

white section. My mother refused, so the driver told her to get off the bus. Rather than change our seats, she shepherded my sister and me off the bus.

I had a chance to share this story with Rosa Parks when I finally met her and she enjoyed hearing about my mother's actions. Though my family did not live in a segregated state, both my parents realized they still had a duty to combat prejudice.

As a member of Congress, I have been honored to visit the heartland of the civil rights movement with fellow colleague and civil rights champion, Representative JOHN LEWIS. During a trip with the Faith and Politics Institute, we visited the Voting Rights Museum in Birmingham, AL, the Rosa Parks Museum in Montgomery, AL, and reenacted the march across the Pettus Bridge in Selma, AL. I cannot fully express how much I gained from visiting these sites with some of the original participants in the civil rights movement. Hearing about the pain and suffering they endured throughout those times was tempered by the joy we felt in our mutual support for a just cause.

I was honored to join my colleagues by attending Rosa Parks' memorial service and supporting the unprecedented resolution that allowed her body to lie in honor in the Capitol Rotunda. Rosa Parks is one person who made a difference and whose actions will forever call on all of us to stand up—or remain seated—for civil justice.

HONORING MRS. WILLIE JEAN  
YOUNGBLOOD ON HER 90TH  
BIRTHDAY

### HON. ARTUR DAVIS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a special tribute to Mrs. Willie Jean Youngblood in honor of her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Youngblood was born on November 7, 1915 in Bullock County, AL, and was the third of eight children of the late Cleveland and Julia Dennis. She later married Monroe Youngblood, a construction worker, of Bullock County. In search of better opportunities, the couple moved to Birmingham where they raised eight children. Mrs. Youngblood earned a living as a cook at the Thomasine Café and a service worker at the historic Tutwiler Hotel.

Mrs. Youngblood was a nurturing mentor for young mothers in her community. The Youngblood home was also the gathering place for many young children in the community, including the current mayor of the city of Birmingham, the Honorable Bernard Kincaid.

While Mrs. Youngblood may not have had an abundance of material wealth, she passed on a wealth of love and hope to her children and her community.

May God bless Mrs. Youngblood and her family on her 90th birthday and for many years to come.

COMMEMORATION OF ROBERT H.  
HINCKLEY, JR.

### HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to recognize the life and contributions of Robert H. Hinckley, Jr.

A lifelong resident of the State of Utah, Mr. Hinckley's 88 years were distinguished by his optimism, energy, and a commitment to public service.

Robert Hinckley, Jr. was born as the first child of Robert H. Hinckley Sr. and Abrelia Clarissa Seely Hinckley in Mt. Pleasant, UT, although he grew up in Ogden, UT and always considered that his home. Growing up during the Depression era, Hinckley began working in the family's business, Hinckley Dodge. After graduation from Ogden High School, he attended Stanford University and then the United States Military Academy from which he graduated in 1942. He married Janice Scowcroft, his high school sweetheart, in 1944 and described their 63 years of marriage as the "very best part of my life." During World War II and Korea, he was a decorated pilot earning the U.S. Air Force's Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star. Following a 13-year military career, he returned to Utah to manage the family's automobile business in Salt Lake City, UT. Outside of business, Hinckley loved horses and owned Arabian horses. He counted his greatest success as his four children, all of whom survive him.

Hinckley's life demonstrated commitment to his community. In 1988, he built upon his father's legacy becoming board chairman of the Hinckley Institute of Politics at the University of Utah. In this capacity, he was a champion for intelligent, thoughtful, and ethical engagement in the public arena. He encouraged students of all political persuasions to approach public service and politics with a sense of purpose and diligence. He worked hard to create opportunities for all students, regardless of socioeconomic status, to have access to internship opportunities. He dramatically stepped up the activities of the Hinckley Institute and oversaw the doubling of its endowment.

This year the Hinckley Institute of Politics is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Over 4,000 interns have served local, State, and Federal offices, interest groups, polling firms, and campaigns since 1965. The Hinckley Institute pioneered the Utah State legislative internship program, and interns now serve in critical staffing capacities during every general session. The Hinckley Institute internship program has been studied by colleges and universities across the United States. The Hinckley Institute sponsors the Hinckley Journal of Politics, an undergraduate research publication. It is one of only four undergraduate political science journals nationwide.

The Hinckley Institute has influenced countless local, State, and Federal elected officials, party activists, lobbyists, journalists, and citizens. Recent studies of former Hinckley interns demonstrate an incredibly high degree of civic engagement, through many avenues, for years after graduation. The Institute has provided a needed center for intelligent, thoughtful, dynamic conversation about important issues, where students can test their beliefs

and access opportunities for empowerment within their community and government.

Robert Hinckley's philanthropic commitment to education and students extends beyond the on-going value of the Hinckley Institute of Politics, including the establishment and funding of scholarships at the University of Utah, Utah State University, Weber State University, and Brigham Young University. In this capacity, as well, he and his family have helped create a large community of educated, actively engaged, ethical, and interested citizens.

In all his endeavors, Hinckley was noted for his positive outlook and energy. His contributions will long benefit the students and people of Utah. He was truly an asset to his community and will be greatly missed.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF  
MARINE CORPORAL JONATHAN  
"J.R." SPEAR, KILLED IN IRAQ  
OCTOBER 23, 2005

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Marine Corporal Jonathan "J.R." Spears, was lost to us in Iraq on October 23.

He was a proud Marine and an exceptionally fine man who joined the greatest military service in the world.

I had the solemn honor of attending Corporal Spears funeral today and meeting his incredible family and friends. I now know how blessed they are to have known such a fine man. His parents, Timothy and Marie and his sisters Jennifer and Jessica display courage, dignity and strength that is moving and inspirational. I wish I could have known him as they did as he seemed like a truly amazing person.

J.R. used to work in a sandwich shop and he selflessly gave a portion of each pay check he received to buy food for the homeless. While playing football in high school he got up to 265 pounds. In order to fulfill one of his life dreams, joining the Marines, he had to lose nearly eighty pounds, which he did.

He was a young man who, by the time of his death at 21, had already planned out his life. He wanted to go to college after leaving the Marines Corps and then go on to be an FBI or Secret Service Agent. I know very few young people who have their life plan set by the time they reach 30, let alone 21. J.R. was a driven man who knew what he wanted and made it happen.

A stanza in the Marine Hymn written over a century ago says: "If the Army and the Navy ever gaze on Heaven's scenes, they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines." I know that J.R. is up in heaven guarding the streets for all of us. I am certain he has been welcomed with God's saving grace.

His sacrifice is a solemn reminder to us of the risks that all of our men and women in uniform make every day to keep us safe.

I know that our Marine Corps will hold him in their hearts forever, as will we all.

May God bless Corporal Spears, his family and all of our men and women in uniform.