

simply from what happens in the ring. This bill does it like it's never done before." Ring Magazine said "Imagine a world in which fighters are not taken advantage of financially, title shots are awarded to legitimate contenders, and bogus alphabet organizations slowly fade from existence. If the Ali Act passes . . . that boxing heaven may just be located right here on earth."

H.R. 1832 would stop promoters from taking long term advantage of boxers. It prohibits coercive contracts, and limits acceptable conflicts of interests. H.R. 1832 also cleans up boxing's sanctioning bodies. All boxing ranking must be done based on objective and consistent written and published criteria, and sanctioning body employees are prohibited from receiving bribes from boxers and promoters. Under the philosophy that sunlight is the best disinfectant for corruption, promoters, sanctioning bodies, and boxing judges and referees are all required to disclose their sources of benefits and compensation to prevent any backroom underhanded dealing.

Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali agreed to lend his name to this bill because he believes that boxers need to be protected from the "dishonest ways" of some promoters and managers. Boxing News wrote that "Pure, unvarnished greed is killing the game . . . Boxing desperately needs [a Federal] law . . . to cut down on the terrible corruption." H.R. 1832 by Congressman OXLEY cuts down on the corruption and brings honesty and fair and open dealing back to the sport of boxing.

I urge your support for this legislation.

SUPPORTING DAY OF HONOR FOR
MINORITY WORLD WAR II VET-
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SPEECH OF

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Joint Resolu-

tion 98 to support Minority Veterans who fought in WW II.

I ask you to join me in commending a group of well deserving military veterans. On April 12, this resolution was introduced with bipartisan support, to recognize the extraordinary contribution of minority veterans during World War II. Several U.S. Senators including military veterans JOHN MCCAIN, JOHN WARNER, and STROM THURMOND have co-sponsored an identical resolution in the U.S. Senate which passed with unanimous consent on May 18, 2000.

During World War II more than 1.5 million minorities recognized that the United States was an imperfect nation but also realized that it was their nation. Even though there was racism and segregation present throughout the country, like the famous Massachusetts 54th, these individuals anted up to serve their country in the Armed Forces in the belief that our nation could and would change. As a result of their unselfish call to duty, many of them sacrificed their lives.

A "Day of Honor" in recognition of their courageous service is long overdue. The Day of Honor 2000 Project is sponsored by a committed group of individuals, including minority veterans, who truly understand the importance of this effort. They are helping organize this initiative in communities throughout the nation.

These veterans through their effectiveness in combat and their devotion to duty helped destroy the color barrier within the Armed Forces and in American society in general.

IN HONOR OF MR. AND MRS.
CLAYTON PETTY, SR., ON THEIR
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Clayton and Marion Petty on their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. This special celebration is a great testament to their extraor-

dinary dedication to each other and their family.

Fifty years ago the world was a different place. President Truman was in the White House and Europe was still trying to overcome the destruction of World War II. And fifty years ago a young couple named Clayton and Marion began their married life. Fifty years later, that couple is surrounded by friends and loved ones celebrating a union more lasting and meaningful than newspaper headlines and trivia found in history books.

Today, with so much change in the world, traditional values and long term commitments may at times seem lost and forgotten. However, on May 27, 2000 what will not be forgotten, but reaffirmed and celebrated, is the marriage of Clayton and Marion Petty and their commitment to their family and the community of Bayonne, New Jersey. They are an example for us all.

Mr. and Mrs. Petty have contributed greatly to their community; and an example of that community involvement is their recent induction into the S.P.O.R.T. Bayonne High School Hall of Fame, an organization the Pettys helped found for local kids who love to play soccer. The Pettys are involved in many other organizations as well, including: Soccer Bees; F.A. Mackenzie Post; the Mackenzie Post Auxiliary; United Cerebral Palsy; Assumption Catholic War Vets; Korean War Vets; and the Bayonne Youth Foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Petty always place family first. They are the proud parents of five children, Patrick, Kathleen, Lauren, Robert, and the late Timothy. Their Children have brought them tremendous joy over the years.

I extend my sincere congratulations and admiration to the Pettys. May your life together continue to be full of love and family. I also ask that my colleagues join me in honoring them on this very special occasion.