

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LOSS OF U.S. MARINE CORPS CPL.
ZACHARY A. KOLDA

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 20, 2004

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great American patriot, U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Zachary A. Kolda of Corpus Christi, Texas, who gave the last full measure of devotion to the country he loved and served when he was killed in combat in Al Anbar Province, Iraq on December 1, 2004.

He served with the Marine Reserves' 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division.

This 23-year-old Marine, who taught others how to live and enjoy life, left his studies at the University of Texas at Austin this spring when called to active duty for deployment to Iraq. Those who knew and loved him described him as a compassionate, funny, and lively young man who was always encouraging his friends and family to live life to the fullest each day.

That is a fitting legacy for this brave young Marine, who hailed from a family of military service. One grandfather served in the Navy for 28 years, while the other grandfather served in World War II.

Cpl. Kolda was mischievous, fun-loving, and forever cheering up his family and friends. He was an artist, peppering friends and family with cherished drawings and cartoons. He was proud to be a Marine, proud to serve this Nation in battle. His gentle spirit was uplifting and an inspiration to those who knew and loved him.

He had a sweet soul and he saw the best in people. He had a gift for cheering people up, making them laugh and see the silly side of life. He was friendly, engaging and straightforward.

Cpl. Kolda, who was majoring in international business at UT, lived with his wife, Arleen, in Austin. They were married in April, 2004, after a year-long engagement.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering with gratitude this great, sweet, funny patriot; his sacrifice on behalf of all of us; and the family he leaves behind in South Texas.

DIRECTING CLERK OF THE HOUSE
TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS
IN ENROLLMENT OF H.R.
4818

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. I rise today in support of the measure before us today, H. Con. Res. 528. This will come as no surprise to anyone since I am fairly certain that this

resolution has unanimous support from my colleagues, and rightly so. H. Con. Res. 528 corrects a provision included in H.R. 4818 that permits members of the Appropriations Committee and their staff to examine individuals' Federal tax returns. This is clearly a gross invasion of privacy, and I am thankful that this provision was brought to light before it was signed into law.

However, Mr. Speaker, the fact that we are considering H. Con. Res. 528 at all highlights the need for a change in the way this institution operates under the current Majority's leadership. Far too frequently in recent years, the Majority has brought significant pieces of legislation to the floor with little, if any, chance for Members to review the measures. We considered the Omnibus Appropriations bill here in the House the same day it was completed, which is a perfect example of this egregious process. H.R. 4818 included funding for 15 governmental agencies in the amount of approximately \$388 billion dollars, and stacked up at over 3,000 pages long. Yet Members and staff had less than 24 hours to go through the measure before voting on it.

Mr. Speaker, each and every time the Majority subverts the democratic process and brings legislation to the floor in this fashion, we are doing a disservice to the people of this country. It must stop and it must stop now. I am hopeful that we will return to "regular order" in the 109th Congress.

HONORING LIFETIME TELEVISION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 20, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Lifetime Television on its 20th anniversary and honor not only the outstanding work of the network in raising awareness about the issues affecting women, but for their efforts to pass critical legislation that will make a real difference in the lives of women.

I have been fortunate to work with Lifetime Television to end violence against women and families by pushing Congress to pass landmark legislation that I introduced, "The Debbie Smith Act," that will put rapists behind bars by reducing the number of unprocessed rape kits. In March 2002, Lifetime sponsored several events on Capitol Hill to educate Congress about the violence that many women face daily and what was being done to stop it. It was then that I introduced Debbie Smith, a courageous rape survivor whose assailant had been identified through the use of DNA technology, to Lifetime. This occasion marked the beginning of a collaborative effort to move "The Debbie Smith Act" through Congress and signed into law.

Lifetime initiated a petition drive, and 120,000 signatures were sent to Congress expressing outrage that rapists were walking the streets when the evidence that could put them

behind bars was collecting dust. By holding numerous educational briefings and receptions over the course of 2½ years, Lifetime continued the momentum to pass this legislation. Through their relentless work, Lifetime was instrumental in ensuring that "The Debbie Smith Act" became law in October.

Lifetime also has committed itself to providing valuable information to its viewers about women's healthcare, childcare, voting and running for elected office, and women who are making the world a better place. The network was one of the earliest leaders of efforts to raise awareness of breast cancer and refuses to back down until this deadly disease is eradicated. Lifetime, along with more than 10 million of its viewers, also continue to urge Congress to pass critical legislation to end the disgraceful practice of drive-through mastectomies, when women are forced out of the hospital only hours after surgery. In addition, one of Lifetime's original movies, "Video Voyeur: The Susan Wilson Story," helped to inspire recently passed legislation that will make video voyeurism a serious, punishable crime.

I believe that with its ability to reach millions of people everyday, Lifetime will continue to educate and enlighten. Although Lifetime's commitment is company-wide, I want to specifically acknowledge its outgoing president and CEO Carole Black and its executive vice president of public affairs Meredith Wagner, who initiated the network's advocacy efforts. Thanks to their passion and dedication, Lifetime truly has become an example of the power of the media to cause positive change, and I hope that others will follow its lead.

Once again, I commend Lifetime Television for its dedication to improve the lives of women and families, and I look forward to working with them again in the future. Lifetime will once again be bringing its campaign to Stop Violence Against Women to Washington in March 2005, and I hope all of my colleagues will get involved.

TRIBUTE TO ANN O'CONNELL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 20, 2004

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give thanks and praise to a fellow Nevadan and friend who has served her state well in many capacities. Ann O'Connell, a former Nevada State Senator, retired at the end of this state session. I stand today to give praise to her for her wonderful 19-year contribution to the great state of Nevada.

Ms. O'Connell was born in 1934 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She later earned a degree from the University of New Mexico. Upon moving to Nevada she began a very successful career in politics in which she has served her fellow Nevadans well.

In 1988 Ms. O'Connell received the Woman of Achievement in Politics award from the

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