

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 518, S. 819, The Pactola Reservoir Re-allocation Authorization Act, had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

## HONORING THE SERVICE OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS NICHOLAS ROGERS TO OUR COUNTRY

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to PFC Nicholas Rogers, 27, who died while serving our Nation in Iraq.

Prior to joining the Army, Nicholas spent his childhood living in Deltona, Florida where he was a Boy Scout. Nicholas graduated from Deltona High School where he played the drums and had a special appreciation of all things Star Wars.

After earning an emergency medical technician certificate from Daytona Beach Community College, Nicholas followed his father's footsteps into public service. Nicholas enlisted in the military to gain experience to pursue his dream of becoming an emergency room nurse. He was assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division unit out of Fort Drum, NY which was deployed to Baghdad. His colleagues remember a compassionate individual who cared deeply for others while his family recalls his uncanny ability to make people laugh.

We should all remember Nicholas's courage and his ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. The freedom we enjoy and the liberty in the world for which he fought are part of the great legacy that PFC Nicholas Rogers leaves behind. He is buried in Deltona, FL.

To Nicholas's wife, Kelly; their daughter, Jocelyn; their unborn daughter; his parents, Robert and Penny; and his entire family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr. Speaker, because of PFC Nicholas Rogers's sacrifice for our country, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing his service in our Nation's Armed Forces and remembering both his life and his dedication to the United States of America.

## IN HONOR OF ANNA CABALLERO

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Anna Caballero. Anna first moved to Salinas in 1982 and started a law office specifically to provide excellent legal representation for working people. She promptly became active in town, and due to

her immense enthusiasm she was quickly recognized as a community leader. She served on the city council for 7 years, including 4 years as Vice Mayor. In 1998 Anna was elected as the first female Mayor in the 126-year history of the city of Salinas, and has hence served 4 terms.

During her tenure as city Mayor, Anna was a driving force in improving life for the people of Salinas. Some of her most successful projects were the diversification of Salinas's economic base, improving the affordability of local housing, the redevelopment of historic downtown Salinas, and ensuring the permanent funding of the Salinas library. The key to her success was her innate ability to sit people down, get straight to the issue and have them reach a consensus. Furthermore, Anna used her talents to streamline the Mayor's office and develop partnerships with neighborhoods, parent groups, labor groups, school districts, local businesses and the greater Salinas community.

Anna's accomplishments in the community have not gone unnoticed. In 1996, Anna was honored with the "Athena" award for "entrepreneurial excellence" by the Salinas Area Chamber of Commerce, the most prestigious honor the Chamber can bestow upon a fellow businessperson. In 2000, the Monterey County Lawyers Association granted Anna the Justice Ribbon Award, the Association's highest award for members who bring distinction to the legal profession through commitment to public service.

Anna has continued to reach out to the community. She is an avid volunteer coach for local baseball and soccer teams. She works with the Mexican-American Women's National Association, "MANA", to raise scholarship money for young women continuing to higher education. Anna is also an Executive Director of the non-profit Partners for Peace, dedicated to developing multi-disciplinary partnerships, which share community resources to bring about community change.

Mr. Speaker, I rise once more to applaud Anna Caballero's many accomplishments. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate her on her successful career, and express my sincere gratitude for her commitment to the community.

## IN RECOGNITION OF TONY DAYSOG

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Tony Daysog for his 10 years of faithful service to the city of Alameda, California as Councilmember and Vice Mayor.

Mr. Daysog was first elected to the Alameda City Council on November 5, 1996 and served as a Councilmember from December 17, 1996 until December 1998. He served as Vice Mayor from December 2002 until December 2005.

During his tenure, Tony Daysog served on numerous agencies, including the League of California Cities, the Airport Noise Operations Committee, the Alameda County Private Industry Council, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, and the Associated Community Action Program Government

Board. He also has served as a member of the Economic Development Commission and was a member of the Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority overseeing the redevelopment of the Alameda Naval Air Station.

Mr. Daysog has been active in the preservation of the City of Alameda's neighborhoods and a strong advocate for the planning and safety of Alameda's communities. He aggressively championed traffic planning and is a strong advocate of mass transit. He brought forward the issue of bus zones, red curbs and access to transportation.

He introduced the idea of domestic partners' eligibility for property transfer tax exemptions and the requirement for a competitive bid process for all bonds and debt issued by the city of Alameda.

During his 10 years as a member of the Alameda City Council, Mr. Daysog never missed a regularly scheduled Council meeting. On December 19, 2006, the City will express its appreciation for Tony Daysog's exemplary commitment for the benefit of the City of Alameda.

I join the City in thanking Mr. Daysog for his years of service and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

## IN CELEBRATION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEWISVILLE'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the First Baptist Church of Lewisville's 125th anniversary in the 26th district of Texas. The Church has been a pillar of leadership and worship in the Lewisville community.

The rich history of First Baptist Church of Lewisville began with just 13 members in 1869, and has continued to thrive and grow into the prominent worship community that it is today. Under the dedicated leadership of Senior Pastor Dr. Stephen Hatfield, it serves the needs of its members by offering both traditional and more informal worship services, student ministries, and Bible Study classes for all ages.

The First Baptist Church of Lewisville plans to commemorate this momentous occasion with a celebration worship service, followed by a Gospel Gathering Music Celebration.

I am honored to have the First Baptist Church of Lewisville in my district. I am confident that the First Baptist Church of Lewisville will continue to foster stewardship and faith among the citizens of our community for another 125 years.

## TRIBUTE TO TAINA VASQUEZ

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the accomplishments of one of my constituents, Taina Vasquez of the Bronx, New York. I wish to recognize Taina for her