

the top of the Billboard Contemporary Jazz charts. The follow-up album, *Between the Sheets*, reached number one, earned gold status, and was nominated for a Grammy in 1993. The band went three-for-three in 1995 with its third release, *Elixir*, which also hit number one and stayed on the charts for more than a year and a half. And, as if to save time, its fourth album, *4*, entered the charts at number one.

The magic of Fourplay is based on the interactions between keyboardist Bob James, bassist Nathan East, guitarist Larry Carlton, and drummer Harvey Mason, each a pop music icon in his own right.

Now in heavy rotation at radio throughout the country, Fourplay X, the supergroup's landmark tenth album, entered the Billboard Jazz Charts at the number one position and has remained No.1 for five weeks.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Fourplay. The group's phenomenal success makes them most worthy of our recognition today.

VETERANS' MEMORIALS, BOY SCOUTS, PUBLIC SEALS, AND OTHER PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF RELIGION PROTECTION ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 26, 2006*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 2679, the "Public Expression of Religion Act." This legislation would eliminate awarding attorney's fees to individuals who win lawsuits under the Establishment Clause of the Constitution. While the proponents argue that the bill would protect public officials from lawsuits, what the bill will actually do is deny citizens from exercising their freedom of religion.

Without the ability to recoup legal fees, the costs to bring a lawsuit against a defendant would be too high for most people to afford. This body should not be enacting legislation to deny Americans their day in court.

H.R. 2679 is opposed by groups including the American Civil Liberties Union, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, and the American Jewish Committee.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no."

HONORING DAN SHANNON OF LAGRANGE, IL

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 28, 2006*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dan Shannon, an exceptional citizen of the Third Congressional District of Illinois and founder of Operation Homelink. Operation Homelink seeks to establish a communication link between deployed military personnel and their families. The program not only serves as a means of contact for troops and their families, but as a strong show of support for American soldiers stationed overseas.

Operation Homelink enables communication and encouragement by providing free refurbished computers to both deployed military units and their spouses or parents. Troops on the field then have the ability to e-mail their loved ones updates, while loved ones have the ability to relate local news and send their best regards. This excellent program truly makes a difference in the lives of our soldiers, as well as their families and friends.

I ask my colleagues to rise with me to acknowledge Dan Shannon for his highly successful and significant program that supports our armed forces. Dan shows all citizens the importance of becoming involved to support our troops and how one idea can touch the lives of so many people. I commend him for his continued efforts and unyielding determination.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIM KOLBE**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 28, 2006*

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 483, my vote was not recorded.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2006*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on this legislation to establish military tribunals for terrorist suspects.

This legislation was made necessary by a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June in the case of *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, in which the court ruled that the military commissions created by the Bush administration violated both U.S. and international law. This important legislation is necessary to create a lawful framework in order to bring to trial such terrorist suspects as Khalid Sheik Mohammed, the alleged mastermind of the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks on America. Without passage of this legislation, the United States will have no legal means to bring to justice those who have participated in the most heinous acts of terrorism against our country.

I agree with my Democratic colleagues who rightfully argued we should have been allowed to consider substantive changes to the bill such as those contained in the Skelton motion to recommit, which I voted for. The Skelton language would have provided for expedited consideration of the statute's constitutionality and required the statute to be renewed in three years, but unfortunately, the Skelton motion failed to pass. Although the Republican Majority would not allow consideration of proposed Democratic amendments, it is important to note the significant and substantive changes that have been made to the bill to correct the serious flaws of the original White House proposal.

Specifically, the bill would replace the White House's denial of habeas corpus rights with a

process known as combatant status review in which detainees may challenge their detention within the confines of the military commission system. In addition, the manager's amendment assures the prohibition of cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, codified in the Detainee Treatment Act (Pub. L. 109-163, P.L. 109-148). It also clarifies that defendants will be able to examine and respond to redacted classified evidence being used against them.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 6166 is not a perfect bill, but I will vote for it so the United States can move forward with prosecuting terrorist suspects in a manner consistent with our values in a fair and just system.

A TRIBUTE TO STUART PYLE

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 28, 2006*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Stuart Pyle of Bakersfield, California. Mr. Pyle was an exemplary advocate for effective water policy primarily in California's San Joaquin Valley.

As a past manager of the Kern County Water Agency, Stuart is remembered by all who knew him for his love and dedication to his family, his commendable service to the community, and his success in managing the second largest water contractor in the State of California.

Mr. Pyle was born in 1925 in Napa, California. He spent most of his adolescent years with his five siblings in Tahoe City and Auburn, California. As a Naval Officer during World War II, Mr. Pyle earned a degree in civil engineering in only three years. Following the war, he began his career in water as a developer of dams and canals for the California Department of Water Resources. As his career in water was established, he met his wife Virginia and married her in 1950.

In 1967, the Pyle family moved to Pakistan, where Stuart worked as a project manager for water systems for three years. When the Pakistani Civil War broke out they were forced to move back to the United States. Upon his arrival to the states, Stuart was hired as the manager of National Water Issues for the Federal Government in Washington DC. After three years in DC, he was offered a job as manager of the Kern County Water Agency. Stuart spent the next 17 years of his life dedicated to advancing water policy in Kern County.

Throughout his life Mr. Pyle was extremely involved in his community. He served on the National Academies of Science, was a Member of the Rotary Club, and was an active supporter of the Bakersfield Assistant League. Even while enjoying retirement, he was active in the United States Committee on Irrigation and Drainage. In addition to being a life long advocate of water policy, he was also a dedicated member of the Christian Science Church where he was a reader on the Board of Directors.

Mr. Pyle is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years Virginia, their five children; Linda, Jennifer, Stuart, Marianna, and Tom, and his nine grandchildren.

Stuart Pyle led a happy life full of love and adventure. His professional achievements will