

Three nations that have privatized their air traffic control operations have been disappointed with the results. Great Britain's experiment with privatization has left the air traffic control system facing bankruptcy and frequent performance setbacks. Canada is also facing revenue shortages in its air traffic control system as well as a potential strike by the employees because of working conditions. In Australia, air traffic controllers walked out of airports earlier this year to protest stalled pay talks and have continuing concerns about on-the-job stress and fatigue.

Clearly, these are not systems that the United States should be striving to replicate. Privatizing air traffic control is a bad idea. Our government should not be looking to place profits over safety.

I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing opposition to the President's executive order stripping the inherently governmental designation from our air traffic control system. Our nation's air traffic control system is strong and safe; privatization will only make it weak.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL WILEY  
EDWIN "BUD" ANDREWS

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 17, 2002*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to one of North Carolina's favorite sons, Colonel Wiley Edwin "Bud" Andrews, upon his retirement from the North Carolina National Guard.

Theodore Roosevelt, our nation's 25th President and a member of the National Guard, once said:

It is not the critic who counts . . . The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust; sweat and blood; who strives valiantly . . . who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotions who spends himself in a worthy cause; who . . . knows in the end the triumph of higher achievement.

For thirty-two years and five months Colonel Andrews has actually been in that arena, Mr. Speaker, as he has served in our nation's military. As a member of the National Guard, Colonel Andrews has participated in a number of important emergency response efforts and has helped spread and foster democracy through his work in the former Soviet Republic of Moldova.

Since he joined the National Guard at the age of 20, Colonel Andrews has become a decorated and experienced guard member. He began his military career as a Medical Platoon Leader and quickly rose through the ranks to be a Finance Maintenance Battalion Commander and finally serving as Deputy Commander of the United States Property and Fiscal Office. Indeed, Colonel Andrews has served his state and nation with distinction and devotion through two deployments to South Korea and by negotiating the Memorandum of Understanding with Moldova. In addition to his many awards and accomplishments, he is also a graduate of the prestigious U.S. Army War College. Now, at the close of his military career, Colonel Andrews is truly an example of "the triumph of higher achievement."

In his retirement, Colonel Andrews will not step out of the arena of which President Roosevelt so eloquently spoke. Bud is, and will continue to be, an integral part of Johnston County and the town of Smithfield where he lives. After rising to the rank of Eagle Scout and his graduation from Campbell University, Bud became President of the Capital City Jaycees in Raleigh. In Johnston County, Bud became a State Vice President for Community Affairs of the North Carolina Jaycees and a Jaycee International Senator. Bud has further served his community as President of the Johnston County Young Democrats, the Downtown Smithfield Development corporation, and the Greater Smithfield-Selma Chamber of Commerce. Bud has also had a successful career as a Vice President and Commercial Banker for the First Bank and Trust Company. Currently, he is serving as Chairman of the Johnston County Tourism Authority. Clearly, Bud's "great enthusiasm" for community service has yielded great results for Johnston County and the town of Smithfield.

Mr. Speaker, the National Guard is one of the most respected and reliable military forces in the world, and Colonel Bud Andrews has been a vital part of the North Carolina Guard's success. On behalf of a grateful state, and nation, I thank him for his selfless service to his country, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

May God's strength, peace, and joy be with him always.

COMMEMORATING AND ACKNOWLEDGING DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE MADE BY MEN AND WOMEN KILLED OR DISABLED WHILE SERVING AS PEACE OFFICERS

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 406, a resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women killed or disabled while serving as peace officers.

Each day more than 700,000 peace officers patrol the streets and borders of this nation. They work tirelessly to stamp out crime, eradicate drugs, and preserve civility. They knowingly and willingly make a commitment to uphold the law of this country at any cost. There are truly no words to express my gratitude to the commitment peace officers make day in and day out, but these will have to do. Because of these noble men and women, Americans can sleep better at night knowing that their streets are safe and borders are secure.

On September 11, our nation lost 70 peace officers in a single act of violence, the largest number of law enforcement officers our nation has ever lost in a single act. However, we can rest assured that more than 740,000 peace officers continue to work on the behalf of the American people. They have vowed to ensure peace and will not rest until that promise is made true.

In appreciation of peace officers efforts, Congress has recognized May 15 as the day

in which we will nationally acknowledge the men and women who gave their life or way of life for peace. By enacting H. Res. 406, Congress joins the families of more than 14,000 fallen law enforcement officers since this country's birth. 14,000 officers that gave their life so Americans can preserve their way of life. There is truly no greater gift. Therefore, Mr. Speaker I stand before you today to show my enthusiastic support of H. Res 406.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 17, 2002*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I did not vote in Rolls 226, 227, 228, and 229 of June 13, 2002 due to a family commitment. Had I been present, the record would reflect that I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 226 Providing For Consideration of H.R. 4019, "nay".

Rollcall No. 227 On Approving The Journal, "yea".

Rollcall No. 228 Matsui Amendment, "yea".

Rollcall No. 229 Final Passage H.R. 4019, "nay".

COMMENDING THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. ZACH WAMP**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 17, 2002*

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, the September 11th terrorist attacks were an unprecedented assault upon the American way of life. It is important that we memorialize the civilians who were killed and console the friends and families who would never want their loved ones to be forgotten. I would like to commend the Oak Ridge High School Student Council in Oak Ridge, Tennessee for their plan to do just that.

Since September 17th, they have been working tirelessly to earn support for their plan to purchase all of the scrap steel from the World Trade Center rubble and fashion it into memorial displays for every cooperating high school in America. Their proposal also suggests that a plaque would be affixed to the steel describing the events in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania as a visible reminder of that dreadful moment in our history. Students at ORHS, along with their Student Council Advisor Kenneth Senter, have received the endorsement of their school leaders, their city leaders, and their state legislature. Over one hundred students have helped raise money, write letters, and propose memorial designs. Their next step is to build the sanction of their local government by starting a charitable fund that will pursue national contributions and cooperation.

They call on all citizens of this nation—every student, every teacher, every parent, and every leader to contemplate the potential of these memorials. They call on all communities in this nation to come together at unveiling ceremonies across this country to remember that we are all one community and that we