

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF EVAN ULINSKI ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Evan Ulinski of Elmore, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Evan's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2018. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Evan brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2018. While attending Woodmore High School in Elmore, Ohio, Evan served as a member of the Key Club and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization.

Throughout high school, Evan was a member of his school's football, baseball and wrestling teams and earned varsity letters in all three sports. I am confident that Evan will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Evan Ulinski on the offer of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Evan will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

IN MEMORY OF CAPTAIN JAMES EDWARD CHAFFIN III

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, April 12th, a Service of Death and Resurrection was held for an American hero Captain James Edward "Ed" Chaffin III.

Participating at the standing room only service at Mount Hebron United Methodist Church of West Columbia, South Carolina, were Iris Jo Harley as organist, with greetings from Reverend Mandy Taylor Young, remarks by Lt. Col. Phillip Jenison, and a sermon by Reverend Tim Rogers. Burial followed in the church graveyard.

The Service program contained the following tribute:

CAPTAIN JAMES EDWARD CHAFFIN, III

James Edward "Ed" Chaffin, III, was born on February 4, 1987, in West Columbia, South Carolina, the son of Elizabeth Rhodes

Chaffin and the late James Edward Chaffin, Jr. He passed away while serving with the 82nd Airborne Division in Kandahar, Afghanistan on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

Ed was a 2005 Honor Graduate of the Brookland-Cayce High School in Cayce, South Carolina, where he played football, was a member of the Interact Club, the National Honor Society, and the newspaper staff.

A 2009 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, he majored in Comparative Politics and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. While at West Point, he was a member of the Russian Club and participated in a club trip to the country of Azerbaijan.

Ed was an avid reader who enjoyed reading about history, especially on military subjects. He had a passion for travel and experiencing new cultures all over the world, which took him to Thailand, Vietnam, and Greece, just to name a few. He had a witty sense of humor, which was immediately evident to all who know him. Even far away, he always rooted for Gamecock football. He has a very caring spirit and a strong work ethic, making him an honored member of the armed forces protecting our freedom.

Ed's first tour of service was in 2011 for Operation Iraqi Freedom. His awards and decorations included the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the basic Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge, and the NATO Medal.

He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth "Beth" Chaffin of West Columbia; his sisters, Susan Chaffin Bilton and her husband, Jarod, of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and Nancy Chaffin of Charlotte, NC; and many classmates, friends, and fellow service members all over the world.

SAN ANTONIO MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the San Antonio Manufacturers Association (SAMA) is one of the oldest manufacturing associations in the country. And this year, SAMA celebrates its 100th year as the voice of the manufacturing industry in the San Antonio area.

"Made in America" is a label we want to see on advanced technologies produced by American laboratories and factories. We must ensure that the United States provides an environment where the manufacturing industry can strive and grow.

SAMA helps with this initiative. The Association advocates for policies that will boost American manufacturing and help train the next generation of manufacturers.

The manufacturing industry stimulates the economy by providing good paying jobs and creating high-quality American products. More than 1,500 manufacturing companies operate in the San Antonio area alone, and in 2011, these companies' combined impact on the local economy reached \$22.5 billion.

San Antonians greatly benefit from the manufacturing industry. Over 50,000 residents of the Alamo City work in this industry and the

average wage is 11 percent higher than the average wage for all San Antonio jobs. So the manufacturing industry is good for all Americans, especially those in Central Texas.

Congratulations, San Antonio Manufacturers Association, on reaching the century mark. And thank you for all you do for San Antonio and the great State of Texas.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TRAVELING EXOTIC ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Traveling Exotic Animal Protection Act. This legislation would restrict the use of exotic, non-domesticated animals in traveling entertainment.

Based upon publically available research, including video and photographic evidence, it is clear that traveling circuses cannot provide proper living conditions for exotic animals. This legislation is intended to target the most egregious situations involving exotic and wild animals in traveling circuses. Keeping elephants in chains, confining lions and tigers in small cages, forcing them to perform unnatural tricks for the sole purpose of human amusement is increasingly difficult to justify the more we learn about these intelligent, social creatures.

The Traveling Exotic Animal Protection Act would comprehensively tackle the use of all exotic animals in circuses. The bill would end the confinement of animals for extended periods in temporary facilities, stop cruel training and control methods employed by circuses, and limit the danger these animals pose to public safety. The bill intentionally targets only the most egregious conditions these exotic animals are subjected to and would not impact zoos, aquariums, rodeos or other static facilities with captive wildlife.

While this Congress needs to take action on a variety of issues vital to our nation's well-being, I believe we should also take the opportunity to focus public attention on instances of fundamental animal mistreatment. How we choose to treat animals is a reflection of our nation's values, for better or worse. Too often, however, inhumane activities are hidden, rarely discussed, and left to continue unabated.

The Traveling Exotic Animal Protection Act will ensure this significant animal protection issue, the use of exotic animals in traveling entertainment, receives proper scrutiny. I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance this important animal protection legislation.

CONGRATULATING CHRISTINE SULLIVAN

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Christine Sullivan on her retirement and thank her for her dedicated service