

who passed away Monday, was a man of wisdom and a man of God, and served his community with distinction. He will be dearly missed.

Reverend Leggett guided the St. John's Missionary Baptist Church in Ypsilanti for 32 years. His style moved the members of the church. So commanding, in fact, was his delivery and presence that he was nicknamed "sergeant." He was not only masterful on the pulpit, but also was an accomplished writer and singer, who employed a good sense of humor.

"Sergeant" Leggett's dedicated service was not limited to Ypsilanti, but included serving in leadership positions in national African American Baptist conventions. In so doing, his work touched the lives of many across this great land, and his memory will be broadly remembered.

Rev. Leggett is survived by his wife of 42 years, Bernice, as well as sons Steve, Willie, and Harvey Jr., and daughter Angela. They are in the thoughts and prayers of many in the Ypsilanti community, and I would ask that they also be in ours. Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to join me in extending our condolences to the Leggett family, and to honor the life of a great man and community leader, Harvey Leggett Sr.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAN NOWAK—
JEZIORANSKI

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the most respected leaders of America's Polish community, Jan Nowak-Jezioranski. As he prepares to return to Poland, I would like to take this opportunity to bid him farewell and thank him for his decades of service in this country as a remarkable civil servant and defender of freedom and democracy.

Both the United States and Europe are greatly indebted to Mr. Nowak-Jezioranski. In World War II, he was an acclaimed "Courier from Warsaw" who served as a liaison between the Home Army in the occupied Polish territory and the Polish government in exile in London and representatives of the British government. In addition, he was a key witness that spoke out against the atrocities of the Nazi occupants in Central and Eastern Europe. Near the end of the Cold War, Jan Nowak-Jezioranski was the director of the Polish section of Radio Free Europe. In this capacity, he gave millions of his countrymen the strength and courage to not give up hope behind the Iron Curtain. As a U.S. Citizen, Jan Nowak-Jezioranski bolstered my colleagues and my efforts to contain the Soviet block. Due to his leadership, he was able to help opposition groups in Central and Eastern Europe flourish.

Jan Nowak-Jezioranski's vision helped Poland become one of our closest allies in Europe. Following the historic changes, he helped the American public realize the importance of supporting Poland's struggling democracy both economically and politically. Mr. Nowak-Jezioranski recognized the need to abolish the political, social and economic divi-

sions in Europe and therefore, he diligently supported NATO expansion. As a member of the Alliance, Poland has proven a creditable source during the Kosovo campaign and the war on terrorism.

Mr. Nowak-Jezioranski has been a long time supporter of the transatlantic community and promoter of democratic values. I believe that our nations will maintain their commitment to strengthening the transatlantic community and encouragement of democratic ideals. It is my hope that from across the Atlantic, Mr. Jan Nowak-Jezioranski will remain active in the public debate on issues that are key to our nations' futures. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing immense gratitude for Mr. Jan Nowak-Jezioranski's numerous contributions to the cause of democracy and freedom,

SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM
PROTECTION ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Social Security Program and Protection Act. This legislation is a protective measure that would maintain the integrity of Social Security Programs.

H.R. 4070 would protect the nearly 7 million Social Security and SSI beneficiaries who cannot manage their own finances and have a "representative payee." This legislation prevents misuse of benefits by: (1) authorizing the reissuance of certain misused benefits, (2) disqualifying from serving as representatives payees fugitive felons and those who have been convicted and imprisoned more than a year, and (3) expanding civil monetary penalties to include representative payees misuse of benefits.

In addition, this legislation would also further protect Social Security by Clarifying that civil monetary penalties can be imposed for failure to notify SSA of changed circumstances that affect eligibility or benefit amount.

H.R. 4070 includes provisions that aim to support meaningful work opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The bill would ensure that employers who hire individuals with disabilities through referral by an employer network qualify for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.

Now is the time to save Social Security. We must ensure the viability and integrity of Social Security for the sake of our nation's most deserving citizens. Half of all American workers do not have employer-provided retirement programs and must rely on Social Security and their own savings.

If we do not protect Social Security, there will be serious poverty among the elderly. Women are particularly vulnerable because they have lower income retirement than men and are likely to live in poverty. Couple this reality with the vulnerability of those recipients who cannot manage their own financial affairs and the need to safeguard social security becomes even more evident.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Colleagues to support this legislation. Social Security is one of the most critical issues facing Congress today. This legislation recognizes the importance of

Social Security to the long-term economic stability of Americans.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MID-COLUMBIA
VETERANS MEMORIAL IN
THE DALLES, OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues the pride I feel as an American and as a native of The Dalles, Oregon in the establishment of the Mid-Columbia Veterans Memorial, which I will join the community leaders of The Dalles in dedicating on the 4th of July. On this hallowed day, as we observe the founding of the greatest nation in the history of mankind, it is fitting that we honor the patriots who have fought and died to keep it so.

This memorial was conceived by the citizens of The Dalles to pay tribute to the sons and daughters of Oregon's Mid-Columbia region who served our nation in times of war. Building on an existing memorial to local veterans of the Vietnam War, leaders of this community launched an effort to create a lasting monument to every veteran of the Mid-Columbia who has served the United States in uniform. Built from funds gathered from the State of Oregon, the federal government, local businesses and private citizens, the memorial we will unveil arose from the hearts of the men and women of the Mid-Columbia who remain forever grateful for the sacrifices that purchased the freedom they so deeply cherish. I am proud to have assisted in securing federal funds for this worthy project, just as I am proud to have hailed from a community whose ground has been so fertile in producing patriotic citizens.

Mr. Speaker, no memorial to our nation's veterans seeks to glorify armed conflict or celebrate the tragedy that war represents. Rather, they are erected to pay homage to the virtue that is found among men and women for whom the triumph of despotism and tyranny is more terrifying even than their own deaths.

Mr. Speaker, the philosopher John Stuart Mill once wrote, "War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing he cares about more than his personal safety, is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself."

It is only by God's grace that our nation has been blessed with such men and women, whose exertions have safeguarded the freedom not only of this nation, but of much of the rest of the free world. Men like Charles R. Rubart of The Dalles, who was killed in action in 1899 while serving in the Philippines, far from the beauty of his native land. Men like Loren Kaufman, a son of The Dalles who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry in action during the Korean War. Men like Stan Adams, another Korean War veteran who also received our nation's highest award for leading the men under his command on a bayonet charge against an enemy force 10