereas, it is the fond wish of this body that you will continue to positively impact the community and develop students of strong character: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with its friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional