

Johnathan A. Lahmann: Lahmann was mortally wounded when a vehicle-borne IED detonated near his vehicle in Bayji, Iraq on December 10, 2007. He was transferred to Tikrit, Iraq, where he died later that day. Age: 21. Hometown: Richmond, Ind. Boyhood Hometown: Richmond, Ind. Died: 12/10/2007. Service: Army. Rank: Specialist (E-4). Unit: 59th Engineer Company, 20th Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas.

U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN

Jeremy Wright: Wright died when an improvised explosive device struck his military vehicle. Age: 31. Hometown: Shelbyville, Ind. Died: 01/03/2005. Service: Army. Rank: Sergeant (E-5). Unit: 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Michael Hiester: Hiester died when his military vehicle struck a land mine 30 miles west of Kabul, Afghanistan. Age: 33. Hometown: Bluffton, Ind. Died: 03/26/2005. Service: Indiana Army National Guard. Rank: Master Sergeant (E-8). Unit: 76th Infantry Brigade, Army National Guard, Indianapolis.

Mr. Speaker, these brave men, like those who went before them, made the ultimate sacrifice so that Americans can enjoy the freedoms we treasure.

It was their duty to serve; it is our duty to remember.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2008*

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5658, which provides funds for the Gateway System. I am requesting funding in the FY09 Defense Authorization bill, Navy Procurement account for the Gateway System manufactured by Ocean Design, Inc., located at 1026 North Williamson Boulevard in Daytona Beach, Florida 32114.

The \$3 million authorized in the Navy's Procurement budget is to provide funding to the Navy for the purchase of the Gateway System that has been under development by the Navy to provide a fixed surveillance system in meeting the Nation's Maritime Domain Awareness security requirements. This is the first year procurement money will be used to fund this project. There will be no cost share, as this project will benefit the United States Navy.

The U.S. Navy has a requirement to defend the maritime approaches to the United States and monitor the littorals as articulated in the Navy's 2006 National Strategy for Maritime Security. The Gateway System is an open architecture system that allowed for sensors to be connected covertly to monitor activity on the ocean floor, from the ocean floor to the surface of the water, and above the water to provide awareness of all activity to counter mines, submarines, water traffic, and terrorism that may pose a threat to the fleet and to the United States.

CONGRATULATING KTVK-TV ON RECEIVING THE 2008 SERVICE TO AMERICA PARTNERSHIP AWARD

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2008*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate KTVK-TV (3TV, Arizona Family), recipient of the 10th Annual National Association of Broadcaster's Education Foundation 2008 Service to America Partnership Award on June 9, 2008. This esteemed award praises exceptional community service by local broadcasters.

Since its inception in June 2006, KTVK's "Are You My Family" campaign has worked to find loving homes for some of Arizona's 10,000 foster children. In partnership with two local non-profits—Aid to Adoption of Special Kids and Fore Adoption Foundation—KTVK has thus far featured 64 children on its newscast and website. Of those, 38 have been matched with adoptive families—well over twice the rate at which these children are typically adopted.

Children discover newfound hope in KTVK's "Are You My Family" campaign. Children who are often forgotten in a system, in which their emotional needs may not be met, are paired with families that can provide the love and support they need. These foster families also provide the sense of security and belonging that allows these children to blossom fully into responsible and productive adults.

A strong community begins with strong families. I am proud of the work that KTVK has done to secure a bright future for Arizona's children. The "Are You My Family" campaign showcases KTVK's long tradition of commitment to public service and deep connection to the people that it serves.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing KTVK's tireless dedication to bringing love and hope back into the lives of Arizona's foster children.

HONORING STATE CHAMPION WRESTLER ADAM PERRIN OF NORTH SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2008*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding results achieved by North Scott High School wrestler Adam Perrin. This winter Adam captured the Iowa Class 3A Individual Wrestling Championship in the 103 pound weight class.

Adam won a thrilling championship match. He defeated his final opponent in a 6-5 decision.

Madam Speaker, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of Adam and the North Scott High School Wrestling team, both on and off the court. Perhaps Paul "Bear" Bryant, the late, great coach of the Alabama Crimson Tide football team says it best: "Show class, have pride, and display character. If you do,

winning takes care of itself." This year, Adam Perrin and North Scott High School proved just that.

TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S RECIPIENTS OF OPERATION RECOGNITION

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2008*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a group of individuals—heroes—who are receiving the recognition and honor they deserve for their service to our country. Operation Recognition is operated by the Riverside County Office of Education with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services. The program awards high school diplomas to veterans who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean war, or the Vietnam war, or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

A recognition ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, for the following individuals who received their high school diplomas through Operation Recognition:

Gary Anderson, Jess David Atilano, George R. Baca, Mark Chandler Banks, Clyde A. Bell, Kenneth M. Cable, Joseph Carpin, Franklin Delano Coffey, Michael DeCosta Jr., William Deile, Juan V. Espinoza, Lind Torrey Fiveland, Ronald Ascension Fraijo, Henry Joe Garcia, Peter James Garcia, Eugenio Gomez, David Diaz Gonzales, Marcelo Gonzalez Jr., Richard L. Goorey, Richard R. Granado, Carl F. Hawkins, Donald E. Hawley, David W. Heard, Noel Heft, Walter Edward Hetzel, Keith A. Hograve, Richard Jaramillo, Norman L. Keepers, Michael J. Lambert Jr., Phillip A. LeGault, Estepan J. Luna, Richard E. Marruffo, Augustine G. Martinez, George Mello, Fred G. Mora, Frank Guadalupe Munoz, Manuel Munoz, Frank R. Munro, Richard G. Nelson, George O. Peterson, Clayton Lawrence, Pringle Kent, Eugene Ransdell, William S. Rivera, Steven Michael Roberts, William Holst Rodgers, David Paul Rogers, Harold Richard Roselli, Glen Harlen Routh, Albert Ortiz Salsedo, Victor M. Sartoresi, George M. Valencia, and Anthony Zamora.

Our country owes a debt of gratitude to all the above recipients for their service and sacrifice. I salute all the above individuals and congratulate them on receiving their high school diploma.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT MATT MAUPIN

**HON. JEAN SCHMIDT**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2008*

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to read a poem written by Albert Carey Caswell about a subject that is near and dear to my heart. Staff Sergeant Matt Maupin was listed as missing in action for many years.

MISSING NO MORE: IN HONOR OF A FALLEN  
HERO MISSING IN ACTION, MATT MAUPIN

M.I.A.  
Mom and Dad . . .  
I know that you're sad . . .  
'Oh how you prayed for this day . . .  
I'd be, Missing No More . . .  
Mom and Dad, it's me . . .  
It's your son Matt . . . you can be . . .  
Both happy and sad . . .  
But, it's over now . . . it's not bad . . .  
That long . . . long . . . long wait . . .  
You, don't have to lie awake . . .  
Anymore . . . No more . . .  
With every breath you take . . .  
With a worry so great . . .  
That burden upon you placed . . .  
That pain and heartache, you endured . . .  
All those sleepless nights, in wait . . . with  
such fright . . .  
Wondering . . . and Wondering . . . what for?  
Is he dead, or is he alive?  
Will he ever survive? Or will my baby die?  
It's for you mom and dad . . . and my family  
who I cry . . .  
I Am Not Missing Anymore . . .  
Yea, I know it's bittersweet . . .  
The pain, which you now carry deep . . .  
Missing, me now forever more . . .  
But, take heart . . .  
We are all going to die . . .  
But, a life of honor and sacrifice . . .  
Makes The Angels Cry . . .  
And, Mother there are so many more . . .  
Families, who will never know for sure . . .  
All because they don't know, of their loved  
ones so . . .  
Who with each waking breath, their pain  
ever grows . . . no rest . . .  
Not knowing, so for sure . . .  
Now, to my greatest of loves . . .  
I have risen, high above . . . To Our  
Lord . . .  
I'm an Angel, in The Army of Our Lord . . .  
And, I will watch over you . . . day and  
night . . .  
And I will win, this last battle . . . This  
Fight . . .  
And you will hear me, in the breeze . . .  
On a soft falling snow, you feel my heart at  
ease . . .  
As my Angel's breath envelops you, to find  
peace . . .  
I'm everywhere you are now, this you must  
believe . . .  
So to you, this I so send . . .  
The full comfort in so knowing . . .  
We will see each other again . . .  
And I hope that your hearts are glowing . . .  
To you my love's in knowing . . .  
It will only be a short time . . . when . . .  
We are all together, again . . .  
As In Heaven, we'll meet again . . .  
So, Never Regret That Day . . .  
When, your son Matt went away . . .  
And, did what must be done . . .  
For A Life Which Lives In The Light . . . In  
The Sun . . .  
And Fights The Darkness . . .  
Is but, a far . . . far better one . . . The  
Greatest of All Ones . . .  
I'm Not Missing Anymore . . .

CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN  
MAURY WEEKS ON THE OCCA-  
SION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM  
THE UNITED STATES COAST  
GUARD

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to United States Coast Guard Captain Maury A. Weeks on the occasion of his retirement from active duty.

A native of Mobile, Alabama, Captain Weeks is a proud alumnus of the University of Alabama where, in addition to his academic studies, he was employed as a University Police Officer. Following his graduation from college, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1966 and upon completion of basic training at Parris Island was assigned to the Second Force Recon Company. During his enlistment, which ended with an honorable discharge in 1972 with the rank of sergeant, he also attended airborne school and mountain warfare training.

Two years later, Captain Weeks enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve as a port securityman, and following his direct commissioning as an ensign in 1978, he was assigned to Reserve Unit Mobile. Here, he served in numerous positions, including training officer and administrative officer. In 1983, he was accepted as a reserve program administrator and was recalled to active duty in May 1984.

Early tours of duty included serving as chief, Reserve Training, Eighth District from 1984 to 1987; and as assistant chief, Port Operations, Marine Safety Office, Mobile from 1987 to 1990. In 1990, Captain Weeks was assigned to Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, as a member of the Port Security School staff. In this position, he was a member of the Port Security Unit (PSU) Training Detachment and was responsible for training PSUs for deployment during Desert Shield/Desert Storm at Camp Blanding, FL. From 1992 to 1994, he was assigned to the Contingency Planning School as assistant school chief and instructor.

Captain Weeks reported to the Eighth District in 1994 as the assistant chief, Contingency Preparedness Branch and in 1996 was named the branch chief. He became chief, Administration Division, Eighth Coast Guard District in May 1998. In 2000, Captain Weeks became the chief of the Force Optimization and Training Branch at MLC LANT. In this position, he was heavily involved in the recall of over 4,000 reservists in response to the events of September 11, 2001, and Operations Noble Eagle, Liberty Shield, and Iraqi Freedom. In 2005, Captain Weeks became chief of the Personnel Division, MLC A.

Throughout his career, Captain Weeks has demonstrated a tremendous devotion to his country and dedication to his duty. His long list of professional accomplishments are testament to the trust and esteem in which he has been held by both his superiors and subordinates. His career has also been marked with the receipt of numerous decorations and cita-

tions, including the Meritorious Service Medal, seven Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Joint Services Achievement Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, three Coast Guard Letter of Commendation Ribbons, both the Coast Guard Reserve and Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals, and numerous unit citations and special operations service awards.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Captain Maury Weeks for his long and distinguished career of service to our country and congratulating him on the occasion of his retirement. I know his family, his wife, Pamela; the four children they share, Allen, Suzannah, Wayne and Tara; and his many friends join me in praising his many accomplishments and extending thanks for his service on behalf of a grateful Nation.

HONORING MRS. SANDRA BARBER

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a very special tribute to one of the truly outstanding citizens from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, Mrs. Sandra Barber, as she ends her tenure as Chairman of the Fulton County Republican Central an Executive Committees.

Over the past three decades, Sandra Barber has certainly been an indispensable asset to Republicans in Fulton County and the State of Ohio. Her strong commitment to conservative values and leadership has guided her 26 years as Chairman. Through her leadership, she has fostered healthy debate and democracy by leading the Party and representing the principles it embraces at the local, State, and national level. Without question, Mrs. Barber has given unselfishly of her time and talents in order to serve the interests of all Republicans across our Nation.

Mrs. Barber has served as county chairman for various Presidential campaigns including Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and President George W. Bush, as well as her role as a delegate at the five national conventions. She has also served the Ohio Republican Party as a member of the State Central Committee in addition to involvement in numerous State and local races.

Sandra Barber embodies the spirit of American public service through her commitment as Fulton County Recorder and her community as well. Mrs. Barber has served the State of Ohio as Chairman of the Ohio Lottery Commission and as a member of the Ohio Recorders' Association. Locally, Mrs. Barber is a member of the Christ United Methodist Church, serving as a member of the chancel choir and church school teacher.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I would ask my colleagues of the 110th Congress to join me in honoring Sandra Barber. On the occasion of her retirement as Chairman of the Fulton County Central and Executive Committees, we thank her for her dedicated service and we wish her well in all of her future endeavors.