

film U.S. military personnel as they boarded a Syrian freighter suspected of carrying smuggled Iraqi oil. Minutes later, the helicopter crashed into the ocean, killing Larry and injuring four American sailors.

In his more than 25 years as an investigative journalist, Larry Greene won more than 40 prestigious journalist awards. Among them dozens of Emmys, Golden Mikes, Press Photographer Association awards, and the prestigious Alfred I. Dupont-Columbia University Award. Just last year, Larry was named "photo journalist of the year" by the Southern California Media Association.

In addition to his service in the Persian Gulf, Larry exhibited great bravery by taking on other extremely dangerous assignments such as the El Salvador and Armenian earthquakes, the civil unrest in Haiti, and the events in Saudi Arabia immediately following the September 11th attacks.

I had the privilege of working with Larry when he came to Washington during the Anthrax attacks last October to interview Congressional Members and policy leaders.

My constituents and I will miss the work of this intensely talented newsman who was dedicated to bringing the news from far away home to all of us. Our prayers are with his wife Diana, and their two sons, Clayton and Connor, as well as his colleagues and friends at KCBS.

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HONORING ARLENE HEWITT

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 13, 2002*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the diligent, innovative and civic-minded work of Mrs. Arlene Hewitt. After 35 years of dedicated service to INOVA Alexandria Hospital, Mrs. Hewitt has decided to retire, but her active role as a community leader in the Northern Virginia region will undoubtedly continue.

Raised in Brookline, Massachusetts, Arlene relocated to Alexandria, Virginia with her family in 1967, to join the former Alexandria Hospital in an effort to establish an innovative new program. Keenly aware of the poor social services available to the disadvantaged members of the community, Arlene began her tireless effort to establish and then direct the hospital's first social work department. Through this department, Arlene made numerous accomplishments, including initiating the Senior Health Access outreach program, establishing a hospital employee assistance program, collaborating with the Alexandria Health Department to create an early childhood immunization program, and playing an instrumental role in coordinating initiatives to reduce unintended pregnancies, stamp out teenage smoking and promote bike helmet safety. These socially conscious programs have given an enormous boost to the health services of Alexandria and the Northern Virginia region. Without Arlene's untiring dedication, these highly effective serv-

ices that continually provide enormous benefits to the region would not exist.

Outside of her job, Arlene has also served in a variety of positions with many outstanding organizations. She is actively involved in her synagogue, serving on the Board of Directors at Alexandria's Beth El Hebrew Congregation. Beginning with an appointment to the Executive Committee and later serving as Committee Chair, Arlene has been associated with the Alexandria United Way for over 30 years. Her unmatched devotion led to her being awarded a life membership to the Alexandria United Way and the prestigious 2002 Alexandria United Way Outstanding Services Award. While most people would end their philanthropic activities here, Arlene has repeatedly gone above and beyond the call to civic duty. She has also served on the Alexandria Committee on Aging, been a charter member of the Alexandria Health Advisory Commission, chaired the Alexandria Chapter of AARP's health council and has been specially recognized by the Northern Virginia Rotary District Governor for outstanding service to the [chyp]elderly.

Mr. Speaker, words alone cannot adequately describe the communities' gratitude to Arlene Hewitt. She has touched many lives both directly and indirectly and given hope and guidance to those who need it most. It is an understatement to say that INOVA Hospital will greatly miss her presence, but fortunately for Northern Virginia and Virginia's 8th District, her living legacy will continue going strong.

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HONORING 30-YEAR NORTHPORT  
FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER  
JAMES MAHONEY

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 13, 2002*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to praise Mr. James Mahoney, the recipient of the National Volunteer Fire Council's Scott Health and Safety Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award for the Year 2002.

In 1973, Mr. Mahoney joined the Northport Fire Department. In an illustrious career that spanned three decades, Mr. Mahoney has been the consummate firefighter. From the Northport Lumber Yard fire in the 1970s to the fire at the Long Island Oyster Farm, Firefighter Mahoney valiantly responded to the emergency needs of his community during times of great danger and uncertainty.

In addition, Mr. Mahoney has diligently worked to unite the Northport Fire Department with its surrounding neighborhood. His impressive accomplishments include serving as an elected captain of the rescue squad three times; chairman of the 100th anniversary committee; chairman of the fire prevention committee; coordinator of the baby-sitter course, chairman of the annual Meet Your Friend the Firefighter event; and seven-year Safety News columnist for a local newspaper, The Observer.

Mr. Mahoney has also been a valuable member of my own interview committee for military academy appointments. In addition, he has been president of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Committee; President of the Northport Running Club; Commander of Northport American Legion Post 694; and co-chairman for the Day of Remembrance following the terrorist attacks of September 2001.

Before his career as a firefighter, Mr. Mahoney answered the call of his country, serving in the Korean War for two years. In his professional life, Jim Mahoney worked as an educator for 34 years, teaching in various elementary schools on Long Island. In addition, he was Principal of the New Lane Elementary School in Seldon, NY.

Jim is a life long resident of Northport, New York, where he resides with his wife Sophie, his four children and his four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, 2002 has been and will continue to be a banner year for Mr. Mahoney and the Northport Fire Department. A month before he was chosen as the National Volunteer Fire Council's Scott Health and Safety Volunteer Firefighter of the Year, Mr. Mahoney was presented with the Fire Service Achievement Award for the Year 2002 by the Fireman's Association of the State of New York.

Wishing him all the best as he travels first to Buffalo, New York to receive his state service award and then on to Sitka, Alaska to be presented with his national honor, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. James Mahoney.

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A TRIBUTE TO JAMES "LUCKY"  
HAYES

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 13, 2002*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man by any measure—James "Lucky" Hayes. On July 31, 2002, Mr. Hayes departed us. He was a man of many talents who wore many hats including law enforcement officer, community organizer and singer/performer with the likes of Joe Henderson and the great Joe Tex.

Lucky, as his friends called him, was a believer in Proverbs 29:2 "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." Lucky worked continuously to ensure that his voice was heard in the political process by working on a number of local and statewide campaigns.

Lucky was a faithful church member. He served in the choir and on the Deacon Board. He served as a Scout Master for Boy Scouts of America, Assistant Coach for the "Chicks" T-Ball Team and a member of the Youth and Membership Committees for the 100 Black Men of Bolivar County.