

MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT OF
2006

SPEECH OF

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my full support of H.R. 6166, the Military Commissions Act of 2006. This measure is vital in giving the President the resources he needs to bring terrorists and enemy combatants to justice. During these uncertain times of conflict and war, the United States requires established procedures to try captured terrorists and protect our troops. The justice system and rules of evidence that apply to enemies of war should be narrowly tailored within the legal framework to effectively prosecute terrorists. I fully support the compromise negotiated between the House, Senate, and Bush Administration on this important legislation. Though I was not able to cast my vote in favor of H.R. 6166 on September 27, 2006, I would like to go on record as being in full support of the Military Commissions Act of 2006.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, had I been present on September 7, 2006, I would have voted "nay" on Rollcall 431 and "yea" on Rollcall 433 as pertaining to my support for the Horse Slaughter Prohibition Act, of which I am a cosponsor.

HONORING LT. COL. CURT EDWARD
STOVER ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE U.S. ARMY**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Lt. Col. Curt Edward Stover, a soldier who has served his country with honor and distinction. Lt. Col. Stover is retiring this week following 22 years in the United States military.

First commissioned in the U.S. Army July 6, 1984, Lt. Colonel Curt Edward Stover received his B.S. degree from Texas A&M University. Upon his entry into the Army, he was commissioned Air Defense Artillery.

Traveling around the world during his 22 years of dedicated service, Lt. Col. Stover has served in the Korean demilitarized zone, as well as two tours in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. One of the first soldiers to transfer into the Space Operations Command after it was created, Lt. Col. Stover is Airborne and Air Assault qualified. He has also attended Command General Staff College and held two joint assignments with the Air Force.

During his career, Lt. Col. Stover was a Platoon leader, a Motor officer, a Battalion S-4,

a Task Force S-4, a Patriot Battery Commander, a Squad Tactical Officer USMA, a Patriot Battalion Executive Officer, and on the Architecture Branch Chief Space Command.

Retiring with numerous decorations for his years of service, Lt. Col. Stover has earned the Defense Meritorious Service medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and the Korean Defense Service Medal. It is clear that during his decades in the armed forces that he has served with both honor and distinction.

Mr. Speaker, it is soldiers like Lt. Col. Stover that help make our military the finest fighting force in the world. This Congress congratulates Lt. Col. Stover on his retirement and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT
KEVIN L. ZEIGLER**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise in tribute to Staff Sergeant Kevin L. Zeigler of Braymer, Missouri. Sgt. Zeigler made the ultimate sacrifice for his country on August 12, 2006. As a tribute to his courage, valor, and patriotism, I would like to read a very moving poem that Sgt. Zeigler's uncle, G. Lamar Wilkie, Chief Petty Officer, United States Navy (Retired), wrote for his fallen nephew.

FINAL TRIP HOME

Staff Sergeant Kevin Zeigler
Friend of Liberty
Hero of an oppressed people Defender of faith
in humanity
Who helped liberate a nation
He comes back a hero
Having given his life for
The noblest cause of all
Not of sickness or meek old age
But in defense of freedom
No more torture chambers
Or professional rape rooms
No poisoned villagers
Filling mass graves
At the hands of their own dictator
Brutally taken from us
By vicious cowards
Who attack from shadows and
Dare not show their faces
They live to die for death's sake
But the barbarians
Though they claim victory
With fear and destruction
Suffer terrible loss within
A defeat of the heart
Let the bells of liberty
Toll the passing of a champion
His race is won, his battle over
Let eternal love and gratitude guide
His final trip home.

Dedicated to my nephew, Army Staff Sergeant Kevin L. Zeigler, of the 10th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood. He was killed August 12, 2006 when an improvised explosive device detonated near their dismounted patrol during combat operations near Baghdad.

G. LAMAR WILKIE,
Chief Petty Officer, USN (Ret).

Mr. Speaker, a grateful nation will never forget the heroism, patriotism, and devotion of

Sgt. Zeigler. He sacrificed his life in the line of duty to protect the United States of America, and we as a nation will be eternally indebted to him for his service. I am truly humbled to have had the privilege to represent Staff Sergeant Kevin L. Zeigler—a genuine American hero—in the United States Congress.

GREAT LAKES FISH AND WILD-
LIFE RESTORATION ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 2430, the Great Lakes Fish & Wildlife Restoration Act. This important bill reauthorizes the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration grant program first enacted in 1990 and renewed in 1998. It builds upon the successes of the program and ensures that both fish and wildlife resources will receive attention. It also expands the scope of the initiative to include grants for regional restoration work undertaken by federal, state, and tribal partnerships. The funds authorized in this legislation are critical to the widespread efforts to restore the vitality and water quality of the Great Lakes basin.

This bill is one small piece of the broader package of restoration priorities contained in the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration (GLRC) Strategy, released in December 2005. It is also largely the same as Title II of my bill, H.R. 5100, the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Implementation Act. I am pleased that we are moving forward to enact some of the changes recommended by the GLRC in its comprehensive strategic action plan. I strongly encourage my colleagues to not only provide the necessary authorizations for conducting restoration activities in the Great Lakes, but also to provide the funding required as well. It is unfortunate that this program has received paltry levels of funding in recent years; much more is needed to accomplish the goals laid out in the GLRC Strategy.

I thank Senator DEWINE, Congressman KILDEE, Congressman KIRK, and all the other Members who sponsored and supported this legislation. Today is a victory for the Great Lakes and for the thousands of good people working to protect and restore fish and wildlife resources there.

NATO SUMMIT IN RIGA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a cochair of the Congressional Croatian Caucus to draw attention to the upcoming NATO summit in Riga. One of the focuses of this summit will be the next round of possible NATO enlargement, scheduled to occur in 2008. Croatia should be at the top of the candidate list for membership into NATO and deserves an invitation for membership in 2008.

Since achieving independence over a decade ago, Croatia has taken huge strides with