

Signal. Known for his honest approach to life, Mathew took a firm stand on community issues. Most recently, he was the founder and chairman of STOP, an organization created to block plans to run a natural gas pipeline underneath 33 North Jersey communities, including Little Falls and the 20 other towns in my Congressional District in New Jersey. I was proud to work along side of Mathew during these months fighting the pipeline. Even though we were from opposite sides of the aisle, Mathew never let politics get in the way of a cause in which he believed. We worked together in a bipartisan way to accomplish a goal on an issue we both were passionate about. He was a tireless advocate of the families in the area. Along with his help, we fought the battle against the pipeline, and I pledge to continue to fight in his honor.

Mathew Witecki was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 3835, the past president of the Passaic County Historical Society, trustee of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund and treasurer of Passaic County Vision 20/20 Inc. He was also a member of the Little Falls Planning Board,

former chairman and trustee of Passaic County Solid Waste Authority and a member of the Little Falls Garden Club.

The father of four, grandfather of 11, and great-grandfather of two, mayor Mathew Witecki is survived by his wife, the former Helen T. Stolarz; two sons, Mathew and John; two daughters, Patricia Murphy and Marybeth Witecki.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me, the family of Mayor Mathew Witecki, the residents of Little Falls and Passaic County, his friends and co-workers in honoring the life of a great man.

RECOGNIZING 225TH BIRTHDAY OF
THE UNITED STATES ARMY

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, The United States Army was established by the

First Continental Congress on the 14th day of June, 1775; and

Whereas, The United States Army exists to defend the freedom of our citizens and our nation's security interests; and

Whereas, Many citizens of the Ohio Valley have served their nation and given the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedoms; and

Whereas, The United States Army is to be commended for 225 years of dedicated service; and

Therefore, I join with all residents of Ohio in recognizing the United States Army as it celebrates its 225th Birthday this June 14, 2000.

Furthermore, I declare the period from June 12 through June 18, 2000, as United States Army Week.