

Caucus and as an ardent supporter of the U.S. Military, to express my deepest condolences to the families of the six U.S. Marines and two Nepali soldiers, who died in the helicopter crash last Tuesday, May 12, 2015 in Nepal.

As we all know, Nepal suffered from the catastrophic 7.8 magnitude earthquake that hit Saturday, April 25, 2015, as well as many large aftershocks, including a 7.3 magnitude aftershock on May 12, 2015. Reports indicate that more than 8,000 people have been killed and 17,000 people have been injured in this poor and fragile country.

Among the first responders to this crisis were our dedicated men and women of the U.S. Marine Corps. America has a long and honorable history of humanitarian assistance during worldwide disasters and conflicts, and our men and women in uniform have consistently put themselves in harm's way to protect America and to protect our allies during times of need.

On this occasion, the eight were aboard a UH-1Y Huey helicopter that disappeared over northern Nepal, during a trip to fly relief materials to stricken villages.

Capt. Dustin R. Lukasiewicz of Nebraska; Capt. Christopher L. Norgren of Kansas; Sgt. Ward M. Johnson IV of Florida; Sgt. Eric M. Seaman of California; Cpl. Sara A. Medina of Illinois, and Lance Cpl. Jacob A. Hug of Arizona have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of the Nepalis, and they make me proud, once again, to be an American.

I am grateful for the leadership and dedication of Ambassador Bodde, the U.S. Embassy team in Nepal, the Department of Defense, and our service men and women for their efforts and their sacrifices to aid Nepal. To the people of Nepal, the United States stands with you during this difficult time. To the families of the six Marines, we thank you for paying the ultimate sacrifice, and our prayers are with you during this time of loss and immeasurable sadness.

HONORING SENIOR CORPS WEEK AND THE SERVICE OF OLDER AMERICANS

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of national Senior Corps week.

Older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers, and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities.

For more than four decades Senior Corps, and its three programs—RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents—have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans ages 55 and over in meeting national and community needs.

Each year Senior Corps provides opportunities for nearly 330,000 older Americans across the nation, including approximately 450 in Southern Arizona, to serve their communities. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to young Arizonans who have special needs. Senior Companions help homebound Arizona seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols for

local police departments, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 130 groups across Arizona.

Senior Corps volunteers last year provided more than 96.2 million hours of service, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system, protect our environment, provide independent living services, and contribute to our public safety.

Senior Corps volunteers build a capacity of organizations and communities by serving through more than 65,000 nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups nationwide.

At a time of mounting social needs and growing interest in service by older Americans, there is an unprecedented opportunity to harness the talents of 55-plus volunteers to address community challenges.

Service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy, and engaged; helps our communities by solving local problems, and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy.

The sixth annual Senior Corps Week, taking place May 18–22, 2015, is a time to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities and nation.

HONORING DR. ROY GLEN BROWER

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor my constituent, Dr. Roy Glen Brower, Professor of Medicine and the Medical Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Johns Hopkins Hospital, on the occasion of his receipt of the American Thoracic Society's Assembly on Critical Care 7th Annual Lifetime Achievement Award.

Originally from Kingston, New York, Dr. Brower graduated from Cornell University in 1972 and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1976. He subsequently completed his Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1979.

Feeling the need for one last adventure, Dr. Brower traveled to Keams Canyon, Arizona, with his wife, Theresa Brower, in 1979. He became a Medical Officer in the Indian Health Service, working at the Keams Canyon Indian Hospital and Clinics.

After returning to Baltimore in 1981 and completing his Fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Brower began what has become a long and illustrious career at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. While his accomplishments and contributions to critical care medicine are too numerous to list here, several deserve special mention.

In 1988, Dr. Brower became the Director of the Critical Care Medicine Program in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and the Medical Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit, positions he continues to hold and excel at to this day.

In 2000, Dr. Brower and his colleagues in the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

(ARDS) Network published "Ventilation with Lower Tidal Volumes as Compared with Traditional Tidal Volumes for Acute Lung Injury and the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome" in the New England Journal of Medicine. Dr. Brower served as the Chair of the Protocol and Writing Committees for this study, which reduced fatalities of Intensive Care Unit patients with ARDS by 9 percent. Dr. Brower's study became the second most cited medical publication for a decade.

Dr. Brower is a devoted and loving husband, father, son, brother, and friend. His research has saved the lives of thousands and advanced the field of medicine all over the world. He has been called the foundation of the Johns Hopkins critical care group, a role model for his division and beyond, and an outstanding teacher. His family and colleagues have no doubt that he fights for the best in science and medicine. He is in the right war at the right time.

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HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, CrossRoadsNews began publishing in 1995, bringing a much-needed voice to and for the citizens of South DeKalb County; and

Whereas, Jennifer and Curtis Parker—journalists extraordinaire—published the first issue of CrossRoadsNews on their personal computer in their Decatur home with the desire and vision to touch the lives of thousands in their community by informing, educating and enlightening their neighbors on issues that affect the quality of life, county services and economic impact of businesses in South DeKalb. The first 3,000 copies were circulated among twenty eight subdivisions along Kelly Chapel and Wesley Chapel roads; and

Whereas, in 2001, CrossRoadsNews was publishing twice per month with a circulation of 15,000; In 2005, CrossRoadsNews was publishing weekly and has since been publishing in print and online reaching an audience of more than 188,000 with 28,000 copies published weekly; and

Whereas, with the power of the pen and the consensus of the community, CrossRoadsNews is keeping the community active with its award-winning reporting, community health fairs and educational panels thanks to a stellar team of editors, reporters and employees; and

Whereas, CrossRoadsNews is a great example of the American Dream writ large, a family-owned operation providing excellent service, employment opportunities and top-notch journalism that "keeps America honest" and thus contributes to the local and state economy; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia is today, officially honoring, recognizing and congratulating CrossRoadsNews, on their twenty (20th) year anniversary as a business anchor in our District; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim April 25, 2015 as CrossRoadsNews, Inc. Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of April, 2015.