

San Mateo, California in Business Administration with a specialization in Public Affairs. Developing an interest in housing needs, Mr. Williams attended New York University's Real Estate Institute as well as the National Housing Center Institute in Washington, D.C. He is a Certified Manager of Housing, an Accredited Residential Manager, and a Licensed Real Estate agent in the State of New York.

Earl is currently serving as the Chairman of Community Planning Board 5. He was recently elected Democratic State Committeeman for the 40th Assembly District. As a Lions Club member, he has served as the District Governor for Brooklyn and Queens and has fundraised for multiple charities. He is also a former member of the 75th Precinct Community Council as well as the Panamanian Council of New York.

He has been recognized extensively for his devotion to East New York. As Director of Starrett Information Technology and Education Center, he has provided computer training for his community. For his devotion, Mr. Williams is the recipient of a Presidential Medal, three Presidential Leadership Awards and is also the recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The City of New York and the New York State Senate have also recognized his contributions.

Mr. Speaker, Earl Williams has devoted his life to serving his community and his church. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable man.

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ALL WARS VETERANS' MEMORIAL

**HON. DOUG OSE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2001*

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the West Sacramento Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8762 for establishing an All Wars Veterans' Memorial in West Sacramento, California. After several years of hard work and planning, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8762 established a Veteran's Plaza on the City of West Sacramento's scenic riverfront as a tribute to the hundreds of thousands of America's military veterans who have served their country during all its wars. I am pleased to report that June 16, 2001 will mark the completion of the first-ever all wars veterans' memorial in the city of West Sacramento. I commend VFW Post No. 8762 for their dedication to serving our veterans, in addition to their constant vigilance in remembering America's Prisoners of War/Missing in Action veterans.

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INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO HELP OUR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS BECOME MORE EFFICIENT BY FACILITATING THE PRIVATIZATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2001*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I am joined by Representative MATSUI in

the introduction of an important piece of legislation to help our military installations become more efficient by opening up their water and wastewater installations to competition. This legislation will allow the Department of Defense to use these savings to accomplish their main mission, protecting our nation.

In 1998, Congress realized that an innovative and more efficient system was needed to rid the Department of huge backlogs in their capital infrastructure and to free up funding for meeting readiness and procurement needs. Specifically, the Strom Thurmond Defense Authorization Act directed the military to outsource the operation of its water and wastewater utilities.

The intention of the program is to have a private contractor take control of the facility and be solely responsible for its operations. The Government would then repay these costs over the term of the contract in the form of utility rates.

Unfortunately our tax code has kept these important savings from happening. Existing law requires the Internal Revenue Service to subject this transfer to the so-called "Contribution In Aid of Construction"—or CIAC—tax on the full replacement value of the system. This federal transfer tax is paid by the DoD and it amounts to a circular transfer of money with no net benefit to the U.S. Government.

Not only does the CIAC penalize competition and efficiency, it also discriminates against new entrants into the water and wastewater market. Through guidelines crafted for an out-of-date system, the tax code currently only exempts traditional water and wastewater providers from this CIAC tax. This uneven application creates a huge distortion and will likely discourage many potential private sector bidders to operate the DoD's systems. Without robust competition to offer these services, DoD will never realize the needed savings intended by the 1998 defense authorization bill.

My legislation corrects this tax-code discrepancy among all potential providers. DoD will be able to maximize competition and evaluate all potential bidders under its utility privatization programs based upon the true cost of their services. It will ensure the successful implementation of this cost-saving effort and provide desperately needed financial flexibility to meet other pressing national defense priorities. I urge my colleagues to join me on this proposal.

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TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL VALENTINO FALCON

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2001*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor to the accomplishments of Corporal Valentino Falcon, City of Chino, Officer of the Year 2001.

Corporal Falcon joined the Chino Police Department on April 24, 1989. He was promoted to Corporal on September 15, 1996.

As Weaponless Defense Instructor, and Assistant Team Leader on the SWAT team, Corporal Falcon has instructed the Citizen Academy participants in gang crimes. He has also addressed the attendees of the California

State Parent and Teachers Association on gang crimes and violence in schools. He has generously volunteered to share his expertise by going on Patrol to mentor marginal trainees going through the Field Training Office Program. Corporal Falcon continues to provide support to officers wherever they are assigned.

Corporal Falcon currently serves as the President of the Political Action Committee, the Chino Police Department liaison for the Inland Empire Coalition Against Hate Crimes, and is a member of the Inland Valley Robbery/Homicide Investigators Association, the San Bernardino County Gang Violence Suppression Project, and the Inland Empire Gang/Drug Task Force.

Assigned as the case agent in the investigation of the death of Officer Russell Miller, his involvement in developing the effective use of PowerPoint in the closing arguments will become the norm in the near future. His diligence and outstanding professional approach to each case he handles, have gained the respect of other police agencies, and members of the legal community.

The exemplary commitment to the Chino Police Department, leadership skills and exceptional civic responsibility demonstrated by Corporal Falcon have truly earned him the recognition as Chino Police Officer of the Year. I sincerely extend my congratulations and thank him for his service to his community.

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IN HONOR OF GILBERT RIVERA

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2001*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Gilbert Rivera, a man who takes tremendous pride in his heritage and humble beginnings, for his tireless work on behalf of his community.

Gilbert Rivera left Puerto Rico for the Bedford-Stuyvesant community of Brooklyn when he was nine years old. After graduating from Automotive High School, Rivera entered the United States Army.

After finishing his service in the United States Army, Gilbert began working for a small construction company and saved his money to start his own company. His dream was realized when he and his twelve siblings started AM & G Waterproofing after purchasing an abandoned building. As a self-starter, Gilbert knew what it would take to make his businesses succeed and today he employs over two hundred workers at AM & G. Mr. Rivera has also been tremendously successful with his other enterprise, the Park Avenue Home Center, which boasts over 15,000 square feet of retail space and offers top name, quality products for both contractors and consumers.

In addition, Gilbert has a deep commitment to his community and recognizes that with his success comes his responsibility for leadership and mentoring. That is why he is a benefactor to numerous charitable and community programs. Rivera's belief in "giving back" to the community is visible by looking at the programs which he supports that influence inner city minority youth.

Mr. Speaker, Gilbert Rivera has devoted his life to better serving his community. He

spends time and tireless energy lending himself to his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable man.

DENCIL HAYCOX, RIO RANCHO'S  
FIRST PUBLIC SAFETY CHIEF  
RETIRES

**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2001*

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to salute Dencil Haycox, the city of Rio Rancho's first and only public safety officer, on the occasion of his retirement after an impressive two decades of dedicated service.

Chief Haycox was first hired in 1981 as a police planner to set up the Rio Rancho Police Department shortly after the city of 10,000 incorporated. He quickly established a force consisting of one sergeant and seven officers. In 1985, he became the director of public safety when the City Council created the current Department of Public Safety. Since then he built the current force of 104 police officers and 37 fire and rescue personnel.

Chief Haycox's commitment and leadership truly have been instrumental in enhancing the special quality of life in the City of Vision. In Chief Haycox, people have been served by someone who has made their safety and well-being his life's work and has been very attentive to their needs. He has served under eight different mayors, and during that time he has shown his willingness to respond to problems, large and small, for the people he served.

He literally took a department that did not exist and made it into what it is today. His colleagues have described him as someone who set high standards for his department and always wanted to help his employees grow professionally. For example, when an employee made a mistake, he tried to use the mistake as a learning opportunity.

Rio Rancho is extremely fortunate to have had the leadership of an individual as dedicated, experienced, and successful as Dencil Haycox. I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting him on the occasion of his retirement, and I wish him continued success.

TRIBUTE TO DOGS THAT HAVE  
PARTICIPATED IN THE LINE OF  
DUTY WITH AMERICAN TROOPS

**HON. ALLEN BOYD**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2001*

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, throughout history, the bravery and dedication demonstrated by soldiers has long been remembered. As a veteran of the Vietnam War, I wanted to take the time to recognize important, yet often forgotten, heroes of the United States of America.

As you may know, dogs have gone through combat at the side of their masters or have been used in direct support of combat operations throughout the history of warfare. The Army Quartermasters Corps began the U.S. Armed Forces first war dog training during

WW II and continued to employ trained dogs in Korea. In Vietnam, the U.S. Army was the largest employer of War Dogs of all the services and used Sentry, Scout, Tracker, Mine and Tunnel dogs.

