

To so cheat death!
 As from somewhere so deep . . . so deep . . .
 so deep . . . down inside . . .
 From this Marine's heart, but came his battle cry!
 To somehow stay alive . . .
 And from that moment on, he was gone!
 Moving up and moving on!
 As this Marine got up and ran towards recovery . . .
 For he had a life to live,
 and to this our world so much more to give . . .
 Oooh . . . Rahhhh! Jar Head!
 For, it's far better to die for something . . .
 than to live for nothing at all!
 And that's why you joined the Core
 And your fine heart so answered that most noble call!
 For some people are but put upon this earth,
 To So Teach Us! To So Reach Us! And So Bless Us,
 with all of their fine worth!
 As this fine son from Jacksonville,
 gives us all of us such a thrill . . .
 As you has so shone us what so comes first!
 For this United States Marine,
 is one of the greatest things our nations has ever seen!
 The only secret he could not so keep!
 Is what so runs in your most magnificent heart so very deep!
 That which so out shines them all!
 For Marcus, you won't cry and he won't crawl!
 As he you can climb any mountain, of them all!
 And if I ever had a son, I'd wish he'd have a heart half as tall!
 Surely, Marcus you are but one of Florida's Most Brightest of All Son's!
 Because, up in heaven you need not arms nor even legs to run . . .
 And that's were you are going Marcus, one day my son!
 For you have so made our Lord so proud,
 with all of your inspiration and faith bestowed upon us all now!
 Maximus . . . Marcus . . . you've put the I in Intel this day!
 But, there are No Secrets . . .
 all in what you magnificent heart so says!
 For you are one of our Nation's, America's Best!
 Ooo . . . Rah Jar Head

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 537, 538, and 539, I was absent due to travel delays and inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 537, and "yea" on rollcall Nos. 538 and 539.

CELEBRATING FIRST BOOK'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring First Book on the occasion of their twentieth anniversary and celebrating

their work on behalf of children in need, in Illinois and across the country.

First Book is a nonprofit that provides brand-new books and educational resources to schools and community programs serving children from low-income families. Since 1992 they have distributed over 90 million new books to kids in need.

First Book was founded twenty years ago by Peter Gold, Elizabeth Arky and Kyle Zimmer. After working with children in some of the poorest neighborhoods in the Nation's capital and seeing how their futures were limited by their lack of access to books and resources, they created First Book.

Ms. Zimmer continues to lead the organization today, and her vision and passion have helped First Book grow from a local nonprofit to a global social enterprise with an unsurpassed record of success.

First Book is set apart by more than their deep commitment to the children, teachers and community leaders they serve. By working with the publishing industry to create new and innovative ways to get books and resources to children in need, they are creating a groundbreaking and self-sustaining model that benefits both the donors and the recipients.

First Book is also committed to empowering teachers and program leaders, ensuring that the educators closest to the children choose the books that have the greatest chance of turning those young people into lifelong readers.

I ask the House to join me in honoring First Book and further ask the members to introduce First Book to teachers and community leaders in their home districts. The more schools and local programs join First Book's network, the closer we will come to achieving equity in education for all our children.

HONORING THE SOLDIERS, AIRMEN AND AVIATORS IN THE BATTLE OF DIEPPE 70 YEARS AGO

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor the sacrifice 70 years ago this month of more than 3,600 Allied soldiers, airmen and aviators in the Battle of Dieppe during a critically pivotal point in World War II. The Dieppe Raid, also known as Operation Jubilee, was an Allied attack on the German-occupied port of Dieppe on the northern coast of France on 19 August 1942. The assault began at 5:00 a.m. and by 10:50 a.m. the Allied commanders were forced to call a retreat. Over 6,000 infantrymen, predominantly Canadian, were supported by limited Royal Navy and large Royal Air Force contingents. Among Allied soldiers who took part in the Battle of Dieppe were 50 U.S. Rangers, including one from Michigan, and two additional civilian support personnel from my State. Almost 60 percent who made it ashore in that crushing battle 70 years ago were either killed, wounded, or captured.

This battle became a critical learning point for the Allies who less than two years later launched D Day in June 1944 in the invasion that eventually led to the defeat of Nazi Ger-

many. "I have no doubt," said Lord Mountbatten, who helped plan the raid, "that the Battle of Normandy was won on the beaches of Dieppe."

On August 18, one of our esteemed former colleagues, former Congressman and former state Senator James Barcia, and Viet Nam veteran Terry Watson, who is supervisor of Bangor Township, Michigan will represent the United States during memorial ceremonies in Dieppe, France. The ceremonies will honor the courage and sacrifice of the men who took part in Operation Jubilee, including three Michigan men who have since passed away. They are: Pfc Stanley Bush, Walter A. Bresnahan and James C. Moseley.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me today in honoring those whose sacrificed 70 years ago at Dieppe, France and helped win the war that saved our Nation from the tyranny of Nazi Germany.

TRIBUTE TO LAURA FROEHLICH

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a dear friend of mine, Laura Froehlich. Laura passed away on Wednesday, August 1, 2012. As a pillar of the Moreno Valley and Riverside County military communities, her sudden passing was a shock to all and she will be dearly missed.

Laura served honorably in the Air Force and began volunteering in 1985 through the Moreno Valley Military Affairs Committee, which she eventually chaired. March Air Reserve Base (MARB) was and still is heavily used by Marines from nearby Twentynine Palms and Camp Pendleton bases. As increasing numbers of troops began to flow through the MARB facilities in the buildup to Operation Iraqi Freedom, Laura wanted to ensure that the troops leaving and returning from war received a timely farewell and warm welcome, a far cry from the public indifference and occasional contempt experienced by veterans returning from Vietnam, such as her father. She had organized a similar effort during the Persian Gulf War of 1991.

With the help of her team of more than 100 volunteers, she transformed MARB's austere Hangar 385 into a welcoming center where troops could relax and enjoy good food and entertainment during their 6–8-day layovers. Her motto was, "When they come to March, they're taken care of."

Laura, fondly known as the "Flag Mama" because of her patriotic attire, made it a point to be present for the arrival and departure of virtually every MARB flight carrying troops to and from the Central Command Area of Responsibility. She even purchased a motor home to park in the lot near the hangar so she could go quickly between home and the base. At the end of 2008, Laura had individually greeted more than 200,000 men and women on 4,000 flights. When the troops saw "Miss Laura" at the base to shake their hands and give them a hug, it was how they knew they were home.

Regardless of the recognition she received, Laura remained humble and modest. Upon returning home to California from the Pentagon