

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her 85th birthday in Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Hattie Crews for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all, now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 18, 2014 as Ms. Hattie Crews Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of August, 2014.

RECOGNIZING THE CAMARADERIE FOUNDATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Camaraderie Foundation, a Central Florida nonprofit organization that offers counseling, emotional support and spiritual guidance for military service members, veterans and their families.

The Camaraderie Foundation was founded in 2009 by Captain Michael Waldrop and his wife, Marnie. Following Capt. Waldrop's deployment to Afghanistan, the Waldrops sought counseling and found it to be vital to the wellbeing of their marriage and reintegration into the community. Capt. Waldrop noticed that stigma associated with counseling often dissuaded military members from benefitting from it. Believing that private counseling and spiritual community can alleviate post-deployment issues, the Waldrops started the Camaraderie Foundation to serve the military community.

The Camaraderie Foundation provides counseling scholarships to military service members and their families, community-building programs that create support networks before and after deployment, and a mentorship program that assists military members with their transitions back into civilian life.

According to the Camaraderie Foundation, 84,803 service members have been deployed from Central Florida since September 11, 2001. To these men and women, we owe a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. I thank them for their service, and I commend the Camaraderie Foundation for their extraordinary leadership and dedication to serving our nation's military.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOE MAZE

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joe Maze, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and war veteran. He was a devoted American and an exceptional servant to the Second Congressional District of Nebraska. While I never had the chance to meet Joe, the stories of his legacy should inspire us all.

He's remembered as a great warrior and dedicated serviceman who pledged his devotion to tirelessly fight for moralistic causes until

the very end. After the completion of two tours in Vietnam and retiring from the U.S. Air Force in 1971, Joe decided that his calling was to continue serving by becoming a part of the law enforcement community. He was a Papillion City Police Officer who diligently worked to protect and serve our community until 1995. His success was apparent as he advanced from Deputy to Captain of the Sarpy County Police Department during his law enforcement career. Not only did he strive to protect our community, but he helped safeguard it as well by volunteering with the Papillion Fire Department in his off time.

Those who knew Joe describe a completely selfless member of our community who was passionate about helping others in need. Those who knew him best say he was devoted to service, and gave his time and energy to those less fortunate. He was active in Masonic organizations in both Nebraska and Oregon. He traveled to Minnesota to visit children in the Shriners Hospital where he dressed up as Snuffy the Clown and would spend the day visiting with sick children making them laugh. It's said his gentle demeanor would raise anyone's spirits. This one act of kindness demonstrates that Joe left a very positive impact on this world. May we all find comfort in remembering the joy he brought to others.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in offering my deepest condolences to the Maze family for their loss. Let us honor him by reflecting on his lifetime of selfless service to others and may his legacy live on.

HONORING PRIVATE SAMUEL REED

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life of Private Samuel Reed, who served our nation during the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Private Reed will be honored on September 13, 2014 with a Grave Marking Ceremony at Reid's Chapel United Methodist in Murphy, North Carolina. Private Reed's fourth-great grandson, Edward Wayne Reid, and his wife Carol, have organized the event.

Born in Rowan County, North Carolina around the year 1750, Private Reed was a true patriot, serving in the Revolutionary War with his father, Colonel James Reed, and his six brothers. He fought in multiple key battles between the years of 1778 and 1781 throughout North Carolina, Georgia, and South Carolina. Additionally, during the War of 1812, Private Reed served in the North Carolina Militia.

After many years of military service, Private Reed and his wife, Rachel Sparks Reed, settled in Cherokee County, North Carolina. Private Reed died in 1851 at the age of 101 and was buried in the old Reed Cemetery, close to where Reid's Chapel United Methodist is today.

We owe our freedom and independence to great men like Private Samuel Reed. I am proud to honor this brave man and his many accomplishments in defense of our nation.

COMMEMORATING THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF UKRAINE AND RECOGNIZING THE VIBRANT AND ACTIVE UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed honor to commemorate the twenty-third anniversary of the independence of Ukraine and recognize the Ukrainian community of Rochester, NY for their valuable contributions to the development of the Rochester region and their unshakable support for a stable, democratic, prosperous and sovereign Ukraine in the face of tremendous adversity.

Since the Ukrainian parliament officially proclaimed Ukraine as an independent state on August 24, 1991, the people of Ukraine have worked tirelessly to establish a stable democracy and a prosperous economy open to western trade and investment. Though there have been many setbacks along the way, the will and determination of the Ukrainian people has never wavered and they have repeatedly shown their unwillingness to accept injustice or autocratic rule, most recently during the EuroMaidan movement.

Since the ouster of President Viktor Yanukovich in February 2014, Ukraine has encountered tremendous opposition and aggression from the Russian Federation and President Vladimir Putin. President Putin has used the full resources at his disposal to sow instability and unrest as Ukraine worked to elect a new President and integrate with Europe and the west. These tactics began with the Russian invasion and annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and continue to this day, as Russia arms and supports separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine so craven they shot down a commercial airliner carrying civilian passengers and blocked the international community's access to the crash site.

In response to Russia's actions, the United States Congress quickly passed legislation authorizing \$1 billion in loan guarantees to the Ukraine government, \$60 million in assistance for training and non-lethal equipment and material to the Ukrainian Armed Forces, National Guard, and State Border Guard Service, and over \$70 million to help Ukraine hold free and fair presidential elections, root out corruption, enhance their energy security, and stabilize their economy.

I also worked with my colleagues on the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus to introduce legislation to provide Ukraine with more robust military assistance as they battle well-funded separatist rebels supported by Russia in Eastern Ukraine. As the leading world power, the U.S. should give Ukraine the tools and resources it needs to stand up to this threat and maintain its independence, sovereignty, and democracy.

The city of Rochester, NY in my district has been blessed with a vibrant and active Ukrainian population that began settling the region as early as the 1880s. These hardworking and civic-minded citizens have left their mark in business, banking, medicine, public affairs, and other industries vital to the success of our community. They have also been active and