During my service in Vietnam as a rifle platoon leader in the 101st Airborne Division, I had many opportunities to work with these dogs and their handlers. More specifically, my unit was in service with the 48th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon during the Lam Son campaign in March of 1971. These dogs were an integral part of our forces. They were trained to work in silence, provided early warnings of snipers, ambushes, mines, booby traps, and other dangers in the surrounding area. Scout Dog Teams were normally first in line when on patrol; our eyes and ears, our first line of protection.

Although thousands of dogs have participated in the line of duty with American troops, they also provided a unique sense of comfort and protection for soldiers who were wounded or in need of assistance. Fiercely loyal to handlers and fellow troops, the military recognized the contributions and impact dogs had on war efforts. While there are ample examples of heroism displayed by these selfless canine combatants, I can recall one specific instance that demonstrates the relationship between the dogs and soldiers.

On patrol one afternoon, the scout dog and his handler assigned to my group met with some trouble. The handler was seriously injured and needed to be medevaced out for immediate medical assistance. Attesting to the strength of the bond between dog and human, the handler expressed concern that the dog, who had been trained not to leave his side, would become uncontrollable without him. When the helicopter arrived it could not land and it had to lower a basket through the trees. When the soldier was being placed into the basket however, the dog incredibly followed. We watched with a strange mixture of sadness and relief as the pair was lifted to safety together.

While these four legged heroes are unable to share their war stories with the American people, as a veteran that has personally experienced the positive impact of canine combatants, I want to share with you their glory, hardships, danger, and successes that are a touching yet significant aspect of American history.

TRIBUTE TO DR. GLENN BURDICK,  
SUPERINTENDENT, WINCHESTER  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2001*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of our colleagues one of the most outstanding educators in the 10th District of Virginia. Dr. Glenn Burdick is retiring this month as superintendent of Winchester Public Schools.

In looking at Dr. Burdick's distinguished resume, it is easy to see that education has been a lifelong passion.

Dr. Burdick received his BA degree in mathematics from Old Dominion University in 1970, and later earned his master of science in edu-

cational administration and his certificate of advanced study in educational administration both from ODU, in 1977 and 1979 respectively. In 1996 he received his doctor of education degree from the University of Virginia.

Dr. Burdick's entire educational career has been in service to the young people of Virginia. He began in 1970 as a mathematics teacher at I.C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth, Virginia, and later served as Evening High School principal at the school. Dr. Burdick began taking on administrative responsibilities in 1977, as the coordinator of planning and budgeting for Portsmouth Public Schools, where he served until 1983.

In 1983 he became principal of Buffalo Gap High School in Augusta County, Virginia, serving in that capacity for three years. In a glimpse of things to come, Dr. Burdick became assistant superintendent of Staunton City Schools in 1986. Finally, in 1991 he accepted the position of superintendent of Winchester Public Schools, a post he has held for the past ten years.

Dr. Burdick could easily have been kept busy by the growing demands of his profession. But he did not miss an opportunity to play an active role in his local community and the world at large.

His activities have spanned the spectrum, serving on the boards of the Kids Voting-Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Kids Are Our Concern, United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley, Winchester Rotary Club and the Winchester-Frederick Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Burdick looked beyond Virginia's boundaries as a participant in the Fulbright Memorial Fund, a program which included a three-week visit to educational and cultural institutions in Tokyo and Kagoshima, Japan. In 1999 he participated in the Oxford International Round Table on the Superintendency and Principalship in Oxford, England.

He has been published on several occasions, most recently in the November 2000 issue of the Virginia School Board Association Newsletter—an article appropriately titled, "Helping Superintendents Succeed."

Later this week Dr. Burdick will officially retire from his position as superintendent of Winchester Public Schools. But he is not retiring from the field of education, and for that we are fortunate. He plans to begin teaching full time as a professor at Shenandoah University.

A Thomas Jefferson quotation in one of the corridors of the U.S. Capitol reads, "Enlighten the people generally, and tyranny and oppressions of body and mind will vanish like evil spirits at the dawn of day." Dr. Burdick has dedicated his life in countless different capacities to enlightening the minds of children throughout the state of Virginia, and in doing so he has answered a noble call and filled a compelling need. We are thankful for his past service and look forward to reaping the benefits of his knowledge and passion for education in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF RICKY PEREZ

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2001*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ricky Perez for his tireless devotion to improving his community.