

country, but whose remains were never identified. Members of the 3rd Infantry Regiment stand guard at the Tomb 24 hours a day. They are known as "The Old Guard." When Hurricane Isabel hit the Washington, D.C., area, it packed winds up to 75 miles per hour and torrential rains.

Cemetery officials relieved The Old Guard of their duty until the storm passed, but The Old Guard refused to leave. Staff Sergeant Alfred Lanier said the Tomb is something "we cherish." Sergeant Christopher Holmes said leaving the Tomb is "never an option for us," saying he was prepared to die while guarding it. We can only join with President Eisenhower in asking, "Where do we get such men?"

SUPPORT SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR IRAQ

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of our Commander in Chief's supplemental request for the military operations and reconstruction projects in the war on terror. We have won the war in Iraq, and we must continue supporting our troops so we can win the peace.

Media accounts paint a bleak picture of the postwar efforts in Iraq, but I can tell Members some are only reporting the negative. Having just returned last week from a visit to Iraq, I saw firsthand the extraordinary successes our men and women have achieved in bringing relief to the people of Iraq. Schools and hospitals are opening throughout the country, and business areas are filled with traffic and shoppers. Led by General Sanchez, our troops are making progress in the war on terror we must win.

Americans should be proud of our men and women whose sweat and blood have brought freedom and new hope to Iraqis. I urge my colleagues to support President Bush's supplemental request. May God bless our troops.

HONORING STAFF SGT. FREDERICK L. MILLER, JR.

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, the Bible tells us if you owe debts, pay debts; if honor, then honor; if respect, then respect. I rise humbly today to begin to pay a debt of honor and respect to an American hero, Staff Sergeant Frederick L. Miller, Jr., of Hagerstown, Indiana. Staff Sergeant Miller was killed Saturday outside Ramadi in Iraq when a bomb exploded near his Humvee, according to the Department of Defense's information made public yesterday. Staff Sergeant Miller leaves behind a pregnant wife expecting his first son,

two beautiful daughters, grieving parents and a grieving community.

Miller commanded a Bradley Fighting Vehicle assigned to Troop K in the 3rd Squadron of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment based in Fort Carson, Colorado. He joined the Army after graduating from high school, and would have celebrated his 8th year in the service next month. Miller was discharged after his first tour of duty, but he reenlisted after 9/11. His mother said, "It was his purpose to save our country, and he had a job to do." And so he did it, Mr. Speaker.

Staff Sergeant Frederick L. Miller, Jr., is a hero, and he died as heroes do, saving his country. I extend on behalf of the people of eastern Indiana my deepest sympathies and fervent prayers to Staff Sergeant Miller's wife and family as they grieve the death of this heroic American.

HONORING JOE EDWARDS, JR.

(Mr. BURNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent from Augusta, Georgia. Joe Edwards, Jr., is an astronaut, an aviator, and a test pilot. He was awarded the United States Navy's only peacetime Distinguished Flying Cross for landing an open-cockpit F-14 Tomcat on his aircraft carrier with a broken arm and a blinded right eye in a feat described as "the most daring feat of flying seen in peacetime or war."

Mr. Edwards has an extensive career centered on military affairs and the execution of foreign policy. While there are many admirable accomplishments of Mr. Edwards, what is arguably the most significant part of his life is that he has taken his expertise and skill to improve the quality of science and mathematics education in America. Mr. Edwards serves as the chairman and CEO of the National Science Center in Augusta, which has a unique partnership with the United States Army. The primary mission of the center is to improve technical literacy and to encourage an interest in math and science careers.

Joe Edwards is a role model for students; Joe Edwards is a role model for us all. He has taken his passion for learning and is encouraging students to enrich their lives.

DEMOCRATS SHOULD DENOUNCE WORDS OF DEAN

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, what some have referred to as the Democrat prancing ponies, others call the Democratic Presidential candidates, the leading candidate, Governor Dean, last week made a completely irresponsible,

if not crazy, lunatic statement when he said that the United States of America should not take sides in the Middle East conflict between the Palestinian Authority and our ally, Israel.

I want Members to think about this. The United States should not take sides in a classic strife of good versus evil. I do not know if he is speaking for the Democratic Party. He is the leading guy, it seems. I do not know what the good general might do to that dynamic amongst the prancing, but I do know this: There is one side which blows up innocent people coming back from the Western Wall praying. There are the wives and the loved ones of those people saying, I am glad that my husband, my son, my daughter died a martyr. We have one side that has repeatedly thrown the peace process off track and broken any peace treaties that were ever negotiated. Clearly, because of this, we have an evil side versus a side that is trying to be part of the world community.

Mr. Speaker, I call on the Democrats of this House to denounce the words of Governor Dean and ask that the United States of America continue to side with our great ally, the nation of Israel.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN H. MCCLAIN

(Ms. HARRIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifetime of courage and selflessness. Brigadier General John H. McClain, who passed away early this morning, valiantly served our Nation for nearly 4 decades, both on active duty and as a Reservist.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, General McClain enlisted in the United States Army in 1940. He fought in the Second World War's European Theater, participating in the Battle of the Bulge and in the Relief of Bastogne as a member of General George Patton's Third Army. He also served in the Korean War as senior adviser with the Korean Military Advisory Group.

His induction into the Field Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame in 1976 capped a heavily decorated career that included the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Europe Theater of Operations Medal with three campaign stars, the World War II Victory Medal, the Korean Service Medal with three campaign stars, and the United Nations Service Medal.

Mr. Speaker, as we offer our prayers and condolences to his beloved wife of 49 years, Patricia Ann, may this American hero's devotion to his country continue to animate our dreams and aspirations as public servants.